



207 YEARS OF SPREADING GOD'S WORD
JULY 2026 – JUNE 2027
HANDBOOK

STAFF

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

SESSION MEMBERS

President of Congregation: *Jan Holbrook*
Secretary of Congregation/Clerk of Session: *Kelly Hanni*
Treasurer: *Cathy Wilson*

2027	2028	2029
<i>Jimmy Hall</i>	<i>Teresa Cassity</i>	<i>Jan Holbrook *</i>
<i>Lee McCloud *</i>	<i>Kelly Hanni *</i>	<i>Mike Lilly</i>
<i>J.T. Norris *</i>	<i>Donna Jones</i>	<i>Ellen Sharp</i>
*2nd term of service		

Please contact Clerk of Session for additions or corrections.

MINISTRY TEAMS

Building & Grounds: <i>Glen Thomas</i>	Membership: <i>Teresa Cassity</i>
Christian Education: <i>Lee McCloud</i>	Mission: <i>Donna Jones</i>
Congregational Life: <i>Cathy Wilson</i>	Personnel: <i>Jan Holbrook</i>
Finance: <i>Mitch Hall</i>	Worship: <i>Mike Lilly</i>



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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 "Calendar of Special Events" for July 2026 to June 2027.

We offer the following:

Heartbeats: FPC Monthly Newsletter

Weekly Announcements via your email: Contact the church office with your email and you will be added to the list.

Texts: Sign up to receive church wide text messages by going to www.fpcaky.org, then click **Media** tab, then click **Text** link. The church office will send prayer requests and reminders via text messaging. (Nanette)

APP: Universal Church Directory – contact the church office and you will be given your code to access the directory.

Sunday Morning Worship and Bible Study:

[Youtube.com/@FirstPresbyterianAshlandKY](https://www.youtube.com/@FirstPresbyterianAshlandKY)

Facebook: (Kelly Norris, manager)

In addition to our regular tithing, **on-line giving** is available: Realm or text "FPCAKY" to 73256 to give on using your mobile device

FPC in 2026–2027

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 Teams**. We meet as needed on the second Monday of each month beginning at 5:30 p.m. in Bethesda Hall. The following teams could use your help:

Christian Education - Lee McCloud, captain

Congregational Life - Cathy Wilson, captain

Membership – Teresa Cassity, captain

Mission – Donna Jones, captain

Worship & Audio/Visual – Michael Lilly, 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 5. On Sunday mornings, we have Sunday School beginning at 9:30 a.m. from September through April. Children can also participate in Children's Church and music. We also have special family fellowship time throughout the year. *Contact Lee McCloud.*

Youth Ministry: Youth can participate in morning worship by being an acolyte, liturgist or music. We meet every Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. for faith, fellowship, music and fun! This is for youth in grades 6 – 12. Youth Group meetings run from September through April. *Contact Kelly Hanni.*

Shepherd Groups: The congregation is divided up among our 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 on 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 are needed, and yarn is provided! *Contact Kelly Hanni.*

Our Cancer Patients and Caregivers support program: They offer Caregivers prayers 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 for the member and prayer shawl, 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.*

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 study Lisa Harper's *A Jesus Shaped Life*. The individual study books will be paid for by the Membership Team. 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 second Thursday of each month, 5:15 – 7 p.m. in Bethesda Hall or Ann Wiseman's home. The study book will be available at no cost. *Contact Bettie George Frye.*

PW Events 2027: 5th Annual Spring Concert – March/April 2027 TBA. *Contact Bettie George Frye.*

Empty Nesters: 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 – MAY) at 5:30 p.m. at FPC. *Contact Pam Potter.*

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

Men's Prayer Breakfast: They meet 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 9:28 a.m. *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. in room 15. *Contact Jane Justice.*

Sew Blessed: They meet every third Monday of the month in Bethesda Hall from 6 – 8 p.m. Monthly sewing projects and outreach projects are completed. This group is responsible for the making the neck pillows to share with those going through chemotherapy. *Contact Geri Willis.*

Join the Chancel Choir or Winchester Bells: The 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: They offer 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: They are available two days a week. The cost is \$25 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).*

Dance Exercise Classes are available two days a week for adults and youth grades 5 – 12. The cost is donation only. Class Schedule: TBA. *Contact Bettie George.*

Free Little Library of God's Word: It 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!

Head Usher & Liturgist Substitutes are needed to help Session Elders on Sunday mornings. Please contact Kelly Hanni if you are interested.

The Youth-Led Earth Care Congregation: Our Youth are leading our congregation in recycling and making everyone more aware of our responsibility to take care of our earth. The Youth are responsible for raising funds to absorb the cost of recyclable paper products the church needs. We will collect a love offering at our Youth Sunday reception and we will be selling TruEarth laundry detergent products and dishwasher tablets, cash and carry. Contact Kathleen Filkins, Bettie George Frye or Kelly Hanni.

Prayer Quilts: The Membership Ministry Team extends an invitation to anyone in our church or community who is living with cancer a prayer quilt. Please see Teresa Cassity if you have anyone you would like to share a quilt with or help with this endeavor.

Audio-Visual Team: They provide our morning worship service for those who are homebound or traveling. The team is always looking for extra help. Please see Ryan Whitman if you are interested in helping on Sunday mornings.

