



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

WEEKLY UPDATE
September 24, 2025



Friends,

As I continue to transition from my role as Director of Christian Formation to Pastor-elect, I am grateful for all our members who continue to ensure we have meaningful and varied opportunities to learn together. Just this past week:

- Centre student Marae Mallard made it possible for us to host Whitney Austin, founder of Whitney/Strong, and learn of her organization's work to pass bi-partisan legislation to reduce gun violence, as well as tangible small actions to the same end.
- Kathy Miles invited Alonda Adewale and Anthony Strong from Recovery Life Centers here in Boyle County, so we can learn from their work of providing housing, programming, and peer support for people beginning their journey into long-term recovery from substance use disorders.
- Scott Johnson and the World Mission committee made it possible for us to hear from Milad Vosgueritchian, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Peace and Justice Education at House of Hope Vision School in the West Bank, and learn about trauma-informed education that helps these young children not respond to the sometimes daily violence they experience with violence themselves.

Each of these organizations are doing important work rooted in God's love and justice, and each ask us the question, "What can we do to partner in this kind of work?"



This evening I'm beginning a short video series featuring John Swinton titled, "Discipleship at the Margins." John is a Scottish theologian, academic and Presbyterian minister who specializes in the area of mental health and nursing. He is the Master of Christ's College at the University of Aberdeen. I hope you'll come for dinner at 5:30, and then stay for the discussion of the first video in this series.

The best is yet to come,

Sean

CONNECT

PRESBYDAN PEN PALS



PresbyDan Pen Pals is back! If you would like to have a pen pal this year, please fill out a form and place it in the box in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Pen Pals." Adults will know the identity of their pen pal, but children will not find out their pen pal's identity until the reveal party in May. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Wilson.

LEARN

SUNDAY REMINDER

ADULT FORMATION

9:00am - 9:45am in the Fellowship Hall

This Sunday, September 28, Beth Leahey and Gail Jackson will update us on efforts through Boyle County Adult Education/GED. Also, Susan Neale will update us on the Boyle County Happy Feet nonprofit.

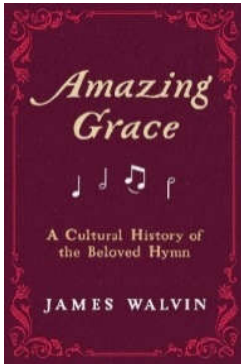
Both these organizations receive some support from your Deacons' Aid Grants.

There WILL be donuts and coffee available.

Watch the Newsletter for future presentations scheduled through October and November.

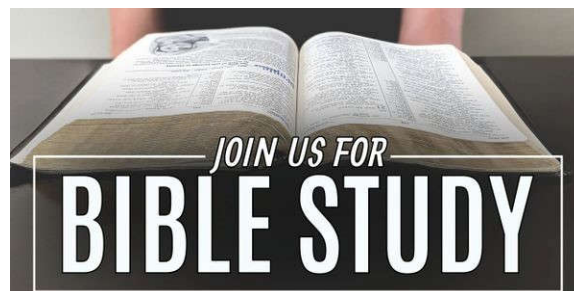


BOOK STUDY CLASS



On Sunday, the Book Study class will meet in the library to begin reading and discussing *Amazing Grace: A Cultural History of the Beloved Hymn*, by British historian James Walvin. "A fun read that tracks a song across diverse swaths of society, across various genres and performance styles, and across the 18th to the 21st centuries." It is available from Amazon.

BIBLE STUDY



The Bible Study group will meet Thursday, September 25. We will gather at 10:30am on Thursday, September 25 to study chapters 2 and 3 of 1 Peter.

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, September 25 - Worship and Music Committee Meeting (4:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, October 7 - World Mission Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Monday, October 13 - Facilities Committee (10:00am in the Library)
- Tuesday, October 14 - Budget and Finance Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, October 2 - Stated Session Meeting (7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)

SERVE

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT



Watch for the bright blue boxes starting to show up around town that say “Free Narcan.” They are being placed in the community to make saving lives of people who have overdosed on an opioid as easy as possible. Everyone is invited to take Narcan from those boxes, and read the simple instructions available on how to administer it. You never know when you might need it. The widespread availability of Narcan has helped to contribute to our Boyle County overdose deaths decreasing in 2024.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING



The Peace & Global Witness Special Offering enables the Presbyterian Church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice throughout the world. Twenty five percent of this offering will be kept by our congregation to support local peacemaking efforts in our community. The rest goes to support similar efforts at regional and global levels. With your support, this offering will help our siblings in Christ both near and far feel the hope that comes with peace and reconciliation. The Peace & Global Witness offering will be collected through World Communion Sunday on October 5. Thank you for giving!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Volunteers are needed to help with the children's class on Wednesday nights in September and October. At 6:00pm, Amy Wilson takes children ages preschool – 5th grade upstairs to the Godly Play assembly room for a Bible lesson, craft, and game. Per our Safe Child Policy, we need to have two adults present in the classroom. If you would like to help, please contact Amy Wilson. Dates available are September 24, October 1, 15 and 22.

