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Most of you know that Curtis had a very serious hiking accident. We ask for your prayers for his healing. He is currently at Cardinal Hill for rehab. He will have a very long recovery. Please keep him in your prayers for healing and also pray for Wendy at this time too.



Church Picnic!

Thanks to Sue Chenault for hosting us and to all the Deacons for helping to put it on! It was a very fun day! There are picnic pictures throughout the newsletter.

ELDERS CLASS OF

Eric Everett	2025
Lucie Nelson	2025
Jennifer Wilke-Deaton	2025
Philip Gump	2026
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
Kathy Shew	2026
Rhonda Orttenger	2026
Wayne Bowlin	2028
Donna Cox	2028
Denise Crump	2028

LOVE FUND SUMMARY—AUGUST

Assisted 51 families (included 31 children)

Rent- 17 families - \$2,975
 Utilities- 25 families- \$2,752.36
 Hotel - 4 families- \$490
 Save a lot Food Bill - \$828.07
 Gulf Gas Bill - \$625
 Total - \$7,670.43

Distributed- 36 Food Vouchers
 Distributed- 13 Gas Vouchers
 Assisted 9 families with personal care items from the Love Pantry.



Stewardship Kick-off!

October is a time when we look at stewardship and what it means to us and to First Presbyterian Church. There will be a **Kick-Off luncheon on Sunday, October 20**, where you will receive your stewardship packet and learn about the plans for our congregation in 2025. You won't want to miss this! More information will be given about this later.

November 10 will be Stewardship Commitment Sunday. At that time, pledges will be presented during the worship service. There will be more about this later, but please mark both October 20 and November 10 on your calendar.



Marshall-Moretz Dinner



It's not too early to think about the **Christmas Eve Marshall-Moretz Dinner**. The Marshall-Moretz Dinner is for those in our community who are less fortunate or lonely at this time of year.

If you are out Black Friday shopping, and come across small gifts such as: crayons, coloring books, balls, small puzzles, brush, comb, stickers, hair items, school supplies, small games, small cars, card games, small stuffed animals, bubbles, yo-yos, etc—they will be greatly appreciated.

As Christmas approaches we are asking for help from our church family. We will need baked goodies, especially sweet breads and cookies. They need to be wrapped in foil or Christmas wrap. We will need cooked turkeys and hams and cupcakes are needed for dessert. All items need to be brought to the church by Dec. 24th at 2:00 PM.

We will also need volunteer drivers, kitchen help, servers, reception help, plus other helpers.

If you would like to participate in this very special Christmas mission contact:

Linda Adams
call or text 859-200-0762 or email LADAMS49940@att.net



Evening Women's Circle
 Tuesday October 8th at 6:30 in the church parlor.
 Arleita Dirne will bring dessert.
 Women's Evening Circle Book Club
 November 12th at 6:30
 Book—*All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker

Rebecca Esther Circle
 Tuesday, Oct. 15
 10:30 am

A Special Thank You
A big thank you to Sue Chenault and Sue Reeves for the beautiful flower arrangements at worship on Sunday. Your congregation appreciates all that you do to add to the morning worship.



SUNDAY MATINEE!

OCTOBER 13 • STARTS AT 2:30PM
 FEATURING PIXAR'S UP
 DRINKS AND SNACKS PROVIDED
 MEET IN THE GYM

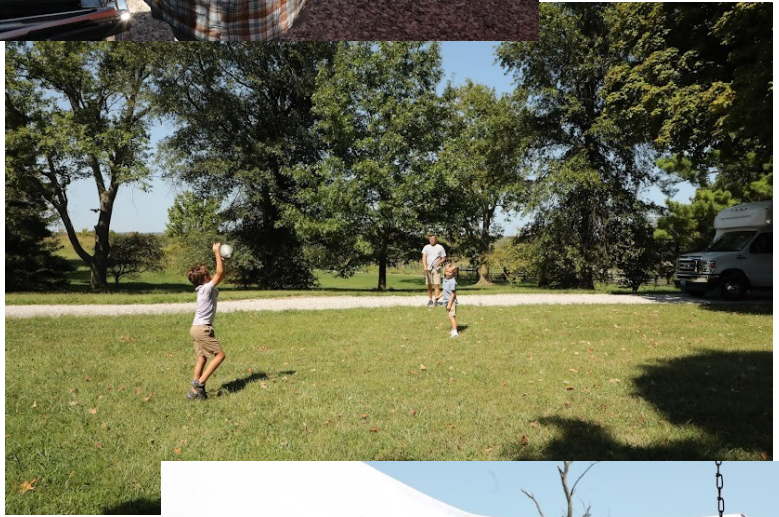
Richmond's 4th Annual Millstone Festival

Save the Date

October 5th, 2024

Presented By
DREAMING CREEK BREWERY

Millstone Festival 11:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.
 Millstone After Hours 8:00p.m. to 1:00a.m.





