



## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

## WEEKLY UPDATE

February 4, 2026

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Greetings friends,

Two weeks ago, I had the opportunity to attend the APCE (Association of Partners in Christian Education) Annual Event in Pittsburgh, PA. I always enjoy this time of spiritual renewal as I get to worship, attend plenaries, and engage in workshops. This year's theme was "Bridging the Gap: Love God, Love Self, Love Neighbors," and we explored what it means to do each of these things through plenary sessions with Paul Roberts, Mary Ann McKibben Dana, and Evan Moffic. We were led in worship by Theresa Cho, and we engaged in Neighborhood Discussions. I also attended several workshops during the week, including "Building a Neighborhood Together" and "Equipping Families to Worship Together." The presenters for one of the workshops I attended were not able to get to Pittsburgh, so Dr. Kathy Dawson from Columbia Theological Seminary filled in at the last minute. She had registered to take the workshop and ended up teaching it instead! She did a wonderful job, and I got a lot of excellent resources from her. I am excited to share some new ideas with all of you in the coming year. Finally, as we were meeting in Fred Rogers' hometown, I had the opportunity to visit the Heinz History Center, where some of the set pieces from Mister Roger's Neighborhood are on display. I grew up watching Mr. Rogers, so this was especially exciting for me. As always, I am grateful to all of you for your support and encouragement to continue learning about how to be a better Christian educator.

Blessings,  
Amy Wilson

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## ANNUAL MEETING

**Rescheduled for Sunday, February 15**

The Session voted to reschedule the Annual Meeting to Sunday, February 15 following worship. Rev. Dr. Eric Mount will be the Moderator, and once we've completed some brief church business and hear the report on the 2026 Budget, we will gather around tables to report on where we'd like to give our individual or family share of the 2025 budget surplus. Weather permitting(!) we look forward to seeing you all there. For more info on the plan to give the budget surplus away, please click [HERE](#).

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## SYNOPSIS OF JANUARY 20 SESSION MEETING

The Session met on January 20 and took the following actions:

- Approved Year-End Membership Report as of December 31, 2025, and the Year-to-Date Membership Report as of January 19, 2026
- Approved the minutes of the stated Session meeting of December 16, 2025
- Approved the minutes of the called Congregational meeting of January 11, 2026
- Ratified an email vote of January 13, 2026, for purchase of a Christmas tree for the lobby
- Approved two additions to the church's personnel manual:
  - It will be up to the head of staff to determine if the office is to be closed due to the weather and the staff will be compensated
  - Part-time exempt employees will accrue vacation and sick leave on a pro-rated basis (i.e. 1/2 day per month), not to exceed 4 weeks
- Approved the year-end financial statements
- Approved the 2026 budget as presented (The budget will be presented to the congregational meeting now scheduled for Sunday, February 1, 2026)
- Changed the date of the annual meeting from Sunday, January 25, to February 1, 2026, due to weather concerns

The Session also:

- Welcomed the four new ruling elders who will take office next month: John Goggin, Fran Halloran, Nina Kirkland, and Susan Shewmaker
- Blessed the work of the four ruling elders in the class of 2026 and thanked them for their service: Martha Boyd, Tressa Brown, John Erwin, and Don Porter. It also thanked Alice Davis for her work as Clerk of Session
- Received minutes/reports from Sean Gladding, Amy Wilson, and Jeff Wilson; and from the Worship and Music, Budget & Finance, World Mission, Local Mission, and Mental Health Ministry committees

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## 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.

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## 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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## LEARN

### CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Beginning Sunday, March 1**

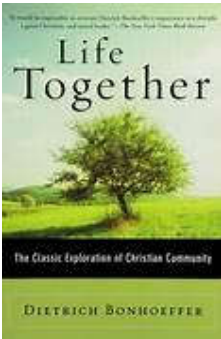
We are excited to announce we will be offering a confirmation class for any interested middle or high school youth this spring. There will be an informational meeting in the chapel prior to worship on Sunday, February 1 at 9:00am for any interested youth and their parents. Questions? Please feel free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



CONFIRMATION

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### 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.

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### 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!



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### 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:

- Monday, February 9 - Facilities Committee (10:00am in the Library)
- Monday, February 9 - Deacons Meeting (6:30pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, February 10 - Budget and Finance Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, February 10 - World Mission (7:00pm in the Second Floor Conference Room)
- Tuesday, February 17 - Stated Session Meeting (7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, February 19 - Worship and Music Committee (7:00pm in the Library)

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## SERVE

### MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

It's been a rough winter so far. Lots of challenges come with the kind of weather we have been having. The Mental Health Committee invites you to join us after worship on February 22 in the Fellowship Hall for *Conquering the Winter Blues: Sharing Loving Ideas*. We will reflect on what has helped each of us. You are invited to bring "props" to share, such as a musical instrument, a really great book, or drawing pencils. All ages are invited to come and share – Valentine treats will be offered.



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### CENTS-ABILITY



This Sunday, February 8 we will be collecting the Cents-Ability offering during worship. A national program of the PC(USA), congregations invite every member of all ages to set aside a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. The gifts we receive for Cents-Ability are divided evenly between our Soup's on Us ministry and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. Cents-Ability is collected on the second Sunday of each month.

