

THE MOMENT

AT THE CORNER OF 10TH AND STATE



2026 HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BRUNCH POTLUCK





I had a random thought, maybe a small, divinely inspired thought. The thought: “October is really quite a holy month”. This thought rolled through my head, and then rolled back through. Suddenly, it started to simmer and I started to think more and more about it. Now, I’ve come to agree with this thought. Give me a chance to explain [and hopefully you’ll have some thoughts we can talk about together!]

October’s first Sunday is World Communion Sunday. World Communion Sunday (originally called World Wide Communion Sunday) originated in the Presbyterian Church. In 1936, for the first time, the first Sunday in October was celebrated as World Communion Sunday in Presbyterian churches in the United States

and overseas. From the beginning, it was planned so that other denominations could make use of it, and after a few years, the idea spread beyond the Presbyterian Church. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), endorsed World Communion Sunday and helped promote it to churches worldwide. Today, United Methodist, Disciples of Christ, and many other reformed churches join on the 1st Sunday of October to celebrate the unity that is found around Christ’s table throughout the world, no matter where or who. That’s how October begins, with unity around a table - a holy and Christ-like practice, if I do say so myself.

And it’s not just the beginning of the month that has a holy focus; the whole season carries something sacred in it. This is the month when creation itself starts to change—leaves turn colors before they fall, the air finally (maybe) begins to cool, the daylight grows shorter and the sun doesn’t rise quite as high in the sky. The fall season can seem like nothing but decline, a slow journey toward winter. But Scripture doesn’t treat change as the opposite of holiness, or something to be feared. Rather, God works in all seasons, in turning, in the slow give-and-take of things ending so other things can begin. Fall reminds us that transformation itself can be holy, that we don’t have to fear the turning, because we can place our trust and see in the scriptures, that God is present in the season. God is there as creation changes. God is there in the people who stand with us and comfort us in change and through transformation. That to me is part of what makes October holy: not just the sacred days on the calendar, but the sacred shift happening all around us, in all the falling leaves and the clearing of the fields. For all of it leads us into the next day, the next page of the book.

October ends with Halloween, which comes to us from its original wording ‘All Hallows’ Eve’. “All Hallows’ Eve,” falls the night before All Saints’ Day. All Saints Day has been celebrated for centuries, as the Church sets aside November 1 [and oftentimes the first Sunday of November] to remember those faithful men and women who lived and died before us. October 31, then, is the evening of preparation—a time of watchfulness and reflection. While cultural practices around this night have changed over the years, the Christian foundation can remain as Halloween is not something “outside” of our faith but historically tied to it. Even themes associated with Halloween, such as death, darkness, and mystery, have a place in our faith. The gospel proclaims light breaking into darkness, life overcoming death, and hope transforming fears. So perhaps when we see skeletons, tombstones, or spooky imagery in the coming spooky season, we can be reminded of Paul’s words in 1 Corinthians 15: “Death has been swallowed up in victory.” For Christ has triumphed where fear once stood. That’s the random thought that simmered until I landed here: October really is quite a holy month. Now, maybe you do too. Maybe you don’t. But I hope that as we journey forth through the next 31 days, you’ll see God in the trees, in the fields, and even in a kid wearing a costume. Now, throughout the month and beyond, may the LORD bless you and keep you! May the LORD deal kindly and graciously with you! May the LORD bestow His favor upon you and grant you peace! (Numbers 6:24-26, *Birkat Kohanim* = *priestly blessing*)