MISSION.....a body of people sent

On October 6 we have the **Peace and Global Witness Special Offering**. This encourages the church of our time to embrace God's mission with those locally and around the world, as active peacemakers at all times. A gift to Peace and Global Witness enables the church to collaborate in our proclamation of Christ's peace. As in 2 Thessalonians 3:16 "Peace at all times in all ways".

Thank you from your Mission Committee



News Brief from Session

- The Session is working with our Transylvania presbyter, Rev. Philip Lotspeich, to provide pulpit supplies while Curtis is out recovering from his fall. He has also contacted Rev. Don Stanley to moderate the session so that we can continue to conduct the church's needs until Curtis can return.
- The older elevator to the sanctuary will need upgrades estimated to cost \$124,000 to bring it up to code.
- Administration is finalizing the 2025 budget to have ready for the congregational Stewardship Kick Off on October 20 with Dedication Sunday to be set for November 10.
- The Preschool had to be closed due to the lack of enough students. Other options for an after school program are being explored by the Christian Education Committee.
- Thanks to everyone who helped to make this year's Picnic at Sue Chenault's a success.
- If you are interested in helping this winter with the Room in the Inn project where we house homeless men in the gym one night a week, please contact Philip Gump or LeAnn Jones of the Missions Committee.
- Thank you to Curtis for writing the curriculum for our Congregational Boundary Training as per the Needs Assessment. Watch for details as to when this will take place in the future.
- New Bibles will be purchased for use in the sanctuary thanks to the Worship Committee.

Melody Mitchell
Clerk

Teaching With Soul
By Joel

For this next installment of our series of articles delving into the 10 commandments, we will look at the fourth commandment using the command divisions of the reformed tradition. We will continue the practice of looking at each commandment from both a negative/prohibitive and positive/encouraging viewpoint. We will accomplish this by spending some time reflecting on what the commandment specifically forbids, as well as some time reflecting on what the commandment gives back to us in return.

The fourth commandment (remember the Sabbath and keep it holy) is the last of the commandments that focus directly on our relationship and interactions with God, Almighty. The final six commandments that follow commandment four focus more on how we interact with each other than on how we interact with God (ie: don't lie to each other, don't murder each other, don't envy each other, etc.). The first four commandments give us a kind of outline of what a good relationship with God looks like. Thy define a proper relationship with God as being faithful and prioritized as is prescribed by the first commandment, direct and boundless as is prescribed by the second commandment and familiar yet submissive as is prescribed by the third commandment (see my previous four articles for more information on these commandments and their meanings). Finally the fourth commandment tells us that a good and proper relationship with God is one that is developed through time spent together, specifically one day out of every week, a day we've come to refer to as the Sabbath.

The relationship between humanity and God, like any relationship, needs time to blossom and time to mature. The fourth commandment is a prescription to ensure that time like this is set aside on a regular basis. Unlike the other commandments we've looked at so far, the give and take of the fourth commandment is pretty much spelled out for us in the text itself. The command takes away a day spent working in toil and in return gives back to us a day spent with God at rest. It takes away our worldly pursuits for a while and in turn gives us permission to relax and do nothing in the name of God and, as the great philosopher Winnie the Pooh once put it, "doing nothing often leads to the very best kind of something". In this case, that very best kind of something is time spent in intimate communion with God, Himself.

Truthfully, calling it "doing nothing" might be a bit of an oversimplification, because it is more than just that. The Sabbath is not just nothing for nothing's sake. It is a deliberate sort of nothing with the intention that the void created be filled with the something of God. God can fill this void by way of a worship service or perhaps a walk in the woods or perhaps some time spent in silent prayer or the enjoyment of family or even, in the best of cases, a much needed nap because the good news of the fourth commandment is that in the Christian faith, rest is sacrosanct. If you're anything like me It's high time we started living our lives that way.



YOUTH PRAYER
BREAKFAST

PURDY'S every Thursday morning at 6:45 am!

Additional Youth events for your calendar!

- Millstone Festival 10/5 11am-8pm
- Movie night 10/13
- Lock-in 11/2-11/3
- Arts and Crafts for Missions 11/16
- Parent's Day Out 12/1
- Summer Montreat possibly 6/1-6/7
- Triennium through Presbytery 7/28-7/31 Louisville, KY



- 1 Betty Park Adams
- 1 Rhonda Ortenburger
- 11 Julie Stanley
- 11 Eden Stanley
- 15 Paul Hager
- 17 Beth Underwood
- 18 Curtis Christian
- 23 Nancy Crider
- 25 Abigail Adkins
- 26 Phillip Seyfrit
- 29 Shelby Dale Lamb
- 30 Arleita Dirne



**BLESSINGS
ON YOUR
BIRTHDAY**

- 1 Kevin Crump
- 3 John Harter
- 4 David Coleman
- 8 Chris Smart
- 11 Nancy Brubaker
- 11 John Florell
- 13 Dwight Barkley
- 15 Ed Sigmon
- 17 Lindsey Glass
- 20 Praveena Salins
- 21 Hee-Young Shin
- Abby Toutant
- Ella Deaton
- 22 Suzanne Leung
- Nancy Carrico
- 28 Linda Adams
- John Gump
- 29 Chris Laird

ARTS & CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS Sat., Nov. 16 from 9 AM – 3 PM.