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### LOCAL MISSION

#### 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.



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### COLD WEATHER HELP



The Boyle County Homeless Coalition has been tirelessly working this winter to secure warm shelter for folks, individuals and families, who are struggling with secure housing.

Your Local Mission Ministry recently donated to the Homeless Coalition's voucher program, so folks can stay at temporarily at two local hotels.

If you are interested in contributing personally to the voucher program:

1. You may direct deposit to Farmers National Bank, 'Boyle County Homeless Coalition'
2. Write a check to BCHC and mail or drop off at Heart of Kentucky United Way at 118 North 3rd Street
3. Make a donation through the BC Homeless Coalition's PayPal account,
4. Drop off a check at the church to be put in the Local Mission drawer.

Questions: Kathy Howells (859) 539-0515





Church family, From House of Hope

Today, we mourn the martyrs in Minneapolis, USA—those who were killed without guilt because they chose to stand with the stranger, to protect the vulnerable, and to say no to injustice, even when it cost them their lives.

We mourn Renée Nicole Good and Alex Pretti, who carried a living conscience and a love that knows no borders and no nationality. They were not enemies of the law, but victims of a law stripped of its soul—used to justify killing, to silence voices, and to plant fear in the name of “order.”

We say this clearly: immigrants are not the cause of violence, nor of crime, nor of the collapse of values. The great lie being pushed today is that the different human being is a threat, that the poor are dangerous, that the stranger is the enemy.

But history bears witness—and the world itself bears witness—that immigrants are those who built, who planted, who healed, who taught, and who carried the countries they settle in through their hardest moments.

To all peacemakers, to everyone feeling anger, grief, and suffocation: do not allow violence to steal your cause. Do not allow fear to lead you. Raise your voices, yes—but protect civil peace, because justice is not born from the barrel of a gun, and life is not built on bodies.

Fear does not bring peace. Oppression does not create safety. Only justice saves life.

We stand with you, people of Minneapolis, because you have always been a support for the oppressed, a voice for the poor, and a refuge for those broken on the margins of this world. We stand with you today, just as you stood with us in times of weakness, isolation, and loss, and we say: we are not alone—and we never will be.

This evil will not last. Lies, no matter how powerful, collapse before the truth. And blood, no matter how much is spilled, will not kill the idea, nor love, nor the belief that every human being deserves life with dignity.

Raise your voice—but raise it for life, for justice, and for a peace that cannot be defeated.

Salaam, Peace,

Milad Vosgueritchian

House of Hope Vision School Co-Founder and Peace and Justice Education Director

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

Prayers requested for:

- **John Erwin** - transferred to Cardinal Hill and looking forward to starting PT again
- Bre - experiencing very difficult circumstances (friend of **Marae Mallard**)
- Jannice Bean - recently hospitalized with lung cancer (sister of Rev. Michael Bean, Transy Presbytery)
- Carmel Bowman - health issues (friend of **Bo Smith**)
- **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**)
- 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**)
- Dave Evans - scheduled for hip replacement surgery (wife is Polly, friend of **AnnYager McCrosky**)
- **Susan Goggin** - recovering from surgery
- Police Chief, Tony Gray - scheduled for organ donor surgery
- 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**)
- **Kathy Howells** - recovering from carpal tunnel surgery
- Zack Ison - diagnosed with a brain tumor (brother of **Laura Russell**)
- 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:

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|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Lorraine Butterick        | Mary Jo Craft        | <b>John Gentry</b>    | <b>Edward Ellis</b>   |
| Ezra Gash                 | Hazel & Mel Gladding | <b>Laura Guerrant</b> | <b>Jean Harney</b>    |
| Ike Lawrence              | Susie Lawrence       | <b>Bob Lewis</b>      | <b>LeeAnne McCann</b> |
| Jean M <sup>c</sup> Gowan | Tim Noel             | <b>Bob Orndorff</b>   | Myra Robertson        |
| Sheena Roller             | <b>Mary Shepherd</b> | Lori Williams         | Mary Wilson           |

## CALENDAR

### **Wednesday, February 4**

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

### **Thursday, February 5**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 2:00pm Danville Dulcimers
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers

### **Friday, February 6**

- 10:00am Transylvania Presbytery Congregational Issues Committee Meeting
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg

### **Saturday, February 7**

No Events Scheduled

### **Sunday, February 8**

- 9:00am Confirmation Class Informational Meeting
- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 11:00am Choir Retreat
- 12:00pm New Elder Training
- 1:00pm Music on Main Piano Recital
- 4:30pm DYC at The Presbyterian Church

### **Monday, February 9**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am Facilities Committee Meeting
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 4:00pm Monday Prayer Group
- 6:30pm Deacons Meeting

### **Tuesday, February 10**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am Recovery Café
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting
- 7:00pm Budget and Finance Committee Meeting
- 7:00pm World Mission Committee Meeting

### **Wednesday, February 11**

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 5:15pm Mardi Gras Meal and Fun!
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal