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Eric Everett	2025
Lucie Nelson	2025
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Paul Hager	2026
Bill Mitchell	2026
Caroline Crump	2027
Jim Exline	2027
LeAnn Jones	2027

DEACONS **CLASS OF**

Sue Reeves	2025
Julie Stanley	2025
Gene Wolf	2025
Jennifer Brubaker	2026
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Rhonda Ortteneburger	2026
Wayne Bowlin	2028
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PRESBYTERIAN TIDINGS

**BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS,
FOR THEY WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD**

Recently, the Administration announced that the US military carried out massive precision strikes on the three key nuclear facilities in the Iranian regime. Now, I admittedly am no diplomat, nor am I a military tactician; and clearly, Iran has not demonstrated itself to be a compassionate actor on the global stage. But, as a pastor, I must ask us to ponder the moral question, “Were there no other options than lethal military force?”

The Administration ended its announcement with the following declaration: “I want to just thank everybody, and in particular, God. I just want to say, ‘We love you God,’ and we love our great military; protect them.” While petitioning God to protect our troops seems an appropriate prayer to render, I question the appropriateness of thanking God for the purported success of a covert military action. Such a prayer of thanksgiving implies that God sanctions and even blesses such action.

As a former officer in the Navy Chaplain Corps, I have often prayed (and still do pray) for God to cover our military troops with sheltering grace and providential care as they stand in the gap for our protection. I have often prayed for God to hasten the day, when we may proclaim each and every one of our brave fallen heroes as a faithful step to the day when we shall beat our swords into plowshares, when we will learn war no more (Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:3); when God’s peace shall reign on earth as in heaven; and we can love our enemies as Christ has commanded (Luke 6:27, 35).

Even the Book of Worship for United States Forces (1974) recognizes that God is not the Architect of War but is the LORD of Peace. As it states in its Service of Peace and Unity:

In every prayer for peace there is a touch of blasphemy. It is as though war were inevitable and only God could extricate us. But we are the warriors, the makers and wagers of destruction. (Not God. Not even “they.”) Perhaps our prayers for peace should be for forgiveness. And perhaps they should be said to our brothers and sisters. For when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister (Matthew 5:23-24):

**Brother, forgive us. Sister, help us understand.
And when to the Lord, we should pray for courage:
Help us in living with the truth, that we are brothers and sisters who seek to destroy, but brothers and sisters nonetheless. Peace is a truth lived. A prayer for peace is an outstretched hand. Unarmed.**

Sunday Supper!
Potluck dinner
free to community
Sunday, Aug. 31
6:00 pm



Women's Evening Circle
September 9th at 6:30 pm
the church parlor.

Our book for the Women's Evening Circle on September 9th is *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman.

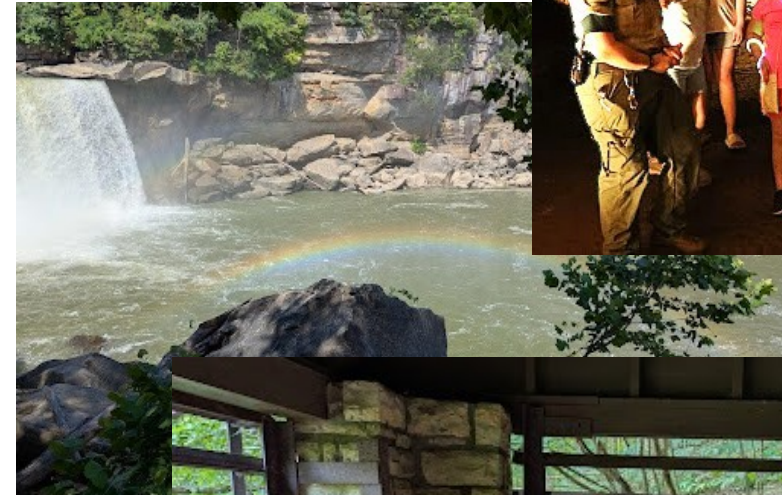
Mark and I want to express our gratitude to those who have brought food, visited, sent cards, and emailed or texted "get well wishes". As a church family you are the best. I thank God for the people He has placed in our lives who show His Love to all. Thanks from the bottom of our heart.