Arts & Crafts For Missions

Should you know of crafters who might be interested, please contact Jennifer Ward (893.6335) or David Deaton at (200.4099) as soon as possible in order for an invitation to be extended to them.

Again, we are having some gently used items that we are soliciting from you. All donations are welcomed beginning **October 15**.

- **BOOKS** (please DO NOT donate love stories or National Geographic), **DVDs, PUZZLES, CDS, GAMES, and VIDEOS.** These are to be placed in the back of the Fellowship Hall under the clock. (*coordinator needed!*)
- **TOYS** are to be placed in the coat alcove against the left wall. (*coordinator needed!*)
- **JEWELRY** is to be placed on the square table in the parlor. (*coordinator needed*)
- **SCARVES, PURSES, GENTLY USED LUGGAGE, BACKPACKS, LAPTOP BAGS, COSMETIC CASES, AND ZIPPER POUCHES** are to be placed on the pew on the funeral home side of the Fellowship Hall. (*coordinator needed!*)
- The **SILENT AUCTION** has been such a success in the past thanks to your generous donations, and the committee hopes that this year will be no exception. Please place your donated items neatly in the **Parlor** at end closest to the office no later than Friday morning, November 15th. Suggested items include small furniture items, gift cards/gift certificates you have received as gifts or would like to donate, collectibles, Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations, house wares, table linens, silver, brass, china, pottery, ceramics, framed prints, lamps, decorative boxes and baskets, etc. Also remember your Good Works TIME/TALENTS/SERVICES! Suggestions for Good Works Donations include, but are not limited to, *putting up Christmas tree or decorations, baking services, dinner delivery services, babysitting, consulting services, yard work, etc.* If you have any questions or need an item picked up from your home, please call (*coordinator needed*).
- The **SILENT AUCTION, GENERAL STORE and \$ TABLE** are all integral parts of our sale. If you are donating something of value that you would like a reserve price applied, please tell us! Placement of donations to any particular department of the sale may be moved to the silent auction to maximize charitable proceeds at the discretion of the Arts and Crafts for Mission Co-Chairpersons, Jennifer Ward or David Deaton.

We would love for every member of our church to be involved this year. Whether it is the donations of your possessions, your time, your talents, or your patronage. If you have never attended the sale or been a part of this effort, you are missing a phenomenal opportunity for food, fun & fellowship.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact either Jennifer or David at their contact info listed above.



Calling All Cooks!

Our church's Arts and Crafts for Missions Event is just around the corner. Please help make the bake sale a success. The following items will be needed:

- cakes
- pies
- cookies
- brownies
- breads
- bar cookies

Our guests will have the option to pick and choose any dozen cookies of their choice for one price. In order for this to work please provide three to four dozen cookies or brownies. We will place the different types of cookies and brownies on platters so people will be able to see what is available and select any combination for their dozen.

Volunteers are needed to help work the booth during the following time slots (**9:00-11:00, 11:00-1:00, or 1:00-3:00**). If you are willing to provide help with the bake sale, please contact (coordinator needed)

Items are needed by 8:00 am on Saturday morning, November 16th or any time Friday night, November 15th.





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Tuesday Crew 9-11 Session mtg. 7:00	2	3 Youth Prayer B'fast 6:45 am Purdy's	4	5 Millstone Festival 11 am—8 pm
6 COMMUNION Peace & Global Witness Of- fering	7 Bible Study led by Joel 10:30	8 Tuesday Crew 9-11 Evening PW 6:30	9	10 Needle Arts Fellowship 11:30	11	12
13 Deacon mtg. noon Movie— 3:00-5:00 in gym	14 Bible Study cancelled	15 Tuesday Crew 9-11 PW 10:30 CE mtg. 4:30	16	17 Youth Prayer B'fast 6:45 am Purdy's	18	19
20 Stewardship Kick-off Lunch	21 Bible Study led by Joel 10:30	22 Tuesday Crew 9-11 Session mtg. 7:00	23	24 Youth Prayer B'fast 6:45 am Purdy's	25	26
27 Reformation Sunday	28 Bible Study led by Joel 10:30	29 Tuesday Crew 9-11	30 Welcome Wednesday 6:00	31 Youth Prayer B'fast 6:45 am Purdy's  Happy Halloween!		