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Celebrate the resurrection



Inside: Our "Youth Group"  
Trivia Fundraiser

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BOWLING GREEN, KENTUCKY

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*The Word became flesh and lived among us... full of grace and truth. John 1:14*

As April begins we near the end and goal of our Lenten Pilgrimage: the lifting up of Jesus on the Cross as the crowning moment of passion, love, and reconciliation for the world. This coronation becomes complete on Easter Sunday, as death's power cannot keep shackled the life and glory of the Risen Jesus Christ. Jesus rises to resurrection life, calling all to renewed faith and service in God's reign of peace and justice.

As John puts it, the life, witness, death, and resurrection of Jesus are an expression of the very being and person of the Living God. The Word became flesh... The "Word" is one way of talking about the essence and core being of God. When God began the work of Creation, it was by a word, the "word" or "logos" that informs and gives order to the heart of humankind, For, as the creation account has it, humankind is created in the "image of God": humankind was always created to bear the divine imprint, to carry within itself the dignity, beauty, and purposes of God.

Since we are "word" created beings, it makes sense to me that stories are so important for our life of faith. I have always loved a good story! Stories fill our lives with meaning, insight, laughter, mystery, tears, and astonishment. At their best, stories give the gifts of identity and destiny. As I enter a story with holy imagination, I may discover who I am, who I have been named, and who I may be called to become. The story, with its setting, its characters, its twists and turns, keeps me attentive to crises and catastrophes, discoveries and triumphs. And through participation in the story I become part of something "more" and "deeper" and "beyond." Indeed I may become more, or deeper, or transformed. The right story can put me in touch with the source and soul of life. The story of Jesus, when it becomes our story, has the power to ground us and unite us with God's very person and life.

In John's account of the life, ministry, words, death, and resurrection of Jesus, such a journey into the story of God's ways leads to the glory of God's love. In John's story, Jesus' glory is most profoundly revealed in the crucifixion, the point where Jesus says he will "be lifted up" so as to draw all people to himself. Jesus' glory is God's love in action: "Jesus' lifted up, or glorification, stresses that the crucifixion is the great revelation of the glory of God, the God of saving and healing love," says N.T. Wright. As John puts it earlier, "We beheld his glory, glory of the only Son of the Father." Jesus himself is the expression of the self-offering love of God, "the moment when sovereign love meets a world in agony and grasps that agony to itself."

This month I invite you into the story where you too may be transformed and made new. With holy imagination, live the story during Holy Week, receive the body and blood of Jesus on Maundy Thursday, agonize with Jesus on Good Friday, pray through a Holy Saturday, and rise and greet with holy awe the risen Savior of the world—and you—on Easter Sunday.

*Pastor Kyle Otterbein*

# YOUTH TRIVIA

The Youth Trivia Fundraiser occurred on Sunday, March 23. It was carefully planned and implemented by our Youth Group, and they certainly did it well. There were several teams that participated and brought a lot of excitement into the room. They enjoyed eating and fellowship while encouraging each other to share their diverse knowledge for points.

The participants made our Trivia Fundraiser more than just a game. They created a memorable, fun experience for all who attended. Each team had members with different areas of expertise which was crucial for smooth communication and quick decision making. They laughed and giggled while quietly discussing the trivia topics, such as movies, music, the Bible, etc. The Youth tried to keep the energy high and competition lively by reminding the teams of what was at stake- *The Presbyterian Church-First Place 2025 Trivia Champion* trophy. It was the Youth's goal to keep all the teams motivated regardless of their known ranking.



Even though all the teams strived for the top spot, only one team was clever enough to grab the First-Place trophy. Our Host tried to throw some curveball trivia questions at our teams but our winning team didn't let it divert them. They continued to practice clear communication and quickly answered with confidence to pull away with the title of *Trivia Champions*. You could see the confidence in their face as the captain smacked the buzzer with the correct answer, as they smiled and gazed at the other teams. Congratulations to our winning team: Frederica Kernohan, John Kernohan, LeAnn Otterbein, Georgeanne Capito, and Walker Woods.

This trivia fundraiser was more than a competition, it was a chance to grow and fellowship regardless of the outcome. We were able to share fun facts from incorrect answers and turn wrong answers into noteworthy learning moments. Some were even dumbfounded about what they learned during the competition, but in the end, it was good old fashion fun.

The Youth Group would like to thank everyone for their participation and helping us to exceed our goal of \$1500. We would like to thank Pastor Kyle for letting us shave his head for meeting and exceeding our goal. Thus far we have raised \$2200 for Montreat but donations are still pouring in. Thank you for all your monetary and food donations.



DUMBFUNDED BY SOME OF THE QUESTIONS

## EASTER EGG HUNT

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2025 ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT



Our Church will have the Annual Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday April 12th at 10:30am. The Hunt will take place at the home of Fred and Debbie Trickey at 807 Highland Way. All children up through 5th grade will be welcomed! There will be separate hunting areas for Preschool and Elementary. We will have a cake walk, games, crafts and more! Invite your friends with children/grandchildren to join us! Rainy weather will move us to the church. If you would like to donate individually wrapped candy for our eggs or items for the cake walk, please bring it to the church office by April 6. For more information speak to Mary Evans.

