Our Weekly Calendar

**Saturday, February 9**
7 p.m. ESL Classes, The Commons
6 p.m. HFA Urban Leadership Project, The Depot

**Friday, February 8**
6 p.m. HFA New Town, Heritage Academy

**Thursday, February 7**
9:45 a.m. Women’s Bible Study, St. Andrew’s Hall
11:15 a.m. Midweek Bible Hour, Eve Room
6 p.m. HFA New Town, Heritage Academy
6 p.m. Youth Ministry and Facilities & Events
7 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
7 p.m. ESL Classes, The Commons

**Wednesday, February 6**
6 p.m. HFA Urban Leadership Project, The Depot

**Tuesday, February 5**
3:30 p.m. Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
6 p.m. W,omen’s Bible Study, Rooms 200 & 201
5 p.m. Student Chapel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5 p.m. Women’s Bible Study, Rooms 200 & 201
5 p.m. Diversity Discussion, Murphy Hall
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
5 p.m. Student Chapel Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5 p.m. Young Professionals Prayer, Baker House
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

**Monday, February 4**
3:30 p.m. Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
5 p.m. Women’s Bible Study, Rooms 200 & 201
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5 p.m. Children’s Ministry Parenting Study, Room 209
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 112
5 p.m. Women’s Bible Study, Rooms 200 & 201
3:30 p.m. Hope Ballet, Harmony Hall
2:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study, St. Andrew’s Hall

**Sunday, February 3, 2019**
6:30 p.m. Evening Service with Communion, Sanctuary
6 p.m. Young Professionals Prayer, Baker House
5 p.m. Canterbury Choir Rehearsal, Room 114
5 p.m. Women’s Bible Study, Rooms 200 & 201
5 p.m. Diversity Discussion, Murphy Hall
6 p.m. Young Professionals Prayer, Baker House
6:30 p.m. Evening Service, Sanctuary

**For more information on the mission, ministries and events at First Presbyterian Church, please visit firstpresaugusta.org.**

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Our Church Family

3. Wedding

We express best wishes to Chandler (Smith) and John Costello who were married January 26 here at First Presbyterian Church.

4. Missionary House Needs

Contact: Helen Morgan, 706.855.7218 or helenfmorgan@comcast.net

We are in the process of freshening our missionary houses, and are in need of several items. If you are able to donate any of the following items it would be a great help: bunk beds or trundle bed, neutral rugs in almost any size, small chest suitable for a child’s room, dining room sideboard (approximately 48 inches long and 18 inches deep), and pictures (preferably large). Please contact Helen Morgan at 706.855.7218 to donate or email a picture to helenfmorgan@comcast.net. Thank you for your assistance.

5. Sanctuary Flowers for 2019

Contact: churchoffice@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8900

If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary or make a donation toward placing flowers in 2019, please contact the church office to reserve a date. Flowers may be given in honor or in memory of a loved one.

6. Download Our Church App

Get connected to First Presbyterian through our church app! Access the bulletin, listen to or watch sermons, stay up to date with church news and events, and give online quickly and conveniently. Download the app today from your app store by searching “First Presbyterian Church Augusta.”
7. Diversity Discussion: Follow-up to Gospel Priorities, February 10 5:15 p.m. | Murphy Hall | Light Refreshments | Child Care Provided All members are invited to a discussion on diversity to share what we learned from Gospel Priorities month, including the seminar by Dr. Carl Ellis, sermons by our guest preachers, and insights on personal and corporate reflections.

8. The Lord’s Supper and Healing Prayer, February 10 The sacrament of the Lord’s Supper will be administered in the 6:30 p.m. service on February 10. Following the service, elders will be available to pray with you and anoint you with oil. As you experience the mercy of God through his sacraments we invite you to help provide for deeds of mercy for church members and others by giving to the Diaconate Mercy Fund. You may use the pew envelope or write a check, clearly indicating that your gift is for the Diaconate Mercy Fund.

9. Mercy Ministry Offering The Diaconate Mercy Ministry was created to help serve and provide for others in the context of our local church family. Throughout the year, on communion Sundays, we collect money to help relieve the burdens and heart of those in our fellowship with financial need. If you or anyone you know needs help from this ministry of the Deacons, please make your Parish Elder or Deacon aware of the need, or contact your class Elder or other class leader. All requests are handled with confidentiality and sensitivity.

