

**FEBRUARY 2, 2020**



**RETREAT THANK YOU**

To God be the glory! The women had an incredible weekend relaxing, worshipping, and studying John 17 with Courtney Doctor at the 1st Pres Women’s Retreat at the Sewanee Inn.

Countless hours went into making the time together so special. We want to express our sincere gratitude to the Retreat Committee who worked tirelessly to plan every detail and insure everything went smoothly all weekend: Cary Ballard, Marilyn Boxell, Cherie Brown, Heather Ewalt, Deb Gruner, and Peggy Jenkins. We’d also like to thank Martha Queen for our beautiful table decorations. Thank you so much! Great job ladies!

For those of you who did not get the chance to join us - you were missed!

**FIRST FRIENDS CHILI COOK-OFF**

**First Friends**, our ministry to international college students, will host a chili cook-off (dinner and party) for our international students and ministry volunteers on Friday evening, February 7, at 6:30 pm in our student center. Come join us, and let Nadia or Chris Bauder (423-227-3802) know what food you may be able to contribute. After dinner, we’ll enjoy Sally and Ed Koehn telling us about love and adventure in the Amazon - followed by games, sports and conversations with our students. Questions? Contact Karen Payne (423-314-3113)



**ENGLISH?**

FIRST FRIENDS offers English CONVERSATION classes for speakers of other languages. For more information see Charlene Hatmaker or Karen Payne.

**IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE!**

Please join us on **Thursday, February 13, 10:30 am** for IAWL, senior fellowship group. We will be entertained by three dynamic couples from 1st Pres as they determine how well they know their spouses by participating in our version of the “Notso-Newlywed Game” hosted by our own Bob Eubanks (aka John Queen).



Fellowship begins at 10:30 AM with the meeting starting at 11:00 AM followed by a lunch at a cost of \$6. RSVP to Janette Barnes, 432-4056, or Rosa Wrenn, 443-7573.

**CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

Did you know that First Presbyterian has many Congregational Care Ministries available? If you or someone you know has had a new baby or is ill or hospitalized or could use prayer, a meal, a pastor’s visit, a call, flowers, or a card, let us know by calling the office, 267-1206, any time day or night. Pastor Chris Ehlers heads up this team and would also love to have you join us in serving in any of these ministries.



**WORLD MISSIONS**

**IN MEMORY: TOM CHANDLER**

*October 21, 1941 –January 22, 2020*

World Missions announces the passing of Tom Chandler who went home to be with our Lord last month while on a mission trip to Sri Lanka. Tom and his wife Clare formerly served as missionaries in Asia—specifically to Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Pakistan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Singapore with Partners International. They were supported by First Pres for about 40 years. Your prayers are greatly appreciated for Clare (who is currently being treated for breast cancer) and their children, Kay, Julie, and Thomas. Clare especially requests prayer for solid, refreshing sleep for her and her children as they need clear minds to make wise decisions on issues regarding Tom’s passing.



**REPORT FROM THE GOSPEL CONFERENCE “KL2020” IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA**

Despite fears of the coronavirus spreading rapidly throughout Mainland China and other Asian countries, several thousands gathered at KL2020 to celebrate, worship, learn, and fellowship in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Over 1,500 participants backed out—most of them because they were prevented from attending. Some were blocked at the airport, and some were pressured by local authorities. Others who were from the epicenter of the virus did not attend out of consideration for others. Please pray that lives would be changed for kingdom purposes and the Church in China would be built up through the fellowship, training, and preaching that took place during KL2020.



**ALLIES NEEDED FOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP**

The Diaconate’s Rapha team needs additional allies with a heart for our neighbors in need to build relationships during our Wednesday evening fellowship. Contact Paul Laskowske, [paul.laskowske@gmail.com](mailto:paul.laskowske@gmail.com).

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING 1ST PRES PARKING IN MCCALLIE AVENUE LOT**

Parking is available in marked reserved spaces with a blue 1st Pres sticker placed on the driver’s side rear window. New stickers are currently available and can be picked up from the church office during the week. **Please do not park in that lot without a sticker.** A sticker IS NOT required for Sunday parking.



**NOTE: You WILL be ticketed if you park in a space other than those designated for church parking even if you have a sticker.**