

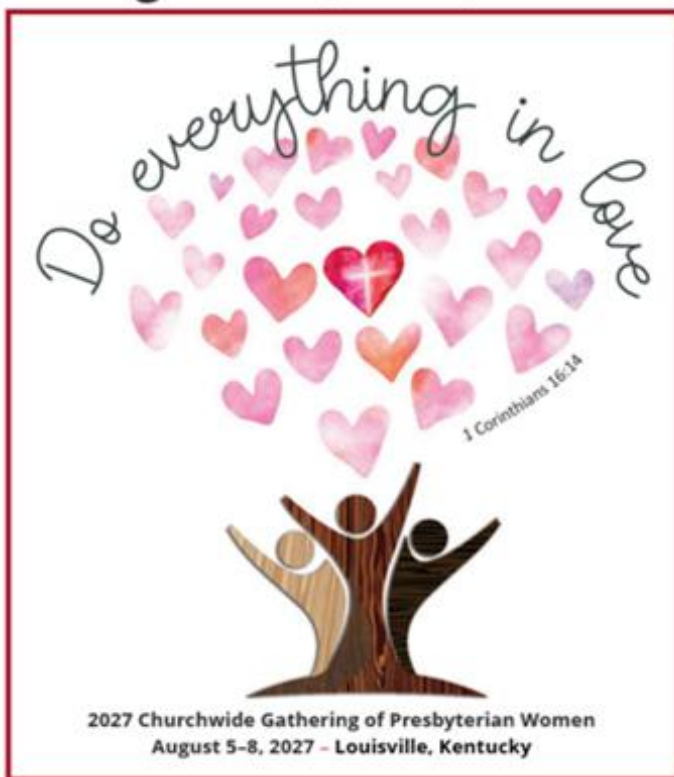


Presbytery of Transylvania

Presbytery Regional Meeting [HERE](#)

First Presbyterian Church here in Ashland is excited to be hosting the Spring Meeting of the Transylvania Presbytery, **Saturday, May 16**. Registration will be from **9-10 a.m.** We will be welcoming members of the various churches within the Presbytery. This will be a time when we can showcase our congregation and the various missions and ministries we support. We will experience worship with communion, a delicious lunch and the opportunity to hear how God is at work among our churches. Please join us as we pray for this gathering. May the Lord be lifted-up among all those who are present.

When and Where is the next PW Churchwide Gathering? August 5-8, 2027, Louisville, Kentucky



Save the Date

to gather in person and
in faithful community
**at the 2027 Churchwide Gathering
of Presbyterian Women
August 5-8, 2027**

**“Shall we gather at the river . . .”
on the Ohio River that is - in
the city of Louisville, Kentucky**

presbyterianwomen.org/gathering

Held once every three years, Presbyterian Women’s Churchwide Gathering is an opportunity for Presbyterian women from across the country (and around the world!) to gather for worship, education, community-building, fun and renewal. Participants will enjoy workshops, forums, plenary sessions with inspiring speakers and worship. The PW’s triennial Business Meeting—where budget, leadership and programmatic emphases will be decided—takes place in conjunction with the Gathering.



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So, when they had come together, they asked Him, “Lord, is this the time when You will restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by His own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ When He had said this, as they were watching, He was lifted up, and a cloud took Him out of their sight. (Acts 1:6-9)

What a moment in time! Jesus is talking with His disciples and then is seen as being lifted into the clouds; out of sight. We have heard the adage, “out of sight, out of mind.” It refers to the idea that if we do not see something, we tend to forget what was visual. In our text above, the disciples see something which is not easily forgettable. Etched in their mind is the remembrance of Jesus being lifted into the clouds. Their understanding is not complete . . . yet. But it will be enhanced when the Holy Spirit falls at Pentecost. It will be then that through the power of God’s Spirit that things seen will be forever impressed upon their hearts and minds. They will go out and help others to experience the new life that Resurrection brings. Until then . . .

Until then, the disciples are charged with going into the city and wait till the moment arrives. (Acts 1:4-5) With the image of Jesus being raised into the clouds still very real, they are obedient and will soon experience the value of preparation and waiting.

Today, the voice of God is compelling us to do the same. With the power of the Resurrection still pulsing through our veins; we wait for what is coming next. We are hopeful in the promise of the Holy Spirit. We are called to be witnesses. We are called to be examples of Christ’s love and compassion. We are being called to be instruments of grace, love and forgiveness; even as we proclaim the truth of God’s Word to a world that has lost its way. Together we are His presence so that people will never forget...even what they cannot now see.

Pastor Bill

Memorial Gifts Given

Memorial gifts were given In memory of:

- † **Carolyn Graber** by Gina McDaniel and Kevin Gunderson.
- † **Mary Patterson** by Trish & Roger Hall.



Thinking About Church Membership?

Pastor Bill will be offering a membership class for those interested in joining the church. The class will meet for approximately one hour immediately following Worship, and lunch will be provided. The dates are tentatively set for **May 24 & 31 and June 7**. If you are interested in participating, please let Pastor Bill know as soon as possible by texting him at 606.547.1802 or emailing pastor@fpcaky.org.

