

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



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205 YEARS OF SPREADING GOD'S WORD

**JULY 2024 – JUNE 2025
HANDBOOK**

STAFF

Minister: *Rev. William Pollack*
Choirmaster/Organist: *Max Jackson*
Administrative Assistant: *Nanette Pollack*
Facilities Manager: *Glen Thomas*
Nursery Attendant: *Kara Adkins*

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Mitch Hall*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2025	2026	2027
<i>Kelly Hanni</i>	<i>Mitch Hall*</i>	<i>Jimmy Hall</i>
<i>Kim Whitman</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook</i>	<i>Lee McCloud *</i>
<i>Geri Willis</i>	<i>Ryan Whitman*</i>	<i>J.T. Norris *</i>
	*2nd term of service	

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Kim Whitman</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Geri Willis</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Janet Holbrook</i>
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A NOTE FROM PASTOR BILL

Greetings to you in the name of Jesus!

It is with great joy and appreciation that I offer words of thanksgiving for all that you hold in your hands. To say that we have a lot going on here at First Presbyterian Church, Ashland, Kentucky is a major understatement. We consider it a great opportunity to be involved with every ministry/mission that is presented in this booklet. A special word of thanks to those who have provided information, the compilation of this booklet along with the printing of this for your consideration. And of course, to you for taking time to read through all we represent here at FPC.

Please take time to consider where you can join in our ministry efforts. It would be exciting to have 100% involvement! We do not expect you to be able to do everything; just find a place where you can serve. Together we can continue to promote the work and mission of God's Kingdom here on earth. Together we can join our gifts and graces and build up the Body of Christ, the Church. Together, we can let the people of our tri-state area why we are still the "heart of Ashland."

Please prayerfully consider where you feel enabled to participate. If you have any questions and/or need further information concerning the contents of this booklet, you may contact us at your convenience.

I am blessed to be the pastor here at FPC. I am always encouraged by all that is happening within our congregation. With God's help, you are the main reason we can accomplish greater things for the Lord. Let's make this coming year the best year ever here at FPC. To God be the glory!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill

STAY IN THE KNOW

Sign up or sign in to stay in touch. Because you are important to us, we want to keep our church family updated on what's happening at FPC. See the back section for a calendar of special events for July 2024 to June 2025.

We offer the following:

HEARTBEATS: FPC monthly newsletter. To submit information to the newsletter, please contact the church office by the 25th of each month.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS via your email: If you would like to receive the weekly announcements via email, please contact the church office.

TEXTS: Sign up to receive church wide text messages by going to fpcaky.org, then click **media** tab, click **text** link. The church office will send prayer requests and reminders via text messaging.

APP: Universal Church Directory. If you would like to download the church directory on your phone, contact the office and we will send you a code.

FACEBOOK: Contact Kelly Norris regarding the church Facebook page.

In addition to our regular tithing, **ON-LINE GIVING** is available: visit the church website: fpcaky.org and click on online giving or text "FPCAKEY" to 73256 to give by using your mobile device.

FPC IN 2024–2025

Shepherd Station:

This is the bulletin board area left of entry in the Narthex, on the main floor of the church. This area contains your family mailbox, the donation bins for year-long collections, and the in-reach opportunities.

FPC Family Mailbox:

Our Shepherd Program provides each FPC family with a mail slot. Please check it weekly!

*All folks are invited to share their gifts of
time, talent & tithes:*

Say Yes . . . Join a Team!!

Join one of our **FPC Ministry Teams**. We have meetings, as needed, the second Monday of each month 5:30–6:30 p.m. in the Bethesda Hall. The following teams could use your help:

Christian Education - Lee McCloud, captain

Congregational Life - Cathy Wilson, captain

Membership - Kim Whitman, captain

Mission - Geri Willis, captain

Worship & Audio/Visual - Ryan Whitman, captain

*These are the in-reach and out-reach
opportunities available:*

IN–REACH: Ministering within our Congregation

► **Children’s Ministry:** We are blessed with an active group of wonderful children, ages birth–grade 6. On Sunday mornings, children can acolyte and participate in Children’s Church. We also have monthly and family fellowship. Contact Lee McCloud.

