

The Moment

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I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

Philippians 1:3-5

I awake this morning full of gratitude for the wonderful afternoon we spent with all of you at the home of Sandy Franklin. What a delightful time enjoying the beauty all around, the heartwarming conversation, and the great music provided by Ernie’s band! LeAnn and I remarked afterwards that you all need to gather there regularly for a time like that.

The letter to the Philippians has been much in my heart as we approach our closing days with you here in Bowling Green. We are so thankful that God led us here to serve Jesus Christ alongside you. We feel blessed and fortunate to have been received into so many strong relationships. And we are so confident, as Paul says later in this letter, that God will continue his good work among you as you welcome the Lanes into the community later this month. And we join Paul in praying that “your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight” (Philippians 1.9). We have known well your deep capacity to love, and we trust you will continue to share that love with the Lanes, each other, and Bowling Green in the future.

As I think about Patrick and Brittney arriving soon while reflecting on this letter of Paul, I am struck by Paul’s encouragement to “let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:5). Oh, to have the mind of Christ; that is worthy of prayer. I think one way we can begin to have the mind of Jesus Christ was captured so well by Ted Lasso in that marvelous episode where Ted Lass and Rupert Mannion do battle in a game of darts. As Ted prepares to throw the final, and game-winning, dart, he declares his key life lesson, “Be curious.” That seems to me a wonderful way to begin to share the same mind. For how can we think together and share the same mind without being curious to know one another well? In good times and challenging times, being curious is the best first move.



And so I am a little envious of you! For as I have been learning a little about your new pastor (mostly through his website: check it out by scanning the QR code) I have become curious. Here are a few questions I would ask him: “When did you first listen to Lake Street Dive (one of my favorite bands and featured on one of his hats in his hat collection)?” What is the biggest fish you have ever caught? What was your greatest race as a competitive swimmer? What Christian teacher has shaped your way in Christ the most? Why? What has been the biggest lesson being married has taught you? What are you most excited to explore in Bowling Green?

Patrick Lane’s Website



I pray that as a congregation you find great delight as you grow curious about the Lanes, your new emerging opportunities for ministry in Christ, and for the future God has in store for The Presbyterian Church.

As always, may the Lord bless and keep you, and may his face shine upon you.

In Christ,

Pastor Kyle

Cover photo: Here’s a group of curious folk—The winners of Trivia 2026-Peggy Carthrae, Susan Howard, Sandy Franklin, Brad Howard and Clark Carthrae.

A NEW PIECE OF ART IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

A NEW PIECE OF ART WILL GREET VISITORS TO THE OFFICE A special piece of art by Georgeanna Capito will soon hang on a church office wall where it will be seen by everyone who enters the office. The artwork is a mixed media collage of familiar icons and images found in the church sanctuary and windows.



Many years ago, the collage was purchased by Corrie and Arvin Vos at a church youth fund raiser. The images in this one work reflected much of what was dear to Georgeanna, who grew up in the church with her brother and sisters. Likewise, Corrie and Arvin realized the treasure of the images as a reminder of the space where they had worshipped every week for so many years. "It deepened our appreciation for our sanctuary, a 'house of God,'" said Corrie.

The collage hung in the Vos home on 13th Street in Bowling Green and followed them in their move to Grand Rapids, Michigan, when they retired. Recently, the Vos's decided the collage needed to be returned home to be enjoyed by the community. "We thought that this painting needed to be where it could be enjoyed by the people of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green. That it will be hung in a prominent place where it can be admired and discussed is more than we could have imagined."

Kim Ferguson, chair of furnishings and decor, loved the painting when she saw it. Kim, along with Diane Simmons, arranged for the acceptance and display of the artwork. A frame was ordered and a prominent spot for its hanging selected. In addition, Georgiana approved the use of a digital photograph of the work taken by Sheila Reeves for posters and cards.

Georgeanna began drawing as a child with the encouragement of her artistic mother, Teddy Lou Bryant. Later Georgeanna studied at the Harris School of art in Franklin, Tennessee, where she became proficient in pen and ink drawing and painting. She is well known for her drawings of people's homes and pets, although over the years she has produced paintings in various media and of many subjects.

When asked about the collage, she said, "I did it a long time ago." She recalled beginning with some pencil sketches of images, basically doodles, which grew into the finished collage. "I was fascinated by the carved phrase in the communion table, 'In Remembrance of Me.'"

—*Diane Simmons*

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!



A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY



A SMART WAY TO GIVE Did you know there are creative ways to provide financial support to the church that may come at no cost or that may come at no extra cost or that may be advantageous in you yearly taxes?

A Smart Way to Give: Qualified Charitable Distributions Did you know you can support the ministry of our church **directly from your IRA** in a way that may reduce your taxes? If you are **70½ or older**, a **Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)** allows you to give from your IRA **tax free**, while also satisfying your Required Minimum Distribution. Many members

find this to be a simple and meaningful way to give. Your IRA custodian can send the gift directly to the church on your behalf. If you'd like to learn more, we're happy to help point you in the right direction.

Gifting Appreciated Stock within taxable accounts: this allows you to potentially take advantage of the itemized tax deduction as well as removing appreciated assets within your account without paying taxes on the gains.

