



Corbin Presbyterian Church Newsletter

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Corbin Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and one of the 82 congregations in Central and Eastern Kentucky that make up Transylvania Presbytery.

Links:

www.pcusa.org

www.transypby.org

Goodbye August
Hello September



Our new website is live!

We are excited about all the ways the site can help us tell the story of what God is doing at Corbin Presbyterian Church and keep us connected by enhancing our communication with one another.

Thanks to all who have made this tool possible! We know some adjustments and additions are still needed, but we couldn't wait to let you see it.

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“With confidence in your love and mercy, O God, we lift our prayers for those in need. Heal them in body, mind, or circumstance, working in them, by your grace, wonders beyond all they may dream or hope. Amen.”

Our Prayer List Includes

Sandra Adams, Anna Anderson (sister of Eddie White), Kathy Anderson, Danny Angel, Linda Bain, Amanda Bays, Dwight Barnett, Tom & Charlene Blair, Julian & Grace Boggs, Ivy Boggess, Patti Brasure, Evelyn Brewer, Jack Bright, Billie & John Brisson, Larry Britton, Lisa Sevier Bruner, Eddie Bryant, Bobby McBurney, Kelsey Cader, Rita Karr, Bill Christman, Elspeth Cobb, Aiden Craft, Greg Duncum, Sydnee Elliott, Brittany Fritte, Chad Fugitt, Mary Gabbard, David Gaddis, Donna Gilstrap, Lonnie Godsey, Margaree Gray, Delores Freeman-Harper “D”, Pam & Rob Hall, Judy Hart, James Helton, Dell Henderlight, Rhonda Hoffman, Chad Howard, Clay Howard, Donna Hollis, Katherine Hoskins, June Hubbard, Elizabeth Hughes, Carolyn Hyden, Sam Jackson, Wayne Jenkins, Barbara Johnson, Courtney & Payton Johnson, Billie King, Jodie Lanala, Chris & Ashley Lay, Carolyn Lawson, Jaysha Lawson, Damion Lawson, Dora Leach, Dora Lester, Don Light, Cade Lindsey, Rick Lindsey, Phillip Lotspiech, Gayle Majors, Ruth Martin, Sam & Susan Martin, Brenda May, Jean McDonald, Kathryn Lay-McLane, Charles Wayne Miles, Johnny Miller, Keith Miracle, Lori Miracle, Rose Mitchell, Rob Mosser, Pam Omey, Joshua Penton, Avery & Sharon Perry, David Reece, Earl Roden, Daniel Rose, Johnny Rose, Tony Rose, Wayne Rowlett, Denny Sams, Robert Sandridge, Jason Scott, Peter John Scray, Michael Seay, Terry Seder, Lena Seely, Glenda Sexton, Terry Sexton, Joan Schlesing, Mae Shelley, Gary Shelton, Sawyer Sherrod, Alma Smith, Keats Smith, Nathan Wayne Smith, Shanna Smith, Flora Strange, Bonnie Sutton, Tommy Sutton, Arthur Strunk, Jack Taylor, Tony Taylor, George Andrew Terrell, the Family of Allen Trimble, Dorothy Tucker, Susan Versaw, Family of Shane Walker, Carmel Wallace, Roberta & Phil Webb, Ned Webb, Connie Wells, Jeremy Wilson

Prayer requests and updates may be placed in the offering plate or shared with the Church Office.

Pastor's Note

Rev. Lisa will be away September 13th-21st. Rev. Susan Williams will lead worship on Sunday, September 15th.

TRANSYLVANIA PRESBYTERY NEWS

Ever wonder what happens at the meetings of Transylvania Presbytery? Stated Clerk, Jerry Utt, shares this summary of the last meeting attended by Rev. Lisa Eye and Ruling Elder David Hoskins who served as commissioner from Corbin Presbyterian Church:

On Tuesday, August 20, 2019, folk gathered from north and south and east and west to Carter County, KY, and the town of Grayson for the summer presbytery meeting at Bayless Memorial Presbyterian Church. It was a blazing hot afternoon. The sanctuary provided respite from the sun, and the congregants from Bayless provided welcome and hospitality.

