

This Week at First Presbyterian Church

Pentecost Sunday

May 28th

Prayer List

Today: 10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, Chapel
Pentecost Offering received
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Young Disciples Lunch & Gem Mining
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Beth Eden Boy Scout Troop)

Monday: Memorial Day Holiday - Church office closed

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group
9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting
7:00 p.m. - Choir

Thursday: 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study with David, Library
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, Lower Level

Next Sunday: Trinity Sunday
10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy Communion, sanctuary
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Newton Conover City Schools Office Staff)

Ushers: Dan & Amy Loyer

The Sacrament of Holy Communion: The Presbyterian Church practices "open" communion. All persons present in worship are encouraged to receive the sacrament. The communion bread was baked by Jeannie Clark. The elders assisting this morning are: Charles Moody, Brenda Eckard and Suzanne Rhinehart.

Personal hearing devices are available. Please see an usher. **Persons interested in joining the church** should speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, or contact the church office.

Week of May 28th

Elder on Call: Randy Miller
Lay Leader: Ray Rhinehart
Sound System: Bruce Deese

Week of June 4th

Elder on Call: Randy Williams
Greeters: Amy Owensby & Heather Kelly
Lay Leader: Scott Cranford
Flowers: Brenda Eckard & Ray Walker
Sound System: Bruce Deese

Attendance - May 21, 2023

10:00 a.m.—No Count

CHURCH MEMBERS: Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoc family, Tom & Linda Witherspoon, Courtney Roquemore, Beverly McAlister, Kay Long, Richard Hedrick, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Michael & Becky McRee, Judy Fulton, Terry Anderson and family, Frances Ervin, David Roquemore, Dale Whitaker, Joe Jones, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Bob Neill, Sandra Teubner, John Taylor

FRIENDS & FAMILY: Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, Alex Terry, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Larry O'Dell, the family of Linda Mundy, Leenie Vallandingham, Fred Thompson, Nanelle McAlpin, Marjorie (Pixie) Geesaman, Katie Day, Megan Bergman

Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, Becky McRee, Robin Miller, Frankie Sigmon

Prayers for those in Assisted Living/Homebound:

CHURCH MEMBERS: Johnsie Abernethy, Dennis DeBalso, Betty Epps, Frances Inscoc, Frances Ennis, Wanda Hicks, Ann White, Peggy Templeton

Prayers for those in the Military:

John Hardin, U.S. Army, Fort Sill, OK
(Cindy Baldwin's nephew)
Captain Joshua Smith, U.S. Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC
(Brenda Smith's son)
Captain Christopher Walker, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, KY
(Tammy Walker's son)
LT Max Morrill, U.S. Navy, Virginia Beach, VA
(Joan Inscoc's grandson)

Prayers for El Redentor, our Sister Church in Guatemala:

- For the well being of all members of our sister church
- For all 20 scholarship students as they begin a new school year
- For Humberto Robles, elder, who is fulfilling requirements in secular education in order to continue his studies at the seminary
- For Dayana Rojas, who is receiving a university scholarship to study nursing
- For Yesmi Monterroso, who is receiving a university scholarship in 2023 to study business
- For the health of Timoteo Rodas, from our partner church of El Redentor

STEWARDSHIP REPORT through End of April 2023

2023 Pledge Budget	464,000.00
Pledge Budget through April 30, 2023	154,666.64
Pledge Receipts through April 30, 2023	181,560.44

Announcements – Week of May 28th

Stoves for Guatemala!

Typically in rural Guatemala, families cook their meals over an open wood fire inside their home. This leads to a higher incidence of respiratory disease due to indoor smoke and a higher rate of childhood burns and injuries. In addition, firewood for everyday is a major household expense and results in deforestation.

Circle #5 is leading an effort to fund fuel efficient stoves for members of our partner presbyteries. Each stove costs \$200. The stoves provide a preferable cooking surface, are vented to the outside, and use one third to one half as much wood, so households benefit economically and the environment suffers less degradation.

To help with this project, Alternative Giving Cards will be available during April and May in the narthex. For a donation of any amount, you will receive a card that can be used to honor a friend or loved one. These cards make wonderful gifts for Mother's Day, birthday, or any occasion.

Checks should be made payable to Presbyterian Women Circle #5, with "Guatemala Stoves" noted on the check's memo line.

Cedar Creek Mission Trip (June 18-23, 2023)

Summer is quickly approaching and it's time to head back to Cedar Creek to do God's work. The deadline for first deposits and sign up for this trip is Monday, May 29th! The remaining \$50 will be due before or by Monday, June 12th! Please let Laura Sparks know ASAP if you are planning to attend so that arrangements can be made and to reserve your spot.

Also if you are an adult that is interested in attending our Cedar Creek mission trip please contact Laura now. It is an AMAZING trip and a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our youth!

Wednesday Work Group

Are you a handy person who likes to fix things...or are you needing something to do during retirement? If so, please contact Charles Moody, Ron Roscoe or Leo Yenderusiak about the joining the Wednesday morning church work group.

Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering

During the month of May, Presbyterian Women celebrate the Birthday Offering. This year's two grant recipients are *Making Miracles Group Home* in Tallahassee, Florida and *Berhane Yesus Elementary School* (Kindergarten School Construction) in Dembi Dollo, Ethiopia.

Birthday Offering Envelopes are available at church services and in the church office the entire month of May. Or, if you are still staying at home, feel free to call the office and they will be happy to mail you one. To learn more about the Birthday Offering, visit: www.presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

Guatemala Mission Trip

The Council on Sharing is discussing the possibility of scheduling our next church mission trip to Guatemala. The planning is in the very earliest stages. It would occur sometime in 2024, and would definitely involve a couple days with our partners at El Redentor. But all other details, including dates, duration, other activities and costs, are yet to be determined and would depend on the interests of participants.

If you have any level of interest in being part of such a trip, please let Doug or Mimi Michael know. Feel free to include any suggestions, needs or questions you may have. Doug Michael - douglaswmichael@gmail.com
Mimi Michael - mimimichael17@gmail.com

STELLAR VBS

(July 23-27, 2023)

5:15 p.m. - 8:30p.m.

Beth Eden Lutheran Church

Greetings Astronauts!

It's almost time blast off to discover how we can let our light shine for Jesus! Join us Sunday, July 23rd through Thursday, July 27th at Beth Eden Lutheran Church. The meal will begin at 5:15 p.m. every night, with programming lasting until 8:30 p.m.

To sign your child up, please call the church office.

Two adults are also needed to help lead groups and three adults are needed to help with the Games Station and the Imagination Station Science Station. Please contact Laura Sparks if you are interested.