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-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRIES, LILLY HUNTER



May marks the end of the year for students—a more significant transition than even the actual new year, it is the closing of a chapter and the opening of entirely new possibilities. For college students, the anticipation is palpable. As a college student, I felt lost when I tried to imagine what to do with my life—I knew that my vocation was a part of God's call on my life, and I had no idea how to navigate figuring out what that meant for me. I was a part of a campus ministry that helped me to learn to pray, discern, and walk with God. I can honestly say I would not be here without those four years in a ministry that loved me where I was and hoped in me. I have come to see that WKU students and

staff are still feeling that same lost longing for vocation and purpose. Our church is uniquely positioned to meet this need because, as a church, we have learned to embrace hope and think deeply about our calling as a church through the pastor search process. As a church we have a readiness to embrace a bold, young, hopeful future with open minds and hearts. Right now, our church is facing a dearth of young people and students. We believe that God is calling us to pour the bold, hope filled love of Jesus into the young people in our community and to walk alongside them as they, much as I did, discern their vocational calling. To this end, our church is beginning a journey through The Vinery. The Vinery is a 2 year cohort program where we will begin to imagine what faith and flourishing can look like at the intersection of church and university. Claire Ellington and I spent a week in April, kicking off the process in Dallas, Texas, meeting the other PC (USA) churches from across the country that find themselves in the same place that we are—called to university neighbors and ready for God to do a fresh work. As we begin this journey, we invite the entire congregation to start the hard work of deep listening—listening to students, staff, and alumni God has placed in your life about how they need to be cared for and walked with. We also ask that the congregation commit to long term relationships with students and staff, taking stock of your heart and home and seeing how God may be asking you to welcome our university neighbors into your life. Lastly, we ask that the congregation pray earnestly for this process—that we may see genuine flourishing of life and faith in our church community and beyond.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FAITH, FUN, AND FRIENDSHIP IN CHILDREN'S CHURCH Our children in kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to Children's Church following the pastor's "Time with Young Christians" during the worship service. They gather in a welcoming space on the third floor, prepared just for them, where they begin by sitting together in a circle to share a story from *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. This collection brings scripture to life, helping children see God's love and understand how Jesus is at the center of His plan throughout the entire Bible.



Recently, the children explored a story from Mark 14 in which Jesus is revealed as the Servant King. This lesson sparked conversation about how Jesus showed us to serve others and how it feels to offer help with a loving heart. Together, the children brainstormed qualities God desires in us—such as being loving, patient, kind, respectful, and aware of others. They then enjoyed an interactive activity, drawing "acts of service" from a basket and acting them out while their friends guessed the kind gesture being demonstrated. The time concluded with a discussion about simple, real-life ways they can serve others.

After their lesson, the children have time to enjoy fellowship in the Game Room, where they can play ping pong, foosball, or board games until their parents arrive at the end of the worship service.



—*Mary Evans*



2026 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL Join us for Wild and Wonder VBS on June 7-10! This is a collaborative VBS with the downtown churches, hosted by Christ Episcopal Church, located at 1215 State Street. Children will be invited to delight in God as creator, redeemer, and sustainer of all living things by immersing them in the wonders of the created world. A registration form is now available online for participants. Please scan the QR Code below to sign up your child(ren).

If you are interested in volunteering for VBS, please scan the QR code below to visit the link to sign up, or you can see Lilly Hunter in the church office for more information. Flyers to invite friends and neighbors will be available in the church office.



Kids VBS Registration



← Please scan this QR Code to sign up your child(ren) for the 2026 Vacation Bible School.

VBS Volunteers



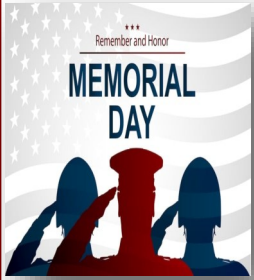
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COMMUNITY EVENTS



SPRING GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial will be taking donations for the upcoming 7th Annual Spring Giveaway at 716 College Street. They will be accepting anything from clothing to household items to toys. The date for the event will be Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m-1:00 p.m. Call or text Lovelyn Williams at 619-368-2103 if you have a donation or questions regarding the event. Thank you for your help in advance.

STAMP OUT HUNGER FOOD DRIVE Every second Saturday in May, letter carriers in more than 10,000 cities and towns across America collect the goodness and compassion of their postal customers, who participate in the NALC Stamp Out Hunger National Food Drive — the largest one-day food drive in the nation. Our church has been invited to participate and receiving donations for our food pantry, from the Postal Service food drive. We need volunteers on May 9, from 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. at the US Post Office on Scottsville Rd. to help sort, and transport donations. Please call Frederica Kernohan 270-981-7904 or the church office, if you have some time to assist.



MEMORIAL DAY dedicated to honoring the men and women who gave their lives while serving in the U.S. military. It's a moment to step back from our routines and recognize that the freedoms we enjoy every day were secured through extraordinary sacrifice. For more than 150 years, Americans have paused on this day to remember those who never came home. As we gather with family, travel, or welcome the start of summer, it's worth taking a moment to feel genuine gratitude for the people whose courage made these simple joys possible.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed on **May 25** in honor of Memorial Day. The staff will be celebrating with their families.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 2
Mark Patton
Sarah Beth Shepherd

May 5
Vera Gramling
Barbara Howell

May 6
Fred Trickey

May 7
David Sears

May 8
Gilbert Calhoun

May 9
Kenneth Crocker
Drew Ellington

May 11
Lynda Johnson

May 14
Steve Moore
Jim Spiceland

May 18
John Kernohan

May 19
Mandane Ennis

May 20
Joseph Byrd
Alicia Carmichael

May 26
Kathleen Gildersleeve
Pamela Napier

May 28
Matthew Byrd
Willie Byrd
LeAnn Otterbein

May 30
Karen Watson



MAY CALENDAR

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

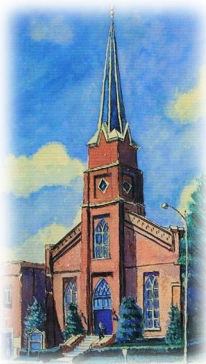
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