Pastor Patrick

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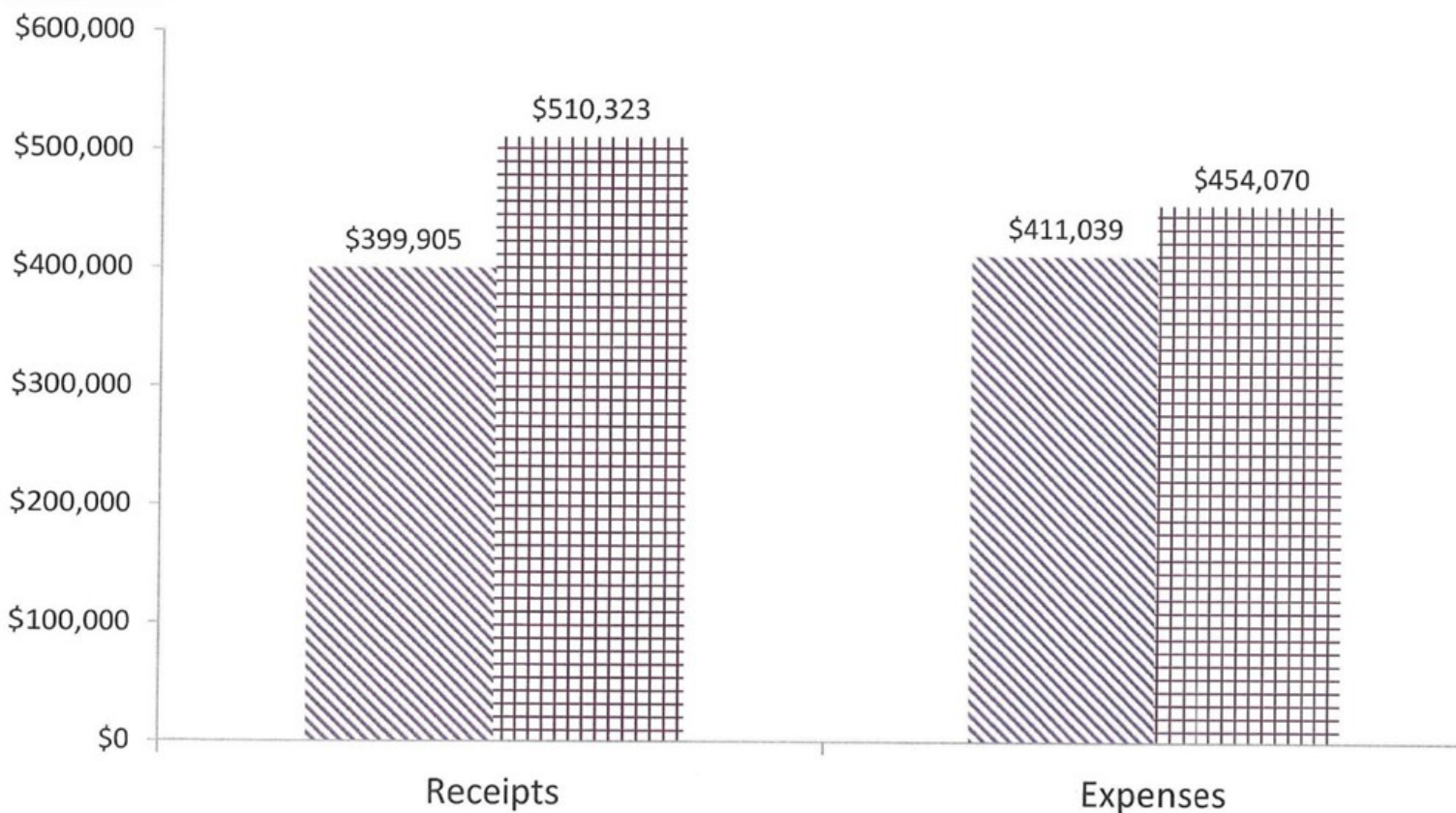
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Financial Summary

AUGUST 2026

▨ Budget

▨ Actual



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OFFICE VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED

Robin will be on vacation from **October 9–19**, and during that time the office staff is seeking **one or more volunteers** to help answer the phone while she is away. We especially need coverage on **Friday, October 9 (9-12:00p.m.)**, **Wednesday, October 14**, and **Monday, October 19 (9-5:00 p.m.)**. If you are willing to help, please call the church office or email Robin at officeasst24@bgpres.org. Your willingness to serve ensures our office continues running smoothly, and we truly appreciate your support.



HALLOWEEN

Trunk or Treat

TRUNK OR TREAT We're excited to announce that the Housing Authority of BG, First Christian Church, The Presbyterian Church, and Christ Episcopal Church will be hosting **Trunk or Treat** on **October 28 at 5:30 p.m.** in the First Christian Church parking lot!

We need all who are able to decorate a trunk! We will also need 5 volunteers to serve pizza and lemonade. Can't make it? Bring a bag of candy to the office for others to give out! We will have games, inflatables, face painting, photo booth, dinner, and more for Housing Authority residents and church members. Contact the church office at 270-843-4707 or Lilly.Hunter@bgpres.org for more information. Scan the QR code to sign up!



COMMUNITY HOEDOWN

Get ready for an evening filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit! Our **Community Hoedown** will take place on **Friday, October 16** in Fellowship Hall, and everyone is invited to join in the fun. This event is Sponsored by **The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green**, and is open to the entire community—whether you're an experienced dancer or stepping onto the dance floor for the very first time.



