

THE MOMENT

AT THE CORNER OF 10TH AND STATE



PIG PICKIN' 2026





Dream

... And Breathe! Can you believe that it's already been over three months of ministry together? There's been lots of joy and smiles (and of course Pig Pickin BBQ); there's been tears and struggles as changes have come our way. It's been a lot, but I am glad that we are doing this journey of life and faith together. In these last three months, a mantra has materialized to focus the current work that is occurring in the day-to-day. Some of you may have heard it, and others may already be tired of me saying it, but as I have dove into the life and ministry of TPC, I find us in the "Evaluate and Dream" phase of this new relationship. This phrase "Evaluate and Dream" is where I see the church for the next few months. Every day I, the office staff, and many of you within the church are reviewing, learning, and **evaluating** the way we do things here at TPC. This means learning the details about contracts, missions, property, education, etc. so that I can know how things in the past have been done. The great gift in all of this, is that as I am brought up to speed on things, we can be in conversation about what did, what does, and what is no longer working for the church's mission and ministry. Which then leads to the **dream**. What could be... What could the fellowship hall look like to host a mission partners community info session? What could a new program be using the tools we have? What updates and improvements can we make to the property and our work in ministry? It's all in the dream phase for now; one day (sooner than later I believe) we can make some dreams a reality for the life of the church. As this phase progresses, it is in the words of Christ that I find continual guidance, and I hope you may find these words as strength and comfort as well. "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And Jesus took the children up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. These two verses found in Matthew, Mark, and Luke may seem odd - but, are there better dreamers than children? Are there better people to ask 'why' than children? And aren't we all children of God and able to dream expansively and ask God why? As we journey as a church family, we look at the work we've done, are doing and the dream of what the church can and should be; and I strive [and invite you as well] to open my heart and mind like a child can, for it is with such openness that we receive the kingdom of God. So look around and evaluate and then dream - Ask God why. Tell God your dreams. And let's do ministry together!

p.s. Have a dream/passion/calling for ministry and mission at TPC? Let's chat about it and perhaps it'll be a seed that grows!

- Pastor Patrick



CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED on September 7 in honor of LABOR DAY. The staff will be celebrating with their families on this holiday. Labor Day became a federal holiday in 1894. It continues to be celebrated with parades, and the day is traditionally considered the end of summer in the United States. This specific holiday is utilized for honoring workers and recognizing their contributions to society.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY

UNBUDGETED BENEVOLENCES PAID IN 2026

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

So far in 2026, our church donated over **\$28,000** beyond what was budgeted for benevolence. Much of this giving was through *Buck in the Basket*. Listed below are those funds we contributed to:

2026 Buck in a Basket

January	Deacons Fund	\$ 101.00
February	Gloves for Love	\$ 495.00
March	PLC Scholarship	\$ 645.00
April	Presbyterian Scholarship	\$ 545.00
May	Montreat Conf. Center	\$ 920.00
June	Food Pantry	\$ 1096.00

Other Needs Met throughout the year:

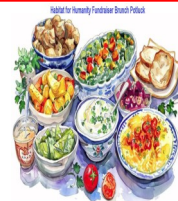
- Kyle Otterbein Love Offering \$ 6,325.00
- Sunday School Offering \$ 145.00
- Food Pantry \$ 2,185.00
- Columbarium Niches \$ 2,250.00
- Tornado Relief \$ 606.00
- Financial Help \$ 5,136.00
- Memorials \$ 4,535.00
- Souper Bowl \$ 1,243.00
to Financial Help
- Montreat Fundraiser \$ 1,810.00

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.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY FUNDRAISER BRUNCH POTLUCK will be Sunday, September 20 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All members and friends are invited to join us. This **fundraiser brunch potluck** is to support its mission of providing affordable housing. This event encourages community participation and aims to raise funds for home repairs and safety improvements for families in need.



SUPPORT FOSTER CARE IN OUR COMMUNITY Bellewood & Brooklawn is working to strengthen connections with local families and community partners in the Bowling Green and surrounding areas. Whether you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster parent, providing respite care, volunteering, attending an information session, or supporting foster families through community initiatives, there is a place to get involved. **Interested in learning more?** Complete the brief interest form, by scanning the QR Code.



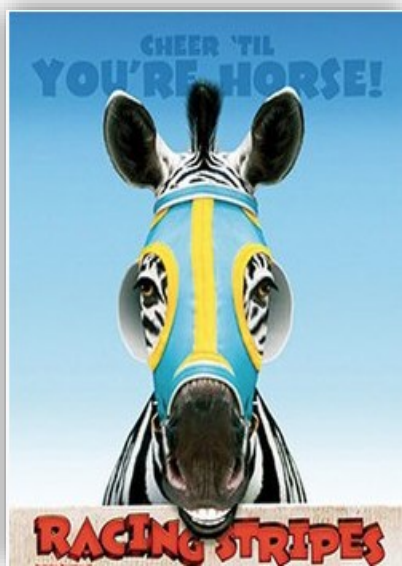
FALL GIVEAWAY

On September 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church will have their **7th Annual Fall Giveaway** at 716 College St. They are currently collecting school supplies, clothing for young men and women, gently used sports equipment and music items. Every donation—large or small—becomes a seed of hope. When we share what we have, we remind our neighbors that they are seen, valued, and supported. This is more than a giveaway; it's an act of love, a reflection of the grace we've received, and a chance to lift one another up. Together, we can make this fall a season of blessing for our community. Please contact Lovelyn at lovelynab@yahoo.com; ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com, text or call 619-368-2103 for drop-off location.

