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When His parents saw Him they were astonished, and His mother said to Him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." (Luke 2:48)

I remember the day when I came home from school and found my mother crying. When I asked her what was wrong; she told me my older brother was missing! He had gone off to college but never arrived. The NC state police were searching but had nothing to report. This went on for weeks when one day my mom received a phone call from her son (my brother). He was in Illinois and working on a mink farm! The tears of anguish became tears of joy. I wonder if Mary felt the same way when she and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple?

Moms have never had it easy. From her pregnancy to delivery; her early years as a learning mother, to the constant needs of a family' she has had her hands full!

May is a month when a certain day is set aside to remember our mothers. On May 11, we will take time in the midst of our worship service to honor our moms. I can tell you that a day hardly passes when I thank God for my mom, and others like her.

It is right that we should remember the woman who sacrificed much so that her family might be a place of love and safety. The Bible mentions our parents and the command to show respect to them. In fact of the Ten Commandments, this is the only commandment that comes with a

promise. "Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you." (Exodus 20:12) It seems this must be important in the eyes of God. To honor and respect our parents (dads will get their due in June) comes with His promise for good days in the land He will give them eventually.

I am not a mother. But I have had the joy and honor of having a mother who kept the home clean, safe and functioning. My siblings would agree that we had a mom who truly loved us. She would do anything for us. She kept us fed. She washed our clothes. She encouraged us to do our chores. She took us to doctor/dentist appointments. Many times when our dad was stationed in a far away country.

My mom has long since passed to her eternal glory. I can imagine her hearing the words, "Well done!" She certainly earned that welcome. Today, I am the good parts of her. In my sinfulness, I still have hope (because of the empty tomb) that when He calls me home, she will be waiting to greet me.

Jesus, upon being discovered in the Temple by His parents went home with them and respected them all of His life. In this wonderful month of May, may we remember our moms. If she is still living, love on her! If she is gone from our sight, keep her memories alive in your heart. But, in all things; honor her so that it will be well with you all the days of your life. SDG!

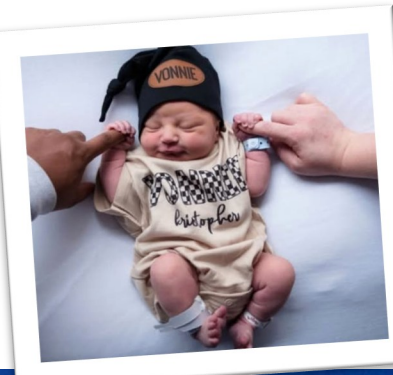
Pastor Bill

Congratulations to our Graduates!

Andrew Smithson, son of Robert & Kim Smithson, is graduating from Boyd County High School. He plans to attend Ashland Community Technical College.

Kate Hanni, daughter of Mark & Kelly Hanni, is graduating from Winthrop University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with an emphasis in Marketing.

Adrianna Riggs, daughter of Mark Riggs & Jennifer Johnson, is graduating from Bellarmine University with a Bachelor of Arts in Jazz Studies and Psychology.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Kara Adkins and Javonte Pool on the birth of their son, Vonnie Christopher Pool. He was born April 10. He weighed in at 7 lbs. and 2 oz.” and was 20” long. Proud grandmother is Kris Adkins. Everyone is doing well. Please keep the family in your prayers. And one final thought . . . hurry back Kara! The kids are missing you!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2025

Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

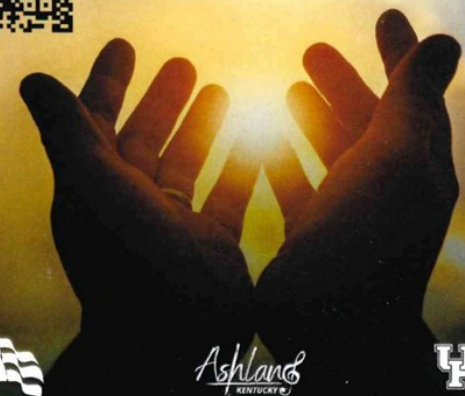
—Romans 15:13 NASB

THURSDAY, MAY 1 • 8:30 A.M.
Highlands Museum and Discovery Center
1620 Winchester Ave., Ashland, Ky.

Free parking is available on Winchester Avenue and in the 17th Street parking garage. From the garage, take 6th floor pedestrian bridge to the museum. Limited accessible parking is available on the 6th floor.



Scan to RSVP by Tuesday, April 29!
or email DG_PastoralCare@kdmk.kdhs.us
or call (606) 408-1745



We offer our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **Yohana Calvert**. She passed away on April 26, 2025. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.



Baby Bottle Blessings

We will once again be offering baby bottles on Mother's Day, **May 11**, 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 15**. Last year we provided over \$600 dollars. Can we do better this year? Thank you for supporting this important ministry.



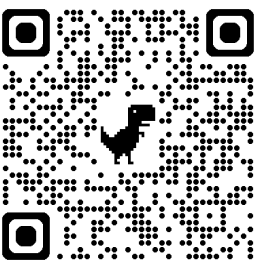
- Sunday Morning Study:** Sundays, 9:28 p.m.
- Armchair Theologians:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Harmony of the Gospels:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:50 a.m.
- Genesis Bible Study:** Sundays, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Bells Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, May 1, 1 p.m.
- Men's Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, May 8, 11:30 a.m.
- Horizons Bible Study:** Thursday, May 8, 5:15 p.m.
- Mother's Day:** Sunday, May 11
- Ministry Teams Meeting:** Monday, May 12, 5:30 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, May 15, 1 p.m.
- Dames + Dinner:** Thursday, May 15, 5:30 p.m.
- Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, May 18, Noon
- Sew Blessed:** Monday, May 19, 6 p.m.
- Finance Ministry Team:** Tuesday, May 20, 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, May 22, 11:30 a.m.
- Empty Nesters:** Monday, May 26, 5:30 p.m.
- Session Meeting:** Tuesday, May 27, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Congregational Meeting

We will conduct our Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, May 18** 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.

Earth Care

We had a wonderful Earth Care celebration on Sunday, April 27. Our youth and their leaders did an outstanding job guiding us in this important observance. It was truly inspiring to see their passion and commitment to caring for God's creation. As a way to further support our Earth Care efforts, we are offering First Presbyterian Church Earth Care tee shirts for order. If you'd like to purchase one, you can find order forms located on the table in the narthex. For an even quicker option, simply scan the QR code. We will be accepting orders for these tee shirts through **Saturday, May 18**. A heartfelt thank you to Lee McCloud and Kelly Hanni for their hard work and dedication in organizing such a meaningful and impactful event.



Notes of Gratitude

♥ The Career Services staff at Ashland Community and Technical Colleges extends it's sincere thanks for the quality professional clothing that you donated to our interview clothing closet. We appreciate you partnering with us to assist low income women as they prepare to graduate and enter the workforce. Your help will change lives.

♥ On behalf of the Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center, I would like to thank you for your donation. Your support plays a vital role in our efforts to assist students in need and we appreciate your kindness and commitment to our center. You are a blessing and we appreciate your continued support. *(Brittany Brown ABYSC Director)*



- Ruth Ann Johnson**—May 2
- Ellen Sharp**—May 20
- Cassie Stevens**—May 25
- Andrew Smithson**—May 25
- Charley Goodwin**—May 28
- Lura (Frye) Adams**—May 30
- Paula Kiser**—May 31

Wedding Anniversary

Richard & Donna Isaacs—May 14

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, *May 1*
- Mother's Day, *May 11*
- Armed Forces Day, *May 17*
- Memorial Day, *May 26*
- Ascension Day, *May 29*

