



THE CHURCH MOUSE

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Pastor's Corner

Psalm 98:7-9

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
before the LORD, for He comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**



Our recent vacation to Pipestem State Park in West Virginia reminded me how small I am. Looking out our balcony window we could see miles and miles of mountains; the sun set over them in the evening, and in the morning the valleys were filled with mist. Deer roamed all over the park and when we saw them Greg would say, "Look, the owners are here!" And they must wonder about the sanity of humans who jump in the water with no visible purpose, chase a ball around a few acres with a stick, wander on trails just to get to the other end, ride a tramway down a mountain and then back up again, and shoot clay pigeons when there are plenty of real birds around the place. Cruising on the lake in kayaks we saw an osprey dive; we saw hawks, we saw the Bluestone river running over rocks, clapping its hands, and the majestic mountains surrounded us, singing for joy before the LORD. Why? Because the creation welcomes the time when God will judge the world, when the stewards of this earth will be judged with God's righteousness, and the peoples with equity. Romans 8 tells us that the creation groans with eager expectation until the sons and daughters of God will be revealed. Until then, an occasional trip to the ocean or to the mountains reminds us of our relative position in the cosmos, of the power and sovereignty of our loving God.

Blessings,

Pastor Elizabeth Stone

Report from the Session

Session has taken the following actions:

- elected a Commissioner to the Presbytery of Transylvania stated meeting on 09/09/2023
- called a congregational meeting for 11/19/2023
- the next stated session meeting will be 09/20/2023 at 5:30 pm

ATTENDANCE

08/06/2023 : in sanctuary, 39

08/13/2023 : in sanctuary, 28

08/20/2023 : in sanctuary, 43

08/27/2023 : in sanctuary, 44

COMMUNION

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 9/03/2023. and again on 10/01/2023.

NOTICE:

Session has called a congregational meeting for November 19, 2023 immediately following the 11:00 am worship service for the purposes of:

- hearing the report of the Nominating Committee
- electing two (2) elders for the class of 2025, three (3) congregational representatives to the Nominating Committee for 2024 and one (1) congregational representative to the Personnel Committee for 2024.

Bible Study


Join the member led church-wide Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:30 am via Zoom. The discussion will be focusing on the book of Mark. Here's the Zoom address:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82346112262>.

YOU TUBE

Our Sunday worship service is transmitted via YouTube and is listed as [First Presbyterian Church Georgetown, KY](#).

MUSIC NOTES

The choir has resumed practice, and we're all glad to be  singing together again. We welcome anyone who enjoys singing to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:50 in the sanctuary. We finish at 8:00.



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Betsy Bradley Circle**'s first regular meeting will be Monday, September 11 in the church Annex beginning at 9:30.

The **Linda Sharron Circle** will meet Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm at the church in the room behind the sanctuary (aka The Upper Room).

The Circles will discuss the first lesson in the new Horizons Bible Study, in *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by the Rev. Dr. Olive Mahabir. Anyone who doesn't belong to a circle is more than welcome to attend.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN IN THE PRESBYTERY

FALL GATHERING

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16—CAMP BURNAMWOOD

This year our program will honor and celebrate women pastors in the Transylvania Presbytery. The PWP Moderator will be giving an overview of this year's Bible study. Cost is \$15. If you're interested, please contact our PW moderator .



LIVE WIRES

Woodford Theatre is presenting the Legend of Sleepy Hollow this fall. Let's plan to attend on October 8. Ticket price and deadlines will be forthcoming.

- Potato Flakes



GATHERING PLACE MISSIONS CONTINUE TO NEED OUR HELP

Second Sunday Supplies will be collected on **Sunday, September 10**. There will be containers in the Narthex for supplies for the Gathering Place Mission for Homeless Men and The Gathering Place Mission for Homeless Women and Children— both on Bourbon Street.

ONGOING NEEDS: Paper goods - large and small plates, bowls, napkins, toilet paper and paper towels (These items are the main ones that our church has approved to supply.) Also needed are hygiene goods and clothing.

Gathering Place Mission recently celebrated their 12th year serving the community. Congratulations on a job well done! Lives are still being changed at The Gathering Place.



AMEN House

People Serving People

Amen House Wish List Items for September

- Mac and Cheese Microwave Bowls
- Boxed Cereal
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Vegetables and Fruit
- Personal Care Items (toothbrushes, toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, shampoo)
- Heavy Duty Grocery Bags ("Click List" bags)

Please place your items in the AMEN House box in the narthex.

- **THERE'S MORE:** The Denim and Pearls Gala Fundraiser to benefit the AMEN House will be September 28. For information, go to <http://amenhouse.org>.
- Dessert Mixes (Brownies, Cakes, etc.)
- Diapers/Baby Wipes

From the Worship Committee

Parade of Horses

On Saturday, September 9, our Church Family will gather on the breezeway to enjoy the Toyota Grand Parade of Horses. The parade starts at 5:00 p.m. This is the premier event in the Georgetown Festival of the Horse which takes place September 8 – 10. We also invite you to remain after the parade for dinner in the Fellowship Hall. See invitation, page 6

Guest Preacher on September 17th

We will be hosting a guest preacher in our pulpit on September 17.

Annual Church Picnic—Save the Date—October 8

Come enjoy an outdoor worship service and picnic lunch at our annual Church Picnic on October 8 at Brooking Park. We have Shelter #1 reserved near parking, playgrounds, and restrooms. The park is adjacent to the county Fairgrounds. Worship will begin at 11:00 a.m. with picnic lunch to follow. Watch your email and the October Mouse for further details. This is certain to be a great day of worship, fun and fellowship. Should inclement weather interrupt our plans, we will move the venue inside to the Fellowship Hall.

Adult Sunday School Classes

We now offer two Adult Sunday School Classes on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Adult I meets in the Church library and uses current books by Christian writers to discuss how modern issues impact our faith journeys. It is currently using the book *The Case for Christ* by Lee Strobel. This book, written by a former investigative reporter and attorney, examines the available Christ. This class is also open to virtual participation via Zoom. The Zoom meeting ID is

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88041635485>.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in what is always a lively discussion. New students would find it easy to jump into the study at any time.

Adult II meets in the downstairs classroom and is a more Bible focused class. The group is currently studying the book, *We Make the Road by Walking*, by Brian McLaren.

The Church Mouse

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You Are Invited to:

TOYOTA'S GRAND PARADE OF HORSES

A highlight of Georgetown's Festival of the Horse

Saturday, September 9

Beginning at 5 pm

Plan to watch the parade from **The Breezeway** at First Presbyterian Church

Parade will be followed by a **supper** hosted by the Worship Committee

Hope to see you there!

September 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

					1	2 Labor Day Week-end
3) 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School 11:00 Worship Traditional Communion Children's worship	4 Labor Day	5	6 6:50 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	7 10:30 Bible Study via Zoom 1 pm Worship Committee	8	9 5 pm Watch Festival of the Horse Grand Parade from Breezeway (between church and Annex) followed by supper in the Annex
10) 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School 2nd Sunday Supplies 11:00 Worship Children's worship	11 9:30 Betsy Bradley Circle 6:30 Linda Sharon Circle	12	13 6:50 Choir Rehearsal-Sanctuary	14 10:30 Bible Study via Zoom	15	16
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