Upcoming Events

Women’s Ministry

10. Lenten Tree Workshop, February 9 8:30 a.m.–noon | Murphy Hall | Cost $30 | No Child Care Register by February 3: firstpresaugusta.org/upcoming-events All ladies are invited to a workshop to craft a set of Lenten tree ornaments as a companion to “The Lenten Tree” family devotion book. The workshop will be February 9 from 8:30 a.m.–noon in Murphy Hall. The cost of $30 includes a copy of devotional book and all supplies needed to create the ornament set. Please register on the church website under the Events tab. If you are not able to attend the workshop, you may choose the “kit only” option on the registration page to purchase the supplies to complete the ornaments on your own.

Bible & Missionary Conference | Save the Date

12. Bible and Missionary Conference, February 24–March 3 Watch for more information coming soon! The 2019 Bible and Missionary Conference theme is “Who Will Tell Them?,” based on Acts 8:30-31. This special week begins with a joint Sunday School gathering on Sunday, February 24, focusing on FPC’s role in the past 100 years of missions work in Africa. The Missions Banquet, Wednesday, February 27, is a family event that will engage your mind and heart in what God is doing through missions. At our Friday evening service (March 1, 6:30 p.m.), and at each of the Sunday services, we are delighted to have Dr. Joshua Bogunjoko as the speaker. Trained as a physician, Dr. Bogunjoko’s testimony will inspire you to be more involved in missions, near and far. Currently serving as SIM Deputy International Director (Europe & West Africa), he brings an insightful, personal perspective on the needs and developments in modern missions.

13. Bible and Missionary Conference Banquet, February 27 6 p.m. | St. Andrew’s Hall | Pre-K–Fifth grade: Dinner in Harmony Hall Infants–Young 4s: Dinner Not Provided; Child Care Registration Required Registration for Dinner and Child Care opens February 6 The Missions Conference Banquet will be Wednesday, February 27, at 6 p.m. After the introduction of our visiting missionaries during dinner, we will hear from some of our missionaries serving in the African nations of Egypt, Kenya, South Africa, Sudan, and Zambia.

Children’s Dinner. Children in Pre-K through fifth grade will have their own special dinner and program in Harmony Hall while their parents attend the banquet.

Nursery. Infants–young 4 year olds will not be served dinner; please feed the little ones at home.

14. Conference Offering Goal This year our Bible and Missionary Conference offering goal is $55,000 focused on missions impacting the continent of Africa: MTW Church Planting; Banda Health Care Initiative; Campus Outreach Africa Indigenous Leaders; Sudanese Refugees; and Muslim Evangelism. You can give online or by check with “Missions Conference” noted on the memo line of your check. Please prayerfully consider how God would have you give to support these efforts.

Children’s Missions Conference

15. Children’s Missions Conference Contact: Elizabeth Barone, 706.262.8832 or ebarone@firstpresaugusta.org The Children’s Ministry will provide a children’s program during the evening services on February 27, March 1, and March 3 of the Bible and Missionary Conference. The children will hear testimonies and stories from different missionaries and learn how, even as children, they are called to be missionaries every day.

Volunteers Needed! Anyone who has been a member for six months and has completed a background check is asked to volunteer according to last name: S–Z, Wednesday; A–I, Friday; and J–R, Sunday. Please email Elizabeth Barone to confirm your serving time. On Wednesday, volunteers should arrive early to eat in St. Andrew’s and go to Harmony Hall by 6:30 p.m. to help in classrooms afterward. On Friday and Sunday, please exit the sanctuary with the children and meet in the Children’s Lobby where you will be connected with a class.

Music Ministry

17. Children’s Canterbury Choir Resumes Rehearsals Today 5 p.m. Sundays | Room 112 Contact: Melissa Schultz, mschultz@firstpresaugusta.org Children ages 7 through sixth grade are invited to participate in the Canterbury Choir. Rehearsals are on Sundays at 5 p.m. in room 112. Please contact Melissa Schultz for more information.

18. Chancel Choir Meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org The Chancel Choir (high school students and adults) has resumed rehearsals on Thursdays from 7–9 p.m. in room 114. The choir will be preparing to sing twice a month in the morning worship services. New members are welcome! Please contact Jonathan Harper for details.

19. Musicians Wanted Contact: Jonathan Harper, jharper@firstpresaugusta.org The music ministry at First Presbyterian is a vibrant and growing ministry within the church. If you have a background in music and an interest in glorifying God through sharing your gift, please contact Jonathan Harper to find out more about how you can participate.

Youth Ministry

11. Middle School Winter Retreat, February 22–24 Cost: $100 | Register at firstpresaugusta.org/youth by February 15 Contact: Karen Crisler, kcrisler@firstpresaugusta.org or 706.262.8849 The middle school winter retreat is just around the corner. February 22–24. Students and leaders will be traveling to Ridge Haven in Brevard, North Carolina, for a weekend of fun, fellowship, and time in the Word. Register now to reserve your space!