

The Voice

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To Know Him and To Make Him Known

Bed in Winter by Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light
In summer, quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?

As summer settles in, Robert Louis Stevenson's poem reminds us how differently the seasons shape our days and hearts. In winter, he writes of rising "by yellow candle-light," while summer stretches long into bright evenings and the desire to remain outside just a little longer. Summer has a way of inviting us into activity and conversation, which our church will embrace in the season.

Beginning Sunday, June 7, "What Did You Hear?" returns immediately following worship. Just as Stevenson pauses to notice the sounds around him, we, too, are invited to listen and reflect together on the message heard in worship. Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a thoughtful discussion on the sermon.

Throughout June, July, and August, we will begin a new sermon series exploring God's presence in the stories of the Old Testament titled "God is in the Details." These ancestral stories continue speaking to our lives today, reminding us that God is present in every season.

Finally, please also mark your calendars for Sunday, July 19, when First Presbyterian Church and Immanuel Baptist Church will share in a special pulpit swap! Rev. McKown and I will exchange pulpits for the 10:45 a.m. worship services, followed by a joint church picnic at Keiler Park. Presbyterians are asked to bring desserts for the meal. Bring your favorite and enjoy a joyful afternoon together.

The excitement of summer is underway, and there is much to look forward to in the coming months. Like the child in Stevenson's poem who longs to stay awake and enjoy the beauty of the evening, may we embrace this season with joy in fellowship together.

Peace, Lex

JUNE/JULY WORSHIP

June 7-God Is in the Details...An Abram and Sarai Story
Genesis 12:1-9

June 14-God Is in the Details...An Abraham and Sarah Story
Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

June 21-God Is in the Details...A Hagar and Ishmael Story
Genesis 21:8-12

June 28-God Is in the Details...An Abraham and Isaac Story
Genesis 22:1-14

July 5-God Is in the Details...An Isaac and Rebekah Story
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67

July 12-God Is in the Details...An Esau and Jacob Story
Genesis 25:19-34

July 19-God Is in the Details...A Jacob Story
Genesis 28:10-19a

July 26-God Is in the Details...A Leah and Rachel Story
Genesis 29:15-28

Upcoming Events

Monday, June 1-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Thursday, June 4-Thankful Thursday (children's event)

Monday, June 8-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Monday, June 15-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Tuesday, June 16-Session 7pm in Memorial Hall

Thursday, June 18-Juneteenth-Office Closed

Friday, June 19-Fabulous Friday-Date Night (for parents of children)

Sunday, June 21-Father's Day

Monday, June 22-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

June 27-July 4-Montreat Worship & Music Conference (youth & adults)

Thursday, July 2-Office Closed (for July 4th Holiday)

Friday, July 10-Fabulous Friday-Date Night (for parents of children)

Monday, July 13-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Monday, July 20-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Thursday, July 23-Thankful Thursday (children's event)

Monday, July 27-Bible Study in Memorial Hall & on Zoom 12pm

Treasurer's Report-April 2026

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Income	156,081	141,794	14,287
Expenses			
Benevolences	13,143	14,143	(1,000)
Church Staff	96,142	101,164	(5,022)
Administrative	19,274	15,120	4,154
Worship	1,150	2,550	(1,400)
Christian Life	3,262	3,917	(655)
Property	11,969	14,070	(2,101)
Missional Outreach	134	933	(799)
Buddenbaum	1,907	1,667	240
	146,981	153,564	(6,583)
Net Total	9,100	(11,770)	20,870

The summary operating statement through April 2026 is presented above. We are \$14,287 above budget on the revenue side, \$6,583 below on the expense side, and have a year-to-date surplus of \$9,100. As we enter the summer months, your ongoing financial support of First Presbyterian Church is greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Karen Durbin, Treasurer

June/July Birthdays

6/3~David Wolfrom
6/5~Scarlett Diaz, Mike Underwood
6/6~Britton Edwards
6/7~Linda Gould
6/8~Eleanor Hammonds
6/9~Ted Borodofsky, Stephanie Young
6/11~Chris Janne
6/13~Maria Miller
6/14~Joe Framptom
6/21~Erin Kelly
6/24~Keith Kelly
6/24~ Elizabeth Young
6/25~Randy Janne, Margaret Kaltenbach
6/26~Karen Durbin
6/27~ Nick Bowden, Evah Diaz
Mary Katherine Framptom
6/28~Bobbie Wrinkle

7/1~Jim Gould, Jim
Hank, Jeff Johnson
7/2~Jim Toy
7/4~Nick Masek, Zack Masek, Emily
Wolfrom
7/7~Viola Blackwell, Suzanne
Underwood
7/9~Jimmy Gwinn, Rita McKeel
7/13~Owen Masek,
7/14~Tim Kaltenbach, Richard
Trampe
7/16~Bruce Pope
7/17~John Current
7/20~Katherine Mayne
7/21~Dan Stratemeyer
7/23~Jerry Page, Becky Binks,
Fumiko Hattori, Haley Massad
7/24~Jeane Framptom
7/28~Owen Cody
7/29~Don Barger

June/July Anniversaries

6/12~Jim & Anne Gwinn
6/15~Steve & Jane Blue
6/17~Ted & Helen Mungle, Joe & Linda Suito
6/18~Ralph & Stephanie Young, Jeff & Suellen
Johnson
6/21~Britton Shurley & Amelia Martens
6/22~Becky Binks & Cary Donham
6/23~David & Leslie Peeples
6/30~John & Lisa Craft

7/6~Keith & Robin Kelly
7/16~Conner & Carly Framptom,
Charles & Marci Lackey

Presbyterian Women

It has been a very busy time in the life of the church for PW. Multiple mission projects took place in the last month. The generosity of our First Presbyterian Church family has been astounding.

