

First Presby's Weekly News

January 22, 2023

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. (Worship is broadcast at 11:00 a.m. on WCHS-580AM)

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MUSIC AT FIRST PRESBY 2023

The first concert of First Presby's 2023 Concert Series is next Sunday, January 29th featuring Kate Ragan performing Cabaret. This concert has free admission but donations will be collected to support three mission partners; Pollen 8, Hope Center and Appalachian Children's Chorus. Join us in the dining room for this wonderful event. Let's make it a great start!

LOGOS

LOGOS is our Wednesday night program for children ages 4 year olds through 5th grade and youth 6th through 12th grade. LOGOS includes four main components that encourage Christian nurture and growth - Recreation, Family Dinner, Bible Study and Worship Skills. Jayson will also be working with the LOGOS children so they may join our Preschool choir when they sing on Sunday mornings. This year Logos begins at 5:00pm and ends at 7:15pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm. Parents are encouraged to remain for the evening and participate in Adult Logos. At 7:00pm the adult, youth and children's classes will come together in the chapel for a brief Communion service called Table to Table (Supper Table to Communion Table). You may register your child either on our website or with a paper form found in the back of the sanctuary or behind the sanctuary on the LOGOS bulletin board. There is no fee for this program. There will be donation baskets on the supper tables.

ADULT LOGOS

Wednesday, January 25, we will continue our discussion of the "He Gets Us" campaign, looking at the complex and challenging question of how we judge others. You may find the video and a brief reflection at the link [How would Jesus be judged today? - He Gets Us](#) Bring your thoughts and questions, Pastor Myers will bring a few of his as well, for this faith - challenging, changing, inspiring - time of reflection. ***This will be our last Adult LOGOS until March.***

STAFFING UPDATE IN FEBRUARY

Pastor Myers & Margie will be gone from February 1 - 21. Bill is taking a medical family leave to accompany Margie to Iowa City where she will have surgery. Margie isn't ill, and there's nothing to worry about, but would appreciate your prayers. Please don't send cards or flowers, just pretend we're on vacation. All Sunday's are covered; Logos will go on as planned. Adult LOGOS will **not** meet during February. The intergenerational Sunday school class on Sunday and Time for Refreshment on Thursdays will be suspended until March. There will be an Ash Wednesday service and Children's Communion workshop on February 22. Thank you to everyone who will be helping with all our services and programs in February.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

If you have an interest in joining the Christian Education committee, please contact John Nesius at johnnesius@gmail.com or 304-541-2172.

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION WORKSHOP

One month from today is Ash Wednesday! On February 22 from 5:00pm – 6:45pm, children in 1st – 5th grade and their parents are invited to a communion workshop. The workshop will be followed by the Ash Wednesday Communion Service at 7:00PM. Our denomination, PC(USA) allows children to participate in Holy Communion if they have been educated in its meaning and are baptized. Children in Pre-K and Kindergarten will have a separate class with their LOGOS teachers. You should be receiving a letter with more information. Please RSVP to Margie by February 19. If your child would like to attend but you didn't receive a letter, please let Margie know at margie@firstpresby.com

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Preschool registration for the 2023-2024 school year begins for church members and currently enrolled families on Monday, February 13th at 7:30am. Open enrollment begins Monday, February 20th. To register, visit preschool.firstpresby.com and click the Registration tab. The 2023-2024 school year begins Friday, August 18th. Please email Preschool Director, Anne Moses, at anne@firstpresby.com if you have any questions or to schedule a tour of the facility.

HOPE CENTER NEWS

If you have an interest in supporting a young adult aging out of foster care see the hope in themselves, please join us for a short mentor training session on February 28, 2023 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM in room 412 of First Presbyterian Church.

WEEKEND FOOD BAGS

Thank you for those who have already donated food, packed and delivered items to the student at Chandler Alternative School this month. These are students where food insecurity in their homes is a significant challenge. By providing food over the weekends, we hope to meet a critical need in their lives and improve their ability to perform well in school. We will have a sign-up sheet in the office for anyone interested in packing and delivering these food bags. The food bags need to be delivered to Chandler by 1:00 pm on Friday afternoons. Even if you are unable to assist with packing and delivering the food bags, please consider donating food for this ministry.

We have a list of food items, which will be packed in disposable grocery bags. We can't accept perishable items, items needing to be refrigerated, or items in glass containers. We will work in teams of three each week. We will store and pack items at the church.

If you would like to donate food, here's what we need (**single servings if possible and 10 of each item**): Bread, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Bagels, Mac N Cheese, Crackers, Ravioli, Cereal, Fruit, Canned Food with the pop tabs (easy open). No glass bottles please. They will be carrying these food bags home on the bus. Thank you.

ANNUAL MEETING

We will have our Annual Meeting today immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the Annual Report for 2022, including Financial Statements. We will also receive our budget for 2023, which has been approved by the Session.