▶ **Youth Ministry:** We meet every two weeks on Sundays after worship for faith, fellowship and fun! This is for youth in grades 7–12. Contact Lee McCloud.

▶ **Shepherd Groups:** The congregation is divided up among volunteers who wish to have a small group they would like to encourage and tend. Each FPC member/friend is assigned a Shepherd. Their shepherd will correspond with their flock monthly via conversation, text, email, phone call or cards. Contact Kay Ferguson.

▶ **Paper Angels:** This group meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 1 p.m., on the second floor. The group prays and sends a paper hug to our congregation members and friends for celebration or need. Contact Jane Justice.

▶ **Prayer Shawls:** A prayer shawl for those with an illness or need. Crocheters and knitters needed! An All-church blessing from Pastor Bill is available if requested. Contact Kelly Hanni.

▶ **Our Cancer Patients and Caregivers support program** offers caregivers prayer and gift cards for gas or food. Cancer patients are covered in prayers and receive a Prayer Shawl, neck pillow, clinging cross, and the book: *Everyday Strength*. Also, a blessing of the prayer shawl and member, if requested, is available. If a member is diagnosed again after remission, gift cards for food or gas during treatments are given. Contact Kay Ferguson.

▶ **PW Dames & Dinner:** Group Bible Study, led by a video study, meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, 5:30–7 p.m. The Group will decide collectively the study. The individual study books will be paid for by PW. Dinner will be available at each meeting at a cost of \$10. Contact Cathy Wilson.

▶ **PW Horizons:** The Presbyterian Women's Bible Study meets the first Thursday of each month, 6–7 p.m. in the Bethesda Hall. The study book will be available at a cost of \$10. Contact Bettie George Frye.

▶ **PW Quarter Events for 2024–2025:** (1) 2nd Annual Flower Arranging Class – 7.28.24; (2) 2nd Annual Crafternoon – 11.3.24; (3) 6th Annual Clothing Swap – 3/2025 TBA; (4) 3rd Annual Spring Concert – March/April 2025 TBA Contact Bettie George Frye.

▶ **Empty Nest Angels:** A parent group for our FPC Young Adults college and above, who are no longer living at home. The group meets monthly for a project to mail their young adult, the fourth Monday of each month (AUG–APR) at 5:30 p.m. at FPC. Contact Pam Potter.

▶ **Men’s Lunch Bunch** meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Contact Larry Wilson.

▶ **Men’s Prayer Breakfast** meets every Wednesday morning at 7 a.m. at Bob Evans in Ashland. Contact JT Norris.

▶ **Sunday Morning Study** Sunday School class meets every Sunday on the second floor at 9:18 a.m. beginning after Labor Day. Contact John Ferguson.

▶ **Armchair Theologians** Sunday School class meets every Sunday on the second floor at 9:30 a.m. Contact Mark Riggs.

▶ **Harmony of the Gospels** Sunday School study coordinates the incidents in the life of Christ as recorded in the Gospels. This class meets every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. after Labor Day in room 11. Contact Jane Justice.

▶ **Sew Blessed** meets every third Monday of the month in Bethesda Hall from 6–8 p.m. Monthly sewing projects and *Dress A Girl Around the World* dresses are completed. Contact Geri Willis.

▶ **Sunday Evening Bible Studies** are led by Pastor Bill. These studies are on Sunday evenings in Bethesda Hall from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Please watch Heartbeats for the date.

▶ **Join the Chancel Choir or Winchester Bells.** Practice is on Wednesdays: 5:45 p.m. for Bells and 6:45 p.m. for Choir. Contact Max Jackson and share your gift!

▶ **Congregational Life** offers Baby and Wedding showers for our congregation members as we celebrate as a church family these special times in your life. These receptions follow worship in the Narthex. Bereavement luncheons are offered following funeral services for our congregation members. If you would like to volunteer to make cookies for Sunday Fellowship after worship, please contact Cathy Wilson.

