



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

WEEKLY UPDATE
January 21, 2026

Friends,

Like most of you, the staff and Facilities committee have been keeping an eye on the weather forecast for this weekend. Even the best case scenario indicates enough snow and potential ice to create hazardous driving and walking conditions, so at our meeting this morning we made the decision to cancel all activities scheduled in the building for this coming Sunday. The Session had already voted last night to postpone the Annual Meeting to the following Sunday (February 1), and so out of an abundance of caution, as well as creating some time for staff to focus on other things this week without needing to prepare for a worship service we will likely not hold, we made the decision to cancel.

I encourage us all to be intentional in experiencing sabbath rest on Sunday. Make the most of an opportunity to sleep in if you can. We have a large library of worship services on our YouTube channel - perhaps choose a date when you weren't able to be in worship and watch that service. Or maybe revisit one that was particularly meaningful for you in some way. [You can access those videos here.](#)

If you avoid screens on your days of sabbath rest, perhaps you can read the scripture texts assigned for this Sunday, and take some time reflecting on them, and discussing them with whoever you are snowed in with if you share a household. They are Psalm 27.1, 4-9 and Matthew 4.12-23. If you haven't done so yet, Sunday would be a great day to ponder who you might bless with a gift from the church's 2025 budget surplus in anticipation of attending the annual meeting. [Here's an explanation of that process](#) if you haven't seen it yet.

Whatever the weather does this weekend, let us be mindful of all those for whom snowfall and plunging temperatures are much more than just an inconvenience. And may our sabbath rest prepare us for the work that lies ahead for us, both in our day to day lives, and in God's future as it unfolds, for the best is yet to come.

Sean

CONNECT

MARDI GRAS!



Join us for Mardi Gras on Wednesday, February 11 at 5:15pm! There will be pancakes and King cakes, and we will burn last year's palm branches to make this year's ashes for Ash Wednesday.

PRESBYDAN MAH JONGG

Are you interested in learning to play the game that is trending across the world? Join the PresbyDan Mah Jongg players each Friday from 1:00-3:00pm in the library for an orientation to the American version of the game. If you know how to play and/or have a set of Mah Jongg tiles and cards, please join us as we introduce our friends to this fun game. Good times and lots of laughs are guaranteed! For more information, please call or text Peggy Tudor at (859) 608-0681.



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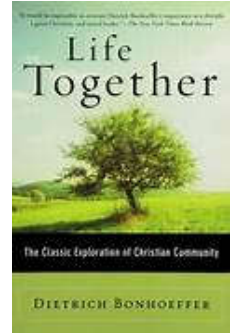
CONFIRMATION CLASS

Beginning Sunday, March 1

We are excited to announce we will be offering a confirmation class for any interested middle or high school youth this spring. There will be an informational meeting in the chapel following worship on Sunday, February 1 at 9:00am for any interested youth and their parents. Questions? Please feel free to contact [Jim Erwin](#) or [Molly Boyd](#). We look forward to welcoming many of our youth to church membership!

ADULT BOOK STUDY CLASS

The Adult Book Study Class will continue discussing *Life Together*, by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Originally published in Germany in 1938, It has been called "the classic exploration of Christian community." Bonhoeffer, a highly regarded minister and teacher, was executed by the Nazis in 1945 because of his opposition to Hitler. The book can be purchased on Amazon.



BIBLE STUDY



The Bible Study group will meet Thursday at 10:30am. We will continue the study of the Gospel of Matthew. Come and join us!