- On May 2, the Tag Sale netted a profit of \$2,430 for Montreat Worship & Music Conference expenses. This is an increase of almost \$1,000 from last year. We thank, again, all the families that made donations – 31 families donated 37 loads and the unsold items were donated to St. Vincent de Paul for our community (but the truck was not full). A few items will be placed on Marketplace, as well.
- The PW served lunch to our 35 guests attending the Presbytery of Western Kentucky meeting on Tuesday, May 12. A big thank you to those that set up, cooked, served, and cleaned up after the meeting.
- The Presbyterian Women want to thank all those who attended the Family Night Supper on May 20. A total of \$491 in donations were received for the annual Birthday Offering, which was forwarded to PW(USA) to fill the requests of the two charities for 2026. City Mission of Findlay Women and Children's Crisis Shelter, in Ohio and Haywood Christian Ministry Rural Food Assistance Project, Waynesville, North Carolina. We'd also like to thank all those that provided entertainment for the evening: Annabelle Wilham, Mia & Makenna VerCautren, Sally & Ruth Marshall, Henry Stratemeyer, Owen Cody, Bill Fowler, Jim Hank, Cary Donham, & Corky Bloodworth. It was a treat!
- Elisabeth Kelly and Chris Krueger represented Paducah First at the PWP Spring Gathering in Hopkinsville on May 21. Presbyter Rev. Jen Evans of Madisonville gave a presentation on growing the church.

What a great community of faith! You have reached out to help those within our walls, within our community, and within the world. We will be taking the summer off from regular meetings and resume our Bible study in September. Thanks to Viola Blackwell for leading our discussions each month. Donations will still be accepted for the Hospice Center at Mercy Health monthly and financial donations for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) hygiene and backpack programs.

The Coordinating Team of Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky will meet again in August. Moderators are invited for a brainstorming session and lunch at Highland Presbyterian Church, Hopkinsville.

Worship Committee Highlights

- Communion will be served July 5.
- If you have a rising 5th grade student who would like to be an acolyte next year, contact Matt Dochniak or Chris Krueger. We will be scheduling training in the Fall.

Summer Sunday School

The Tikes (Miss Chris's class) will continue meeting for Sunday School during the summer months for 3 year olds-5th grade. The Tweens and Teens will take some time off from meeting weekly. They will meet periodically with Jessiann each month. Dates will be determined by availability of the group. Students will be notified by text. Children's church will remain the same with the children interacting during worship at the children's table. Children ages 0-6 are welcome in the preschool room during worship. Come join us when in town. Adults will determine their schedule with their teacher.

Wonderful Wednesdays

We have completed our regular studies for the summer. We will begin our Wednesday activities on August 19. We hope you will place this ministry on your activity list now for the 2026-27 school year. All children from 4 years old through 5th grade are welcome. Bring a friend!

In an effort to keep our children connected during the summer, we will be hosting some fun bi-monthly events on Thursdays and Fridays. "Thankful Thursdays" will be activities for the children (TBA). "Fabulous Fridays" will be for date night! Drop the children off at the church from 6-8pm and enjoy a child-free evening. The tentative dates will be June 4 and 19, July 10 and 23. Watch the bulletin, weekly announcements and texts for further details and reservations.

Paducah Cooperative Ministry

Paducah Cooperative Ministry recently announced that the \$3.25 million goal had been reached in their capital campaign to build a new Client-Choice Food Pantry and create McCracken County's first Emergency Drop-In Shelter. This innovative food pantry model will allow PCM to serve clients with increased dignity and care. The shelter will be operational year round and will fill a desperate need for folks, including students and families in our public school systems, who find themselves with no other options for shelter.

Sign ups and sponsorship opportunities are available now for PCM's Moonlight Ride. This annual event is a fun way to support PCM with a family friendly nighttime bike ride through Paducah. The Moonlight Ride is August 1, 2026 with festivities beginning at 8pm at Bikeworld. Ride starts at 10pm. Gather up your friends, put some lights on your bike, and join us for this evening of community.



Mission Team Celebrates Water Project in Nigeria

First Presbyterian Paducah, Living Waters for the World, and the Rotary mission team celebrated the commissioning of the water project in the Ajaba community in Nigeria. Pictured are Charity Gar, Viola Blackwell, Joseph Gar and his wife Ngomom, and their nephew Benjamin as they open the project for the community. Earlier in the week, the team taught students, teachers, and other community members about the importance of clean water for health and well-being.

The Ajaba community will long be grateful for access to clean, safe water and the lasting difference it will make for everyone there.