▶ **Tai Chi** Classes are available two days a week. The cost is \$25/per person for FPC family per month. Class Schedule: Tues: Children 5–6 p.m., Adults 6–7 p.m.; Sat: Adults 11 a.m.–12 p.m.; Children 12 –1 p.m. Contact Instructor Nancy Compton (606.465.0317).

▶ **Free Little Library of God’s Word** is in the hallway off the Narthex, elevator side. You may take a book, share a book, and/or keep a book (Christian books, only). The best books are shared!

▶ **Open Chapel** on the first Wednesday of each month, 5:30–8 p.m., is an opportunity to let you in the sanctuary for some alone time with our wonderful Heavenly Father. You may use this time to meditate, reflect, pray, cry, read scripture and more. We only ask that there is no talking during this time as we want everyone to be able to clear their minds and heart. Contact Heather Shay.

▶ **Head Usher & Liturgist Substitutes** are needed to help Session Elders on Sunday mornings. Contact Kelly Hanni.

▶ **Christmas Card Exchange:** You can bring and/or pick up your Christmas cards in your mailbox located in the church Narthex. Contact Kim Whitman.

OUT-REACH: MINISTERING TO OTHERS

These donation bins are set up year-round at the Shepherd Station.

▶ PW – Stamp Out Hunger

Donate your cancelled postage stamps to be auctioned at collector's events. All PW proceeds stay in the Transylvania Presbytery, which supports the Hunger Grant. Guidelines: Leave at least ¼" margin around the stamp, the stamps cannot be torn and no "bulk mailing" stamps.

▶ PW – The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC)

This is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace and reconciliation led by Christian women for women and girls. As tokens of these prayers, we are encouraged to set aside the least coin. Only the least coin is offered so that women of all backgrounds and means can be equal partners in justice- and peace-making.

▶ Paper Angels

You can request a card be sent by the group by completing a request form at the Shepherd Station in the Narthex.

▶ Clean Start

Soap, travel size: shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, mouthwash, lotion, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, hairbrush & comb, deodorant, lip balm, disposable washcloths, nail clippers, and regular-sized cleaning supplies of all-purpose cleaners, laundry detergent, bleach, dish soap and cleaning sponges.

▶ Creation Care

Check out the blue recycling bins throughout the building and the Creation Care Recycle Center in Bethesda Hall for recycling while at church. Items from your home to bring to recycle at church include plastic bottle caps, medicine bottles, egg cartons (donated to Hillcrest Bruce Mission, eggs are received in bulk) and take out containers (cool whip tubs, etc.) for sharing meals with our Shut-Ins. Contact Kathleen Filkins.

▶ Lion's Club

Donate your prescription eyeglasses you no longer need. Contact Ann Wiseman.

Ashland Blazer High School's Youth Service Center (ABYSC)

The center needs the following items year-round.

High School Daily School Life:

Underwear, all sizes, male or female
Men's Shoes sizes 13, 14, 15
Personal hygiene; Feminine products
XL-3XL Clothing

High School Food Pantry:

Pop tarts
Instant Oatmeal
Cereal bars
Granola bars
Mac n cheese
Knorr's fiesta sides rice
Spaghetti noodles
Canned pasta sauce
Peanut butter
Cheez-its
Peanut butter or cheese sandwich crackers
Gripz
Trail mix
Canned tuna
Canned chicken
Soup (w/beef, chicken or potatoes)
Chef Boy R Dee
Ramen Noodles
Packaged cookies

High School Classroom Needs:

Loose life paper
Pencils
Spiral Notebooks
Pens
Post-its
Three-Ring Binders
Graph paper

High lighters
Index Cards
White out
Plastic folders
Colored Pencils

**In addition to the donation bin located at the Shepherd Station,
the Mission Team has four drives each year:**

2024 - 2025 ABYSC DRIVES:

July 7–August 4, 2024

Back to School Supplies, Daily School Life, & Pantry

October 13–November 10, 2024

Thanksgiving Baskets (list included)

November 24–December 22, 2024

Mitten Tree (list included)

February 16–March 19, 2025

Spring Break Pantry

ABYSC List for Thanksgiving Baskets

Instant Mashed Potatoes	Marshmallows
Gravy	Pecans
Stuffing	Canned Corn
Biscuit or Roll Mix	Pumpkin Pie Filling
Cranberry Sauce	Canned Milk
Canned Green Beans	Coffee
Cream of Mushroom Soup	Tea
Crispy Onion Straws	Hot Cocoa Mix
Canned Sweet Potatoes	Clothes Baskets
Brown Sugar	

In addition to the items and services in the annual donation bins.

