

Memorial Gift Given

A memorial gift was given in memory of **Martha Gesling** by Margaret Woods.

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 12 will be an extra special day in the life of our congregation. During the worship service we will welcome 13 new members into our congregation. Each one has faithfully completed the Confirmation class led by Pastor Bill during April and May. Pastor Bill is pleasantly surprised with the attentiveness and participation of each of our confirmands. Please be in prayer for each of them as they continue growing in their faith. There will be a reception immediately following morning worship. The following youth will be confirmed:

- † John Fox McCloud † Mary McGill
- † Anna Goodwin † Lorelai Shay
- † Charley Goodwin † Riley Shay
- † Evie Goodwin † Carli Weston
- † Kate Goodwin † Lilly Grace Wheeler
- † Ariana McGill † Sophie Beth Wheeler
- † Ann Reed Stone
(Community Presbyterian Church)



Congratulation Graduates!

Eli Scott, son of Courtney Scott and grandson of Linda & Jim Trimboli, is graduating from Russel High School. Eli plans to attend ACTC and pursue a career as an electrician.

Kaitlyn Stevens, daughter of Lisa & Ish Stevens, graduated from University of Louisville Medical School. She is currently doing her pediatric residency at Nationwide Children’s Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed. Psalm 20:4



- Sunday Morning Study:** Sundays, 9:18 a.m.
- Armchair Theologians:** 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
- Winchester Bells:** Wednesdays, 6 p.m. (resumes 5/8)
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- Open Sanctuary:** Wednesday, May 1, 5:30—8 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, May 2, 1 p.m.
- Sanctuary Reserved/Wedding:** Friday/Saturday, May 3 and 4
- Membership Class:** (Last one) Sunday, May 5, Noon
- Horizons Bible Study:** Monday, May 6, 6 p.m.
- Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, May 9, 11:30 a.m.
- Confirmation Sunday/Reception:** Sunday, May 12
- Congregational Meeting:** Sunday, May 12, Noon
- Ministry Teams Meeting:** Monday, May 13, 5:30 p.m.
- 205 Planning Meeting:** Monday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, May 16, 1 p.m.
- Dames & Dinner:** Thursday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.
- Adkins Baby Shower:** Sunday, May 19, following Worship
- Sew Blessed:** Monday, May 20, 6 p.m.
- Finance Ministry Team:** Tuesday, May 21, 5:30 p.m.
- Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, May 23, 11:30 a.m.
- Memorial Day/Office Closed:** Monday, May 27
- Session Meeting:** Tuesday, May 28, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Congregational Meeting

We will conduct our Congregational Meeting, **Sunday, May 12** 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.

Empty Nesters

The Empty Nesters will not meet again until **Monday, August 26**. Enjoy your summer!



- 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

Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer**—May 2
- Ascension Day**—May 9
- Mother’s Day**—May 12
- Armed Forces Day**—May 18
- Pentecost**—May 19
- Trinity Sunday**—May 26
- Memorial Day**—May 27



Milestone Birthday!

We recently had the joy of celebrating Nancy Payne at her 95th birthday, with a party here at the Church. Thank you to everyone who had a role in the celebration through your cards, presence and prayers. If you missed it and would like to send her a card you can mail it to her address at 2209 Moore Street, Ashland, KY 41101





First Presbyterian Church
Ashland, Kentucky

Photo courtesy of Charlie Holbrook

You are Invited

TO JOIN US

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024

10:50 a.m.

Anniversary Celebration

205 Years of Spreading God's Word
1819-2024

Luncheon to follow: BBQ & Fixings
RSVP: fpcaky.org by May 24

205-year Celebration Weekend

Friday, June 7

First Friday in downtown Ashland
Open House at church 5-9 p.m.

Saturday, June 8

Check out downtown events:
AK Maker's Market in front of church
visitaky.com
highlandsmuseum.com
Spend time with family & friends

Sunday, June 9

Worship at 10:50 a.m.
Celebration Luncheon following in
Bethesda Community Hall

Delta Hotel by Marriott Ashland Downtown

1441 Winchester Ave | 606.327.1100

*For special rate request room under First Presbyterian Church.



1600 Winchester Avenue

Summer Horizon Bible Study:

Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

Place: First Presbyterian Church

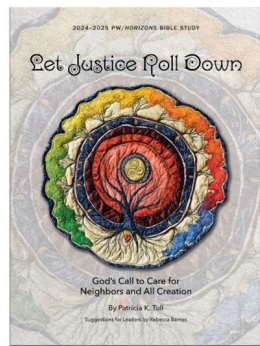
When: Mondays from 4:30 -6 p.m., June 3-July 29.

There are 9 Mondays in June/July & 9 lessons.

Cost: \$10

Contacts: Ann Wiseman, Bettie George Frye, or Kathleen Filkins

Please let us know of your interest as soon as possible so books can be ordered.



Honor Your Mother



Anna Jarvis, the woman who first suggested a national day to honor mothers, had an incredible mother to honor. Her mom, Ann Reeves Jarvis (1832-1905), was a Sunday school teacher and activist who helped lower infant-mortality rates in Appalachia and promoted friendship among families of Civil War soldiers. At a memorial service for her mother, Anna Jarvis distributed carnations — her mom's favorite flower — to attendees. Her idea to set apart one day each year for moms gained

traction, and in 1914, President Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May Mother's Day. It was customary by then to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. Of the white flowers, Jarvis said they "symbolize the truth, purity and broad-charity of mother love; its fragrance, her memory, and her prayers. The carnation does not drop its petals, but hugs them to its heart as it dies, and so, too, mothers hug their children to their hearts, their mother love never dying."



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"I HAVE NOT STOPPED GIVING THANKS FOR YOU, REMEMBERING YOU IN MY PRAYERS."

EPHESIANS 1:16, NIV

"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." (Ephesians 1:16)

I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus! I pray that you are well and experiencing the fullness of God's love and grace. It is a joy for me to write to you.

I am blessed because of you. As I consider what is happening here at First Presbyterian Church, I am aware of this fact – you are making a difference. Reflecting on all that I see in the life of our congregation, I stand amazed at all God is choosing to do here. I am sure you are noticing this as well. "I do not cease to give thanks for you!"

Please allow me to "brag" on you for a moment or two? I am overwhelmed at the moving of God in our midst. There is a spirit of joy, excitement and hopefulness I can sense from the pew. The spirit of fellowship and concern with and for one another is amazing to see! As we continue in this new year, there is reason to be filled with an expectation for greater things. Your singing in worship is getting better and better. Our Chancel Choir is exceptional. Our Winchester Bells add to our worship on Sundays when they play. The sharing of musical gifts (Kim and Ryan Whitman) along with our own Max Jackson encourages our hearts.

The recent Confirmation class includes 13 children/youth and we have some adults who have decided that FPC is their spiritual home and will be joining soon. I never expected this year to be as good as what we experienced in 2023; but you are proving me wrong to the glory of God! "I do not cease to give thanks for all you are doing!"

The question I often ask God is, "Why are You blessing us like this.?" I believe His answer is something like this – "Because I love them and they love Me." Seems simple enough. Yet, I believe there are some other reasons as well. First, you come to worship, Bible study, Sunday Morning studies with an open heart and mind to hear from the Lord. Then, second, you take what you hear and apply it to everyday life. Finally, you are growing in your faith and faithful responses to the grace of God in your lives. For these things, "I do not cease to give thanks for you."

Thank you for allowing Nanette and I the joy and privilege to serve with you in this day that is calling us to a deeper relationship with the Lord. God continues to reveal Himself to us. As a result, "I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in our prayers."

Pastor Bill

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