



NEWS FROM FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | KNOXVILLE

*The Mission Market is open* on Wednesday from 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

*Worshipful Wednesday Evening Meal and Program* will be held on October 2nd, beginning with a congregational meal prepared by the Emery Team #1. Adult programs are as follows: **Track 1** – Priscilla Shirer’s *Gideon, Your Weakness, God’s Strength*, meets at 6:15 p.m. in Ministry Room C from August 21 - October 2; **Track 2** - *Glory to God*, – further exploration into our new hymnal, led by William Pender; **Track 3** – Officer Training, held in Heritage Classroom A and led by Meredith Loftis.

*AA meets* in Ministry Room B each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. and also each Friday evening at 6:00 p.m.

### OF CONGREGATIONAL INTEREST

*World Communion Sunday will be held on October 6th.* We will hold just one service at 10:00 a.m., combining the 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, in the sanctuary. Sunday school classes will not meet. A potluck luncheon will be held after the service in fellowship hall. The Peacemaking Offering will be taken at this service. See text box on below for further details about the potluck luncheon.

### WEEKLY CALENDAR FOR GROUPS AND COMMITTEES SEPTEMBER 29 THROUGH OCTOBER 5

**Sunday, 9/29**

8:45 a.m. Chapel Worship Service  
9:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Mission Market  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Coffee Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Sanctuary Worship Service  
12:15 p.m. Handbells Rehearsal  
6:30 p.m. AA Meeting

**Monday, 9/30**

12:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meets

**Tuesday, 10/1**

9:00 a.m. FISH Pantry Opens  
9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents’ Day Out

**Wednesday, 10/2**

4:45 p.m. Local Mission Meets - Session  
5:30 p.m. Evening Meal  
6:00 p.m. Covenant Choir Rehearsal  
6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Mission Market  
6:30 p.m. Worshipful Wed. Programs  
6:30 p.m. Young Children’s Choir  
7:00 p.m. Older Children’s Choir/Chimes  
7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, 10/3**

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Parents’ Day Out

**Friday, 10/4**

6:00 p.m. AA Meeting

**Saturday, 10/5**

No Church Activities Are Scheduled

### VISITORS ARE WELCOME!

Please sign the **Friendship Book** to let us know you were here!

*Interested in joining:* Speak to a Pastor after the service or email [william@fpcknox.org](mailto:william@fpcknox.org) or [meredith@fpcknox.org](mailto:meredith@fpcknox.org)

*FM headset receivers* for the hearing impaired may be obtained from your usher.

*There are burgundy pew cushions available for adults and white cushions for children* for those who would like a “softer” seat. If you need assistance with a pew cushion, please ask a deacon serving at the doors of the sanctuary.

*Childcare is provided* for infants through first grade during all chapel and sanctuary services for the convenience of the children and parents, and the congregation.

*Enlarged copies of today's* Order of Worship are available with the regular bulletins for the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

*If you would like to listen* to our 11:00 a. m. worship service on our webcast, please go to [liveaudio.fpcknox.org](http://liveaudio.fpcknox.org). If you are experiencing any problem with getting the service, please notify the church office and someone from the Communications Committee will help you set up your computer so that you will be able to listen to the service.

*Copies of our Pastors’ sermons* for the previous Sunday are available outside all doors of the sanctuary and chapel for one week and thereafter are available in the church office. Copies of past sermons, except for guest ministers, can also be found on our website at <http://fpcknox.org/category/sermons/>. Sermons remain on our website for one year after the date it was preached

*Wheelchairs are available* near the elevators on the sanctuary level for those who have difficulty walking. Please call ahead if you will need help from the parking lot. Ushers will assist you.

