



THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DANVILLE

WEEKLY UPDATE November 5, 2025

Friends,

If you weren't able to join us in worship this past Sunday, I hope you'll take time to either watch the second sermon of stewardship season by clicking [here](#), or read it by downloading a PDF [here](#). As we discern as individuals, families and as a congregation what we will pledge to the ongoing mission of God in which we are being invited to participate in 2026, listening to the written and proclaimed Word together will help us with our discernment. This past Sunday we reflected on the faithful stewardship of those who have gone before us, and what their fidelity enables us to do in this generation. And we pondered the question of what we might do to be faithful stewards so that those who come after us will be grateful, just as we are.

But our giving is not limited to our financial resources. It also includes our time and talents, our gifts, and that is what we will focus on during the third worship service of this year's stewardship season. Chances are, you have a gift, or talent that you enjoy expressing but which you have not considered to be something that could serve the church. Often, these are our hobbies - things we enjoy doing. Growing a garden - flowers or vegetables or both. Making music. Knitting or crocheting. Making things with our hands. Playing boardgames. We spend time and money on these things because they bring us - and others - joy. But often, we don't consider them as gifts to offer to the mission of the Church, usually (and sadly) because the Church has not valued those things. But what if the thing that brings you joy is the very thing that God had gifted you with in order to serve God's purposes? For most of us that will require a conversion of the imagination - again! - as well as pondering the question, "How exactly might this thing that I love to do be a gift I can offer to God in the context of the congregation to which I belong?"

You'll be receiving a letter from the stewardship committee in a few days' time, accompanied by the pledge card for 2026. We've added a new line to that card: "Gift/talent." When you receive the card, as well as praying about what financial commitment you will pledge to the mission of God as it's expressed through our congregation next year, please also pray about what gift or talent you can pledge to God's mission among and beyond us in the coming year. We'll collect those cards, and see if there are any gifts or talents that several of us share, and which we might be able to offer together in some new venture. That includes our young disciples, so if you have any living with you, please sit with them and invite them to think about what gift or talent they might have to share.

Don't forget the timeline in the Fellowship Hall - please take a moment to add significant dates for you and your family, as well as any photos that might capture those moments, or others that are special memories. And plan on joining us on Consecration Sunday when we'll gather to worship our generous God, and pledge our time, talent and treasure to God's work in 2026.

The best is yet to come,

Sean

WORSHIP

CONSECRATION SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH



We will share a meal together following worship on Sunday, November 16. We will provide the main dish. If your surname begins with A-L, please bring a dessert; M-Z please bring sides or salads.

JOIN THE CHOIRS!



We are blessed to have both a Sanctuary Choir and a Handbell Choir assist with leading worship at PresbyDan. These active musical ensembles rehearse on Wednesday nights and members range in age from junior high school through senior adults. If you enjoy singing and/or ringing and would like to be more involved with music ministry, we would love to have you join us! Feel free to contact [Jeff Wilson](#) for more information (618) 541-1943.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT REHEARSALS



Christmas Pageant rehearsals begin TONIGHT, Wednesday, November 5, at 6:00pm. If your child would like to participate, please contact [Amy Wilson](#). The pageant will take place on Sunday, December 14 during worship.

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ADULT FORMATION

DEACONS' AID GRANT PRESENTATIONS

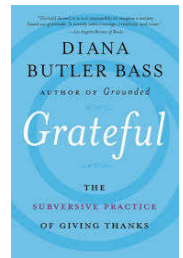
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 9-9:30am, SECOND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM



Join us Sunday for a presentation by Casey Atwood, representing CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of the Bluegrass. A CASA volunteer serves as a voice for an abused or neglected child, identified by the state's DCBS/CHFS (Department for Community Based Services/Cabinet for Health and Family Services). CASA volunteers investigate and gather information, advocate in Family Court, develop relationships with children, provide a consistent presence for children, and monitor a child's well being. Your Deacons' Aid Grant helps to train volunteers.

