

2024 Annual Fall Gathering of Transylvania Presbyterian Women

Saturday, October 12, 2024

at Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center
or ZOOM along with us on your computer or phone!!



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Mission Haven and Sharing Mission Ideas

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Registration ----- 10:00 a.m. Gathering
followed by a seated lunch around noon: Lunch and Registration \$15.00

Guest speaker: Jan Albert, Board Member of Mission Haven,
and past moderator of PW Synod

MISSION HAVEN →→ Presbyterian Women Hosting Missionaries since 1951.

A home-away-from-home to missionaries of the PC(USA); short-term accommodations with apartments and houses, all fully equipped for family life. Located near Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA

- Women pastors and worship leaders are invited to join us and be our guests for lunch!
- Learn about the Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women, St. Louis, August 8-11, 2024
- What MISSION PROJECTS would be suitable for your church? And what mission projects might you SHARE with women's groups in other churches?
- Update on Flood Relief in Eastern Kentucky, Rev. Jim Garrett, Eastern Ky. Work Site Coordinator
- Greetings from Transylvania Presbytery, Rev. Philip Lotspeich, General Presbyter
- OVERVIEW of the 2024-25 PW Horizons Bible Study, Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call for All to Care for Neighbors and All Creation, author Dr. Patricia K. Tull, Professor Emeritus, LTS
- Receive the 2024-2025 Presbyterian Women Directory of Churches with lots of useful info
- Raise our voices together in song, praising our Loving God 🎵🎵 and share camaraderie with women throughout the Presbytery 😊😊😊

♥Mission Haven is supported by PW's in the Synod of Living Waters (that includes us in Transylvania Presbytery) and PW's in the Synod of the South Atlantic.

PLEASE SEE BETTIE GEORGE FRYE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)

Do you remember the first time you fell in love? Can you remember the feelings you expressed toward the recipient of your affection? Did you spend countless minutes, hours and days that all you could think of was the one who at the time was the object of your love? Falling in love was certainly a time of discovery and awe!

Things should be no different as we reflect on the love we have toward our Heavenly Father. When Jesus was asked by one of the lawyers how to gain access to the Kingdom of heaven, Jesus responded with a question. "What do you read in the law?" The answer given was the correct response. **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your soul, strength, mind; and your neighbor as yourself."**

I wonder if he did? I wonder if I do? Do you? How do we love God today?

This is the time of year when we experience

the Fall season. It is aptly named for the falling of the leaves that accumulate in my yard! It is a time when the temperatures are falling to more tolerable degrees. It is a time when the daylight continue to shorten and we begin to think about the celebrations of the upcoming months . It should be fun!

My hope is that you and I will remember our love for a Heavenly Father; who sent His Son and the Holy Spirit to help us realize the possibility of heaven. As we continue throughout these fall days; let us remember the time when we fell in love with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Let us hear the instruction of scripture that encourages us along our faith journey. Let us keep falling in love anew with our Lord, God, and not forgetting our neighbor along the way.

Falling in love can be so much fun! And who better to fall in love with than with the One who loves us with a great love and desires our relationship more than we can imagine. So, let us each find ourselves falling in love with God every day until Jesus returns to bring us home.

Pastor Bill

Memorial Gift Given

A memorial gift was given in memory of *Betty Hoffman* by her son Philip Jay Hoffman.

World Communion Sunday

On **Sunday, October 6**, we are observing World Communion Sunday with various breads from around the world! The children will be singing. There will be a reception in the Narthex following morning worship. Join as at the Table of the Lord as we celebrate God’s love for the world!

Pastor & Staff Appreciation Month AND Table & Treat

FPC Staff Appreciation Luncheon and Table & Treat is **Sunday, October 20** following morning worship. The menu is taco/salad bar with desserts and drinks. Appreciate our staff by gifting “a bag of LOVE” with handwritten notes, small treats and gift cards. The red paper packages will be available every Sunday in October.

*****We are collecting candy for Table & Treat.*****

Collecting Donations for Ashland Youth Service Center

We are again receiving donations for the Ashland Youth Services Center Thanksgiving Baskets, **October 13—November 10**. This is a wonderful outreach to many in our area who are struggling to make ends meet. We had an overflowing of items last year. We helped feed dozens of families throughout the Ashland Schools in our area. Thank you for your giving spirit!



Items Needed:

- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Gravy
- Stuffing
- Biscuit or Roll Mix
- Cranberry Sauce
- Canned Green Beans
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Crispy Onion Straws
- Canned Sweet Potatoes
- Brown Sugar
- Marshmallows
- Pecans
- Canned Corn
- Pumpkin Pie Filling
- Canned Milk
- Coffee
- Tea
- Hot Cocoa Mix
- Clothes Baskets

Stewardship Campaign for 2025

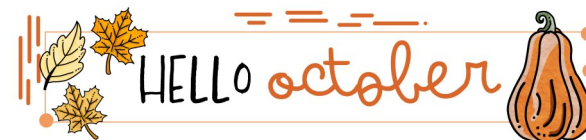
We are excited to announce that our Stewardship Emphasis for 2025 will be **November 3–24, 2024**. Our theme for this year is *Hope in the Lord*, based on Jeremiah 29:11: “For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” Please be in prayer for your response. You will receive a letter/commitment card in the mail by **November 1**. God continues to move within our congregation. May each of us give cheerfully this coming year and watch how God blesses us all! To God be the glory!

Stewardship Speakers:

- Sunday, Nov. 3—*Pam Potter*
- Sunday, Nov. 10—*Jimmy Hall*
- Sunday, Nov. 17—*Andrew Wheeler*
- Sunday, Nov. 24—*Blythe Weston*



“None can believe how powerful prayer is, and what it is able to effect, but those who have learned it by experience.”
—Martin Luther



- Sunday Morning Study:** Sundays, 9:28 p.m.
- Armchair Theologians:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Harmony of the Gospels:** Sundays, 9:30 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Worship:** 10:50 a.m.
- Men’s Bible Study:** Wednesdays, 7 a.m., Bob Evans
- Bells Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 5:45 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.
- Open Chapel:** Wednesday, Oct. 2, 5:30—8 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, Oct. 3, 1 p.m.
- Horizons Bible Study:** Thursday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m.
- World Communion Sunday Reception:** Oct. 6 following morning worship
- Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, Oct. 10, 11:30 a.m.
- Presbyterian Women Fall Retreat:** Saturday, Oct. 12
- Youth Group Meeting:** Sunday, Oct. 13, 12:15 p.m.
- Ministry Teams Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 14, 5:30 p.m.
- Finance Ministry Team:** Tuesday, Oct. 15, 5:30 p.m.
- Paper Angels:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 1 p.m.
- Dames + Dinner:** Thursday, Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m.
- Staff Appreciation/Table & Treat:** Sunday, Oct. 20 following morning worship
- Sew Blessed:** Monday, Oct. 21, 6 p.m.
- Session Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 22, 5:30 p.m.
- Men’s Lunch Bunch:** Thursday, Oct. 24, 11:30 a.m.
- Youth Group Meeting:** Sunday, Oct. 27 following morning worship
- Empty Nesters:** Monday, Oct. 28, 5:30 p.m.



All Saints Sunday

All Saints’ Sunday is **Nov. 3**. Please join us as we pay homage to our dearly departed saints and loved ones. If you have a loved one who has passed into the kingdom **within this last year**, please notify the Church office by **Sunday, October 27** for inclusion of his or her name in the bulletin.

Note of Gratitude

The Ashland Blazer Youth Services Center thanks you for your kindness and generosity. It is warmhearted people like you that make our center capable of providing students with all they need to thrive. You have helped us get this school year off to a good start and we appreciate your continued support.
(Brittany Brown and Amanda Hetherington)



- Greg Willis**—October 4
- Logan Jones**—October 5
- Keith McClelland**—October 5
- Lee McCloud**—October 6
- James Hall**—October 8
- Jessica Goodwin**—October 8
- Piper Scott**—October 9
- Ruth Anne Hall**—October 19
- Melissa Rigsby**—October 19
- Drew McClelland**—October 26
- Nancy Compton**—October 27
- Blythe Weston**—October 28



- Chris & Barb Payne**—October 1
- Max & Lois Jackson**—October 2
- Barry Barbour & Bonnie Pettijohn**—October 20
- James & Ruth Anne Hall**—October 26
- Mark & Kelly Hanni**—October 29

Special Dates

- Pastor Appreciation Month
- World Communion Sunday, *October 6*
- Columbus Day, *October 14*
- Indigenous Peoples Day, *October 14*
- Reformation Sunday, *October 27*

Operation Christmas Child Box Monthly Drive

Mission Team is asking for monthly donations to help fill the OCC shoeboxes this year. As always, if you wish to fill your own box, we will have plenty for you too! If you have any questions, please contact Mission Ministry Team Chair, Geri Willis.
October: *Small stuffed animals, craft kits, yo-yos, kaleidoscopes, Slinky, balls*