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**PLEASE NOTE: Submissions to the "Turnip Patch Times"** must be received in the office by **noon on the Monday** prior to the upcoming Sunday. The Monday deadline is necessary to ensure that there is ample time to proof, publish and mail the bulletin and Turnip Patch Times to our homebound members by Wednesday. Submissions may be placed in the offering plate, submitted on a communication pew card (found with the offering envelopes), brought to the office, faxed to 546-2533 or emailed to [barb@fpcknox.org](mailto:barb@fpcknox.org). To avoid errors, we cannot take submissions over the phone. Making the Monday deadline doesn't guarantee space. Announcements are on a first come, first served basis, but we'll do our best to accommodate as much as possible.



## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

*World Communion Sunday is October 6th*

*On World Communion Sunday* we celebrate the table of Jesus Christ that stretches around the globe. **We will hold one service at 10:00 a.m.**, in the sanctuary, combining the 8:45 and 11:00 a.m. services. **Following the one service at 10:00 a.m., there will be a potluck brunch in fellowship hall. Dig out those ethnic family recipes.** The church will provide the main entrée, chicken and rolls, and the congregation will provide sides, salads and desserts from their family heritage.

Sunday school classes will not meet.

The Peacemaking Offering will be taken.

**COMING HOME**  
AN EVENING OF MUSIC BENEFITTING BRIDGE REFUGEE SERVICES  
KNOXVILLE, TN

● FEATURING ●  
SAM QUINN & BOWMAN TOWNSEND  
NORA JANE STRUTHERS & JOE OVERTON  
HUDSON K  
KELLE JOLLY & WILL BOYD  
TYLER ANTHONY  
BRIAN PADDOCK & THE AMERICAN GENTLEMEN

THUR 21 NOV  
DOORS OPEN 6 PM

BIJOU THEATRE  
SHOW STARTS 7:30PM

**Claim a New Day:  
Partners in Creating a New Congo  
Healing the Wounds of War  
while Laying the Foundation for Peace and  
Empowering Women and  
Youth for Leadership  
First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville  
October 17-19, 2019**

**Members of First Presbyterian have a lot to look forward to at the Congo Mission Network (CMN) Conference.**

**Global Expert on Ebola to Speak at Congo Mission Network Conference**



Presbyterian Larry Sthreshley, a world expert on Ebola outbreaks in Africa, will talk at the Congo Mission Conference about the current situation with that deadly disease.

Sthreshley has worked on the front lines to crush the epidemic since the 1995 outbreak. Besides serving as a PCUSA mission co-worker for more than 20 years in DRC, Sthreshley is the current country director for Interchurch Medical Assistance (IMA) World Health there. He has worked as a liaison with the Centers for Disease control in Atlanta, the European Union, and the Congolese government to help forge responses to the disease.

He wrote a widely circulated MIA report on containing Ebola outbreaks in the DRC.

The DRC is now grappling with the world's second largest Ebola epidemic on record. As of September 19, there were 3157 cases of Ebola and 2118 deaths since the outbreak began in August 2018, according to the World Health Organization. The cases are confined to Eastern Congo, but threaten adjoining countries like Uganda, Rwanda, and South Sudan. The situation now is made worse by warfare in the disease region, which includes attacks on medical workers. "Through PCUSA's collaboration with MIA, we are involved in responding to the Ebola crises in 75 health facilities. With the increase in attacks on health facilities, it is getting very difficult to effectively address the crisis," Sthreshley said in April of this year.

Sthreshley and his wife, Inge, also a mission co-worker, live in Kinshasa, serving both Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) and the Presbyterian Community of Kinshasa (CPK).

Larry holds a doctorate in international health systems management from Tulane University, a master's degree in public health from UCLA, and a bachelor's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina. Inge earned a bachelor's degree in tropical agriculture at the University of Hawaii.

Inge oversees the Methodist Presbyterian Hostel (MPH), which is a mission guest house and small conference center. She also works on the nutrition, home garden, and clean cook stove components of the ASSP project, helping to address the problem of malnutrition through nutrition education and home gardens and through efficient and low-emission cook stoves. She will speak at the CMN conference on good nutrition through gardens.

**Please register at [congopartners.org](http://congopartners.org)!**

**Members of FPC may attend at no charge, but seats are limited. Reserve yours today!**



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