Expect an evening packed with plenty of energy. We want you to come out and enjoy:

- **Toe tapping live music** that will lift your spirits
- **Line dancing** for all skill levels
- **Good food** shared among friends and neighbors

Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. with line dance lessons at 6:00 p.m. We asking attendees to bring a side dish. We warmly encourage all church members, families, and friends to come out and celebrate an evening of fellowship. Let's gather, dance, and enjoy the gift of community together.

2026 ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOK FOR 2026 Michelle Fluit and Erika Solberg will again be collecting your words and pictures to help us prepare for Christmas. The sign-up sheet is available on the landing outside the chapel. The theme this year is "Until the Dawn." After you sign-up for a verse, you will share a personal message or what this verse means to you in writing and send your submission by October 2 to Erika Solbert at solberg770@gmail.com. For more information, a list of passages to choose from, and guidance on how to write a devotional, see the church website or contact Erika at the above email or at 270-202-5149.

Advent Devotional 2026
The Presbyterian Church of BG

"Until the Dawn"



THANK YOU



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY WORK DAY-Thank you for supporting the mission of affordable housing for all. On Wednesday, August 19, a dozen volunteers from The Presbyterian Church met at a reclaimed house on 11th Avenue. This house has a special relationship with Habitat, as it was a home for a core volunteer who became a homeowner. After the passing of this beautiful friend, the family returned the house to Habitat so it could be placed with another qualified family. Also, **THANK YOU** to the The Presbyterian Church crew that showed up to assist in the final cleaning of the home.



JOIN US FOR SCHEDULED CHURCH POTLUCKS! Please note that several of these gatherings will take place outside of our usual Sunday-morning and afternoon schedule, giving us even more chances to connect, serve, and grow together as a church family.

Every event will be held in our Fellowship Hall, creating a welcoming space where we can share conversation, encouragement, and the joy of being together. As we move forward, we invite you to stay connected—watch the **bulletin and your email** for updates, details, and opportunities to participate. For now, mark your calendars for these upcoming events.



- Friday, October 16—Community Hoedown
- Saturday, November 7—WKU Tailgating & Watch Party
- Sunday, December 13—Casseroles & Cookies
- Sunday, January 10—Salad Extravaganza

FALL FESTIVAL

FALL FESTIVAL AT ROB BYRD'S FARM will take place on Sunday, **November 1**, from 3:30-6:30 p.m. This is a family event, and all church members, family, and friends are welcome. Activities being planned include a hayride, fishing in the pond, volleyball, games, painting pumpkins and gourds, s'mores around a bonfire, and more. We are asking attendees to bring a side dish to eat with hamburgers!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR YOUTH DIRECTOR-LILLY HUNTER



Welcome to October- the season of harvest! For many, the weather change and the leaves falling connotes pumpkin spice, hayrides, elementary school fall festivals, and the beauty of wearing a sweatshirt in the morning and having it tied around your waist by lunch. To the farming community, and to my family, it is all of those things and so much more. October is harvest- the time we eagerly await the results of a year of sweat and worry. October smells like riding a combine through a corn field, like the dew crested field of freshly sown wheat. Just like the liturgical calendar, the fields orient my heart and life around the providence of God in our world and my role within it. It reminds me of what Paul says to the Galatians (Gal. 6:7-10):

⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith."

It is much too late to change how we sowed corn, or the way we cared for it. But October is not too late for us to sow good works that benefit all. Paul reminds the Galatians that the finished work of Christ means that we no longer have a spirit of selfishness, envy, and division that brings about corruption. We are made new- able to bear good fruit that serves our family of faith and the community at large. But what I have learned from the land is also echoed in the writings of Paul- fruit is not automatic. It requires amending the soil- providing the circumstances for the fruit to grow. In what circumstances does our new life in Christ grow? It thrives when we surround ourselves with opportunities to do what is right- in intimate and vulnerable community with our faith family, and by having eyes to see opportunities outside of the family of faith for good works. Our eyes guide our actions, and our mind guides our eyes. We amend the soil by "having the mind of Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5), by knowing Christ in Word, prayer, and deed. Secondly, if we wish to reap at harvest, we must painstakingly uproot the weeds in the field- getting rid of divisiveness, a spirit of fear, anger with one another, and the like. Paul admonished the Galatians for putting disagreements above their shared unity in Christ. God is calling us also, to root out sin in our hearts and anger in our relationships that keep us from the sort of unity that comes together for the good of the family of faith and the community around it. This October is a good one for corn- the conditions were right, and weeds kept at bay so that we reaped a good harvest- bringing joy to families across the commonwealth. May this next year in our church life also be so- let us amend the soil of our hearts, weed the division from our relationships and not tire of doing the good work that God has called us to for over 200 years. I look forward to both putting in the hard labor and joyfully celebrating the harvest together for years to come.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 3

