

# This Week @ First

Friday, September 5, 2025

## **Worship & Music**

To watch our worship services, connect with us on **YouTube** and find the weekly bulletin **here**!

Join the Choir on Wednesdays from 7–8:30 PM in the Choir Room. All are welcome!

## **Spiritual Formation**

**Guided Meditation** continues on Sunday mornings at 10:30 in the Library.



# This Week: Sunday School Open House

Join us on Sunday morning at 9:30 AM in the Westminster Room for the Sunday School Open House! All ages will converge for food and fellowship before everyone disperses to meet their Sunday School teachers. We're looking forward to welcoming you, adults and children alike!

# **Church Picnic Sign-Up**

The annual church picnic will be September 21 following worship at Maclay Gardens! It is \$3/person with a \$10 family cap.



Sign-ups start after worship this Sunday! If you can't make it to church to sign up in person, please send an email to the office.

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## **Compassion and Social Justice**

The Compassion and Social Justice team has three main focuses—homelessness, hunger, and social justice advocacy. Volunteers work with our mission partners, provide weekly services for our unsheltered neighbors at church, and attend vigils, committee meetings, and other local events to lobby our commissioners on specific social justice issues.

If you're interested in joining us for any of these opportunities, please contact <u>Debbie Gibson</u> or <u>Jon Dodrill</u>. You are welcome once, weekly, or monthly as you are able and interested.

#### ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Snack Pack and Laundry Love**: Join us from 10 AM to noon on Wednesdays to provide snack packs, laundry, and showers for our unsheltered neighbors.

#### **Second Harvest Bread Boxing:**

Join us on the first Friday of every month. *Next opportunity: October 3* 



#### **Serve Dinner at Grace Mission:**

Join us on the second Sunday of every month. Next opportunity: September 14





Please consider signing up to serve a meal at Grace Mission on September 14 or other Sundays in the Fall.

If you have served before, you know how meaningful this effort is to our neighbors who are unhoused. If you haven't participated, please consider joining us.

It takes around two hours and is an opportunity to give back in a special way.

# This Sunday: First Sunday Food Collection

Bring your canned and nonperishable goods to church for donation to Second Harvest and Elder Care Services!



Click here for the

**Weekly Schedule** 

**Monthly Calendar** 

More info available on Breeze

## Help us find this rug!

This rug was hand-hooked by women of First Pres in the early 1970s. It was last seen in the late 1990s or early 2000s, when it was professionally cleaned and rolled up for storage.

Do you know where it is?

Please <u>send us an email</u> with any leads and information you might have! We encourage you to share this photo with anyone who might have some knowledge.



# LAST CHANCE: Sign up for the Dogwood Acres Fall Retreat next weekend

- Reset 2025: A Weekend to Restore and Refresh
- 77 September 12–14, 2025
- † Dogwood Acres Retreat Center
- Description Cost: \$240 (all-inclusive)

Take time this fall to pause and care for your mind, body, and spirit. This peaceful weekend will include:

- Gentle yoga and guided meditation
- A relaxing kayak excursion
- Inspiring speakers and worship
- All meals and cozy lodging in the heart of nature

It's the perfect getaway to reconnect with God, yourself, and others.

<u>\*\* Register today here.</u>

Whether you've been to Dogwood Acres before or this will be your first visit, Reset 2025 is an invitation to breathe deeply and begin again.



To submit information to be included in the newsletter and/or Sunday bulletin (as space permits), please use this link, which will take you to an online form. Submissions are due by Thursday at noon.

Thank you!