

The Moment

AT THE CORNER OF 10TH AND STATE



FAITH, FUN, AND FELLOWSHIP



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

Coming Soon

TO OWN ON DVD & VIDEO



If you look at the image that goes with this article, you may already be able to hear the voice proclaiming “Coming Soon to own on DVD and Video”. If you’re like me, you grew up hearing this sound anytime you hit play on a VHS or DVD. Maybe you heard this alongside your kids each and every time you rented something new from Blockbuster [ahhh, the simpler times]. Anyway, hold that sound and voice in your mind so that you can hear it as I share some of my plans that’ll be Coming Soon to the Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green this fall!

First, will be an eight week study of the New Testament on Wednesday nights at 6pm. You are invited to walk with theologians N.T. Wright and Michael Bird through their book, the “The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God”. We’ll be starting after Pig Pickin’ so keep an eye out for more details!

Second, on August 30, we will have a service composed almost entirely of music for worship. This is the 5th Sunday, and I am prayerfully planning to do some fun worship and liturgical things on future 5th Sundays, so stay tuned for what that may look like! Our final sneak peak of what is coming soon: through the whole month of September I’ll be hosting a members class - it’ll be geared for new members or those curious about joining the church as members to explore the history, theology and understandings of the Presbyterian Church. This will be open to EVERYONE who wants to learn more about, have a refresher, or is just wondering what it means to be a part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

This whole newsletter highlights all that is coming soon for you to be a part of, and I hope that seeing this newsletter filled with all that’s been going on and all that’s coming soon inspires you to try something new and gather in fellowship and growth!

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY

The Presbyterian Church						
Analysis of Revenues & Expenses - Summary						
Fund: GENERAL FUND						
January to July 2026						
Accounts					YTD Actual 2026	Budget Remaining 2026
Revenues						
RECEIPTS						
Pledged Receipts					\$286,441.00	\$183,867.00
NonPledged Receipts					\$102,280.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous Receipts					\$88,991.00	\$107,610.00
Total Revenues					\$477,712.00	\$291,477.00
Expenses						
BUDGETARY EXPENSES					\$344,739.00	\$248,037.00
Net Total					\$132,973.00	\$43,440.00
CURRENT FINANCIAL PICTURE						
We have collected \$477,712 in Revenue thru July. We have spent \$344,739.						
Currently we are showing a positive of \$43,440.00						

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.



The Presbyterian Women's Summer Gathering was held on June 24 at our church, and it was a truly meaningful day filled with faith, music, fellowship, and wonderful food. Jan Albert delivered an inspiring message that encouraged and uplifted everyone present. We were blessed by the musical gifts of Mike

Kanan, who accompanied the gathering with beautiful piano selections.



Reverend Patrick Lane joined us for lunch, adding to the spirit of community and connection. His wife, Reverend Brittney Lane, participated in the dedication of our officers, offering thoughtful words and support during this special moment.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make the day so special—those who planned, prepared, served, and supported the gathering in countless ways.



Your contributions made this event a joyful celebration of faith and fellowship. We look forward to seeing all our members,



friends and guests at our next Summer Gathering in 2027. May God continue to bless you until we meet again.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR-LILLY HUNTER



June and July were camp months in the life of our children and youth! In June we attended Montreat. We are excited to give the congregation a taste of what we learned on Montreat Sunday, August 2nd. I won't spoil too much, but make plans to attend and wonder at the marvel of God's grace as we wander through the Word together that morning!

One of the most exciting things for me about Montreat were the questions that it prompted our students to ask. As we dive into Scripture, we see the imperfect nature of humanity and the vastness of God. It prompts interesting and difficult questions that

shape the way that we live, love, work, and view our neighbors. Montreat not only prompted those questions but gave us a space to start a discussion that will last well into the school year.

In July, 8 students went to kids camp (ages 6-12). We laughed, played card games, worshiped together, and participated in O.M.C (organized mass chaos)-pictured right. This short weekend trip gave us the opportunity to really get to know students and to build a community. According to the Journal of Social and Personal Relationships, it takes 40-60 hours to build a friendship. That is a year of youth group meetings (if every student attends every week) or one incredible camp weekend. That friendship is an imperative to create a community where students can share their struggles, pray for one another, learn new things, and take bold steps of faith outside of their comfort zone. The relationships that we build at both camps allow students to listen to the Spirit and try new and hard things, always knowing that they have a group behind them cheering for them in their successes and comforting them in their failures.



Even after the bandana bracelets fall off, the sun tans fade, or the shaving cream dries, camp memories and lessons stick with students and adults alike. Thank you all for your unwavering support of our summer camp ministry and for your love of students year round!

PIG PICKIN' AND RALLY DAY

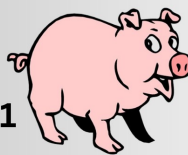


PIG PICKIN AND RALLY DAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

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 Presbyterian Church on this Sunday!

Roy Beard's Pavillion
1061 Garvin Lane
Bowling Green, KY 42101



Come and enjoy the beauty of summer and the joy of gathering with our church family as we come together to glorify God. We're excited to share a weekend filled with fellowship, worship, and good food—and we would love for you to be part of it.