CHURCH COMMITTEE MEETINGS

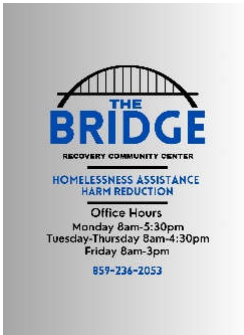


Did you know that most church committee meetings and the Stated meetings of the Session are open to members of the church? All are invited to come and see what the work of the Session and committees involves. Here is a list of upcoming scheduled meetings:

- Thursday, January 22 - Local Mission (5:30pm in the Second Floor Conference Room)
- Tuesday, February 3 - World Mission (7:00pm in the Library)
- Monday, February 9 - Facilities Committee (10:00am in the Library)
- Tuesday, February 10 – Budget and Finance Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, February 17 – State Session Meeting (7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, February 19 - Worship and Music Committee (7:00pm in the Library)

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MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT



the Boyle County Harm Reduction program, formerly located at the Health Department, has moved to a separate office at 455 B South 4th Street. Services for persons who are homeless and at risk of being homeless are also now available at that office, along with Syringe Exchange and other traditional Harm Reduction services. Homeless Coordinator, Brice Gibson, can be reached at (859) 583-3060.

[The Bridge](#)

LOCAL MISSION

LOCAL MISSION ADULT FORMATION

DEACONS' AID GRANT RECIPIENTS

Boyle County Homeless Coalition Presentation

Amy Anness and Colin Ratiere joined us after worship January 18 with details and updates on the efforts of the Boyle County Homeless Coalition. The Coalition is a result of efforts originating with the Boyle County Task Force on Homelessness under Magistrate Steve Sleeper's leadership.

The Coalition's goals are to reduce, assist, and prevent homelessness through community partnerships, advocacy, education, and kindness; with three areas of focus: Basic Needs, Sheltering Options, and Case Management.

In the latest stage ('New Ground') in partnership with Family Services Association land has been donated by Family Services Association (next to their offices on 3rd Street), a zoning change has been approved, and the next step is raising \$15,000 needed to generate a plat for the property which will ultimately be used for tiny homes to individuals and families struggling to afford housing.

In the meantime work is ongoing to meet folks where they are providing food, temporary shelter, and support.

Recently, Brice Gibson, Homeless Coalition Coordinator, relocated to an office at 445 S. 4th St., Suite B, which provides a large enough location to provide services to folks experiencing housing instability. 'The Bridge Recovery Community Center' office will provide a central location for the services offered by the Coalition, basic needs, sheltering options, and case management.



HYGIENE PRODUCTS AND SOCKS DRIVE



The Local Mission Ministry is once again collecting hygiene products and socks to deliver to the Boyle County Health Department for distribution among folks in the county needing that support.

Please place any donations in the big box in Fellowship Hall.

Thank you.



Adopt a MONTH

Heart of Kentucky
United Way



Serving Boyle, Garrard, Lincoln and Mercer Counties



Without emergency hotel vouchers, vulnerable individuals – including families with children, the elderly, and those with medical conditions – are forced to sleep outside in the extreme cold.

Every dollar donated will go to emergency hotel vouchers, which could make the difference between life and death for someone with nowhere else to go. Recommended donation of \$600. This will provide 10 nights of shelter. Please help before it's too late.



Each participating group is asked to provide a monetary donation to supply a family or individual with emergency housing.

Contact: Stephanie Blevins sblevins@hkuw.org 859-583-6248

Make checks to: BCHC Mail To: 118 N. 3rd Street, Danville, Ky 40422

WORLD MISSION



The World Mission Committee wishes to thank the congregation for their donation to the Christmas Joy Special Offering, which raised **\$545**. The offering will be split evenly between local church workers and their families and students at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. Our congregation's contribution to this offering will make a difference in the lives of people in need. Thank you!

NEWS FROM OUR PARTNER IN MISSION: WITNESSING MINISTRIES OF CHRIST

The youth choir from one of Witnessing Ministries of Christ's schools in India was invited to participate for the first time in a Christmas choir competition in the major regional city of Agra. Coming from rural villages, the Dalit school children felt intimidated because most had never been to a big city before. Out of 20 choirs, they were the only one from a village. But they greatly impressed the judges, placing second in the competition, and were awarded a trophy almost as tall as they are!

