

The Moment

AT THE CORNER OF 10TH AND STATE



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY **BOWLING GREEN/WARREN COUNTY**



If God does not build the house, the builders work in vain.
If God does not watch over the city, the guards watch in vain.
Psalm 127:1



Gospel Homes and Meals

“...I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

It was after midnight, and I sat in a corner booth sharing an employee meal and talking with Paul, another server working at Morgan’s Lakeplace in Bellevue, Washington. I was in my final year of university, and working as a waiter paid the bills. As Paul and I talked over dinner after a long, busy shift, I learned that Paul was a Christian. He was a bit surprised when I shared that I too was a Christian (so much for my actions proclaiming my faith, but that is another story!). In that conversation I discovered that each week Paul met with a small group of young adults, studying the Bible and sharing their lives. Intrigued, I asked Paul if I could come. The result: I met a group of loving people who welcomed me and cared for me. This began the journey that would lead me to being called to be a minister. I believe that meal and that conversation with Paul changed the course of my life.

For me, that was also the beginning of seeing the power of hospitality. Unfortunately the word hospitality is a bit stand-offish. Its formality may suggest to our minds hotel management or hospitality programs. But hospitality is more down to earth than that. It is simple. It just requires inviting someone to be with you—for a meal, for a conversation, for a walk. It is an invitation to share life, if even for a small moment.

But we know from Jesus’ parables the reign of God can spring from small, grace-filled acts. The act of asking someone to come into your home acts as the building block of communion, community, the church. Hear Luke’s words on the early church: “they broke bread at home and shared their food with glad and generous hearts” (Acts 2:46). The result: “Day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.” Hospitality is the foundation of evangelism. It fuels conversation, connection, and joy.

As we head into August we have the opportunity to live out the “one anothers” of the scriptures: love one another, encourage one another, forgive one another, meet one another. Soon we will gather for fellowship, learning, and worship: our Sunset Jazz Night on August 9, Pig Pickin’ and Rally Day on August 17, the beginning of Sunday School and small groups. These are all opportunities to gather together as God’s people. And in days to come (soon, we pray!), we will welcome a new pastor and a new Director of Student Ministries. Through all of this, how we welcome and invite others will be the key to our vitality and life. I invite you to begin praying now and asking, Who is someone (a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker, a college student) I can invite to share a meal, a conversation, an outing in the park?

Our cover photo highlights another way we show hospitality and welcome others into community: Habitat for Humanity. What better way to build community than to build the homes that will create new spaces for meals and conversations to be shared, especially among those who find it difficult to enter our community because of the high expense of home ownership. My ministry years are filled with joy-filled memories of building homes in Iowa City and New Orleans alongside others as we hammered countless nails—laughing, sharing stories, admitting mistakes, testing faith, serving together with strangers who became friends and, yes, sharing meals. I hope you will take time to learn about this partner mission of the church and explore ways you can help.

Paul and I didn’t know what was to come from a small moment shared in a corner booth. A shared meal, a conversation, an invitation. Small, simple acts. But they are mustard seeds acts by which Jesus is known, trusted, and loved, and God’s kingdom comes.

Pastor Kyle Otterbein



PIG PICKIN AND RALLY DAY

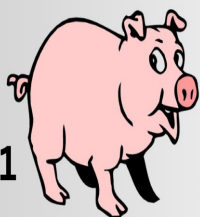
SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

Worship service will be at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic lunch immediately afterward. Please bring a dessert or side dish. As always, we thank the Beard family for hosting our event! Join us at 1061 Garvin Lane, Bowling Green KY 42101. There will not be any activities at the church this Sunday!

Roy Beard's Pavillion

1061 Garvin Lane

Bowling Green, KY 42101



Come and enjoy the good summer weather and fellowship with our church family as we come together for the purpose of glorifying God. We will have a morning worship service with a heartfelt message and inspiring worship music. Immediately afterwards we will eat some good barbecue and delicious sides. We encourage you to bring your children and invite your family and friends to join us for this amazing event. Your presence will add to the warmth of our gathering.



MONTREAT 2025



Light My Path by Susan Thomison

I had the pleasure of attending Montreat Youth Conference with Claire Ellington in early June 2025. Terry Johnson set up the excursion and paired us with Owensboro Presbyterian Church's youth director and her delegation of 5 youth attendees. The theme this year was Light My Path. As you can guess, we started in darkness and ended up seeing the light. We studied scripture that pertained to this topic such as Psalm 23. We sang My Lighthouse daily along with other songs/hymns that lend themselves to movement (oh those energizers)!

Although I have been to Black Mountain and Montreat a dozen times, I have never attended a Youth Conference. Terry Johnson and Ann Covington were great to give me guidance on my role. This year was a different experience since we had one youth to attend, we stayed on campus in a dorm and had our meals in the cafeteria. We usually have a group and stay in a house.

My takeaways:

Black Mountain and Montreat hold special memories for many of us.
The air is thinner and you feel intensely aware of God's presence.
Today's youth are inspiring.
Claire Ellington is special—but you already knew that.

Below is the information on our keynote and preacher for the week.

Casey Wait – Keynote Leader

Casey is a pastor, artist, and storyteller serving at John Calvin Presbyterian Church in Annandale, VA. A lover of the arts, Casey brings these gifts to her leadership at the church. When not at home or church, you can find her in her art studio.

CeCe Armstrong – Preacher

Pastor CeCe serves the church on every level and most recently was elected Co-Moderator of the 226th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She says often, "I love you and there's nothing you can do about that."





How excited we are to talk about our church member, Susan Thomison and Habitat for Humanity. Susan is the Program Specialist for our local Habitat for Humanity, and her involvement with the organization has spanned for a few decades as a volunteer and advisor for the first High School chapter of Habitat for Humanity in the Bowling Green/Warren County area. During her tenure as an educator, Susan stated that she has witnessed the link of homeownership and educational success: children living in substandard housing having to conquer negative emotional and environmental stressors before learning could begin. She believes that the basic need of affordable housing must be met to provide our children with a positive learning experience, self-reliance, and future success.

Habitat for Humanity is a nondenominational Christian housing organization which provides assistance to local families with affordable housing opportunities. Habitat gives our church and other churches the opportunity to get involved and provides us with the means to build community and fellowship within the church, while offering the opportunity to display God's love in action. What happens when church members and friends come together to volunteer? It builds strength and unity within the congregation as we work towards the common goal of helping others. Also, it builds a sense of fulfillment and purpose.

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." – 1 Peter 4:10



NEW CHURCH RANGE



We are incredibly grateful for the generous monetary donation from our Angel, Mary Melton Lucas. The purchase of the range was made possible through memorial gift money from her daughter, Ann Lucas Marshall. We are thankful for the contribution and look forward to sharing the positive outcomes it will bring to our church family. Her generosity is a testament of how committed she was to our church and her faith.

The financial support was instrumental in helping us purchase the new range which was essential in helping us revitalize our church kitchen. This purchase was invaluable and created a more beautiful and functional space for cooking. This new range will be put to good use and make a significant difference in the function of our kitchen.

Once the installation of the stove is complete, we hope each of you will stop by the kitchen to admire our brand new commercial range. We are excited to know that we have more cooking power and unlimited options to cook more in less time. One member is so excited about our new range that she has offered cooking lessons for our Youth Group. How about that? Our blessings continue to pour down upon us!

This long-term investment can serve our church for many years by reducing the need for frequent repairs. It can also enhance the overall functionality of the kitchen, making it a more of an inviting space for volunteers and members to server others.



JAZZ WEST

Traveler's Cellar Winery & The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green's Peggy and Larry Pack Concert Series Present Sunset Jazz featuring Jazz West, Saturday, August 9, 2025 from 6-9 p.m.; Food trucks will be available from 6-9 p.m. This event will take place at the Traveler's Cellar Winery at 3220 Fuqua Rd, Rockfield, KY 42274-9307. It is a family friendly event and comes with FREE ADMISSION!



Jazz West the concept: A quartet of musicians who have a deep connection to Western Kentucky, to each other and to jazz. Now in their fourth year together, they join in another exhilarating performance known as Sunset Jazz! Sharing like values in taste, appreciation, and preservation for jazz music is core to this collective. But there's more – they each have a side that guides them in a different direction. The set list: "Everyone pick something you would like to be featured on and just some tunes you want to play." The suggestions and ideas roll in and includes everything from Blues to Bop, Latin to Funk, and Standards to Pop. You may hear a favorite song done alla jazz, bringing a fresh new sound to timeless music or just be treated to a tasty jazz chestnut.

This year's presentation promises to be extra special. One year ago, looking to incorporate jazz into their venue's music offering, TCW contacted Wayne Pope to engage a jazz group. "Have I got a group for you!" offered Pope. After another year of playing throughout Western Kentucky the group is hotter than ever and ready for jazz fans to gather at Traveler's Cellar Winery. The setting is idyllic. The spirit is welcoming. Jazz, sunset, beautiful Kentucky countryside, food, friends, and great wine! Thanks, TCW for hosting Jazz West in our 4th annual Sunset Jazz.

THE PLAYERS

Jim Long (tenor sax) is a practicing internal medicine and hospice/palliative care specialist who has had a lifelong side gig playing all types of music. Jim has been the woodwind specialist (including harmonica) with the classic rock/soul/blues group The Cruisers in Paducah for over thirty years and with the Paducah Jazz Patrol big band for over 10 years. He played in the award-winning Murray State Jazz ensemble and combo and in various jazz and jazz fusion groups. As an active community member, Jim serves as Board Chairman for the Paducah Symphony Orchestra.



Ryan Jones (piano) is a pianist, session musician, and pedagogue from Muhlenberg County, Kentucky. In 2018, Jones moved to Cincinnati as a master's degree candidate at the world renowned University of Cincinnati - College Conservatory of Music. Noted for his ability to play a wide variety of musical styles with ease, Ryan quickly became a mainstay in the professional music scene. Ryan and his wife live in Clarksville, Tennessee, where he is a studio musician and mainstay pianist at Austin Peay State University. Jones is happily married to his wife, Kristen, who teaches kindergarten.



Wayne Pope (bass, vocals) taught voice and opera at WKU for 25 years before retiring in 2024. He's as comfortable with a symphony orchestra as he is a big band, jazz combo, or country band where he cut his teeth. He has often joined the Mineral Area Kicks Band in concerts such as From Bach to Basie, A Singin' Affair!, and with Grammy nominated composer/arranger Kris Berg in a concert of Modern Jazz. Wayne also serves as the Director of Music at The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky. He makes his home in BG with his wife, Beth.



Dean Hughes (drums) is a regular with the long running Todd Hill Orchestra and trio. He knows no limit when it comes to genre, having crossed over into every idiom of popular music from every decade of this and last century. It is well known that if you have Dean Hughes on drums, your problems are over, and the fun has just started. Dean is the Chief Technology Officer at Kentucky DataSeam Initiative, Inc.



Beth Pope (special guest vocalist) teaches voice at Western Kentucky University. Many of her students are currently engaged in professional theatres, touring companies, cruise lines, and theme parks throughout the United States. She has performed throughout the US and abroad in multiple concert and recital appearances with groups such as the Bowling Green Choral Society, Orchestra Kentucky, Nashville Opera, Leadville Music Festival, and the New Orleans Mastersingers.



Caitlin Miles (special guest vocalist) is at home on the operatic, musical theatre, pop, jazz, and concert stages. She brings out the heart of every piece she performs. With music degrees from WKU (BA, Voice) and Belmont University (MM, Voice Performance) she has been featured with various Kentucky and Nashville theatre companies as well as the Nashville Opera. A mother of two, (Leighton 4, Lucia 2) Caitlin keeps busy as the Communications Manager for DaVita, freelance singing, and the Orchestra Kentucky Chorale. She, husband Luke, and the kiddos make their home in Brentwood, TN.

THE SPOTLIGHT



Jesus said, “The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest” (Luke 10:2 New King James Version).

We are thankful and proud that the Lord has sent us DR. WILLIAM ‘BUD’ SCHLINKER, who is our SPOTLIGHT of the month. Bud was born in Hart County, Kentucky and has been a member of The Presbyterian Church for 49 years-What a BLESSING! Bud received his BS and MA from Western Kentucky University and Doctorate from Vanderbilt University. His professional career spanned 47 years in the Bowling Green Independent School District, the Warren County Public Schools, and Western Kentucky University. Bud enjoys reading, oil painting, and flower gardening.

You will often see Bud picking up trash around the church or cleaning out the flower garden in the early morning hours. Even on days of extreme heat, he remains loyal and committed to doing his part at the church. On the fourth Tuesday in each month, he volunteers with the Churches United In Christ Help Ministry (CUICHM). Bud has a strong dedication in helping others and demonstrates resilience and adaptability when working with others, and it shines through in his spirit of service. There is no doubt that his role and contribution are vital to our church and make an impact on those around him. His hard work, unwavering commitment, and dedication are very inspiring to us all.

Bud’s passion for serving the church and the community is unique and truly commendable. He is one of many of our devoted members who deserve to be in the SPOTLIGHT. Thank you, Bud, for the devotion and hard work that you put forward. These selfless acts are not going unnoticed, and we greatly appreciate you.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1
McClaine Hudson
Ella May

August 4
Denise Carter
King Spencer
Matthew Spencer

August 5
Tucker Carmichael
Dan Stelling

August 6
Claire Boggess

August 10
Charlie Reber
Betsy Tyrie

August 14
Susan Begley

August 15
Charlotte Crocker
Ashley Long
Kevin Reber

August 16
Nan Moore

August 17
Annette Ballard

August 19
Laura Phillips
Dick Roberts

August 20
Andee Rudloff

August 22
Madeline Davenport
Brad Howard

August 23
Ann Covington
Deborah Raymer

August 24
Will Bowen
Matthew Crocker

August 26
Erin Elliott

August 27
Nathan Love

August 28
Ronna Love

August 29
J. B. Hines

August 30
Wayne Hendrix
Kathy Higgins

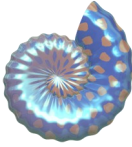
August 31
Judy Clark



AUGUST CALENDAR

*Please check our 60-Second email and bulletin announcements regularly.
Sometimes scheduled events may change. Take care and stay safe!*

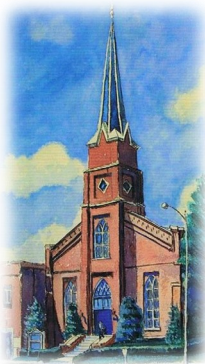
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