On **Saturday, August 15**, join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as our men fire up the grills and fill the air with the aroma of barbecue. Bring a chair, your favorite drink, and plenty of good vibes as we enjoy time together and prepare our hearts for Sunday.



Then on **Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.**, gather with us for a heartfelt worship service filled with inspiring music and a message that encourages your spirit. Immediately following worship, we'll share a delicious meal featuring barbecue and homemade sides.

We encourage you to bring your children, invite your family and friends, and help make this weekend a warm and welcoming celebration. Your presence will truly add to the joy of our gathering.

Coming Full Circle at Montreat

Reflections on Montreat 2026 from Mary Evans

One of the first worship services our family attended at The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green after we moved here many years ago was a Montreat Sunday, when the youth shared their experiences from the Montreat Youth Conference. Sam and I were so inspired that we knew we wanted our own children to have that same opportunity. Both of our children attended Montreat during high school and returned home with a deeper faith and a stronger desire to serve the Lord. We were grateful for the adults who made that experience possible, and this year it was a joy to give back by serving as chaperones for the wonderful youth from our church who attended Montreat 2026, June 14–19.



This year's conference theme was **Wonder and Wander**. *Wonder* invites us to slow down, pay attention, and notice the many ways God is at work in our lives and in the world around us. *Wander* naturally flows from wonder. As we become more aware of God's presence, we discover that life is bigger, deeper, and more beautiful than we often realize, and we learn to trust that God is already present wherever the journey leads.

Throughout the week, we were encouraged to **be present, be fully engaged, learn from Scripture, laugh, play, have fun, and be ourselves**—and that is exactly what we did.

Each morning began with energetic worship led by Blue on piano, Wade on guitar, and De' on drums, followed by lively energizers from recreation leaders Jeremy and Merritt. Pastor Seth Lovell of Charlottesville, Virginia, delivered the morning keynote, encouraging us to step beyond what is familiar and trust that God is already waiting for us there.

After the keynote, we gathered in small groups to explore the day's Scripture through discussion, creative activities, and games. As the week progressed, friendships grew and conversations deepened. I was continually impressed by the spiritual maturity, thoughtful questions, and faith-filled insights shared by the young people in my group.



After lunch, we enjoyed time to relax, play games, and simply enjoy one another's company before afternoon activities, dinner, and evening worship.

Each evening, Pastor Cedric Portis of St. Louis, Missouri, challenged us with inspiring messages about putting faith into action. He reminded the youth that they do not have to wait until they are adults to make a difference in God's kingdom & Your voice, your faith, your service matters to God, and God can use you right now!

His closing message centered on Micah 6:8: "What does the Lord require of you?" To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." With the words, "I'm walking with God," as our mantra, we concluded the week gathered around beautiful Lake Susan for a moving candlelight worship service.

As I reflected on the week, I couldn't help but think back to that first Montreat Sunday so many years ago. Then, we listened as young people shared how Montreat had changed their lives. This year, I had the privilege of witnessing that transformation firsthand. I watched our youth worship with joy, ask honest questions, encourage one another, and grow in their faith. My prayer is that the seeds planted during this week will continue to grow and that years from now these same young people will inspire another generation to experience the wonder of God's presence and the joy of walking wherever He leads.

Church Treasure Hunt



This month's Church Treasure is a brick—an ordinary object at first glance, yet one carrying extraordinary history. It is one of only three remaining bricks preserved from the former Cook Building, each bearing a plaque that reads:

"Thank you for sharing the vision through your commitment to Christian Education, Cook Building 1867–1989."

The land where our current Fellowship and Educational Building stands was once part of the original holdings of the Presbyterian Church at the corner of 10th and State Street. In 1868, a portion of this land was sold to **William "Fish" Cook** for \$4,000, helping the church settle financial obligations following a congregational schism.

Soon after purchasing the property, Cook constructed an imposing and versatile building that would serve the Bowling Green community for more than a century. Over the years, the Cook Building housed:

- Local law offices
- The town post office (until 1897)
- The Knights of Columbus
- Regional offices of the Kentucky Highway Department in the 1930s

In 1962, the Presbyterian Church purchased the land and the Cook Building back for \$100,000, transforming it into a Sunday School facility that served generations of families. By 1990, the aging structure was demolished to make way for a modern building better suited to the church's growing ministries and community needs.

Today, the three surviving bricks—one of which now rests just outside the church office—are tangible reminders of more than a century of intertwined church and Bowling Green history. They stand as small but meaningful witnesses to faith, community, and the enduring legacy of Christian education.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1
McClaine Hudson

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
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 29
J. B. Hines

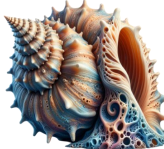
August 30
Wayne Hendrix
Kathy Higgins

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!

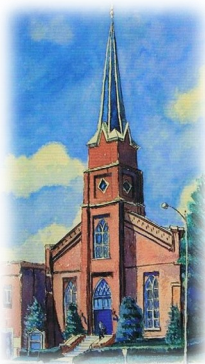
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