OUT reach – Ministering to Others

These Donation Bins are set up year-round at Shepherd Station

PW – Stamp Out Hunger

Donate your cancelled postage stamps to be auctioned at the KY 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.

Earth Care

Check out the blue recycling bins throughout the building and the Earth Care Recycle Center on the ground floor for recycling while at church. Items from your home to recycle at church include plastic bottles and egg cartons. 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 Shepherd Station, the Mission Team has four drives each year:

2026 - 2027 ABYSC DRIVES:

July 5 - August 2, 2026

Back to School Supplies, Daily School Life, & Pantry

October 11 – November 8, 2026

Thanksgiving Baskets (list included)

November 29 – December 27, 2026

Mitten Tree (list included)

February 14 – March 14, 2027

Spring Break Pantry

ABYSC List for Thanksgiving Baskets

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

*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. Contact Donna Jones.

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 fourth year of participating and has sent over 200 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 Donna Jones.

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. The OCC boxes will be blessed on November 9, 2025. Contact Donna Jones.

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. Contact Donna Jones.

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. Leader: Cathy Wilson.

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)

PCUSA Peace Grant: (3rd Sunday Special Offering)

CAREs: (4th Sunday Special Offering)

Pastor's Discretionary Fund: (5th Sunday Special Offering)

5 Cents A Meal

The children will collect loose change from the congregation following the Children's Moment.

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

Empty Nesters: Gift cards ranging in amounts of \$5 to \$10 each. Monetary donations to help with the cost of supplies & 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.

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		
YEAR 2026	EVENT	TIME	TEAM TYPE		PLACE	AGES
FRIDAY, JULY 30TH	VBS WEEKEND DAY 1	5:30P - 8:00P	CE	DINNER	NORRIS'S POOL	ALL
SATURDAY, JULY 31ST	VBS WEEKEND DAY 2	11:00A - 1:30P	CE	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, AUG. 1ST	VBS WEEKEND DAY 3	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	BRUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 13TH	DRESS A GIRL BLESS	WORSHIP	MI	WORSHIP	CHURCH	ALL
SUNDAY, SEPT. 20TH	MAX'S BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, OCT. 4TH	WORLD COMMUNION	AFTER WORSHIP	ME/WE	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, OCT. 25TH	TABLE N TREAT/STAR	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, NOV. 1ST	ALL SAINTS DAY	WORSHIP	WO	WORSHIP	NARTHEX	ALL
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	STEWARDSHIP CAMPA	WORSHIP		WORSHIP	CHURCH	ALL
SUNDAY, NOV. 8TH	OCC BOXES BLESSIN	WORSHIP	MI		CHURCH	CHILDREN
SUNDAY, NOV. 22ND	COMMITMENT SUNDAY	WORSHIP	WO		CHURCH	ALL
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	THANKSGIVING DINNER	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, NOV. 29TH	FAMILY ADVENT KO	AFTER WORSHIP	ME	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	YOUTH/FAMILY
SUNDAY, DEC. 13TH	COOKIE EXCHANGE	AFTER WORSHIP	CL/MI	COOKIES	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
FRIDAY, DEC. 18TH	PARENT'S NIGHT OUT	5:30P - 8:00P	CE	DINNER	BETHESDA HALL	CHILDREN
SUNDAY, DEC. 20TH	ALL-CHURCH CAROL	3:00P - 4:30P	CE		MEET AT CHURCH	ALL
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	FELLOWSHIP FOLLOWING CAROLING		CE	COOKIES	TBA	CHILDREN
THUR., DEC. 24TH	CHRISTMAS EVE SERV	7:00PM/11:30PM	WO		CHURCH	ALL
YEAR 2027	EVENT	TIME	TEAM TYPE		PLACE	AGES
SUNDAY, JAN. 10TH	GLEN'S BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
MONDAY, JAN. 18TH	MLK LUNCHEON	12:00P	CL	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
SUNDAY, JAN. 24TH	NANETTE'S BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, FEB 7TH	SHROVE TUESDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	BRUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	ALL
WED., FEB. 10TH	ASH WEDNESDAY SERV	7:00PM	WO		CHURCH	ALL
TBA	SPRING CONCERT	TBA	PW	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, MAR. 21ST	EASTER JAM	AFTER WORSHIP	ME	LUNCH	BETHESDA HALL	CHILDREN/FAMILY
THURS. MAR. 25TH	MAUNDY THURSDAY	7:00PM	WO		CHURCH	ALL
SUNDAY, MAR. 28TH	EASTER	WORSHIP	CL	XTRA COOKIES	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, APR. 18TH	YOUTH SUNDAY	WORSHIP	CE		CHURCH	ALL
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA	EARTH DAY CELEBRAT	AFTER WORSHIP	CE	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
SUNDAY, APR. 25TH	KARA'S BIRTHDAY	AFTER WORSHIP	CL	RECEPTION	NARTHEX	ALL
THURSDAY, MAY 6TH	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAY	8:30AM	ME	BREAKFAST	HIGHLANDS MUSEUM	ALL
SUNDAY, MAY 16TH	PENTECOST	WORSHIP	WO		CHURCH	ALL
SUNDAY, MAY 16TH	HS SENIOR RECOGNITI	WORSHIP	CE	RECEPTION	CHURCH	ALL