BOOK STUDY CLASS

On Sunday, the Adult Book Study Class will continue reading and discussing *Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks*, by Diana Butler Bass. The class meets on Sunday mornings in the library. The book is available from Amazon.



BIBLE STUDY



The Bible Study group will meet Thursday at 10:30am We will continue a 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:

- Monday, November 10 - Facilities Committee (10:00am in the Library)
- Tuesday, November 11 - Budget and Finance Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, November 18 - Stated Session Meeting (7:00pm in the Fellowship Hall)
- Thursday, November 20 - Worship and Music Committee (7:00pm in the Library)
- Tuesday, December 2 - World Mission (7:00pm in the Library)

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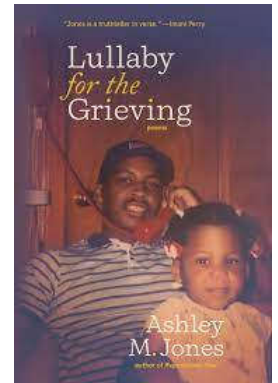
DYC Canned Goods Drive



Students from the Danville Youth Connection collected non-perishable food items in the Green Acres and Streamland neighborhoods on Sunday evening, October 26. Stephen Hinkle, one of the leaders, dropped them off at New Hope Food Pantry last week.

MENTAL HEALTH MOMENT

Poems for grieving personal, community, and cultural losses in these challenging times are worth reading in the latest book of poetry by Ashley M. Jones, Poet Laureate of Alabama. The book is *Lullaby for the Grieving*. Most everyone who has grieved a loss, or is grieving now, will find a bit of wisdom and beauty in it.



Our next Soup's on Us is this Saturday, November 8 beginning at 9:00am.
We also need help on Friday, November 7 at 9:00am with kitchen prep.

Thanks so much!

CENTS-ABILITY

This Sunday, November 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.



LOCAL MISSION

LOCAL MISSION - ADULT FORMATION DEACONS' AID PRESENTATIONS The Salvation Army



Captain Alyssa Irvin, one of the directors of our local Salvation Army ministry, joined the Adult Formation group on October 19. Captain Irvin updated us on the efforts for youth that your Deacons' Aid Grant supports. The Army operates a Tuesday evening youth program, providing transportation to and from this weekly get together. Young adult volunteers, some from Asbury University, work with Captain and Lieutenant (Judah) Irvin to provide a Christian based program each week. The Deacons' Aid Grant also supports the Army's local summer camp for kids and may send a camper to the regional camp in Burkesville.

Our church also supports The Salvation Army each year with volunteers for their Kettle/Bell Ringing campaign. Watch for the sign-sheet in Fellowship Hall

And, our Angel Tree will be appearing in Fellowship Hall this week or next! **PLEASE NOTE THE ANNOUNCEMENT BELOW OF THE CURRENT COUNTY WIDE FOOD DRIVE AND THE DROP-OFF LOCATIONS. ANY FOOD DONATED AT CHURCH DURING THE DRIVE WILL BE TAKEN TO CITY HALL OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THIS FOOD WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG ALL FOLKS IN NEED!**

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

CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 5

- 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, November 6

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

Friday, November 7

- 7:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Soup's on Us Prep
- 9:00am ACDA Children's Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00am AA Meeting

Saturday, November 8

- 9:00am Soup's on Us

Sunday, November 9

- 10:00am Service for the Lord's Day
- 11:00am Fellowship
- 2:00pm DHS Band Banquet
- 5:30pm DYC at Trinity Episcopal Church

Monday, November 10

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

Tuesday, November 11

- 8:00am Grace Café Food Prep
- 9:00am Mental Health Ministry Meeting
- 3:00pm Center ASP Tutoring
- 6:00pm Recovery Meeting
- 7:00pm Budget and Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 12

- 10:00am AA Meeting
- 1:30pm Worship Staff Meeting
- 1:30pm Grace Café Snack Bag Prep
- 2:00pm Grace Café Food Prep
- 5:15pm Wednesday Night Fellowship
- 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
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