Larry Gildersleeve

October 4

Robin Watkins-Tolbert

October 5

Sam Evans

Tim Evans

Linda Leigh

Catherine Reber

October 7

Samuel Kernohan

October 9

Joseph Survant

October 10

Greg Johnson

October 11

Bev Nuerge

October 12

Michael Ballard

October 14

Diane Simmons

Oriaku Njoku

October 17

Sheila Reeves

October 19

Todd Hudson

October 20

Karen Kreuzer

October 21

Kim Ferguson

October 24

Nancy Hulan

Charlotte Prow

October 26

Emma Ahmed

October 29

Saint Carmichael

Ernie Small

October 30

Emily Davenport

Lisa Rabold



OCTOBER CALENDAR

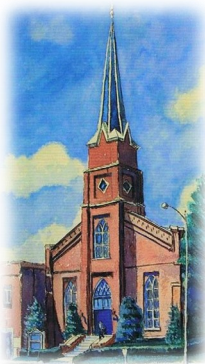
*Please check our 60-Second email and bulletin announcements regularly.
Sometimes scheduled events may change. Take care and stay safe!*

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm Neighborhood Group	2 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	3
4 9:00am Coffee Fellowship 9:15am Sunday School 9:45am Godly Play 10:30am Worship 11:45am Coffee Fellowship Mahjong 12:00pm Eating Out Small Grp 5:00pm-Youth Grp-Game Night	5 9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love 12:00pm Personnel Meeting 6:00pm Deacons Meeting	6 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Inspirational Meditation	7 7:00am Breakfast Group 5:00pm Chancel Choir 6:00pm Wednesday Evening Bible Study	8	9 7:30am Men's Breakfast Group	10
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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



*We share
the vitality of Christ:
loving, serving, and
welcoming all.*

The full-color newsletter is online at www.bgpres.org.
October 15 is the deadline for the November 2026
newsletter. Please send your information to the
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Holidays & Breaks (No School)

Fall Break – Oct. 5-9

Election Day- Nov. 3

Thanksgiving Break-
Nov. 25-27

Pumpkin Parties!

Wednesday, October 28th
Thursday, October 29th



In addition to our regular classroom activities, we will be having 'Pumpkin Parties' on Wednesday, Oct. 28th and Thursday, Oct. 29th. A sign-up sheet will be posted on a board outside of your child's classroom closer to the parties. If you wish to bring something for your child's class to enjoy, please indicate that on the sign-up sheet. You may also bring special candies/gift bags for the class, **BUT NO COSTUMES PLEASE!**



Healthy at School



The weather is beginning to change and that means that some illnesses will start to rise again such as Covid, the Flu, and colds. If your child is sick, please keep them home. Children with runny noses or persistent coughs will be asked to wear masks during the school day unless we receive a note from a doctor stating that the child isn't suffering from something contagious. We are doing everything that we can to keep our students healthy but we can not do it without your help and cooperation.



Tuition Reminder

Tuition for your child is due on the first day of class of each month, August through May. Tuition is \$175 per month for the 4's; \$150 for the M/W 2s and 3s; and \$175 for the T/Th 2s and 3s. Checks, cash, or money orders should be placed in an envelope in your child's folder or in the tuition box. Please make sure that your child's name is written on the envelope and also on the memo line of the check. Also, please note the late fee of \$20 described in the 'Parent Handbook' will be applied after the 10th of the month. If you will be unable to meet this deadline, you must make other arrangements with Ms. Kim prior to the 10th of each month.

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.



Class DOJO

Please make sure that you have accepted the invitation to Class DOJO and that you check it regularly. If you have not received an invitation, please let Ms. Kim or your child's teacher know. This, along with newsletters, will be the primary means of communication between teachers and parents. We will also be uploading pictures of artwork and our bulletin boards so that you are able to see what your child has made or has been working on before it is sent home.



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. The field trip will begin at 10:00 am, but we ask that you arrive no later than 9:45 am. Each child will need a parent or guardian to accompany them. Permission slips will be sent home the week after fall break. We hope that you all will join us for a fun-filled day.



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October 2026

Dates to Remember

No School:

November 3: Election Day
November 25-27:
Thanksgiving Break

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			September 30	1	2	3
			Tuition Due	Tuition Due		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
		*** Fall Break- No School ***				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	M/W Picture Day	T/Th Picture Day				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
			M/W Pumpkin Party	T/Th Pumpkin Party	Chaney's Dairy Barn Fieldtrip @ 10:00	Halloween