► **Mitten Tree**

We are asking for hats, mittens and scarves for all ages and all sizes. These items are donated to the Ashland School System. Look for the Mitten Tree in the Narthex.

► **Reading Buddies**

Read with a student at Crabbe Elementary school. Contact Charlie Holbrook.

▶ **Dress -A-Girl Around the World**

This program has distributed more than two million dresses to girls in 90 countries, including the USA. Our Sew Blessed group is in its third year of participating and has sent over 100 dresses to date. Contact Geri Willis.

▶ **Baby Bottle Blessings**

Baby bottles are available from Mother's Day to Father's Day each year for your monetary donations to our local Two-Hearts Pregnancy Care Center in Ashland. Contact Nanette Pollack.

▶ **Operation Christmas Child**

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 220 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 170 countries and territories. You may choose to fill your own box or donate to the monthly cause each month. A schedule is provided below, and the donation box is in the Narthex. Contact Geri Willis.

JULY

School supplies: Crayons, pencils and erasers, index cards, scissors, glue stick, markers, chalk

AUGUST

Coloring Book, stickers, playdough, jump rope, pencil case

SEPTEMBER

Wash clothes, comb, brush, toothbrush, fun band-aids, nail file

OCTOBER

Small Stuffed Animal, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscope, Slinky, ball

NOVEMBER

Money for postage

▶ **Christmas Cookie Exchange**

This annual event is held on the second Sunday in December. The congregation shares 2–3 dozen cookies to be exchanged among the attendees. Donations are collected at the door and given to a local charity each year. Contact Mary Patterson.

► **Prayer Shawls**

Knitters or crocheters are needed to help make prayer shawls. We have plenty of donated yarn available. Contact Kelly Hanni.

► **Neck Pillows**

We need volunteers to help make neck pillows for our Cancer support group. We have the material and the pattern; we just need volunteers to sew them. Contact Kelly Hanni.

Monetary Donations Opportunities:

Weekly Offering (Please use collection bucket located in the Narthex near offering plate):

Backpack Weekend Food Program: 1st Sunday special offering

Organ Repair Fund: 2nd Sunday special offering

Clean Start: 3rd Sunday special offering

CAREs: 4th Sunday special offering

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: 5th Sunday special offering

IN-REACH Groups (Please contact Kelly Hanni or Cathy Wilson):

Empty Nest: Gift cards ranging in amounts of \$5 to \$10 each. Monetary donations to help with the cost of supplies and postage for our monthly mailings August - April of each church year.

Cancer Care Support program: Gift cards or monetary donations of \$20 to help with the extra costs of gas and food for our FPC family.

Paper Angels: Postage stamps for monthly mailings.

SPECIAL ANNUAL or DISASTER OPPORTUNITIES:

Christmas Joy Offering

Fifty percent of undesignated receipts to the Christmas Joy Offering are distributed to the Board of Pensions for assistance programs that provide critical financial support to retired and active church workers and their families. The other fifty percent supports education at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color and leadership development opportunities for people of color through the Racial Equity and Women's Intercultural Ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency.

One Great Hour of Sharing

Presbyterians have joined with millions of other Christians through One Great Hour of Sharing to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People receives 32 percent and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance receives 32 percent.

Transylvania Presbytery Disaster Assistance

Share your financial blessings to help with disaster relief in Kentucky through the Transylvania Presbytery when tragedies arise.