Calling the meeting to order, the moderator moved quickly and efficiently through the evening's business. We greeted guests and first-time commissioners, said goodbye to those ending calls, welcomed those taking new calls. We spent time in shared conversation around the theme of "Faith Formation and Life Together." We honored the retirement of teaching elder Greg Kuper. We examined and approved candidate for ministry Linda Kurtz for ordination and as the new associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Lexington. We elected commissioners to various roles. We approved a sabbatical rest period for Camp Burnamwood and its programs. We thank the camp summer staff for their efforts. We recognized the resignation of Camp Director Robby Lear and wished him well with prayers and words of appreciation for his leadership. We debated a solemn and sobering statement opposing gun violence and sent it to the presbytery's churches for guidance, encouragement, support, and challenged as our churches seek to respond in faithful ways to our current culture. (see below) Commissioners shared announcements of upcoming activities in our congregations. Ladies from Presbyterian Women led evening worship and an offering for "Project Merry Christmas," a ministry of the Bayless Memorial Church, raised over \$900.

As the meeting ended and folks said their goodbyes, everyone agreed: Bayless Memorial did a great job hosting the meeting! Congratulations to pastor Josh, the elders and members for the kind hospitality and welcome.

The presbytery next meets on Saturday, December 7, 2019, at Lexington Korean Presbyterian Church.

Among those elected by Transylvania Presbytery to serve are: Ruling Elder, David Hoskins-Commission on Representation, and Alyson Croley, Alternate Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly in Baltimore in 2020.

PRESBYTERY'S STATEMENT ON GUN VIOLENCE

August 21, 2019

Sessions and Congregations
Presbytery of Transylvania

Dear Friends:

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

At our August 20, 2019, meeting at Grayson, Kentucky, the Presbytery of Transylvania received, discussed and approved the following statement and related actions concerning the matter of gun violence. The discussion was good-spirited, and while the vote was not unanimous, it was nonetheless strongly affirming of the statement and related actions.

The statement represents the discernment of the presbytery as gathered on August 20 and is offered by the presbytery to its congregations for reflection, study, discussion and response. Please know that like other statements, past and future, this statement is not intended to bind the conscience of individuals or congregations. Nonetheless, we hope that you receive it with openness and a willingness to be guided by the Spirit as we together, and each in our own way, seek to offer healing to our wounded nation.

Blessings to the congregations of the Presbytery of Transylvania and their ministries.

Peace,

Michael Ward, Moderator

Linda Crawford, Vice-Moderator

Jerry Utt, Stated Clerk

Philip Lotspeich, General Presbyter

Statement on Gun Violence

***Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches!
Pour out your heart like water before the presence of the
Lord! Lift your hands to Him for the lives of your children.
Lamentations 2:19 NRSV***

Today we raise our collective voices in a communal cry of lament. Faced with a broken world burdened with seemingly relentless evil, we will not remain silent. Trusting in God's sovereignty always, we reaffirm our calling to the words and work of peacemaking and reconciliation.

- We condemn the pervasive and indiscriminate gun violence that robs our communities of the health and security necessary to thrive in interdependent harmony and wholeness. We decry the vile glorification of weaponry throughout our culture that has given rise to vast incidences of preventable homicides, suicides and accidental gun deaths. We join with all our sisters and brothers in Christ in rejecting this needless brutality and advancing instead the countercultural gospel messages of radical love and hospitality.

- We also recognize that the trauma of gun violence extends far beyond the somber counts of the dead and injured. To the witnesses, the first responders, the families, the schools, and the communities at large that are left to pick up the shattered pieces: we see you. We acknowledge your pain, and we pledge to walk alongside you in your grief journey. We pray that our presence can faithfully represent healing and hope in a fallen world.
- Furthermore, we condemn the cultural undercurrents that support and sustain gun violence. We denounce social and economic systems that privilege some while oppressing others, and we declare that the sins of racism, misogyny, and xenophobia are incompatible with faithful living. We remember always that Jesus situated himself among those on the margins of society, and that we are called to do the same.
- Finally, we unequivocally affirm the full dignity and humanity of all God's children. Any language which seeks to dehumanize or otherwise disrespect our neighbors does not come from God. We are compelled anew to embrace and celebrate God's abundant, diverse Creation by advocating for a just and compassionate world.

