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Stewarding the Mysteries of Grace: Introducing Lilly Hunter

"Think of us this way, as servants of Christ and stewards of God's mysteries." 1 Cor. 4.1

Fall leaves and pledge cards, oh my! Any long-standing church member is well aware that November is traditionally our time for stewardship and the dedication of our pledges. It is easy to just shrug off this act as just one more church custom and think, "nothing to see here; let's move on." But stewardship goes far beyond making your financial pledge. It is an opportunity to gaze deeply into the mystery of God and life! God created us in God's image to enjoy, behold, and care for life, life in all its dimensions: work and play, worship and prayer, exploration and learning, friendships and families, community and communion. Stewardship (and our pledges) is a practical, concrete way to say, "All life is gift! I want to give back."

Sure, our finances can be reduced to a line-item budget and a finance report. But the reduction hides the reality: We are stewarding God's mysteries of grace. If you look closely at a finance report you will see the manifold reality of grace! Grace as help to the homeless, grace as learning, grace as belonging and fellowship, grace as worship, grace as new hope, a fresh start, and the deep, deep love of God in Christ. And maybe most of all: grace as the people we share life with!

So let me introduce you to someone your generous financial gifts have made possible: our new Director of Student Ministries Lilly Hunter! Lilly joins our staff on November 16, when we will introduce her to the congregation in worship. After over a year working to draft, craft, pray, and plan for this position which will share the "mysteries of grace" with our students, the Youth Council met Lilly and were soon excited to offer her the position.

Lilly has been serving as a full-time student minister since 2020. As she puts it, "I could not be more enamored with seeing teenagers and young adults come to know and love Jesus Christ." She is excited to become part of our community here at the Presbyterian Church along with her family (which includes husband, Colton, foster son Jay, age 18, Cora, age 2 1/2, and Willow, age 8 months). Colton works as the general manager of Simplot Grower Solutions in Woodburn, and when the two of them are not working they also farm row crops and raise cattle (their "farming hobby" as Lilly puts it). Lilly also enjoys pottery, reading, and riding a Harley Sportster.

Lilly is definitely a people person! As a student minister she has a heart for disciplining students. As she describes it, her days spent with students "are simply the launching point for engaging their lives. Discipleship means to walk with, and that means walking with them through family crisis, sickness, sports, school events, and much more. [I look forward to meeting them] where they are and allow Christ to create inroads for the Gospel through genuine relationships." Don't look for Lilly to be doing this ministry all by herself. She believes in the ministry of the whole church using their God-given gifts. She envisions students learning and growing alongside others: "Beyond teaching [students] in a way that engages both their head and their heart, the greatest way that they become followers of Jesus is through relationships with older, wiser believers. I look forward to facilitating discipleship relationships and working to create an intergenerational investment in teens and young adults so that they are able to follow others as they follow Jesus."

Indeed, each student, each follower of Christ here at the Presbyterian Church is one of God's beloved mysteries worthy of our stewardship, that is, worthy of our love, enjoyment, and care. Join me in welcoming Lilly Hunter to our church and join me in being stewards of God's amazing grace.

