

# This Week at First Presbyterian Church

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

Prayer List

**Today:** 10:00 a.m. - Worship service, Sanctuary  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper,  
(Beth Eden Lutheran) f. hall

**Monday:** Labor Day - Church Office Closed

**Tuesday:** 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Classical Conversations  
Homeschool  
2:00 p.m. - Lydia Circle, parlor

**Wednesday:** 9:00 a.m. - Noon - Wednesday Work Group  
9:30 a.m. - Staff meeting  
6:15 p.m. - Handbells  
7:00 p.m. - Choir

**Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study w/David, Library  
11:00 a.m. - PW/Women's Ministry meeting, conf.  
room  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. - Shower Ministry, Lower Level

**Friday - Sunday:** **Annual Church Retreat, Camp Grier**

**Next Sunday: 15th Sunday after Pentecost**  
10:00 a.m. - Worship service with Sacrament of Holy  
Communion, Chapel  
Daily Change Offering received  
10:30 a.m. - Worship service at Camp Grier  
11:15 a.m. - Adult Sunday School, Library  
5:30 p.m. - Sunday Community Supper, (Bob &  
Patty Neill & family), fellowship hall

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**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 September 3rd

Elder on Call: Gary McDougal  
Lay Leader: Melva Cooper  
Greeters: Suzanne Rhinehart & Lily Sparks  
Sound System: Bruce Deese

### Week of September 10th

Elder on Call: Charles Moody  
Lay Leader: Tracey Paul  
Sound System: Bruce Deese

### Attendance - August 27th

10:00 a.m. - 97  
Shower Ministry August 31st - 4

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Lee Cranford, Julie Jones, Sondra Phillips, Nancy Gargis, Laurie Joplin, Jim Teubner, the Foley family, the Inscoc family, Courtney Roquemore, Kay Long, Jeannie Clark, Elise Yaussy, Jo Todd, Judy Fulton, Terryl Anderson and family, David Roquemore, Rick Knowles, Ron Valentini, Dale Whitaker, Tom Witherspoon, Norris & Gail McRee, Eric Ellis, Charles Moody

**FRIENDS & FAMILY:** Zachary Ausel, Maryia Johnson & family, Margaret Hale, Caitlan Reese, Keith & Shelley Moretz, Zak Kuhn, Cora Compton, Luke Ohman, family of David Crockett Long, Shirley Harwell, Michelle Nelson-Beers, Larry O'Dell, Leenie Vallandingham, Nanelle McAlpin, Katie Day, Megan Bergman, Jennifer Stodden, family of Leah Lowdermilk, Gary Hefner, Sheila Jones, Melissa Girard, Amanda McDonald-Miller, Toby Hemphill, Sabryah Alghrary, the Frazier family, the Porterfield family, Nancy Kiser

### Condolences:

To Tammy Walker, Kasey and Madeleine Gaddy and family on the death of Calvin Jenkins, August 25th. Mr. Jenkins was Tammy's father, Kasey's grandfather and Madeleine's great-grandfather.

### Prayers for those with Long-term Health Concerns:

**CHURCH MEMBERS:** Janet Drum, Richard Foley, Pete Keel, 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, Richard Hedrick

### 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 July 2023

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|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 2023 Pledge Budget                    | 464,000.00 |
| Pledge Budget through July 31, 2023   | 270,666.62 |
| Pledge Receipts through July 31, 2023 | 288,075.99 |

# Announcements – Week of September 3rd

### Weekly Bible Study

Join Pastor David as he resumes the weekly Bible study every Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the FPC Library and via Zoom. The class will begin this Thursday, September 7th.

### Camp Grier Church Retreat

The annual FPC Newton Camp Grier Church Retreat will be held next weekend, September 8-10, 2023. Come enjoy fishing, canoeing, horseback riding, zip lining into the lake, hiking, puzzling, 4-square, campfires and rocking chairs on the dining hall porch. You can bring your tent or camper, stay in a cabin, which has been renovated or rent a cabin for your family. All ages are invited! Come up for the day on Saturday or for worship on Sunday morning. Invite your children and grandchildren for the weekend!

Brochures and registration forms are available the church office for you to sign up with. Signing up helps the planning committee know who in your family plans on attending so they can ensure there are enough sleeping areas for family groups. Please contact Suzanne Rhinehart for additional information at 828-320-8013 or [Suzanne\\_Rhinehart@ncsu.edu](mailto:Suzanne_Rhinehart@ncsu.edu)

### **“Informed, Fed and Inspired!” Sunday, September 17th Congregational Lunch**

This year Rally Day will be a little different. Instead of “Rally Day”, we are having Sacred Arts & Music Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a congregational lunch in the fellowship hall. “*Informed, Fed and Inspired!*” This is going to be a wonderful way to learn how to get involved at FPC Newton as we celebrate 165 years!

The Council on Caring team will be providing chicken, ham and chicken tenders for the main course. Members of the congregation are asked to please bring a side dish or dessert to go with the main course. We will have carry-out containers available so members may take a plate to a church members and shut-ins that are unable to attend.

There will be opportunities to learn all the amazing ways you can serve the Lord during this church year. This is an opportunity to choose a new ministry or way to serve FPC Newton and our surrounding communities. So, make plans to come worship, have lunch and learn more! This event is co-hosted by the Council on Caring and the Council on Discipleship groups.

### Upcoming Youth Events - September

September 8th - 10th      Camp Grier  
September 17th            10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
                                     11:00 a.m. - Youth outing, Escape Room  
September 24th            Presbytery Event at Montreat  
September 30th            1:00 pm - 3:30 p.m. - Rise Against Hunger Event at Beth Eden Lutheran Church

### The Corner Table Backpack Program

The ongoing mission of the Backpack Program is to remove hunger as a barrier to a good education by providing nutritional meals every weekend. A large blue bin, marked *Backpack Program*, is located in the narthex for donations. Please consider purchasing the following items to help fill the backpacks.

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| Pop Tarts (4pk)   | Cereal Cups              |
| Canned Vegetables | Muffin Mix (small box)   |
| Canned Chicken    | Instant Oatmeal or Grits |
| Canned Tuna       | Fruit Snacks             |

### September Circle Meetings

**Lydia Circle**      Tuesday, September 5th at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor  
**Circle #4**            Will not meet in September. Next meeting will take place on Monday, October 2nd at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor.  
**Circle #5**            Wednesday, September 13th at 11:30 a.m. at Il Bambini NY Style Pizza Restaurant, 415 West A Street, Newton

### “Well Isn’t That Special?!” Lunch Group

Monday, Sept. 25th at the Bistro at Abernethy Laurels. Please contact Susan Roquemore at 717-645-1220 or Sally Sigmon at 850-9331 if you would like to attend. Please bring cash.

### Community Blood Drive

Our church will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Tuesday, September 19th in the fellowship hall from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter: Newton First Presby. Volunteers are needed to assist with registration and operation of the snack table on that day. Please contact Bob Neill at 828-323-7806 if you would be interested in helping.

### Rise Against Hunger

Beth Eden Lutheran Church is sponsoring a Rise Against Hunger event on Saturday, September 30th from 1-3 p.m. in their fellowship hall. Please contact Brad Huggins at [mbhmd@me.com](mailto:mbhmd@me.com) if you would like to sign up to help.