**LENTEN DINNER AND PROGRAMS** On Wednesdays, April 2-16, the church will present an evening Lenten dinner and program in Fellowship Hall. Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by the program led by Pastor Kyle Otterbein. Members who plan to attend dinner can RSVP by contacting Robin in the church office by phone or email. This is suggested in order for us to plan for attendance numbers.

## HOLY WEEK EVENTS

**Palm Sunday** will be Sunday, April 13. Come join us for the beginning of Holy Week, a worship celebration with palms, and a very special guest preacher! Worship begins at 10:30am.

**Tuesday**, April 15, our collaborative all-**community worship service** will begin at 12 noon, and will be held at First Christian Church on State Street. Pastor Kyle Otterbein will give the message and communion will be served.

**Maundy Thursday** we will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for an all-church meal followed by our Maundy Thursday worship service in the sanctuary. The meal begins at 6 pm and worship will start at 7 pm.

**Good Friday** service will begin at 12 noon in the sanctuary.

## EASTER SUNDAY

**Easter Sunrise Service:** Please join us for an Easter Sunrise service in the courtyard next to the Fellowship Hall at 7:30 am followed by breakfast in the Fellowship Hall starting about 8:30 am. If there is rain the service will take place in the Fellowship Hall.

**Easter Celebration Service** will begin at 10:30 am in the sanctuary.

## MISSIONS

**GLOVES WITH LOVE MISSION** Thank you to all who assisted with the Gloves With Love Mission. We were able to distribute several items on the fence. Your donations kept those in need warm through your donation of socks, thermals, jackets, hats, and scarves.



**ROOM IN THE INN** Thank you to the many who volunteered with DRITI this year. Since mid-November several people volunteered each week in the many roles it takes to provide a warm caring shelter for the unhoused. This ministry takes volunteers to drive the bus, be an inn-keeper, set up cots, dress the cots, clean up Friday morning, provide a dinner, clean the kitchen, provide breakfast, care for the many guests' needs as a host, provide linen service, and act as a coordinator. The Mission Ministry thanks you for your generosity of time and service. *David's Room In the Inn ended this season on March 13.*

# CHANCEL AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS – The Chancel Choir rehearses from 5:00 – 6:00pm on Wednesdays. Additionally, we gather at 10am on Sundays to review the hymns and anthems for the worship service. We have a tight group, that mimics a Small Group. We've been studying Kenneth Osbeck's Devotional Warm-Ups for the Church Choir during this academic year. This weekly study investigates the role of music in the church from the Old Testament through the New Testament.

Our membership consists of several church members and the Collegiate Ensemble. Current church members have been serving in the choir for many years and bring their voices and ministry to us each week. They are Trudy Burkeen, Beth Pope, Dianne Simmons (Soprano), Barbra Brindle (Alto) and Craig Heller (Tenor). Trudy wins the longevity award as she began singing in the choir during her junior year of high school! We are thankful and appreciative for each of them.

Our current Collegiate Ensemble members are Keeling Murrell, Johnna Smith (Soprano), Aletheia Burt, Mack Overfelt (Alto) Wyatt Edmonds (Tenor) and Jeremiah Simpson (Bass). This past December the CE travelled to Greenville, KY and presented our Lessons and Carols to a full and enthusiastic audience at Greenville Presbyterian Church. We are grateful for these young folks who bring their talents to us. One gets an idea of how quickly four years go by as we see them cycle in and out.



What does it take to sing in the Chancel Choir? Just attend a one-hour rehearsal on Wednesday evenings and a 25-minute prep time (10:00 – 10:25) on Sunday mornings. Do I always have to be there? We are realistic and know that people have lives and can't always be at everything. There is therefore no condemnation for missing rehearsal or a service. What about my singing? If you enjoy singing, can match pitch and enjoy being in a group you are an excellent candidate for Chancel Choir! I don't really read music and I'm not sure if my skills are strong enough. No problem. We have some excellent readers and skilled



musicians in Chancel Choir. Most people can follow them without a problem. We're delighted to run over parts and help each other out. What ages are allowed in the choir? Junior high and beyond!

The children continue to meet on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45 am. The focus is on singing songs, playing instruments and using our talents to glorify God and minister to our church. Music play is often a fun part with rhythm and movement games. They bring praise and joy to our services in a regular basis!

There are many studies these days that show singing in a group is a great health benefit (mental, physical, emotional, spiritual). We are a loving, fun group who has a tight bond and a happily support each other. Who do I talk to? Talk to Wayne or any choir member or just call, text or email, Wayne. Or you could drive by his house and honk the horn. Or take him to lunch or on your next vacation. (Beth is included!) 270-991-8761 (cell) [wayne.pope@wku.edu](mailto:wayne.pope@wku.edu) (email).



# Spotlight



**CATHEY GREEN** Hard working, dedicated and kind-hearted. Our member in the spotlight is Cathey Green. The compassion she shows to the people we serve is an inspiration to us all. Cathey's words and actions goes a long way towards helping those in need to keep their dignity. She volunteers for David's Room in the Inn (DRITI), Daughters of American Revolution (DAR), the Historical Society and our church Pantry. She enjoys arts and crafts, basket making, knitting. Jewelry and genealogy and most of all, she enjoy supporting her grandchildren in their extra curricular activities.



Being the faithful servant that she is, Cathey stops by the pantry every Sunday after worship, and prepare bags for the incoming week. She keeps the pantry organized and stocked. She grocery shops once a month and stops by during the week to make sure that we have enough bags to hand out to those in need. The office staff is really appreciative of Cathey preparing bags ahead of time, especially during the busy days when multiple people stop by at the same time for assistance (*Thank you Cathey! What would we do without you?*).

## THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

### Dear Presbyterian Women and Friends,

The PW Birthday Offering was born in 1922 when Hallie Paxson Winsborough challenged members of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life, encouraging them to offer "a penny for every year you have lived, and if that is a secret, bring a dollar!"

Since 1888, Presbyterian Women have funded countless projects and medical/health missions throughout the world. These offerings support new and creative projects that meet the needs of hurting people—the aging, the disabled, the homeless, refugees, children, youth, and women—through educational, health, peace, and justice programs.

The Presbyterian Women has a special offering that is collected in May and is planned to celebrate the birthday of Presbyterian Women. No more than five projects are selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee. They are chosen on the basis of meeting the needs of hurting people and with the faith that adequate money to fund them will be received.

2025 PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN  
*Birthday Offering*

For the Lord your God will bless you in all your produce and in all your undertakings, *and you shall surely celebrate.*  
-Deuteronomy 16:15b

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering helps fund projects that improve lives at home and around the world.  
This year's recipients are:

LELAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Windward Volunteer Housing Facility Leland, Mississippi \$150,000	RED CLOUD RENEWABLE Lakota Thiyuba Dome Home Project Pine Ridge, South Dakota redcloudrenewable.org \$150,000
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## COMMUNITY

**RHYTHM AND SHAPE** The Art of Laurin Notheisen will be on display in the Fellowship Hall from March 28-May 22. Laurin Notheisen is an award winning artist that grew up in the suburbs of Chicago. She received her B.F.A. degree in painting and her M.F.A. degree in lithography from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana. Recent awards include a Exhibition at the Kentucky Museum, 2023, and First Place in ArtWorks Inc. Fall Jured Exhibition, 2024. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy this Spring Exhibit.

# APRIL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 11:00am Special Care 5:00pm Deacons' Meeting	<b>2</b> 7:00am Breakfast Group 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Lenten Dinner & Program	<b>3</b> 7:00pm Neighborhood Group	<b>4</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 8:30am Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Children's Music 9:45 am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 12:00pm After Church Eating Out Group	<b>7</b> 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 11:00am Personnel Meeting	<b>8</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 11:00am Special Care 7:00pm Sunny 16 Camera Club 7:00pm Tuesday Evening Circle	<b>9</b> 7:00am Breakfast Group 9:30am Wed. Morning Young Mothers and Others Cir. 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Lenten Dinner and program (Fellowship Hall) 7:00am Worship Comm. Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:30am Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Children's Music 9:30am Sunday Morn Cir. 9:45 am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 12:00pm After Church Eating Out Group	<b>14 ST. PATRICKS DAY</b> 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 12:00pm Circle 9 5:30pm Finance Committee Meeting	<b>15</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 11:00am Special Care 6:00pm Session Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:00am Breakfast Group 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Lenten Dinner And program (Fellowship Hall)	<b>17</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>18</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	<b>19</b>
<b>20 EASTER SUNDAY</b> 8:30am Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Children's Music 9:45 am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 12:00pm After Church Eating Out Group	<b>21 EASTER MONDAY</b> 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 5:30am Christian Ed. Ministry Meeting	<b>22</b> 9:30am Chair Yoga 11:00am Special Care 1:00pm CUICHM	<b>23</b> 7:00am Breakfast Group 5:15pm Chancel Choir	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	<b>26</b>
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**April 2**  
Cathey Green

**April 3**  
Rocky Cooper  
Leah Watson

**April 5**  
Rosemary Henry

**April 6**  
Tina Coates

**April 7**  
Tanner Polen

**April 8**  
John Fitts

**April 10**  
Mike Morse

**April 11**  
John Grise  
Trina Larson  
Lillian Simpson

**April 13**  
Jenna Begley

**April 17**  
Kate Bigler  
Elizabeth Levette

**April 19**  
Adeline Shephard  
Susan Webb

**April 21**  
Carlie Bowen  
Claire Ellington

**April 22**  
Meg Webb

**April 23**  
Shannon Dyche

**April 27**  
Susan Thomison

**April 29**  
Jim Tyrie

**April 30**  
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*We share  
the vitality of Christ:  
loving, serving, and  
welcoming all.*

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