



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

MONTHLY NEWS AUGUST 5, 2026



On behalf of the Personnel Committee, I am pleased to announce a newly created part-time position to our church staff. On August 1, we welcomed Maggie Gladding to the staff in the role of Social Media Coordinator.

In her new role, Maggie will be responsible for developing and executing a comprehensive social media strategy aimed at bringing our congregation's online presence to the forefront throughout our community and beyond. We are living in a time when most people, especially those who fall into the "under 40" crowd, rely heavily on online messaging to learn about our congregation's ministries, activities and presence in the community. Maggie is being charged with developing a comprehensive and approach and messaging that will promote the life of our congregation across many different online platforms.

We welcome Maggie to this role and encourage each of you to welcome her as well. If you have any further questions, Maggie is always willing to enthusiastically answer them. Also, please don't hesitate to talk to any of the current staff or to me. We will be happy to talk to you about any questions or comments you may have.

Blessings,
Eric Smith

CONNECT 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.

WORSHIP HYMN SING

On Sunday, August 30, our service will focus on worshipping God through music. The entire worship service will be devoted to the singing of hymns that you have requested. Many of us have a hymn that uplifts or comforts us, that reminds us of our past, or that we simply enjoy singing! This is an opportunity for you to request one or two of those special hymns to sing with the entire congregation. You may request a hymn by emailing Cara, calling the church office at (859) 236-6692 or clicking [here](#) to fill out a Hymn Sing Request form. The deadline for submitting a request is Wednesday, August 16. It would be very helpful if you would include not only the hymn title but also the hymnbook number. If a hymn you would like to sing is not in the hymnbook, we will do our best to find it and make it accessible to the congregation. We will also do our best to include all requests within the worship timeframe but please keep in mind this is not an all-day event! We look forward to receiving your hymn requests and are excited about a Sunday of singing!



Jeff Wilson

SUMMER CHOIR



On Sunday, August 16 the 'Summer Choir' will sing for the morning worship service. All singers (sopranos, altos, tenors, and basses) are welcome to join us for this special ensemble. We'll meet for a brief rehearsal at 9:30am in the Sanctuary that day to prepare an easy choral anthem for the service.

Please contact Jeff Wilson at jeff@presbydan.org or (618) 541-1943 if you have any questions.

LEARN 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, August 10 - Facilities Committee (6:30pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, August 11 - Budget and Finance Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, August 18 - Stated Session Meeting (7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, August 20 - Worship and Music Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, August 25 - Mental Health Ministry (9:00am in the Library)
- Tuesday, September 1 - World Mission (7:00pm in the Library)

SERVE

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GODLY PLAY



The Godly Play program is in need of a few storytellers and doorpersons for the upcoming program year. If you like working with children, this is the job for you! If you are interested in volunteering, contact [Amy Wilson](#) for more information, or you can talk to any of our current or former storytellers (Jean Smith, Kari Young, Susan Shewmaker, Tara Strauch, Kathy Howells, or Frank Russell) or doorpersons (Eric Smith, Brad and Kristen Fulfer, Louis Seidel, Katie Banks, or Spencer Young). Please prayerfully consider this opportunity to help guide our children.



**Our next Soups on Us is this Saturday, August 8 beginning at 9:00am.
We also need help on Friday, August 7 at 9:00am with kitchen prep.
Thanks so much!**

