



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

MONTHLY NEWS
SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

Friends,

Yesterday marked the first anniversary of my officially beginning the role of your pastor (elect). It was a day like most others have been this past year: responding to emails, making calls, typing up a homily manuscript, finalizing a few plans, initiating some others, a home visit and - of course - a committee meeting. But in between the tasks of the day, I did take a few moments to reflect on this past year, a reflection which brought a sense of gratitude that our shared discernment has brought our family to this congregation and this community.

I confess there have been times when I have felt overwhelmed by the scope of the role, and I've had some steep learning curves in some aspects of the position. But even as I've dropped some balls, I have experienced nothing but grace and understanding from the leadership and the congregation. I take another two exams at the end of this month, and (hopefully!) upon passing those, I'll just have one more to take in January. Through my studies I am learning that there is much with which I resonate in Reformed theology and polity, and am glad that the exams have provided the catalyst for that discovery. I still have questions, of course, and always will, but studying taps into my love of learning (even if my head nods a bit more when reading than when I was in seminary almost 30 years ago).

That love of learning is the springboard for my love of teaching, and this fall I've decided to revisit the 12-week overview of the Bible which Rebecca and I have been facilitating for 25 years. It's been a few years since the first time we went through it as a congregation, and with so many new folk here, and some who weren't able to participate the first time, there'll be an opportunity to hear "The Story of God, the Story of Us" on Wednesday evenings after dinner, and Sunday mornings before worship, beginning next week. Even though I can probably recite parts of the story from memory, I always learn something new every time I hear the story in the company of others, because all of us bring our own stories and perspectives to The Story. I look forward to doing so again this go around.

The best is yet to come,

Sean

CONNECT

GUESS THE MEMBER - CHILDREN'S CHOIR EDITION



Were you once in the Cherub Choir? The Music Makers? The Joy Singers? Did you wear a robe or a giant bow? WE WANT PROOF! As we celebrate starting a children's choir during our Wednesday night programming, we want to see those pictures of our older members in their children's choir days. Bring in a picture in an envelope or with a sticky note that identifies you, and we will use it to make a guessing game in the fellowship hall! Bring pictures to Cara in the office or to Tara Strauch.

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.



LEARN BIBLE STUDY



The Thursday morning Bible Study will reconvene tomorrow, August 27 at 10:30am. The Gospel of Luke will be the subject of this fall's study. All are welcome.

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:

- Tuesday, September 8 - Budget and Finance Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Monday, September 14 - Facilities Committee (6:30pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, September 15 - Stated Session Meeting (7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, September 17 - Worship and Music Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, September 29 - Mental Health Ministry (9:00am in the Library)
- Tuesday, October 6 - World Mission (7:00pm in the Library)

SERVE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



With our church continuing to grow, we need some volunteers to work with our children. There are two volunteer opportunities available. Both of these opportunities require the volunteer to complete a simple background check.

We would like to reopen our church nursery on Sunday mornings. This means that we need two volunteers each Sunday, 9:45-11:15am. Youth are welcome to volunteer, but we need at least one adult each Sunday. There will be a sign-in sheet for parents to leave their phone numbers in case they are needed during worship. Also, there is a TV in the nursery now, so volunteers will be able to watch the service. If you would like to help, please click the link to the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and select a date. Our youngest disciples will thank you!

We also need one volunteer on Wednesday evenings to help Amy with the children's class from 6-7pm. After dinner on Wednesdays, the children go upstairs to the Godly Play room and have a Bible lesson and activity. Amy needs a helper for this class. If you would like to help, please click the link to the [Sign-Up Genius](#) and select a date. Thanks so much!

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.

WORLD MISSION



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Friends, [here](#) is a report from PDA outlining where and how they have helped in times of Disaster and need this year so far. Please take a moment to look through, thank you

CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 2

- 7:00am DYC High School Wake Up Wednesdays
- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00pm Children's Choir and Bible Lesson
- 6:00pm Adult and Youth Studies
- 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 3

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 5:30pm Danville Dulcimers

Friday, September 4

- 9:00am Adult Ed/GED
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:00pm Presbydan Mah Jongg

Saturday, September 5

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, September 6

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day with Holy Communion
- 11:00am Fellowship

Monday, September 7

Labor Day – Church Office Closed

- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 4:00pm Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 8

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