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...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross. Hebrews 12:1-2

There is always so much to look forward to as spring arrives. There is, of course, the celebration of the great festival of Easter, a celebration of the Resurrection life that Jesus shares with his people. All around us, we see signs of new life as trees begin to show the first signs of their rich color and flowers begin to break through the soil. The weather grows warmer each day; the sun seems to shine brighter. And then there are the many events that we look forward to in the life of our church—times of service and fellowship; the anticipation of welcoming a new pastor; Youth Sunday; summer gatherings and picnics. I am so grateful for what God is doing in the midst of the people of The Presbyterian Church.

But, as many of you have already said to me, there is always some bitter with the sweet. Your anticipation of a new pastor also means that I will soon be concluding my ministry with the Presbyterian Church, and LeAnn and I will be soon returning home to Iowa. My last Sunday to lead you all in worship will be May 3, and the days seem short and precious in between. I have tried to share with you how much this time together with you has been a gift to me in my ministry, and Bowling Green and this congregation will always hold a special place in our hearts and lives. There are so many things that we are grateful for: great fellowship around the tables at potluck meals; seasons of learning and devotion during lent and advent; beautiful music and engaging worship each Sunday in the sanctuary; the wonderful opportunity to have fun and learn alongside the most amazing young people that I have met; working alongside an amazing and gifted staff; and serving the community in mission through David's Room at the Inn, Saturday meals, community utility assistance and others. We will never be able to live through an August without thinking about the fun and fellowship at Pig Pickin', or ever be able to take a walk without thinking of the beauty and fascinating history of Bowling Green. Most of all we will miss regularly seeing each of you, though we hope in time to be able to come back and visit. We have deeply been blessed by your warmth, hospitality, stories, and encouragement. LeAnn and I will be praying for you as you begin a new season in the life of your church, but we are confident that God will ever remain steadfast in his love and encouragement of you.

A final hope I have is that my time with you will be an encouragement to always look to Jesus, confident that he is leading you to life. As a young person, when I first heard the story of Jesus' love, I learned that Jesus had offered his life for me (and all!) that I may live a life from my sin and self-centeredness; and that life was discovered as I offered my life to Jesus in return. I don't always have the answers to every question or problem, but I have found that as I follow Jesus God has been faithful, extending blessing after blessing. You are one of those blessings.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

In Christ,

Pastor Kyle

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

The Pastor Nominating Committee Recommends Rev. Patrick Lane As Our Next Pastor

After more than two years of prayer, discernment, and trust in God's timing, the Pastor Nominating Committee is excited to recommend Rev. Patrick Lane as the next pastor of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green.

Rev. Lane has served for the past five years as pastor of Mitchells Presbyterian Church in Virginia. Originally from Greenville, Mississippi, he comes from a strong Presbyterian heritage and was raised in an interfaith family. He holds a degree in Religious Studies from the University of Mississippi and a Master of Divinity from Columbia Theological Seminary. His wife, Brittney, is also a PCUSA pastor, and together they share a deep commitment to ministry and to one another.

Patrick brings thoughtful leadership, theological depth, and pastoral sensitivity. He values historic Presbyterian doctrine, worship, and governance while also understanding the cultural challenges facing the church today. He listens carefully, handles conflict with grace, and leads with calm confidence.

He loves leading worship and teaching Scripture in ways that are engaging, accessible, and meaningful. His sermons are well-researched and relatable, helping connect God's Word to everyday life. He has a passion for Bible study, theological conversation, and creative programming within the church.

Patrick also has a strong heart for mission and community engagement. In his current congregation, he has helped lead ministries feeding the hungry, preparing disaster relief supplies, and building meaningful connections both within and beyond the church walls.

Those who know him describe him as kind, steady, adaptable, and a good problem solver—someone who honors tradition while helping the church move forward.

The PNC unanimously believes that Rev. Patrick Lane is the person God has called to serve as our next pastor. We are grateful for your prayers, patience, and trust throughout this journey and are excited about what God is doing in the life of our church.



HOLY WEEK

Maundy Thursday On April 2 at 5:30 p.m. we will be hosting a traditional Messianic Passover Seder. We will include passover foods, readings from the Messianic Haggadah, and a great time of fellowship for all ages, including children. This meal and service will connect us to the last supper and passover traditions throughout history. Please make plans to join us!

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.