7th Annual Fall Giveaway



COME JOIN US FOR THE QUARTLY MOVIE NIGHTS!



Members and Friends, you are invited to join us for Family Movie Night on Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. to watch the movie, **Racing Stripes**. This movie follows a young zebra, accidentally left behind by a traveling circus during a storm. He is rescued by Kentucky widower and former racehorse trainer Nolan Walsh. Growing up on Walsh's farm beside a professional racetrack, the zebra—now named **Stripes**—becomes convinced he's destined to be a racehorse.

With the encouragement of the farm's quirky barnyard animals and the determination of Nolan's daughter, **Channing**, Stripes begins training for the seemingly impossible: competing against elite thoroughbreds in the prestigious Kentucky Open.

As Stripes faces bullying, self-doubt, and the harsh realities of racing culture, his journey becomes a story of courage, second chances, and believing in who you can become—not just what others expect you to be. Through teamwork, heart, and a little humor, Stripes proves that sometimes the most unlikely contender can leave the biggest mark on the track.



Quarterly Movie Nights
At The Presbyterian Church

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



GREETING TO ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH

WHO WE ARE

You are invited to become a member of our Presbyterian Women organization by becoming a member of one of our circles. These circles are actually groups of women who become friends and a true support system for one another. Most meet once a month to study and discuss various Bible study interests. We are a part of the national organization through the Western Kentucky Presbytery, Synod of Living Waters, and General Assembly.

WHAT WE DO

We empower through our offerings new and existing projects around the world to expand their work in new and creative ways. We support our local church and community through our current involvement with Churches United in Christ Help Ministry (CUICHM) and Room in the Inn, providing support and food for various programs of our church. Three national and international offerings that we support include the Thank Offering that begun in 1888, the Birthday Offering begun in 1922, and the Fellowship of the Least Coin begun in the 1940's. Through these offerings, we help meet the needs of hurting people: the aging, disabled, homeless, refugees, children, youth, and women, through educational, health, peace and justice programs..

Our church has **three circles** that meet on a monthly basis at various times to accommodate the needs of all women. We rejoice that God uses Presbyterian Women to care for other people and build up the family of God close to home and around the world! If you are not currently a member of a circle, please consider visiting one or all of them! They are an inclusive, caring community of women rooted in their faith!

- ◆ *Circle 9* meets at 12:00 noon on the 2nd Monday of each month at members homes. Wanda Rosdeutscher is the moderator. They are studying The Horizons Bible Study.
- ◆ *Tuesday Evening Circle* meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at members homes at 7p.m. They are studying the Book of Romans. Susan Thomison is the moderator.
- ◆ *Wednesday Morning Circle* meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month in The Ladies Parlor at 9:30 a.m. They are studying Horizons Bible Study. Fred Kernohan is the moderator.

If you have any questions about the Presbyterian Women or any of their three circles, please contact Donna Meredith (donnawmeredith53@gmail.com) or at 270.791.9888.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR-LILLY HUNTER

September marks the beginning of many exciting journeys here at The Presbyterian Church. We have launched an ecumenical college ministry called Open Table-a reflection of the idea that although our expressions of worship look different, we all share a place at Christ's table. I am so excited to see where this leads us! Our church has been providentially placed as next door neighbors to a growing, diverse, and spiritually hungry campus community. We have an imperative to prioritize being a good neighbor, just as Jesus taught- seeking justice, caring for those in need, being the hands of a loving God that desires to use us to love the world. This year, we are focusing on meeting students where they are by meeting at DSU.



We are also inviting them into homes, our church building, and our fellowship events. Additionally, we are called to be good neighbors to the faculty, staff, and alumni that make up our community. Please join me in praying for our campus community, and sharing with me your experiences and dreams as we all seek to discover how God is calling us to relate in love to our neighbors. You can be a part of our college student ministry by signing up to bring dinner and meet students on Wednesday nights at DSU! Scan the QR code for dates.



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 2

Doug Humphrey

Kyle Otterbein

Faye Patton

September 4

Miriam Reber

Linda Skaggs

September 7

Lawrence Finley

September 10

Keith Carwell

Patrick Lane

September 12

Erin Ellington

September 14

Steve Moore

September 15

Kyda West

September 16

Bruce Barrick

Jean Carson

September 18

Mary Hills

September 19

Cheryl Gregory

September 21

Jeanne Shearer

September 23

Henry Harper

September 25

Kathryn Bigler

Helen Bueker

Sarah Mayfield

September 26

Rachel Crocker

Charles English, Sr.