Informed by and as a practical response to the statement above, we call for a ban on "assault" style weapons which have been used in numerous mass shooting events and encourage individuals and congregations to communicate with legislators regarding the issue of gun violence.

The presbytery further instructs the Coordinating Commission to plan and provide an informational workshop regarding the issue of gun violence taking full advantage of resources available through the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Approved by the Presbytery of Transylvania gathered at Grayson, Kentucky, on August 20, 2019.

Michael Ward, Moderator
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AN EVENING WITH REV. DORI HJALMARSON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Rev. Dori Hjalmarson, is a former resident of Lexington, a former Herald-Leader reporter and member of FPC, Lexington. After leaving KY, Dori attended seminary, became ordained and is currently serving as a PCUSA mission co-worker in Honduras. (For some years the denomination has used the term mission co-worker rather than the more traditional word – missionary – in order to emphasize the cooperative nature of our work.) Dori will be visiting in the US during September and will be in Lexington on Sunday, September 15. She has received support from 2nd Presbyterian Church and will be with them for worship on the morning of the 15th.

FPC, Lexington will host an evening with Dori in the church fellowship hall from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on the 15th. We will have a nice meal with salad, entrée and dessert catered by our friends at Greenhouse 17. The modest cost of the meal will be underwritten by a couple of FPC members. Dori will share with us her experiences and there will be time for fellowship.

Anyone who listens to the news, hears about the conditions in the so-called Northern Triangle of Central America: Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. There can be little doubt about the importance of Dori's work. We hope you can join us for this evening of information and fellowship.

Everyone is invited to this event. The church address is 171 Market Street, Lexington, although it is probably best to enter from the Mill Street side where there is abundant parking.

In order to get a reasonable count for the meal, please RSVP to Bill Reed (willmreed@aol.com) or Clare McEachin (clare_nh@yahoo.com)



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



Credit: Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan T. Beard

***For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand;
it is I who say to you, 'Do not fear, I will help you.' Isaiah 41:13***

Hurricane Dorian made landfall in the Bahamas as a category 5 hurricane on September 1, 2019. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is still monitoring Hurricane Dorian as it affects the Atlantic coast of the U.S. All of us feel great sadness about the damage this hurricane has already caused, the loss of life, destroyed homes and structures, floods and affected vegetation. PDA is currently in

communication with one of our partners in the Bahamas, Bahamas Methodist Habitat, as well as U.S. presbyteries in the path of Dorian. As part of PDA's initial response, a solidarity grant has been coordinated for response efforts in the Bahamas. We have been in communication with several international response organizations, including Church World Service (CWS) and ACT Alliance, as well as National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) and Puerto Rico VOAD. In conversations with ACT Alliance and CWS, we are identifying the best time and best way to travel to the Bahamas as part of a damage assessment team to implement a rapid, timely and effective emergency response to Hurricane Dorian's impact; identifying needs, local capacities and providing updated information. In the past few days we have also answered the call of many people eager to know how to respond to this emergency.

We understand the genuine desire to help our neighbors. The reality is that right now the situation on the affected islands is critical. Access to the affected islands has been reserved for first responder organizations doing search and rescue, and providing first aid relief. As learned from previous disasters and the shared experience of many relief organizations, the best way to respond to a disaster is through monetary donations. As USAID indicates, "Cash donations are the most efficient form of assistance. Unlike material donations, cash involves no transportation costs, shipping delays, or customs fees. It also enables relief organizations to spend more time providing aid by spending less time managing goods. Cash donations also allow relief supplies to be purchased in markets close to the disaster site, which stimulates the local economy, thereby boosting employment and generating cash flow."

If you would like to support PDA's response, please designate gifts to DR000194 online or by check with "DR000194-Dorian" on the memo line to:

Presbyterian Church (USA)
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.



AL ANON has graciously donated a copy of the AL ANON guide book to our Church Library.

The September Session meeting has been moved to Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00pm.

Cub Scout Pack #488 meetings are on Tuesdays at 6:00pm.

Women's AA Group meetings are Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

TOPS meetings are Thursdays at 5:00pm.

AL ANON Meetings are Fridays at 12:00pm.