Baby Bottle Blessings

We will once again be offering baby bottles on **Mother's Day, May 10**, to collect money for *Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center*. Please take a bottle and fill it with coins, cash, or a check. The baby bottles are due back on **Father's Day, June 21**. Thank you for supporting this important ministry.

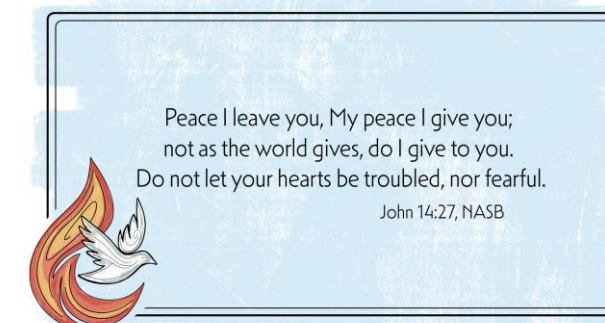


Sunday Morning Study: Sundays, 9:28 a.m.
 Armchair Theologians: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School (K-4th): Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
 Harmony of the Gospels: Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
 Youth Group (5th - 12th): Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship: 10:50 a.m.
 Handbell Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6 p.m.
 Chancel Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
 Men's Bible Study: Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
 Tai Chi Classes: Tuesdays, 5p.m. & Saturdays, 11 a.m.
 Zumba Classes: Tuesdays, 5p.m. & Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.
 Paper Angels: Thursday, May 7, 1 p.m.
 National Day of Prayer: May 7
 Congregational Meeting: May 10
 Mother's Day: May 10
 Ministry Teams Meeting: Monday, May 11, 5:30 p.m.
 Men's Lunch Bunch: Thursday, May 14, 11:30 a.m.
 Horizon's Bible Study: Thursday, May 14, 5:15 p.m.
 Presbytery Regional Meeting: Saturday, May 16
 Sew Blessed: Monday, May 18, 6 p.m.
 Paper Angels: Thursday, May 21, 1 p.m.
 Dames + Dinner: Thursday, May 21, 5:30 p.m.
 Empty Nesters: Monday, May 25, 5:30 p.m.
 Session Meeting: Tuesday, May 26, 5:30 p.m.
 Lunch Bunch: Thursday, May 28, 11:30 a.m.

Ellen Sharp—May 20
Cassie Stevens Hess—May 25
Andrew Smithson—May 25
Charley Goodwin—May 28
Paula Kiser—May 31

Anniversary
Donna & Richard Isaacs, May 14

Special Dates for May 2026
 National Day of Prayer, May 7
 Mother's Day, May 10
 Ascension of the Lord, May 14
 Armed Forces Day, May 16
 Day of Pentecost, May 24
 Memorial Day, May 25
 Trinity Sunday, May 31



Teatime treat

Make these sweet sandwiches for a Mother's Day tea party.

What you need:

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 3 Tablespoons powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6-10 strawberries, washed and sliced
- 6 slices of white bread
- Cellophane
- Adult help

What you do:

1. With an electric mixer, whip the cream cheese in a bowl until fluffy.
2. Add cream, powdered sugar, and lemon juice. Continue whipping on high speed until mixture is stiff.
3. On each slice of bread, spread a layer of the mixture. Then arrange some sliced strawberries on top.
4. Place the sandwiches together, with filling on the inside.
5. Wrap tightly in cellophane. Chill for two hours so the filling sets.
6. Trim off crusts with a serrated knife. Cut sandwiches in squares or triangles. Serve and enjoy!

6th Annual JUNETEENTH in Ashland

AFRICAN-AMERICAN FREEDOM DAY

6 - 9 p.m.
Friday, June 19th
Broadway Square
Downtown Ashland

- **Live Band**
- **Live Choir Performance**
- **Food Trucks**
- **T-Shirts**
- **Face Painting & Kids Activities**

Ashland for Change • C.B. Nuckolls Community Center & Black History Museum
 Christ Temple Church • Christ Center Ministries
 Ashland Community & Technical College

Upcoming Congregational Meeting

We will conduct our Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, May 17** following morning worship. We will be affirming nominations of Elders and the new Nominations Committee. This is for all members of the congregation. Please make plans to attend.

Notes of Gratitude

⇒ Thank you for the donation of food on March 19th. This will be utilized through our food pantry that provide weekend food bags and emergency food to our students in need. Thank you so much for your continued support of our center and our students. You all are a blessing to us.
(Amanda Hetherington and Jeannie Stafford, Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center).

⇒ Thank you for your generous contribution to the *CB Nuckolls Community Center & Black History Museum*.
(Darrell Smith)

Prayer for Memorial Day

We remember, O Lord, all those people throughout the years who have made the supreme sacrifice for our country, for liberty, for us. Whenever we breathe the air of freedom or claim the right to justice or enjoy the privilege of worship, fill us with gratitude for those who selflessly gave the last full measure of devotion — their very lives — for our benefit. Amen.