



# THE CHURCH MOUSE

First Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Georgetown, KY 40324

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## *Pastor's Corner*

**So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Philippians 2:1,2**

We can't control the Holy Spirit. The primitive Church found that out pretty quick! When all those Jews from all over the Roman empire in Jerusalem gathered for the feast of Pentecost hear the Gospel, the Holy Spirit falls on them as they repent, believe, and are baptized. Then thousands more. And as all these Jews return home, they begin to spread the word about salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, about forgiveness and eternal life, and the Holy Spirit comes upon every person who believes. A little bit longer, and Samaritans get the Holy Spirit! Then the Gentiles! The Holy Spirit falls willy-nilly on all these people and the only pre-requisite is that they repent and believe. Sometimes the Holy Spirit falls on people *while* they are being baptized. Sometimes the Holy Spirit falls on people while they are hearing the Gospel preached *before* they are baptized. Sometimes the Holy Spirit falls on them *after* they have been baptized. The consistent thing is that Holy Spirit comes and indwells every believer just as the Lord Jesus promised. The Comforter, the Counselor, the Teacher, the One called along beside us Who is the very Presence of God enters our hearts and sets up housekeeping there

Why the difference in timing? To teach the first disciples and apostles that the New Covenant in Christ is all about faith. The Holy Spirit is the sign and seal that is given to us who repent and confess our faith in Christ. We may have been baptized as infants, we may have a believer's baptism as adults, we may still need to be baptized, but the gift of the Holy Spirit is automatically given to all who believe. With the Spirit's presence our faith walk is empowered, our natural abilities are energized, and we are given special spiritual gifts to carry out all that God calls us to do for His Kingdom. And the Holy Spirit is the guarantee of our resurrection in Christ, a down payment on eternity. Not only that, the Holy Spirit connects us to each other so we can be united in faith, supporting the gifts and callings of the whole community. Without the Holy Spirit, there is no Church. Signs of the Holy Spirit's presence are encouragement in Christ, comfort in love, being of one mind with the Holy Spirit and accord with one another. We don't control the Holy Spirit, but the Spirit *must* control us. In these days of confusion, the Spirit-controlled believer and the Spirit-controlled church will stand out as miraculous signs, and a witness to Christ's grace in us.

In the bond of the Holy Spirit,



## CLERK'S REPORT

Session has taken the following actions:

- approved the use of the Annex 06/25/2024 – 08/16/2024 by AMEN House for Summer Food Service Program
  - approved the use of the Annex on 04/23/2024 by AMEN House
  - approved the use of ramp and sidewalks by AMEN House for a wall of joy
- approved the use of the Annex on 07/13/2024 by UK Human Development Institute for a training session
  - approved Emily Carroll as commissioner to the 05/18/2024 stated meeting of the Presbytery
  - approved the purchase of ear buds to be used with our hearing assistance devices
- called special session meeting for 05/08/2024 at 5:30 pm to discuss future facility usage plans
  - the next stated session meeting will be 05/15/2024 at 5:30 pm

Attendance (includes Church School)

04/07/2024 : in sanctuary, 31

04/14/2024 : in sanctuary, 43

04/21/2024 : in sanctuary, 28

04/28/2024 : in sanctuary, 38

### COMMUNION

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 05/05/2024.

Traditional communion will be served during morning worship on 06/02/2024.

## FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### New Hearing Assist Devices Available

We now have hearing assist devices available for members of the congregation who need a little boost in volume to better enjoy our Worship services. A company out of Memphis donated a transmitter and four receive devices so we could see if they would meet our needs.

This system involves transmitting our audio feed from the microphones in the Sanctuary to small receivers used by folks in the pews. This is the same audio feed that goes to the speakers in the sanctuary and to our live stream on YouTube. The receive devices are rechargeable. Here is a photo of the receive device with a penny to give an impression of size:



Someone using this device during our Worship service would be able to listen through the provided ear**phone** and adjust the volume as needed. Each device has two earphone jacks, so two people sitting together could actually share a single receive device. Each earphone is intended to be used by a single person, and then either discarded or saved by that user for their use in a future service. A user could also bring their own earphones, either on-ear or in-ear, and use them with the device so long as the earphones have a small (3.5 mm) jack. The earphone jack is the same as used on most cell phones, tablets, and laptops with a wired earphone connection.

We have had a few “test subjects” try these devices out in recent services, and they say it really makes it easier to hear both the music and the spoken word of our worship. Depending on the level of interest and use, we can acquire additional receive units to meet our needs.

If you would like to take this new technology for a spin, just let a greeter or usher know.

### Coming Events

Thursday, May 2, 2024 is the National Day of Prayer. The Church Sanctuary will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for those who would like to stop in to pray or meditate.