Choir Rehearsal meets on Wednesdays at 7:00pm.

The Book Group will meet on Sunday, September 29th at 6:00pm in the library. We will be discussing *Girl in Transition* by Jean Kwok. Everyone is invited to join us!



At Corbin Presbyterian Church, as Jesus did, we want to welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ. The Pray-Ground is a space where young children quietly engage in age-appropriate activities while experiencing worship in the sanctuary along with their church family.

(There may even be some materials and activities that adults will enjoy too!)



Prayer & Song Gathering

The Southeast KY Ministerial Alliance along with First Priority, will have a Prayer and Singing event for the new school year! We are encouraging churches to attend to pray for the schools including the students, teachers, administration and support staff. In between the prayers we will have singing from local youth and children's choirs or youth and children soloist.

This will be on Sunday, September 15th at 4:00 pm and will be held at St. John's Episcopal Church Amphitheater. (701 E Engineer St, Corbin).

If you or your church would like to participate in the prayers or singing, please contact Gus Clouse at Grace On the Hill at 606-528-6840 or 606-595-7012 or recreation@graceonthehill.org.

CPC Food Pantry Group



Corbin Presbyterian Food Pantry was open for its final day on Tuesday, August 27th. Our appreciation and gratitude has no limits to the wonderful volunteers and individuals who have been such a crucial part of this pantry and all that it has accomplished.

We thank you for your time, dedication and compassion, as well as the friendships that have been created!

Thanks So Much!



**APPLYING FOR
A FOOD
PANTRY CARD**

If you know anyone who is in need of a Food Pantry card to receive services from the CPC Food Pantry, please refer them to Corbin's United Effort (CUE).

**CUE phone
number – 606-
528-7523**

**Hours of
Operation
Tue - Thur
9:00am – 3:00pm**



**The next Senior Box Distribution Day
is Wednesday, September 25th, 9am - 1pm**

**Thank you to all of the
volunteers who help make this
ministry possible.**



**Senior
Box
Dates**

Volunteers are needed:

Monday, September 23rd at 9:30 am to help unload food delivered by God's Pantry.

Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00pm to pack boxes.

Wednesday, September 25th from 9:00am-1:00pm to greet seniors and assist with distribution of boxes.

Don't think you can lift boxes? There are still many ways you can help. See **Ed & Sam Tye** or **Karen Nies** for more information.

Information about Senior Box eligibility and applications is available by contacting Sam Tye at 606-524-1521, or the Church Office.

SEPTEMBER CALENDER

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 12 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9am Worship & Communion 10am Home Communion 12pm	2 Labor Day Church Office Closed	3 Cub Scouts Pack #488 Meeting & Registration 6pm	4 Sr Box Sign-Ups 10am-12pm Women's AA Group 6-7pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	5 Bulletin Deadline 12pm TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	6 AL ANON 12-1pm	7
8 13 th Sunday after Pentecost Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	9	10 Cub Scouts Pack #488 6-8pm	11 Women's AA Group 6-7pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	12 Bulletin Deadline 12pm TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	13 Rev. Lisa Away AL ANON 12-1pm	14 Rev. Lisa Away
15 14 th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Lisa Away Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am SEKMA Song & Prayer 4:00pm @ St. Johns	16 Rev. Lisa Away	17 Rev. Lisa Away Cub Scouts Pack #488 6-8pm Kickoff Celebration for Popcorn fundraiser	18 Rev. Lisa Away Women's AA Group 6-7pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	19 Rev. Lisa Away Bulletin Deadline 12pm TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	20 Rev. Lisa Away AL ANON 12-1pm	21 Rev. Lisa Away
22 15 th Sunday After Pentecost Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am	23 Sr Box Truck Delivery 9:30am	24 Pack Sr Boxes 6-7pm Cub Scouts Pack #488 6-8pm Rescheduled Session Meeting 6:00pm	25 Sr Box Day 9am-1pm Women's AA Group 6-7pm Choir Rehearsal 7-8pm	26 Bulletin Deadline 12pm TOPS Meeting 5-7pm	27 AL ANON 12-1pm	28
29 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 5 th Sunday Offering Sunday School 9:30am Worship 11am Book Group 6-7pm	30					