LOCAL MISSION

DANVILLE PRIDE FESTIVAL 2025
Saturday, October 18
12:00 - 6:00pm, Pioneer Playhouse

Our congregation is once again sponsoring the Danville Pride Festival, and will have a table at the event, to let folk know they're welcome to participate in all aspects of the life of the church. We're looking for volunteers to be at the table for a 2-hour shift (noon - 2pm; 2-4pm; 4-6pm). If you're able to volunteer for some - or all! - of the festival, please contact Sean to let him know. And if you're free that afternoon, come out and join the fun!



WORLD MISSION

REFUGEE PROJECT



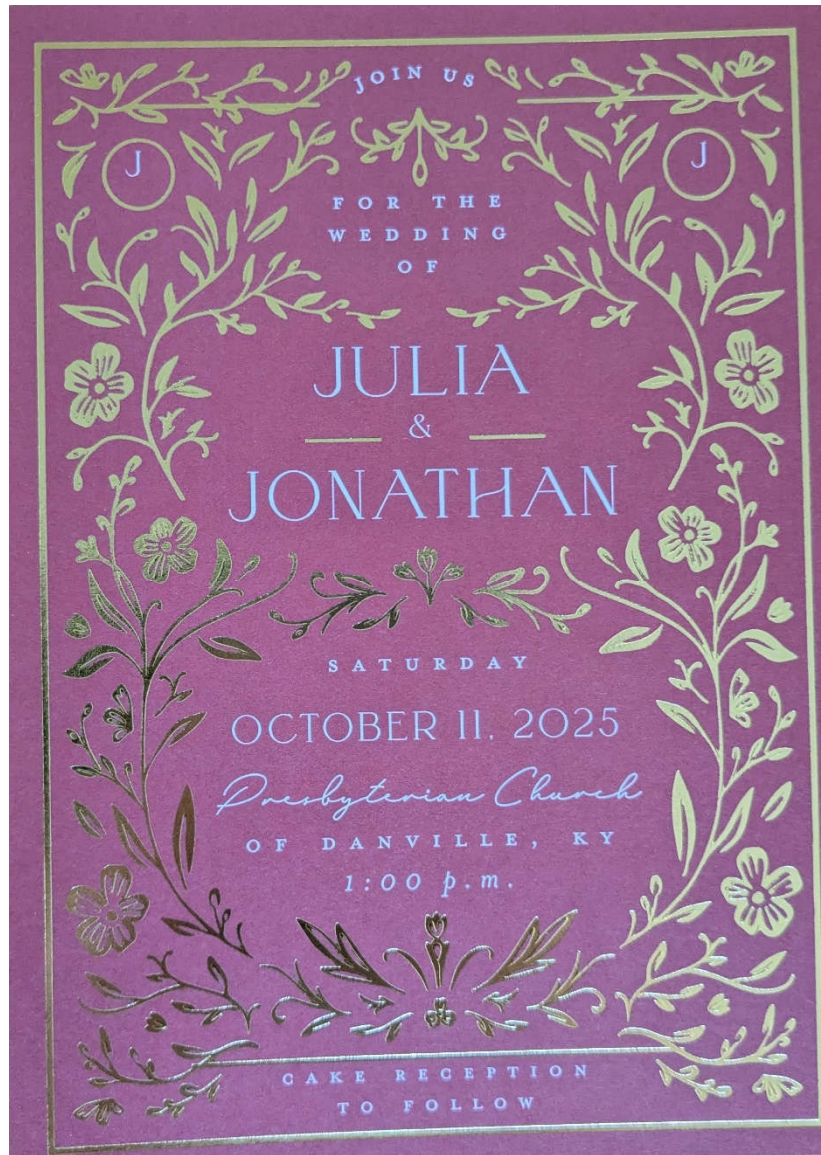
This month's focus is toiletries, diapers and cleaning supplies. Please bring items to the box located in the Fellowship Hall labeled "Refugee Project."

Questions: Bo Smith (859) 236-1302 or Kathy Howells (859) 539-0515

NEWS AND NOTES

YOU'RE INVITED!

JONATHAN NICHOLSON - JULIA GERWE NUPTIALS



Two of our new(er) members, Jonathan and Julia, will be married on Saturday, October 11 at our church - and the congregation is invited to celebrate their marriage on this special day! Jon and Julia would like to invite you to join their ceremony in the Sanctuary at 1:00pm followed by a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall. No RSVP needed. We hope you can make it!

PRESBYDAN KIDS WALL OF FAME



Check out the Wall of Fame in the Fellowship Hall! The wall contains schedules of activities our kids are participating in this fall. Pick an activity and a date and come out to support our PresbyDan kids. If you haven't done so already, please send your child's schedule to Amy Wilson for inclusion on the wall.



Refreshing your driving skills could reduce your auto insurance costs.*

Take the AARP Smart Driver™ online course to see how much you could save.

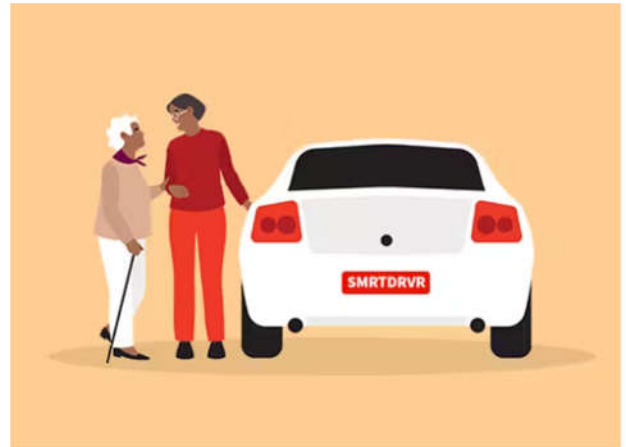
SAFE DRIVING MAY SAVE YOU MONEY

Take the AARP Smart Driver™ classroom course and you could save on car insurance!*

Date & Time: Wednesday, October 15 – 12:00pm – 4:00pm

Location: Boyle County Extension Office

Register: call (859) 236-4484 or click [here](#)



OCTOBER is Domestic Violence AWARENESS MONTH



Shine Purple! Because Everyone Knows Someone

**Tuesday, September 30
Constitution Square
5:00p-7:00p**



- **Help us raise awareness about the realities of domestic violence**
- **Support survivors in their healing journeys**
- **Educate our community about the warning signs and resources**
- **Encourage conversations and actions towards prevention**
- **Foster solidarity and hope**

Community Resources • Speakers • Kids' Activities • Food Trucks!!

If you are interested in setting up a resource table or providing an activity for this event, please send an email to kbondarenko@greenhouse17.org.



Pick up your free purple light bulb to "shine purple" throughout town and show your community support for survivors during the month of October!!

**WEAR
PURPLE**
FOR DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS





RURAL Heart & Lung Study *Open House*



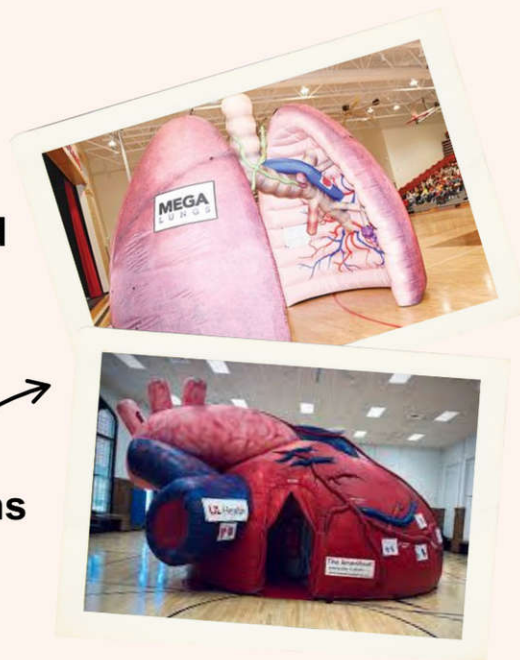
Join us to kick off the Mobile Exam Unit's move to Danville!

October 2nd from 4-7PM at Millennium Park

1000 Cunningham Way, Danville, Kentucky

What to Expect

- MEU tour, plus team meet and greet
- Blood pressure checks, health-related materials, and swag giveaways
- Food & drinks from Teach's Coffee and Biscuit's BBQ
- Inflatable heart and lung walk throughs
- And MORE!



For more information, contact Research Coordinator, Stephanie Abraham:
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Community Service
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CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 24

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 10:30am Staff 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

Thursday, September 25

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:30am Bible Study with Jim Erwin
- 3:00pm Centre ASP Tutoring
- 4:00pm Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Friday, September 26

- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 2:00pm Memorial Service for Ken Copp

Saturday, September 27

- 10:30am Memorial Service and Visitation for Barbara Reynierson

Sunday, September 28

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 5:30pm DYC at First Christian Church

Monday, September 29

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 2:00pm Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 30

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 3:00pm Centre ASP Tutoring Program

Wednesday, October 1

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