MAUNDY THURSDAY-YOUTH DIRECTOR, LILLY HUNTER



Spring is a time of great change. My favorite part of the spring transition are Daffodils- the early bloomers, ushering in the season of afternoon walks and open windows. Daffodils peek out before any other flower or insect dares to, a beacon of hope among what is often (here in Kentucky especially) a rocky transition that feels like spring, back to winter, and to spring again, often ad nauseum. Transition rarely is relegated to the daffodils in spring. As a body we are in transition in this season. It is a comforting and emboldening thought to know that God is as the daffodils- he goes before us, ushering us in to places and situations that he already foreknows.

In Deuteronomy, the Israelites are on the precipice of the greatest transition of their lives- from desert wanderers to promise land people. Moses reminds them of this in Deuteronomy 31:8 “The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” The Lord will not leave or forsake us in the moves, transitions and changes in our lives, no matter how big or small. He goes before us and we can embrace novelty without fear.

Within our church, our seniors are also facing a huge transition to college and beyond- one that we can all remember experiencing with excitement and trepidation. I imagine them just as the Israelites- standing on the banks of something new, staring into an unknown that promises to be great and terrifying. The Lord has gone before them and with them as well.



Spring also brings Easter. My favorite part of the celebration is the Passover seder. It is the moment all year that I feel most connected to the work of Christ on the cross, where I can truly see his fulfilling work. Passover is a reminder of what God did for his people as they left Egypt and wandered in the wilderness. When they were on the precipice of the Jordan, poised to go into the land in Deuteronomy 31, they were not to forget their past in service of their new future. They honored the past, learned from it, and were rooted in the covenant God had made with them there. The same is true of our seniors, and of our congregation. Being a part of our church is what made our seniors who they are. They are confident in their faith and buttressed by the relationships they have formed here over their childhood and adolescence. We are also to remember- to celebrate where we have been as a congregation, and let the covenant faithfulness of God in our past root us as we embrace without fear our bright and wonderful future.



This year for Maundy Thursday we will celebrate with a traditional Messianic Passover seder. The seder will include a meal, scripture reading, songs, and even games for the children. Passover is a wonderful way to connect with the depth of meaning of the work of Christ on the cross, and to experience a piece of the last supper that Christ shared with his apostles. Please plan to join us on Thursday April 2nd at 5:30pm in the fellowship hall for this. Look forward to being filled- with bread and the Word!

THE OTTERBEIN RECEPTION



THE OTTERBEIN RECEPTION will take place on Sunday, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. at the home of Sandy Franklin. Please come and join us in this heart-felt going-away celebration honoring Pastor Kyle and LeAnn as we thank them for their love, leadership, and the countless ways they've blessed our church family. Please come join us on this special occasion!

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), Mack Overfelt (Alto), Blake Miller Tenor) and Sammy Del Ray (Bass).. 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 in allowed in the choir? Junior high and beyond!

The children have met all year on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45 am. The focus is on singing and playing songs with themes of scripture, faith and worship, while using talents to glorify God. They recently brought praise and joy, singing and playing their ukuleles in our service.

Play an instrument or like to sing but weekly rehearsals are not possible? Perhaps you'd like to participate in seasonal music such as Christmas and Easter. Let Wayne know at 270-991-8761 (cell) or wayne.pope@wku.edu (email).and he'll find a time and way to engage you in music ministry.



THE LANE CELEBRATION will take place on Sunday, May 31 at 12:00 p.m. after worship service in Fellowship Hall. Please come join us for this joyful celebration to warmly welcome our new pastor, Rev. Patrick Lane and his wife, Rev. Brittney Lane, as they begin their ministry with us, and to surround them with love, support, and gratitude as they join our church family. This will be a Bowling Green/Kentucky themed Potluck. We look forward to seeing you!

THE LANE CELEBRATION



APRIL 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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group 5:00pm Chancel Choir	2  5:30pm Christian Celebration of the Passover	3 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	4
5  7:30am Sunrise Service 8-30am-9:45am Breakfast and Fellowship 10:30am Worship	6 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 12:00pm Personnel Meeting 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	7 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Inspirational Meditation	8 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Worship Committee Meeting	9	10 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	11 11:00am Memorial Service- Merylyn Calhoun
12 9:15am Sunday School Gathering 9:15am Children's Music 9:30am Sunday School Begins 9:45 am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 12:00pm Lunch with Leaders 12:00pm After Church Eating Out Group 5:00pm Youth Group	13 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 12:00pm Circle 9 5:30pm Finance Ministry Meeting	14 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Inspirational Meditation 7:00pm Sunny 16 Camera Club 7:00pm Tuesday Evening Circle	15 7:00am Men's Breakfast Group 5:00pm Chancel Choir	16	17 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	18
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