

ABYSC

2023-2024

# Center Highlights

Fun Facts:

- During the school year, the ABYSC served 532 of our students individually and EVERY student through at least one group program.
- We provided food assistance to 140 students and 1,276 meals (weekend food bags, emergency food baskets, Thanksgiving/Christmas baskets)!
- We did MULTIPLE pantry restocks throughout the year!
- 54 students participated in Friends of the Children shopping trips
- 114 Pairs of Shoes provided to students!
- 25 students took part in the United Way's newest initiative for youth: Bridge Builders
- 4 Relatives as Parents Sessions hosted
- 36 families served at Thanksgiving
- 69 students served at Christmas
- ABYSC represented in the Inaugural Parade for Governor Beshear
- 5 Advisory Council Meetings held
- 30 students participated in job shadowing experiences
- Blazer student served as a Page in Frankfort for the ABYSC
- Over \$27,000 dollars in donations received! (Clothing, hygiene, food, monetary)
- 1,736 volunteer hours!
- Over 50 training hours completed by ABYSC staff!



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do it without  
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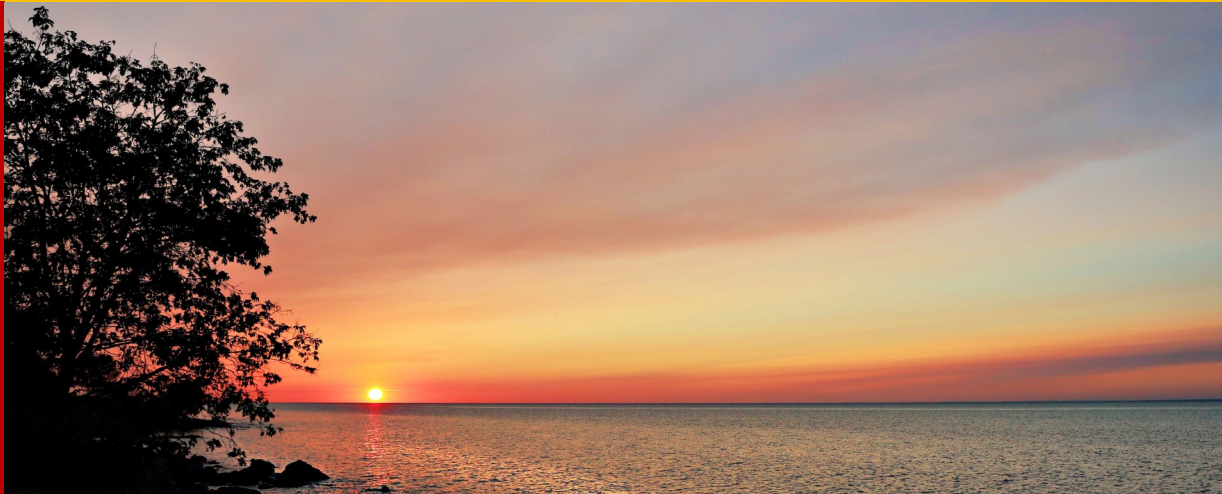
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# HEARTBEATS

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**A Life Lesson on the Way**

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him." (Lamentations 3:22-24)*

I have come to a conclusion that every day is a new opportunity to experience the wonder of life. I have also come to realize that in every day, there is a potential life lesson that can be learned. There are some days when God wows me; while other days it is as if He says to me "Do you remember the first time you experienced this?" Some days are filled with new revelation as to His purpose for my life. Still, other times are punctuated with affirmations of lessons I know to be true because of my experience in life. I imagine you conclude the same.

When one offers themselves to a gracious and loving God, who was delighted when He finished His creation; there is the limitless possibility of finding true purpose in life. As you and I look for ways to grow up in Christ; He offers various options for us to learn more of Himself. It can come in a multitude of possibilities. It can be in a simple sunrise/sunset; a Sunday School class; a meal around the table with friends and/or family; in worship and praise; or, even in a classroom where the ears are opened to a word that He might speak to the soul.

In 2016, I attended The Global Leadership Summit, in El Paso, TX. The setting was a simulcast through Willow Creek Church located near Chicago, Illinois. I joined over 300,000 participants in 590 different locations in the United States;

128 countries and 43 prisons (a most captive audience indeed)! It was an incredible event that was geared toward leaders in the Church and across businesses and major corporations. I went to learn leadership principles that would enable me to be a better leader. God had other plans. There was another work He intended during the hours of sitting, writing, reflecting and planning.

I had gone seeking strategies to better lead His Church. I left realizing there was still much more He desired in leading me deeper in my faith. Such is the life of a disciple. Challenged through His convicting power of the Holy Spirit; comforted in the assurance that even in the midst of my failures, He offers His redeeming grace. "God does not offer do-overs; but He does allow makeovers!" This is how one presenter talked in relation to failure in our lives. His point, as I remember, was simply to say we cannot start over; however, we can have a fresh start. We cannot begin again; however, we can gather ourselves and set out in a new God-inspired direction.