The win meant more than a trophy, for it taught the students that they can be successful and achieve recognition above the status as "outcastes" assigned them by their culture. And the award also helped the urban audience to see beyond their stereotypes of rural Christians. The choir's performance indeed proved to be a "big win" in more ways than one.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING SUPPORT THESE STUDENTS THROUGH OUR WORLD MISSION FUNDS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers requested for:

- **Martha Boyd** - anticipating surgery on February 11
- Gary and Virginia Braswell - Gary is being treated for pneumonia and other health concerns (parent of **Beth Leahey**)
- Bre - experiencing very difficult circumstances (friend of **Marae Mallard**)
- Will and family - Will suffers from some form of mental illness and has gotten into trouble
- Jannice Bean - recently hospitalized with lung cancer (sister of Rev. Michael Bean, Transy Presbytery)
- Carmel Bowman - health issues (friend of **Bo Smith**)
- Isaac Brown (age 17) - recovering from heart transplant surgery (friend of **Casey Tibbles**)
- Pat Carpenter - recovering from sixth colon surgery (friend of **Gayle Waddell** and **Phillip Jones**)
- Christine DeWitt - recovering from surgery for a fractured vertebrae (mother of **Carrie Gilbert**)
- Joanne Egge - recovering from a series of strokes (aunt of **Sara Egge**)
- **John Erwin** – transferred from Cardinal Hill to UK ICU with breathing and heart issues
- Dave Evans - scheduled for hip replacement surgery (wife is Polly, friend of **AnnYager McCrosky**)
- Hazel Gladding - taking treatment for an infection (mother of **Sean Gladding**)
- Police Chief, Tony Gray - scheduled for organ donor surgery today
- Ben Guerrant – taking treatment for liver cancer (friend of **Amanda England**)
- Ann Hayes - in hospital, recently brought out of an induced coma (friends of **Jean and Eric Smith**)
- Zack Ison - diagnosed with a brain tumor (brother of **Laura Russell**)
- **Scott Johnson** - recovering at home after successful shoulder surgery
- Wanda Johnson - recovering from a TIA and a fall (mother-in-law of **Scott Johnson**)
- **Shan Kihlman** – recovering from back surgery at home
- Mary Koppel - in CCU at UK following a stroke (colleague of **Claire and Jeremy Johnson**)
- Tom Lane - undergoing treatment for cancer (friend of **Jon Nicholson**)
- Donna & Pat Leahy - Donna is facing progressing health concerns (parents of **Jamey Leahey**)
- **Nancy Martindale** - health issues
- **Flem Messer** - dealing with health challenges
- Mary K. Miller – discharged from Cardinal Hill following a serious car accident (stepmother of **Lydia DiMartino Ellis**)
- Mike Pointer - recovered from sepsis; starting radiation and chemotherapy for stage 3 lung cancer (brother of **Judith Pointer Keiser**)
- **Jane Preston** – recovering from knee replacement surgery
- **Sandy Reigelman** - recovering from back surgery
- Chris Royalty – being treated for cancer (friend of **Shane and Amy Wilson**)
- **Bunny Scutchfield** - recovering from surgery for a laceration suffered in a fall
- Nathan Smith - recovering from double bypass open heart surgery (friend of **Bo Smith**)
- Chris Waters - diagnosed with stage 3 carcinoma; undergoing chemo & radiation (Husband of **Heather Hartner Waters**)

Ongoing Concerns:

Lorraine Butterick	Mary Jo Craft	John Gentry	Edward Ellis
Ezra Gash	Hazel & Mel Gladding	Laura Guerrant	Jean Harney
Ike Lawrence	Susie Lawrence	Bob Lewis	LeeAnne McCann
Jean McGowan	Tim Noel	Bob Orndorff	Myra Robertson
Sheena Roller	Mary Shepherd	Lori Williams	Mary Wilson

CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 21

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 10:30am Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 22

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 11:00am Southwind Group – Danville Dulcimers Mini Retreat
- 2:00pm Danville Dulcimers
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers
- 7:00pm Local Mission Meeting

Friday, January 23

- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg

Saturday, January 24

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 25

Inclement weather anticipated – all events canceled

Monday, January 26

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 4:00pm Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, January 27

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am Recovery Café
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting

Wednesday, January 28

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Garden Club Board of Directors Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal