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GREENWOOD, MISSISSIPPI

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Twin Lakes
January 12 - 14



Junior High and Senior High
November 15 Deadline

2024 *October*

EVENTS

SUNDAY 1	WEDNESDAY 4
Scavenger Hunt	SALT
SUNDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 11
No Youth	SALT
SUNDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 18
Kickball Tournament	Bible Study
SUNDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 25
Church Picnic	Bible Study
SUNDAY 29	
Pumpkin Carving	



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 Custodian Charles Covington
 Custodian Lonnie Love
 Clerk of Session Richard Oakes
 Board of Deacons.....Rebekah Arant
 Church Treasurer..... Mark Vemer
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SPOTLIGHT ON THE COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

We are featuring one of our mission agencies in our newsletter each month. We want the congregation to be knowledgeable about our agencies, so you will know how to volunteer with the ministry, and tell others what we are doing for the Lord! This month we will look at the Community Food Pantry. Director Laura Oakes provided this overview:

The Community Food Pantry was formed in 1986 for the purpose of ministering to the emergency needs of the citizens of Leflore County by furnishing food items. The Pantry is located at 2509 Browning Road and operates on Tuesday and Wednesdays, providing an average of 700 families one box of food per month, and that number is growing each week.

In the month of August, 40 September, so far, 24 new families load of 1078. This monthly amount is 2 years I have been the Director. This and additional funds are desperately -pound bag of flour or corn meal, a jar a box of macaroni and cheese, a loaf product when available. We are food we can put in a box. Boxes are 10:30 and then handed out in the



new families signed up for boxes and in have signed up. We currently have a case up from an average of 225 a month in the increase is straining the existing budget needed. Each box typically contains a two of peanut butter, 8-10 cans of vegetables, of bread, a pound of butter, and a meat limited by our budget to the amount of packed in the mornings from 8:30 to afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00.

Just as important as the funding, the Pantry cannot operate without volunteers. There is always a turnover of volunteers (one 94 year-old volunteer just retired) and new ones are always needed. I try to keep a list of volunteers who I can call on as needed. If you have any interest in volunteering, please call me and we can work out a time that will fit your schedule. I can be reached at 662-392-3469 or lanoakes@bellsouth.net.

First Presbyterian Church is a tremendous Blessing to the Pantry. Your financial support is a main source of our Ministry to the Community. Please know I am very thankful and grateful for the support we receive. Please continue to pray for this ministry and for those in our community who are so worthy of our love and grace.

Blessings,
Laura Oakes

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Members will soon receive a letter, along with a copy of the Proposed 2024 Budget, from Elder Clifton Thach, Chair of our Stewardship Campaign. Soon after, you will receive *Pledge Card* and a *Time & Talent Survey*. **There is a Q&A in the Church Parlor on Sunday, November 5 at 9:45 - 10:45 a.m.** Plan to present your Pledge Card and Time and Talent Survey to God as part of worship on **November 12, Stewardship Dedication Sunday.**

THE LORD'S DAY

October 1—18th Sunday after Pentecost/ World Communion Sunday

9:45 a.m. Combined Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship/Communion
 Scripture: I Corinthians
 Sermon: Evangelism in Liverpool
 Shapoor Ahmadi
 Children's Sermon: Elder Allyn Camp
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Church: Chris and Courtney Walker

October 8 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Sermon: Whitney Avritt
 Children's Sermon: Ashley Scott
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Pat Gullidge
 Children's Church: Alan and Margie Barger

October 15 — 20th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 Sermon Scripture: John 14:16-26
 Sermon: "Prepare an Answer"
 5. Who Is the Holy Spirit?
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Elder Wade Litton
 Prayer of Dedication: Elder Cathy Jennings
 Children's Church: Sam and Samantha Pigott

October 22 — 21st Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism
 Sermon Scripture: II Peter 1:16-21
 Sermon: "Prepare an Answer"
 6. Where Did the Bible Come From?
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Deacon Susan Gregory
 Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Lina Elfert
 Children's Church: Barrett and Emmie Daugherty

October 29 — All Saints/Reformation Sunday

10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship/Baptism
 Sermon Scripture: Romans 3:21-26
 Sermon: The Glory of the Reformation
 Dr. Andrew Chaney
 Children's Sermon: Alston Avritt
 Prayer of Dedication: Deacon Randy Tackett
 Children's Church: Thomas and Anne Marie Gregory

October Ushers: Brett Canterbury, Emmie Daugherty, Alan Ellis, Lawson Gary, Johnny Jennings, and Sam Pigott

October Hospital Visitation Elder:
 Elder Cathy Jennings

Shapoor Ahmadi To Speak Sunday, October 1, in a Combined Sunday School Session and in Worship



Shapoor Ahmadi is the Founder of Operation Promises, and part of the leadership of the Liverpool Iranian Church. He is an Associate Evangelist with Mission24.

Shapoor, a Civil Engineer and former asylum seeker from Iran, is all too familiar with the fears and struggles that refugees experience after leaving their war-torn homelands or oppressive governments. Now based in Liverpool, he pastors the Liverpool Iranian Church and leads the Middle East Outreach Department of Mission 24.

Based in Liverpool, England — the first stop for refugees entering England — Shapoor calls this strategic location home for him and his outreach.



November 5 - 10:35 a.m. in the Church Parlor

Children who are in the 1st grade, or older children who have not participated before, may gather around the table to learn about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with Dr. Andrew Chaney, with a view to receiving their first communion on November 5.

OCTOBER 22 • 4PM

CHURCH PICNIC

801 & 711 Robert E Lee Drive
 Boat Rides • Inflatables • Music

Food Served at 5 pm
 Fried Chicken & Pizza
 Please Bring Accordingly:
 A-J Salad • K-R Side • S-Z Dessert

BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER

Is there anything I can be praying about for you today? What can I bring before God on your behalf? There is evidence all around us that our community is hurting, but just as much as I desire God to do great and miraculous things in Greenwood, I want those things for you too. So, what can I pray for? What can we pray for?

Know that many church friends are already praying for you. And each month, our staff, Session, and Deacons meet and pray together. During the week, we are encouraged to stop and pray at any time we feel led to.

We believe that God works at every level, from world-changing events to the intimately individual promises and miracles that He blesses His children with every day. We'd love to not only be able to pray broad prayers of blessing over our community and First Presbyterian family, but to be able to pray specifically, for the details, because God is there too.

Please do not hesitate to share prayer requests. Also share joys that we can praise God for. I want to encourage you to participate in the prayer ministry of our church!

Peace,
Andrew

We Welcome Our Newest Members to the FPC Family!



L to R: Cate Lovelady, Jennifer Gregory, Grace Gregory, Ada Gregory, and Matthew Gregory

We welcome Matthew Gregory and his twin daughters Ada and Grace, who joined our congregation on Sunday, September 24.

Matthew is the Director of Accounting with RC Construction. He and Jennifer (Fonda) were recently married by Dr. Chaney. Grace and Ada are in the seventh grade at Pillow Academy.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS September 2023

1. Approved a Church Picnic on October 22, 4-7 p.m., at the homes of Floyd and Elizabeth Melton, and Moss and Shannon Melton.
2. Approved Clifton Thach as the 2024 Stewardship Campaign Chairman.
3. Approved to transfer \$500,000 in excess funds from the church's operating account to a money market account administered by Miller Arant with Raymond James. This money market account will yield the church an increase return on these excess funds of .75% over the current rate paid in the operating account.
4. Approved to move \$400 to the Kindergarten "holding account" to cover the anticipated annual transaction fees from Procure, the Kindergarten software and transactional service provider.
5. Approved allocating a gift in the amount of \$5,000 from Jay and Becky Evans in honor of Gwen Evans and in memory of Jim Evans to the Building Capital Campaign.
6. Approved a contribution of \$225,000 toward the funding of the Mullin Property Education Building entrance with anticipated Building Project expenses of approximately \$525,000. Source of funds will be \$121,650 from the budgeted "Mullin Property - Improvements" line item (PPP funds), \$50,000 from FPC Kindergarten funds (CARES Act funds), and \$53,350 from the FPC General Fund with the balance of the project expenses to be raised by a Building Capital Campaign.
7. Approved Ryan Strawbridge as the Building Capital Campaign chairman.
8. Approved Elizabeth Melton as a member of the Worship and Music Committee for an additional one year term - Class of 2024.
9. Approved Whitney Avritt as lay speaker on Sunday, October 8. Dr. Chaney is away that day.
10. Approved Junior and Senior High Youth to attend a winter retreat at Twin Lakes (Florence, MS) for Youth Conference Ministries "Polar Thang" event over MLK weekend. This trip will replace the Camp Hopewell trip.



From the Flower Guild...

If you would like to reserve a Sunday to place flowers in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, or in celebration of an anniversary, please contact Ann Litton, chair of the Flower Guild, to do so.

October 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:30 am Choristers 9:45 am Breakfast 10:00 am Combined S.S. 10:30 am Communion Assgnt. 11:00 am Worship, Guest Speaker/ Communion 12:00 pm Witness Committee 5:00 - 7:00 pm PW- Fall Gathering, Audra Ellis 5:00 pm Scavenger Hunt	2 10:30 am PW Coordinating Team 5:00 pm Youth Comm.	3 12:00 pm Kirkin Committee 5:30 pm FPK Board	4 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm SALT Supper 6:00 pm SALT Classes 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	5 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	6	7
8 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship, Whitney Avritt speaker No Youth	9 12:00 pm PW Noon Circle 5:30 pm B & G Comm. 6:00 pm W & M Comm.	10	11 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm SALT Supper 6:00 pm SALT Classes 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	12 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast 5:30 pm Administrative Comm.	13 ECO Presbytery of the South at Marietta, GA Youth Fifth Quarter at Locus Benedictus	14
15 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 11:00 am Worship/ PW Installation 5:00 pm Kickball Tour. at Little Red Park	16 5:00 pm Deacons 5:30 pm Session	17 9:30 am Staff Meeting	18 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	19 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	20	21 6pm Lauren Gimotty/ Sam Henry Farmer wedding
22 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Called Session Meeting 11:00 am Worship/ Baptism 4:00 - 7:00 pm Church Picnic @ Melton's	23	24	25 12:00 pm Noon Bible Study 2:30 pm Liturgy 5:30 pm Youth Dinner 6:00 pm Youth Bible Study 6:00 pm Chancel Choir	26 6:45 am Men's Bible Study/ Breakfast	27	28
29 9:40 am Choristers 10:00 am Sunday School 10:30 am Fellowship Time 10:30 am Called Session Meeting 11:00 am Worship/ Baptism 5:00 pm Youth Pumpkin Carving	30	31				



Junior High Youth took a trip to Party Safari in Flowood, MS on September 10.



PYF Youth took dog food and bones collected for the Leflore Humane Society and spent some time with the animals on September 24.

First Presbyterian Kindergarten

