

First Presby's Weekly News

September 1, 2024



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

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RALLY DAY

Welcome Home. It's time for Rally Day! On Sunday, September 8, after worship, enjoy some fried chicken, side dishes (bring one if you would like), desserts (bring one if you would like) and even Huskey's soft serve ice cream cones. There will be games and music for the children as well as information about different programs at First Presby that you can be involved with.

Invite a friend and help celebrate the beginning of a new program year!

LOGOS: FAITH, FUN AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL AGES

Join us for LOGOS, an enriching Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 7:15pm where children and families come together to enjoy recreation, share an intergenerational dinner, engage in Bible study, develop music and worship skills and share the LORD's supper, fostering community, faith and fun.

LOGOS begins September 11th for children (K-5th Grade), youth (6-12th grade) and adults. Please register.

5:00 - 5:30	Recreation (Rec Room)
5:30 - 6:00	Dinner (Intergenerational seating)
6:00 - 7:00	Bible Study, Music and Worship Skills
7:00 - 7:15	Communion in the Chapel

Bring your children and join us for faith, fun and fellowship. - The Christian Education Committee.

HELP THE MESSIE FAMILY

Our church was contacted by Zeina Mitius about helping to sponsor a Syrian family through Welcome Corp to our area. There are three members of the Abdul Messie family. They and Zeina were neighbors in Syria back in time. Zeina is reaching out to other churches and individuals in our community to help bring this family to Charleston. The Mission and Witness Committee and the Session have both approved motions to help with getting this family safely into our community. Six members of our church have agreed to sponsor this family officially and others have offered to contribute toward the \$7,500 needed by Welcome Corp to assist this family with their lodging, securing work, and incidentals once they arrive in our area. So far, at least half of the money has been raised. After a recent meeting with our sponsors and Zeina, Mike Abernethy reported that \$4,500 is needed in the Abdul Messie family benefit account by September 15. If anything should fail for this family to arrive in Charleston, all monies will be returned to the donators. Checks can be made out to the Abdul Messie Family and sent to Zeina at 105 Lincoln Heights Alum Creek, WV 25003.

DISCOVERY CLASS

Discovery Class, First Presby's Adult Sunday School, will begin on Sunday, September 15th at 9:15am in the Rec. Room. Food, coffee, fellowship and good lessons are always provided. All are welcome!

LOGOS *After Dark* - "Faith and Life - Seeking Christ in a Chaotic World"

Our Youth and Adults will be meeting for **LOGOS *After Dark*** (seems more compelling than Adult and Youth LOGOS) starting Wednesday, September 11. We'll join LOGOS for Dinner and then gather in the Ruffner Room for "Faith and Life - Seeking Christ in a Chaotic World." Some of our best Adult LOGOS discussions have been around the "He Gets Us" videos. We're going to play on that theme.

Pastor Myers will lead this class, connecting contemporary issues with the gospel. Taking inspiration from current events, "He Gets Us" videos, maybe even some conspiracy theories. We'll look at life through the lens of scripture. What does the Bible say about this? Where is God at work in this story? How would Christ have us respond in a similar situation? Participants will be invited to self-select the topics. Have you always wondered where the church stands on...Now is your chance to ask! Join us for some great conversation as we connect the dots of our faith and life.

CHANDLER FOOD BAGS

First Presby is sending weekend food bags to 20 Chandler Academy students this year who need a little extra. This is our third year with this mission and the amount of students needing help have increased significantly. If you would like to help with this mission; you can donate individual nonperishable food items or financial gifts for us to shop with - earmarked Chandler. If you'd like to help fill or deliver bags, feel free to show up at the church on a Friday morning at 10am and we will train you. If you would just like to pray for this mission and these students, that would also be wonderful.

CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUMING

The Sanctuary Choir of First Presbyterian Church will begin rehearsals on Sunday morning, September 8 at 9:00am in the Choir Room. All are welcome to join! If you have any questions, please contact Director of Music & Organist Jayson Keeton at jayson@firstpresby.com

SHONEY'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

The Shoney's Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings to discuss the scripture passages for the upcoming Sunday. The room opens at 7:45 a.m. Lyle Sattes starts the Bible study around 8:00 a.m. Pastor Myers usually joins in around 8:30 a.m. If you would like to receive the Zoom link and join the conversation, contact the church office.

REPAIR OF THE SANCTUARY EXTERIOR TO BEGIN TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 3

The Property Committee would like the congregation to be aware that work on the repair of the sanctuary exterior will begin on Tuesday September 3 and will take 4-5 weeks. Trisco Systems of out Lima, Ohio will be performing this work. Trisco is a leader in historic and masonry restoration projects. This is the culmination of an extensive inspection of the sanctuary exterior performed in 2022. Critical repairs identified during that inspection will be made during this project and terra cotta rosettes which have fallen off or were removed as being loose during the inspection will be replaced.

During the project, Trisco will use the western quarter (closest to the radio station) of our secondary parking lot as a laydown yard. These parking spaces will not be available from August 26 through the end of the project.

KIDS EXTRA CURRICULAR SCHEDULES

Do your kids participate in sports, dance, band, theatre, etc? First Presby wants to know so we can support them in their endeavors as much as possible. Please email Diana at diana@firstpresby.com with game schedules, recital dates, and performances. Thank you!

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 Beechwood Presbyterian Church in Parkersburg, Bradley Presbyterian Church and Centerville Presbyterian Church in Greenville.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PRESBY

Sunday, September 1

10:30 AM Worship

11:00 AM Worship broadcast on WCHS-580AM

Monday, September 2

LABOR DAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, September 3

10:00 AM Staff Meeting - Ruffner Room

5:30 PM CE Meeting - E117

6:00 PM Deacon's Meeting - A201

Wednesday, September 4

8:30 AM Aerobics - Rec. Room

Thursday, September 5

8:00 AM Shoney's Group - Zoom

Friday, September 6

8:30 AM Aerobics

Saturday, September 7

DAILY SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday, September 1 Matthew 5:1-12

Monday, September 2 John 8:21-32

Tuesday, September 3 John 8:33-47

Wednesday, September 4 John 8:47-59

Thursday, September 5 John 9:1-17

Friday, September 6 John 9:18-41

Saturday, September 7 John 10:1-18

DISCOVERY CLASS

9/15/2024 – First Class – Open Discussion

9/22/2024 – The Apostle Paul by Paul Kinneberg

9/29/2024 – RCCR – Kevin Jones – Exec. Director