Mark and Melody Mitchell



August 10th
9:30 am in the gym

Our Church's Rally day is scheduled for August 10th. This is the official kick off for the new church school year and to acknowledge this, the CE committee is planning a breakfast and a time of celebration! Breakfast will start at 9:30 am in the gym. Promotion certificates will be awarded to all children in attendance, songs will be sung and fun games will be played!. It should be a fun time and we hope to see you there!



Summer Bible Adventure Excursions



A big thank you to everyone who came out and helped to make our Summer Bible Adventure Excursions such a success! We brought the Bible to life for the kids in new and exciting ways and everyone had a blast taking off and learning about Jesus!



Youth Prayer Breakfast Kick Off!
Thursday, August 14
6:45 am!



YOUTH PRAYER
BREAKFAST

Our First prayer breakfast of the year is scheduled for Thursday August 14 at 6:45 at Purdy's! This is a time for our youth to come together, share a cup of coffee, have a word or scripture, pray, fellowship and support each other. All middle and high school students are invited to attend. We currently offer transportation from the prayer breakfast to Madison Central High School and Clark Moores Middle School. If you are interested or have questions please call Joel (412)926-2581



Triennium

Our church is sending 2 youth delegates and one adult chaperone to our denomination's Youth Triennium Conference this month. Please keep Ava Stanley, Amara Anyanwu and Joel Stanley in your prayers as they represent Kentucky and FPC Richmond at this conference with youth from across the country. It promises to be a very formative and spiritually nourishing experience for everyone involved.



Teaching With Soul
By Joel

As I'm writing this newsletter article I'm in the middle of preparations for attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium. Triennium is our denomination's national youth conference. It only happens once every three years (hence the name) and it's kind of a big deal. This year's Triennium is a particularly big deal as the last scheduled Triennium had to be cancelled because of the global pandemic. I'm excited that this event has started back up and am also excited to attend, as is our entire delegation from Presbytery.

Part of getting ready for Triennium involves buttons. Each delegation at Triennium designs and makes a unique button that represents their particular area of the country. My own daughter, Ava, helped design our delegation's button for this year. I'll include a picture of it below. It's a play on the name of our Presbytery. Transylvania means "Across the Woods" and the name is also associated with vampire lore. So a little bat perched on the T in Transylvania with some wooded mountains in the background ended up being the design our group liked best. The button has a lot of good buzz going for it so far. At the conference, as we meet new people, we will trade buttons with them. By the end of the event we'll all have a bunch of buttons from Presbyteries around the country. They will each be unique and cool and a reminder of our time at the convention. It's a pretty fun thing to be a part of.

I always liked the button tradition at Triennium. When the conference ends the youth will have buttons from all over the country to share with the folks back home. It's a reminder that our church is actually much bigger than we sometimes think it is. It's a reminder that all of these people from all of these different places are united somehow in some kind of way in Jesus Christ. It's a reminder that there is strength in our diversity and our unity. That seems like an important message nowadays.

The button tradition at Triennium is truly fun to be a part of. When we return, be sure to ask to see our collections! Each button will be a unique reminder of the conference and a testament to the incredible unity we share as a church across the country in Jesus Christ.



Plan To Attend Rally Day! Sunday Aug. 10!



- 1 Connie Reimold
- 4 Will Harter
- 5 T.J. Glass
- 6 Jackie Vance
- 7 Mary Harter
- 13 Abby Perry Freeman
- Aiden Ortteneburger
- 14 Gil Shew
- 18 Lucy Waterbury
- 19 Bonnie Gray
- 20 Jen Deaton
- 21 Sarah Gump
- 25 Coy Weldon
- 27 Marsha Frazier
- 28 Lynn Shearon
- 29 Kyah Brinegar
- Craig Mapel



- 2 Sue Fain
- 4 George Ferrell
- Randall Gray
- 6 Tracy Lamb
- Joel Stanley
- 7 Amelia Shew Trinh
- 8 Bruce Bonar
- 14 Pierce Johnson, Jr.
- 16 Karen Losson
- 22 Carter Lamb
- 27 Gene Wolf
- 28 Phyllis Gump
- Jeanie Smith
- 30 Bill Carrico
- Jim Ney
- Mandy Owens