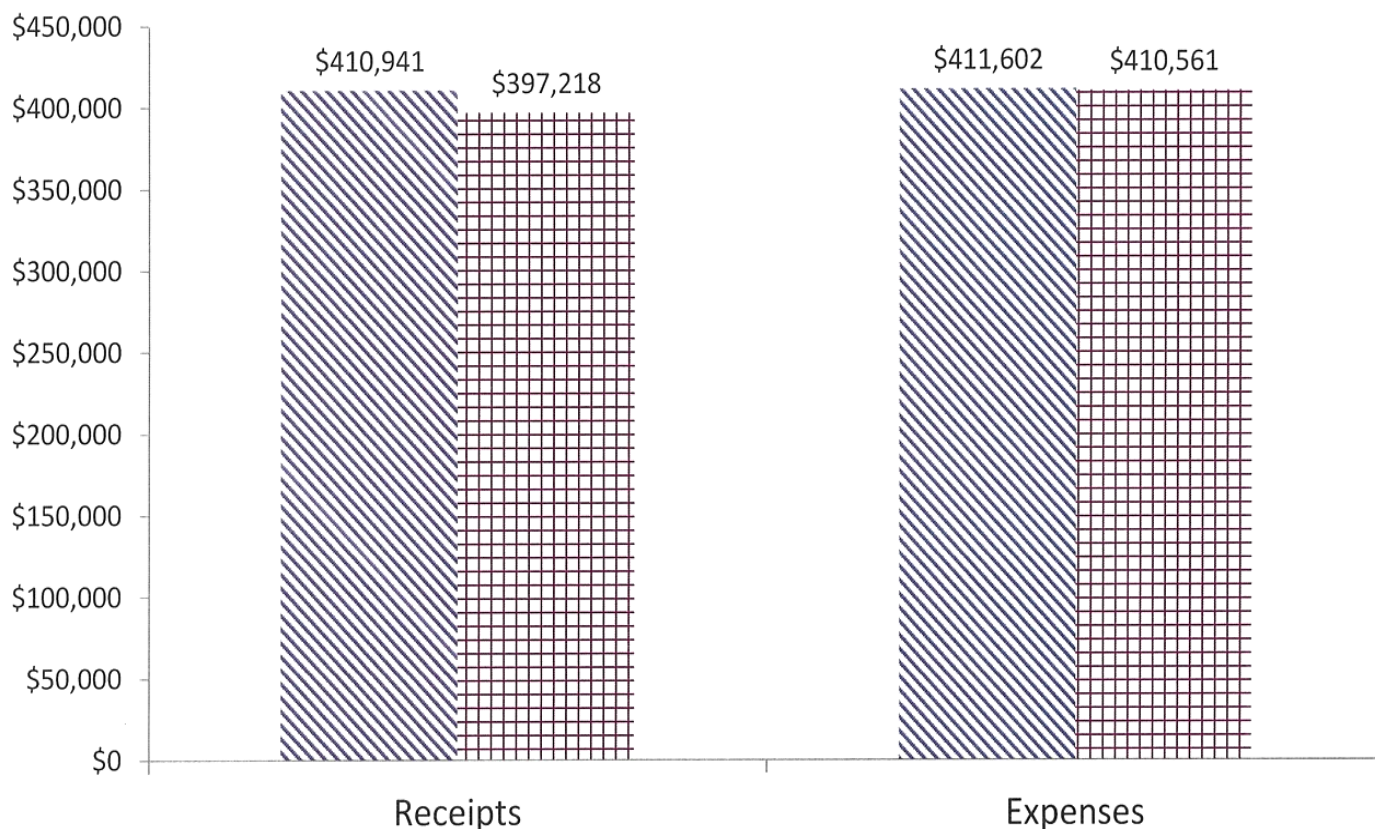
Pastor Kyle

*Front cover photo description: Lilly Hunter with husband, Colton and foster son Jay, and daughters, Cora and Willow

Financial Summary

SEPTEMBER 2025

▨ Budget
▩ Actual



FINANCE

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2026-Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028- Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

CRAFTING



CRAFTING Is crafting your thing? We are going to start having a craft gathering one night a month in the fellowship hall. We would like to meet on Friday nights at 6:30 p.m. The first one will be on November 14. Just bring what you want to work on. Whether you like to knit, sew, paint, diamond art, etc. Please come and join us. If you have any questions, please call Terry in the church office at 270-843-4707.

IMPORTANT NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DEADLINE INFORMATION One of our primary goals is to deliver church news to our members in a timely manner. To ensure that our 60-Second Email and newsletter reach our members on time, we must meet our monthly deadline in submitting our articles to the office staff. This is a gentle reminder that if you have a submission for the 60-Second Email and newsletter, please have your 60-Second submission in by Wednesday and newsletter submission in by the 15th of the month. If you send us images, they should be high resolution and relevant to the content. We reserve the right to correct and edit the text for clarity, quality, higher performance, and visibility. We would also like to remind you that the newsletter will be uploaded on our church website every month.

THE SPOTLIGHT



This month's spotlight is on Dr. Wayne and Sharon Hendrix. Each year in November the Presbyterian Church steps out in a venture of hospitality as we welcome guests to the church at David's Room in the Inn. This ministry to people experiencing homelessness goes beyond providing a safety shelter and a warm bed. At the core of this ministry is welcoming people, affirming their dignity, and demonstrating our shared life in Jesus Christ. I can't think of better exemplars of this ministry than Wayne and Sharon Hendrix. Wayne, a retired physician, and Sharon, a retired teaching nurse, bring their lifetime of practical compassion to their roles as volunteers. They have shared meals and conversations with our guests; Sharon believes their lives in health care prepared them to be good cooks because of their attention to detail. Besides volunteering as an innkeeper, Sharon, a new deacon on our deacon board as well, took a step of faith last year

when she volunteered to be one of our church van drivers who goes to pick up the guests as the beginning of the night.

Wayne and Sharon have also been right in the middle of our shared Thanksgiving meal. Like many others, since their family is at a distance, that have loved sharing their Thanksgiving meal with their extended family, the church! For the last several years 10-20 people will gather for a mid-day meal of turkey and all the fixings. After the meal, enough food is prepared that this Thanksgiving meal is shared later in the day with our guests at David's Room in the Inn. Hospitality all around! If you would like to join them this year, see the details on our Thanksgiving meal on page 5, and sign up!

OUR NEWEST ART EXHIBIT

ART EXHIBIT The Sunny 16 photography exhibit on display in the fellowship hall will hang until December 4th. The exhibit showcases the skill of capturing light by photographers from South Central Kentucky.