Running Calendar for Life of the Church Special Celebrations

CE: CHRISTIAN ED; CL: CONG. LIFE; ME: MEMBERSHIP; MI: MISSION; WO: WORSHIP

<u>YEAR 2024</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AGES</u>
SUNDAY, JULY 21ST	KID'S POOL PARTY	AFTER WORSHIP	CE	LUNCH	NORRIS'S POOL	CHILDREN
SUNDAY, JULY 28TH	FLOWER ARRAN. PARTY	AFTER WORSHIP	PW	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	WOMEN
FRIDAY, AUG. 9TH	VBS WEEKEND DAY 1	5:30P - 8:00P	CE	DINNER	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SATURDAY, AUG. 10TH	VBS WEEKEND DAY 2	11:00A - 1:30P	CE	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	YOUTH/ADULTS
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SUNDAY, AUG. 11TH	VBS WEEKEND DAY 3	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	BRUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SATURDAY, SEPT. 7TH	RACHEL'S SHOWER	1:00P	CL	RECEPTION	BETHESDA HALL	WOMEN
SATURDAY, SEPT. 28TH	SHEPHERD RETREAT	9:30A - NOON	ME	RETREAT	FERGUSON'S	SHEPHERDS
SUNDAY, SEPT. 29TH	DRESS GIRL DEDICATION	WORSHIP	MI	WORSHIP	CHURCH	CHILDREN/SEW/BLESSED
^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	MAX'S BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 15TH	SUMMER'S SHOWER	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL

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SUNDAY, OCT. 6TH	WORLD COMMUNION	AFTER WORSHIP	ME/WC	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, OCT. 20TH	TABLE N TREAT/STAFF	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, NOV. 3RD	STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS (1)					
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SUNDAY, NOV. 10TH	OCC BOXES BLESSING	WORSHIP	MI	WORSHIP	CHURCH	CHILDREN
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SUNDAY, NOV. 17TH	STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS (3)					
SUNDAY, NOV. 24TH	STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT SUNDAY		WO	WORSHIP	CHURCH	ALL
^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^^	THANKSGIVING	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, DEC. 1ST	FAMILY ADVENT KO	5:00P - 6:30P	ME	DINNER	BETHESDA HALL	CHILDREN/FAMILY
SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH	COOKIE EXCHANGE	AFTER WORSHIP	CL/MI	COOKIES	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SATURDAY, DEC. 14TH	LADIES CHRISTMAS TEA	2:00P - 3:30P	ME	TEA	NARTHEX	WOMEN & GIRLS

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SUNDAY, DEC. 15TH	ALL-CHURCH CAROLING	3:00P - 4:30P	CE		MEET AT CHURCH	ALL
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FRIDAY, DEC20TH	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT	5:30P - 8:00P	CE	DINNER	BETHESDA HALL	CHILDREN
<u>YEAR 2025</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TYPE</u>	<u>PLACE</u>	<u>AGES</u>
SUNDAY, JAN. 5TH	GLEN'S BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, JAN. 19TH	NANETTES BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
MONDAY, JAN. 20TH	MLK LUNCHEON	12:00P	CL	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
TUESDAY, FEB 11TH	GALENTINES DINNER	6:00P	ME	DINNER	CHOIR LOFT	WOMEN
SUNDAY, MAR. 2ND	SHROVE TUESDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	BRUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SATURDAY, MAR. TBA	LADIES CLOTHING SWAP	1:00 PM	PW	SWAP	BETHESDA HALL	WOMEN
TBA	SPRING CONCERT	TBA	PW	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, APR. 13TH	EASTER JAM	AFTER WORSHIP	ME	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	CHILDREN/FAMILY

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SUNDAY, APR. 20TH	EASTER	AFTERWORSHIP	CL	XTRACOOKIE	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, APR. 27TH	KARA'S BIRTHDAY	AFTERWORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
THURSDAY, MAY 1ST	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER		ME		TBA	ALL
SUNDAY, MAY 18TH	END OF YEAR PARTY	AFTERWORSHIP	CL	LUNCH	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, JUNE 15TH	PASTOR'S BILL BDAY	AFTERWORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL