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - Communion Sunday

Sunday, May 19 – Pentecost Sunday. We will host a lunch in the Annex following the Worship service. Watch your email for more details.

## FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### Liturgists Needed

We encourage anyone who would like to help lead a Worship service to volunteer as a Liturgist. Just sign up on the roster outside the Church offices.

### Worship Committee Meetings

The Worship Committee **will meet Thursday May 2** and on the first Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m. in the Church Library. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you have an issue or concern regarding Worship, Fellowship, Membership, or Christian Education issues, or if you would like to be a member of the Committee, please come join us!

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## Concerts and Plays

- The last concert of the semester of the Georgetown College Choral program (example pictured below) is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, at 4 pm in the former St. John Catholic Church building on Main Street. **(please note change of venue).**
- The last of this year's Music for Mission series is Friday, May 10 at 7:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church in Lexington. It features **Miguel Zenon and Luis Perdomo, sax and piano duo**. Admission is free but an offering will be received benefiting The Nest in Lexington.
- Several Live Wires have already signed up to attend the musical, **Grease**, at Woodford Theatre on Sunday, May 26 at 2 pm.
- Georgetown Community Singers celebrated 50 years of singing by presenting "Reflections" on Friday, April 26. Former participants, including two from our choir, were recognized and our favorite saxophonist performed.



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

The **Morning Circle** will meet **Monday, May 6 at 9:30 am** in the Annex. WE will study the final lesson in the current *Horizons* Bible Study titled *Sacred Encounters*.

The April meeting of the **Nite Circle** will be **Monday, May 6 at 6:30 pm in the Upper Room.**

### MESSAGE FROM OUR

#### PW MODERATOR

**Hello PW Sisters,** The Triennial Churchwide Gathering of Presbyterian Women is August 8-11, 2024 in St Louis MO. Please let the Moderator know if you're interested in attending..

#### PW PRESBYTERY

Five Georgetown PW's rode the 2nd Pres. bus to Richmond for the PW Gathering on April 13. A good time was had by all!!



**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 personal care items and clothing. Next Second Sunday Supplies date: **May 12.**



## AMEN House Wish List

### Food Pantry Needs

- Canned Tuna
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Individual Desserts
- Laundry Detergent
- Toothbrushes/Toothpaste
- Kroger Click List bags

### Thrift Store Needs

*Special call for men's jeans sizes 28-34 for victims of recent apartment fire in Georgetown*

- Children's clothing
- Men's clothing
- Socks (all sizes new only)
- Underwear (all sizes, new only)
- Blankets, Towels/washcloths
- Backpacks



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UPDATE

**Adult Sunday School Classes meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

We continue to offer two Adult Sunday School Classes. **Adult I** meets in the Church library and uses current books by Christian writers to discuss how modern issues impact our faith journeys. Here's the address to join the class via Zoom.

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

**Adult II** meets in the downstairs classroom. The class is progressing through a year-long reading and discussion of Brian McLaren's book *The Road Is Made by Walking*. Each week he chooses several scripture passages related to some aspect of living out our Christian faith and starts an interesting and thought-provoking discussion. We would love to have new people join these activities!



The weekly Bible Study meets via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 10:30 AM. You can join through an internet computer connection or by phone. We will begin working our way through the Revelation of John. So, whether this rather strange part of our scriptures fascinates, confuses, offends or bores you, please join in and help with our discussions!. **Here's the Zoom address:**

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

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**Young children** are invited to "Children's Church" during worship service.

# May 2024

**Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat**

			1  6:50 Choir Rehearsal	2) 10 am -4 pm, church open for National Day of Prayer  10:30 Bible Study on Zoom  1 pm Worship Committee	3	4
5) 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School  11:00 Worship  Communion  4 pm Georgetown College Choral concert	6  9:30 Morning Circle  6:30 Nite Circle	7	8  5:30 Called Session Meeting. Supper furnished  6:50 Choir Rehearsal	9  10:30 Bible Study on Zoom	10	11
12) Mother's Day  9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School  11:00 Worship  Second Sunday Supplies	13	14	15  5:30 Stated Session Meeting  6:50 Choir Rehearsal	16  10:30 Bible Study on Zoom	17	18  Transylvania Presbytery Meeting
19) Wear Red for Pentecost Sunday  9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School  11:00 Worship  Lunch after church in Annex	20	21	22  6:50 Choir Rehearsal	23  10:30 Bible Study on Zoom	24	25
26) 9:30 Adult I and II Sunday School  11:00 Worship  Live Wires to Woodford Theatre	27	28	29  6:50 Choir Rehearsal	30  10:30 Bible Study on Zoom	31	