CENTS-ABILITY

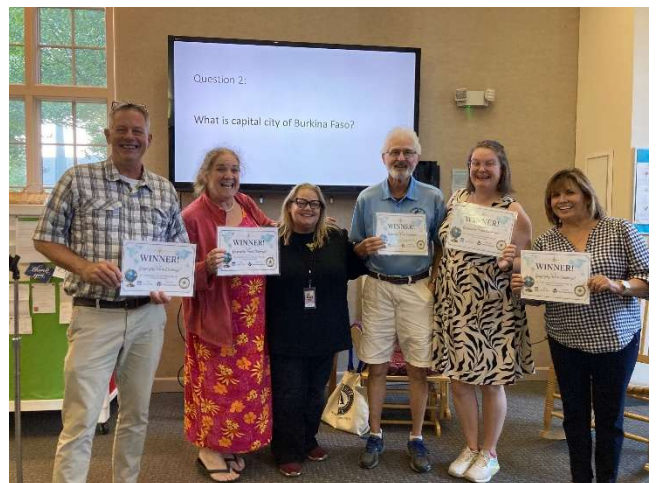


This Sunday, August 9 we will be collecting the Cents-Ability offering during worship. A national program of the PC(USA), congregations invite every member of all ages to set aside a few cents at every meal. This simple act is an expression of thanks for what we have received. The gifts we receive for 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.

WORLD MISSION

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA CHALLENGE KRM FUNDRAISER

The World Mission Committee thanks the congregation for their support of the Geography Trivia Challenge Fundraiser for Kentucky Refugee Ministries. We were able to raise \$2,520 for KRM! Attendance was approximately 60 people. We thank the church staff, including Amy Wilson, Cara Brennan, Martin Pirrman and Stephen Isaac for being so very helpful to us in preparing for this event. Finally, we congratulate the winning team of the second annual Geography Trivia Challenge! We hope we see everyone back next year.



NEWS FROM OUR PARTNERS IN MISSION IN INDIA



Janvi Abigail Suryavanshi
Pavitrasthan School, Class 6



Deepanshu Yoel Anuragi
Awagrah School, Class 6



Pratibha Ruth Abhlashi
Awagrah School, Class 6



Anmol Samuel Satyavadi
Awagrah School, Class 4

These Dalit children have reason to smile! They are gaining a good education which is an opportunity not available to many children of their caste in India. YOU are sponsoring the education of these four through the World Mission ministry of our church in partnership with Witnessing Ministries of Christ. THANK YOU. You can learn more about WMC and its schools by visiting their website: www.witnessingministries.com.

NEWS AND NOTES



School starts in just a few weeks, so it's time for our annual Back-to-School Blessing. All students, teachers, professors, and administrators are invited to bring your backpack or briefcase to worship on Sunday, August 9 to receive a blessing and a backpack tag.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

DANVILLE SINGING FOR DEMOCRACY

FREE CONCERT!

Aug 21st 2026
6:30 - 8:00pm
Networking begins at 5:30pm

Danville High School
(Gravelly Hall)
203 E. Lexington Avenue
Danville, KY

**ONE VOICE.
ONE VOTE.
ONE SOUND.
ONE DEMOCRACY.**

Sponsored by: Kentuckians For The Commonwealth,
Kentucky Poor Peoples Campaign & partners...

Featuring: Reverend Dr. William Barber II

Welcoming by: Mayor James J.H. Atkins

KENTUCKIANS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

Kentuckians For The Commonwealth and the Kentucky Poor People's Campaign invite you to a free concert at Danville High School on Friday, August 21st, with special guests including Danville Mayor James Adkins and the Reverend Dr. William Barber, II.

There'll be a great selection of choirs and singing groups who will lift their voices for democracy. In addition to the musical selections, we'll also hear from Kentuckians who are fighting for the right to restore their vote. Reverend Dr. William Barber II, founder of Repairers of the Breach and the Poor People's Campaign will address the gathering.

The event is free - to reserve your spot, click [here](#).

CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 5

8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:00am AA Meeting
10:00am Garden Club Board of Directors Meeting
1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
5:30pm Summer Potluck

Thursday, August 6

8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
5:30pm Danville Dulcimers

Friday, August 7

9:00am Adult Ed/GED
9:00am Soups on Us Prep
10:00am AA Meeting
1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg

Saturday, August 8

9:00am Soups on Us

Sunday, August 9

10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
11:00am Fellowship
1:00pm Back to School Pool Party

Monday, August 10

8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:00am AA Meeting
4:00pm Monday Prayer Group
6:30pm Facilities Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 11

8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
9:00am Adult Ed/GED
10:00am Recovery Café
11:00am Southwind Group
6:00pm Recovery Meeting
7:00pm Budget and Finance Committee Meeting