DAVID'S ROOM IN THE INN begins for us on November 20! DRITI is gearing up now for another winter season. This overnight shelter assistance for our local homeless population is a community-wide effort. We will host each Thursday night through the winter. Signup sheets for volunteers are ready at the chapel landing. Helpers will be needed for meals, setup and cleanup, inn-keeping, dinner hosting, etc. Check it out the next time you visit church. You may sign up for only one, or for more than one Thursday in a slot. Everything helps!

THANKSGIVING DINNER

JOIN US FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER Is your family at a long distance? Are you looking for others to share Thanksgiving dinner with? Then join your Presbyterian Church family at noon on Thanksgiving day, November 27. Wayne and Sharon Hendrix will host our dinner in the fellowship hall. Turkey, dressing, mash potatoes, and gravy will be provided. We just ask you to bring a side dish (corn, green beans, salad, etc.) or a dessert to share with others (and if you can bring enough to share with our guests for David's Room in the Inn, that would be wonderful as it has been our practice to share the food from our Thanksgiving meal for the dinner that night!). **Look for the sign-up sheet next to the DRITI sign-up sheets** on the landing next to the chapel and sign up soon!



GENERAL CHURCH HOUSEKEEPING RULES

General housekeeping rules for our church helps us maintain a respectful and clean environment for worship and community activities. Here are some common guidelines to help keep our church clean:

- If you get something out, please put it back up.
- If you bring food for a function, we ask you to put your name, or the person or group's name that will be receiving or picking up the dish.
- Before you place anything in the refrigerator, be mindful on whether or not the item can be utilized for another event.
- If you wish to donate items for the church or church pantry, please make sure you place it in the pantry area or in the bins under the stairs.
- If you find an item on the church property, please place the item in the Lost and Found bin under the stairs
- If you leave an item in the office, please leave a note with your name and the person/group's name in which you are leaving it for.

TIME CHANGE Winter is slowly creeping upon us and the days are becoming shorter. This is a sign that Daylight savings is coming to an end. Let us all try to remember to set our clocks back one hour on Saturday night, Nov. 1. Daylight savings time officially ends, Sunday morning (2:00 a.m.), November 2.





Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following members and friends of this church who have recently lost loved ones:

*To the family and friends of Jenna Begley
To the family and friends of Barbara English
To the family and friends of David English*

MEMORIAL CONCERT

MEMORIAL CONCERT for Charles Allan will be November 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Charles was the youngest son of Michael and Ruth Brown. The concert is a joyful celebration with Nathaniel Brown on the organ; Wayne and Beth Pope singing; Sylvia Kersenbaum playing the piano; and Dr. and Mrs. Herman and Deanna Catlett playing a piece Ruth wrote dedicated to Charles. Closing the program will be spirituals by Wayne and Ernie Small.



ONLINE PLEDGE

ONLINE PLEDGE OPTION November is indeed our annual pledge month. You will have received a pledge card in the mail, but if you would like we do have an online option. To make your pledge, just go ahead and use your phone camera to scan the QR code which will give you an option to go to the online pledge form! Have any questions? Just call Terry or Kyle at the office.



THE CHURCH OFFICE

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be CLOSED on Thursday and Friday, November 27 and 28. The staff will be celebrating the Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

November 1
Sharon Hendrix
Curtiss Long
November 4
Trudy Burkeen

November 5
William Rabold, Jr.
November 6
Hayward Beliles
Stuart Kernohan
November 9
Kimberly Watkins
November 10
Brad Thomison
November 12
Lloyd Ferguson
Ron Shrewsbury
November 13
Julie Wedge
November 21
Michael Cobb
November 22
Cindy Tanner

November 23
Sandy Franklin
Rob Hale
November 24
Paul Clark
November 25
Jean Harris
Charles Reid
November 26
Norma Johnson
David Stites
November 29
Lila Maslowski
Stella Maslowski
November 30
David Yusk



NOVEMBER CALENDAR

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

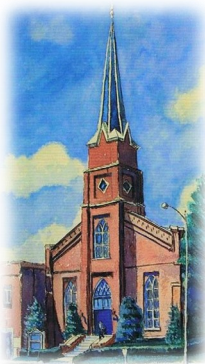
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2 8:30am Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:15am Children's Music 9:45 am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 11:45 Topper Ministry Luncheon 12:00am Eating Out Small. Group 5:00pm Youth Group	3 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 1:00pm Personnel Meeting 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	4 9:30am Inspirational Meditation 11:00am Special Care	5 7:00am Breakfast Group 9:30 Crisis and New Creation Class 5:00pm Chancel Choir	6 7:00pm Neighborhood Group	7 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	8 2:00 pm Sunny 16 Camera Club- Free Veteran's Day Portrait
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welcoming all.*

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November 15 is the deadline for the December 2025
newsletter. Please send your information to the
church office at info@bgpres.org

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