MISSION.....a body of people sent

July 2025 Love Fund Summary

<i><u>Category</u></i>	<i><u># of families served</u></i>	<i><u>Amount</u></i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>\$847</i>
<i>Rent</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>\$1,732</i>
<i>Hotel (DV)</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>\$120</i>
<i>Save A Lot bill (food vouchers)</i>		<i>\$545.85</i>
<i>Gulf Bill (Gas Vouchers)</i>		<i>\$225</i>
<i>Gas vouchers distributed</i>	<i>4</i>	
<i>Food Vouchers Distributed</i>	<i>15</i>	
Love Fund Pantry Assistance	8	
<i>Total</i>		<i>\$3,469.85</i>

30 Unique Families served (includes 13 children)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

**Ten Cents Per Meal Offering
Sunday, August 10**

**Buckhorn Children's Home Offering
Sunday, September 14**

**Peace & Global Witness Offering
Sunday, October 5**

**Ten Cents Per Meal Offering
Sunday, November 16**

**Christmas Joy Offering
Sunday, December 21**

**BACK TO SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE!!
MONTH OF AUGUST!**

August is a great time for a Back to School FOOD DRIVE for the Backpack Program! This Sunday- August 3rd!! Bring your food donations to church!

THIS Sunday, August 3rd (and every Sunday in August) the challenge is to collect a FULL bar-
rel of food for local school children!

What to bring?

- **Cans of Chicken Noodle Soup**
- **Cans of Ravioli**
- **Single Serve, Microwave Mac and Cheese**

A food barrel from Gods Outreach Food Bank will be placed up in the Narthex by the sanctuary doors to collect food items for the Backpack Program. Please bring one or more cans of items listed above to church on Sunday. Let's all work to fill the barrel!

The Backpack Program is a special feeding program of Gods Outreach Food Bank that provides food for school students dealing with food insecurity or living in poverty. A bag of "child-friendly" supplemental food is sent home with the student when school is not in session. Counselors and Youth Service/Family workers keep track of students who are struggling with food insecurity. A food bag (containing about 12 items) is placed in a student's backpack at school on Friday before dismissal. On Monday morning the child is less likely to come back to school showing symptoms of hunger and ready for a day of learning. As a former educator, I observed the benefits of this feeding program for students and families. It really helps! Needs are increasing. Parents are already calling schools asking for assistance with food. Please help if you can.

If you're not at church on Sundays, you can leave your donations in the big kitchen downstairs. I will pick up and deliver items to the food bank for you.

If you want to make a monetary donation, \$150 will sponsor a child for the 2025/26 school year. Please make checks out to God's Outreach Backpack Program and place in Jennifer Brubaker's mailbox at church outside of parlor.

Your support and prayers are greatly appreciated!
Let's fill a barrel!
Contact Jennifer Brubaker if you have any questions.

Thank you Everyone!!
Blessings,
Jennifer Brubaker
Jennifer@godsoutreach.org
FPC Deacon/Missions Committee





AUGUST 2025

August 2025 **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>Ordination/Installation</i> <i>Communion</i> 	4 <i>Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	5 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-11</i> Mission mtg. 6:00	6 <i>Bible Study 6:30 pm</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>RALLY DAY! 9:30 am in gym</i> <i>10¢ Per Meal Offering</i> Deacon mtg. noon	11 <i>Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	12 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-11</i>	13 <i>Bible Study 6:30 pm</i>	14 <i>Needle Arts Fellowship</i> <i>11:30</i>	15	16
17	18 <i>Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	19 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-11</i>	20 <i>Bible Study 6:30 pm</i>	21	22	23
24	25 <i>Bible Study 10:30 am</i>	26 <i>Tuesday Crew 9-11</i> Session mtg. 6:00	27 <i>Bible Study 6:30 pm</i>	28	29	30
31 <i>Sunday Supper Potluck!</i> <i>Free meal for community</i> <i>6:00 pm</i>						