So today, begins a journey down a welcoming path. The dawning of a new day promises me the opportunity to get it right again. The morning sunrise in all its majesty says that the Creator God is still pleased with His creation (you and me) and looks forward to the way He will guide us deeper in our faith. I invite each of us who call First Presbyterian Church, our faith family, to join me in the journey. It will be fun no matter where He leads. As a pilgrim seeking the Way; I join you in a fresh start. Are you in?

*Pastor Bill*





**Schedule:**

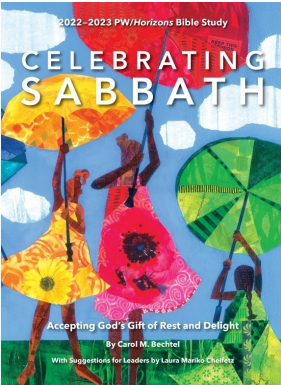
- **Friday, August 9, 5:30–8 p.m. at Bethesda Hall (All Ages)**
- **Saturday, Aug 10, 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Children ages birth–grade 5) at the Norris’ home**
  - **11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (Youth) at the church**
- **Sunday, Aug 11, 10:50 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**Back to School Blessing & VBS Celebration Luncheon**

**Fall 2024, Horizon Bible Study: "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight."**

Place: First Presbyterian Church  
When: First Thursday of the month, September 2024 through May 2025, from 6–7:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$10  
To sign up, please contact Ann Wiseman or Bettie George Frye (606.831.8579)  
In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we’ll consider Sabbath

- as a celebration, not a day of dreary formality
- as God’s intent for all of creation that includes busy women too
- as one day of the week, perhaps a Sunday
- as a time to surrender unhealthy striving and frantic busyness, and instead trust that God will provide
- as a reminder that life is precious and working too much is against God’s plans for our precious lives
- as a day devoted to community and justice and not exclusively to self-care.

Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives.



**Dress A Girl Around the World**

The Sew Blessed ladies are hard at work sewing “Dress a Girl Around the World” dresses. We have 45 completed. We would love to have 60–70 or more by September. You don’t have to be a part of Sew Blessed to participate. See Geri or Nanette with questions.

To learn more about the DAG organization, visit [dressagirlaroundtheworld.com](http://dressagirlaroundtheworld.com).



**Armchair Theologians:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.  
**Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:50 a.m.  
**Men’s Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans  
**Paper Angels:** Thursday, Aug. 1, 1 p.m.  
**Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, Aug. 8, 11:30 a.m.  
**VBS Day 1:** Friday, Aug. 9, 5:30 p.m.  
**VBS Day 2:** Saturday, Aug. 10, 11 a.m.  
**VBS Day 3:** Sunday, VBS/Back to School Blessing, luncheon following morning worship  
**Ministry Teams Meeting:** Monday, Aug. 12, 5:30 p.m.  
**Paper Angels:** Thursday, Aug. 15, 1 p.m.  
**Dames + Dinner:** Thursday, Aug. 15, 5:30 p.m.  
**Sew Blessed:** Monday, Aug. 19, 6 p.m.  
**Finance Ministry Team:** Tuesday, Aug. 20, 5:30 p.m.  
**Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m.  
**Youth Group Meeting:** Sunday, Aug. 25 following morning worship  
**Empty Nesters:** Monday, Aug. 26, 5:30 p.m.  
**Session Meeting:** Tuesday, Aug. 27, 5:30 p.m.



**Kelly Norris**—August 4  
**Trish Hall**—August 4  
**Teresa Cassity**—August 5  
**Ransom Gehringer**—August 20  
**Mark Riggs**—August 21  
**Mitch Hall**—August 21  
**Estelle Wilson**—August 26  
**Ariana McGill**—August 27  
**Ish Stevens**—August 28  
**Stacey Wilson**—August 28  
**Cathy Cooper-Weidner**—August 31



**Operation Christmas Child Box Monthly Drive**

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. The Mission Team is asking for monthly donations to help fill the OCC shoeboxes this year. Due to rising costs, this is an easier way for all to be involved in the giving process. Each month will have different items. Look for the donation bin in the Narthex. Thanks always for your support and generosity. We will gather items through October and begin packing in November. As always, if you wish to fill your own box, we will have plenty for you too! This is our donation item schedule for July–November. If you have any questions, please contact Mission Team Chair, Geri Willis.

- August:** *Coloring books, stickers, playdough, jump ropes, pencil cases*  
**September:** *Wash clothes, combs, brushes, toothbrushes, fun band-aids, nail files*  
**October:** *Small stuffed animals, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinky, balls*  
**November:** *Money for postage. Boxes will be packed this month and delivered November 17.*

**A Note of Gratitude**

Thank you so much for your continual support and cards. I am preparing for a move to Lexington, so I am trying extra hard to save money. The *Chick fila* gift card was a treat that I look forward to all week! Thank you! Above all, thank you for keeping me in your thoughts. It’s so relieving having such amazing support. (Harrison Hall)