September 29

Jane Coverdale

September 30

Barbara Brindle

Cary Beth Bowen

**HAPPY BLESSED
BIRTHDAY**



SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

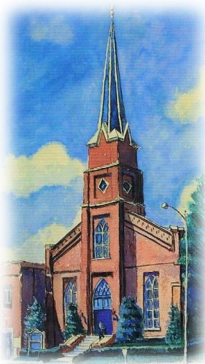
*Please check our 60-Second email and bulletin announcements regularly.
Sometimes scheduled events may change. Take care and stay safe!*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Inspirational Meditation	2 7:00am Breakfast Group 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00 Wed. Evening Bible Study	3 7:00pm Neighborhood Group	4 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	5
6 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 11:45am Coffee Fellowship 12:00pm After Church Eating Out Group 12:00pm New Members Class	7 OFFICE CLOSED 	8 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Inspirational Meditation 7:00pm Sunny 16 Camera Club 7:00pm Tuesday Evening Circle	9 7:00am Breakfast Group 9:30am Wed. Morning Young Mothers and Others Cir. 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:00pm Worship Ministry Meeting	10	11 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	12 10:00am Buddy Walk- Hot Rod Baseball Stadium
13 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:30am Sunday Morn Cir. 9:45 am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 11:45am Coffee Fellowship 12:00pm After Church Eating Out Group 5:00pm Youth Group-Fishing	14 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 12:00pm Circle 9 5:30pm Finance Ministry Meeting 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	15 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Inspirational Meditation- (Cancelled) 6:00pm Session Meeting	16 7:00am Breakfast Group 5:15pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study	17 5:30pm PLC Family Potluck	18 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	19
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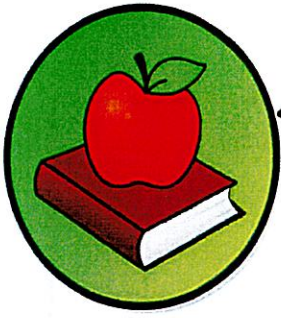
*We share
the vitality of Christ:
loving, serving, and
welcoming all.*

The full-color newsletter is online at www.bgpres.org.
September 15 is the deadline for the October 2026
newsletter. Please send your information to the
church office at info@bgpres.org

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PLC NEWSLETTER

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Holidays & Breaks

Labor Day – Sept. 7th

Fall Break – Oct. 5th-9th

Family Potluck Dinner

Thursday, September 16

From 6:00-7:00 PM

In the Fellowship Hall

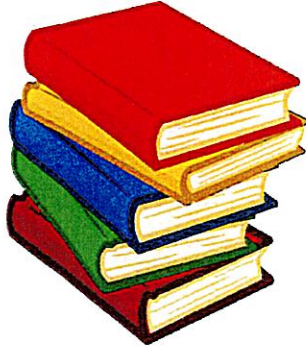
Come and join us as our PLC community comes together for some good food and fellowship! You will see food sign-up sheets outside of your child's classroom as we get closer to the date, as well as RSVP sheets to let us know if your family will be attending. PLC will provide table cloths, plates, cutlery, napkins, and drinks. It is a great time to interact with other families and to get to know each other!

We look forward to seeing you there!

Illness Policies/Procedures "Healthy" Classes

Please help us keep our classes "healthy" and keep your child home if they are showing signs of illness such as fever, diarrhea, or vomiting in the 24 hours before coming to school. If your child becomes ill while at school, they will be isolated from the rest of the children and you will be called to pick them up. Please ensure that we have a current home and/or cell phone number for you or your designated representative.





Special Classroom Resources

This year, both classrooms will be receiving special learning resources every month. The 3's class will have them twice per month and the 4's class will have them once weekly. Ms. Kim's class will receive the "Clifford Big World" and Ms. Katheryn's class will receive the "Let's Find Out". Both of these resources are published by Scholastic. You will see the first of these booklets coming home shortly.

Some things to Remember

- **Shorts must be worn under girls' dresses.**
We spend a lot of time on the floor and it makes it easier for a girl to not have to worry about her dress coming up.
- **Closed heel/toe shoes are best for preschool.**
We do a lot of moving around so sneakers are the best for your child's safety and others as well.
- **Please bring your child a change of clothes.**
Although your child may be potty trained, accidents (spilling water, getting paint on their clothes, etc.) still happen. We do have spare clothing for children to change into, but most children are more comfortable wearing clothes that come from home.



Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at the PLC. If you would like to bring a special treat for your child's birthday, you may do so. Just remember that we have a small class and students do not need a huge snack. We may also have some allergy concerns to consider, so please discuss the options with your child's teacher.



Field Trip to Chaney's Dairy Barn

9191 Nashville Rd, Bowling Green, KY 42101

On Friday, October 30, 2026, all classes are invited to attend a field trip to Chaney's Dairy Barn.

This field trip will be \$8.00 per person and include a farm tour, the playground, and a coupon for a scoop of ice cream. Each child will need a parent or guardian to accompany them. Permission slips will be sent home in the next few weeks. We hope that you all will join us for a fun-filled day.



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Fall Break: October 5-9

**Field Trip to Chaney's Dairy Barn:
October 30 @ 10:00 am**