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

Literacy Volunteers of Kanawha County teaches Basic Literacy (reading and writing) as well as English as a Second Language (ESL) to ADULTS for FREE. Tutoring is one-on-one with flexible hours. LVKC teaches both in-person and via Zoom depending on a student's location. We are based in Charleston but have virtual students in Monongalia, Putnam, Ohio, McDowell and Raleigh Counties. Our immigrant students currently come from 14 different countries. Tutors usually work with students twice a week for about 45 minutes a session. We supply both online and hard copy teaching materials. If you are interested in becoming a literacy volunteer, you will need to participate in the **free virtual tutor training on January 21 from 10:00am to 1:00pm and 1:00pm to 3:00pm**. Please call Susan Leffler at 304-989-9481 or email brperrone@aol.com.

TIME FOR REFRESHMENT



Join Pastor Myers on Thursday afternoons at 4:30pm in the Ruffner Room for tea, shortbread/cookies, and conversation. We'll talk about life, faith, church, politics, maybe even church politics! Bring your opinions. Bring your questions. All are welcome. Whatever is on your mind, we'll talk about it! You can come occasionally. You can come every week. Our only purpose is to enjoy the fellowship and get to know each other a little better. Please enter through the side ramp door. Can't make Thursdays at 4:30pm? You can always call Pastor Myers for an appointment. There may not be shortbread, but he's always happy to put on a pot of tea! ***This will be the last Time for Refreshment until March.***

JOIN THE CHOIR

Have you ever wanted to sing in the choir, but weren't able to attend rehearsals on Thursday evenings? Now is your chance! In lieu of a weeknight rehearsal, the choir will meet in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings at 9:30am to rehearse music for that Sunday as well as looking forward to future weeks. No experience is necessary. Come join us! Contact Jayson Keeton with any questions at jayson@firstpresby.com.

PRESBYTERIAN COFFEE PROJECT

Our Fair-Trade Hope and Justice Fair Trade Market has successfully finished its 22nd year at First Presby. We are helping struggling small farm co-ops around the world get a fair price for their crops. We remain the top seller of 5000 denominations in the U.S. We were able to donate \$1000. to Fairness West Virginia from our sales in 2022. Hope for Children, works with marginalized Roma children and youth, and is slowly recovering from Covid that hit their communities really hard. Our field workers, Yulka and Stefan Nather, work diligently with not only children and youth, but also with Roma mothers and infants through the COVID crisis. Yulka, speaking Russian, has been very beneficial translating for refugee mothers and children coming across the border from Ukraine into Slovakia. Linda Elliott will work with the Nathers and Hope for Children in September 2023.

PRESBYTERY CHURCH PRAYERS

Each week we pray for other congregations in our presbytery, along with the Presbytery of West Virginia and other ministry partners. This week please pray for Parsons Presbyterian Church in Parsons and Summerlee Presbyterian Church in Oak Hill.

WORSHIP LIVE ON YOUTUBE

If you would like to worship with us on YouTube, tune into our YouTube Channel at 10:30am. The link to our YouTube channel is emailed with the worship bulletin, hymns and Green Sheet on Thursdays. (Check your Junk/Spam folder if you're not receiving an expected email.) This link is also available on our website (www.firstpresby.com) on the home page above the Green Sheet and Bulletin buttons. (If you tune into the YouTube stream a few minutes before 10:30am, the video might not be up yet. Please make sure you are on the "LIVE" tab) The First Presby morning worship service will also continue to be broadcast on the radio WCHS-580AM at 11:00am every Sunday. Please subscribe to the channel so that you will be notified when we go live! You can do that by following these steps:

Go to www.firstpresby.com

1. Click on the YouTube link at the bottom of the home page.
2. In the top right corner of the YouTube page, click the red SUBSCRIBE button. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, January 22

9:15 AM Sunday School
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:30 AM Worship
11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM
11:30 AM Annual Meeting

Monday, January 23

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec Room
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, January 24

10:00 AM Staff Meeting
7:30 PM Troop 5

Wednesday, January 25

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec Room
5:00 PM LOGOS
7:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting - Ruffner

Thursday, January 26

11:00 AM Shepherds Center Luncheon - Dining Room
4:30 PM Time for Refreshment - Ruffner Room
5:30 PM Hand Bells Rehearsal - Choir Room
6:00 PM CCRA Basketball - Gym

Friday, January 27

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec. Room

Saturday, January 28

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, January 22	John 5:2-18
Monday, January 23	Mark 5:21-43
Tuesday, January 24	Mark 6:1-13
Wednesday, January 25	Mark 6:13-29
Thursday, January 26	Mark 6:30-46
Friday, January 27	Mark 6:47-56
Saturday, January 28	Mark 7:1-23