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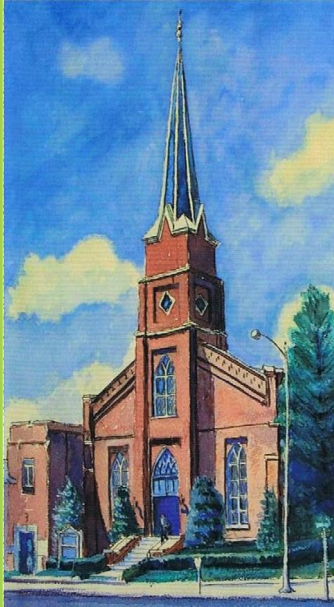
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## Pastor's Column

My bees died over the winter. I didn't see this coming. The hive had survived and produced honey for ten years. This record of longevity and production lulled their bee keeper (me) into a complacent disregard for the dangers bees face.

In canto 56 of his poem, "In Memoriam," Alfred, Lord Tennyson writes that nature is "red in tooth and claw." The violence of the natural world is ever-present in keeping bees. The bees face predators, parasites, and threats from the neighbor's insecticides. In the Fall of the year, the bees even kill off some of their own so that there won't be so many mouths to feed over the winter. Nature is red in tooth and claw.

Let me describe the devastation. When I opened the hive on a warm day recently, I found only a very few bees, all dead, with their heads stuck into the hexagonal cells of the honeycomb. This indicates starvation. It appeared that the queen bee had died some time earlier. There was a honey store available in their hive, but the bees didn't find it. Life is fragile.

Questions fly, whenever we face sadness and loss. We wonder about the balance of good and evil in the world. We wonder about why bad things happen. We wonder about how life, and love, and hope will proceed, and what end they may achieve.

Easter is coming, April 21. The resurrection of Christ is God's clearest message that life, and love, and hope are stronger than anything else. Before we reach Easter this year, our congregation will celebrate its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday. (The celebration dinner is April 14). There have been losses and triumphs in those 200 years; but the triumphs have sufficed to carry us forward. Our faith, and our keeping of the faith, is based on an Easter assurance. We carry that assurance forward into tomorrow, no matter what. No matter what happens today, we believe Easter is exemplary of God's promise, which cannot fail.

I have a new hive of bees on order! My new bees are coming by overnight delivery. They are a hybrid of several bee varieties, called Buckfast bees, because the hybrid was developed at the Buckfast Benedictine Abbey in Devonshire, England. You may be interested in a point of reference: The Buckfast Abbey will be 1001 years old this year.

God wins. Life wins. Love and hope stand the test of time. Nature is red in tooth and claw, but God is exceedingly good.

Happy Easter. Know you are loved.

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# Christian Education



**Confirmation Sunday will be April 21**, which is also Easter! We look forward to presenting 10 young people who will make their public profession of faith (and Reaffirmation of their Baptismal Vows) in worship. Emma Ahmed (Fred Kernohan), Caroline Wedge (Tom Moody), Charlie Reber (David Thomison), Nate Stein (Fred Higgins), Saint Carmichael (Ann Humphrey), Ben Davenport (Mark Bigler),

Sara Parkerson (Nancy Hulan), Eddie Solberg-Hale (Matt Hunt), David Yusk (Ernie Small) and Carlie Bowen (Annette Ballard) have been working since September to deepen their faith and understand what this step means. Together with their (mentors), they have talked about what it means to profess Jesus Christ as savior, renounce sin and evil, devote oneself to the church's teaching, fellowship, the prayers and breaking of bread. Please plan to join us following worship that Sunday in Fellowship Hall for a reception so you can greet the newest active members of the congregation!

**Our Annual Easter Egg Hunt** is Saturday April 13, 10:30am-Noon at 1740 Greenview Lane (rain venue is the church). Games, creative activities, cake walk, egg hunting and more! Separate hunting areas for children under 5. Our youth help organize and run this fun event. Invite a friend to join us!



**Individually Wrapped Candy Needed** for our Egg Hunt! You may drop bags in the office until April 10.



Who Is My Neighbor?

**Vacation Bible School** is June 2-5 at Christ Episcopal Church. 'Who Is My Neighbor? Is our theme and we will be learning about local ministries we support. Each night we will welcome a different ministry to present to the children. We also will be collecting specific items for two of them (Humane Society and HOTEL, INC). On Sunday the Humane Society will be with us; Monday is Habitat for Humanity; Tuesday is HOTEL, INC.; and Wednesday is Mobile Grocer. As always, we will start with dinner at 5:30, and begin our

program at 6, concluding by 8pm. **VOLUNTEERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED!**

You can sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-whoismy>

**Cooking Help Is Needed For Vacation Bible School!** Some of our long-time cooks aren't available this year! Our two days are Monday (biggest need) and Wednesday. See Leslee Kirkconnell if you can help (approximately 4-6:30pm on June 3 and 5).

# Christian Education

**Parents of Preschoolers** next meet on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am in the nursery. Coffee, breakfast treats, warm fellowship for all who parent preschoolers!



**Spring is upon us and we see new growth all around us!** What about you? Are you growing in faith? Are your children/grandchildren? Here are some great activities that can help individuals, couples, families go deeper and grow just as the earth is growing during spring! (And just because a particular activity is aimed at a specific audience does NOT mean others can't use and grow!)

Families with young children can learn to pray using a finger labyrinth:

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/little-fingers-faith-walk>

What does the cross mean to you? This activity will challenge you to think about and live differently: <http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/christ-dying-on-the-cross> (not recommended for families with young children).

Sometimes getting our whole body involved can be a great way to strengthen your prayer life:

<http://www.vibrantfaithathome.org/item/prayer-labyrinth>





# Church and Community

**Lent Wednesdays continue through April 10!** Join us April 3 and 10 for dinner and devotion time. Dinner is served beginning at 5:30pm (ends by 6), with our devotional study beginning at 6:05pm. RSVPs for dinner are required by NOON on Tuesdays. Dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 child/youth, \$20 family maximum. We are glad to be joining with our friends from Cecelia Memorial Church for our study of Were You There: Reflections on Lenten Spirituals. Come enjoy delicious food and warm fellowship as we move toward Holy Week. The menu for April 3 is sliced turkey, swiss cheese, sliced Granny Smith apple, basil aioli on Cranberry-Walnut bread, pasta salad, ambrosia salad. For April 10 – Tuna melt with Swiss Cheese, Potato Chips, pecan pie whipped topping.



**There is Such a Thing as a FREE MEAL!** Help is needed on Wednesday evenings with set up and clean up. If you can help with either or both, you eat free! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094aa9ab2ca7f49-lenten> Set up can be done anytime before 5pm on Wednesday. Clean up happens as diners finish and then following the program. Washing dishes, clearing everything off the tables, putting away food as needed. Come join the fun in the kitchen!

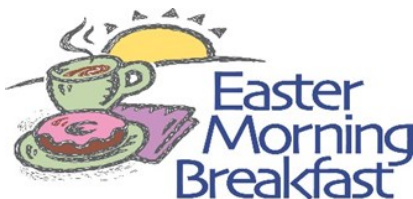
**Maundy Thursday** is April 18. We will gather at 6:00pm for our dinner and worship. Dinner and worship are INTEGRATED, so you will need to come at 6:00pm to participate, AND RSVP for the meal. Details are still in the works, but there is *no separate* worship. This will be a special event – please plan to join us and invite a friend.



**On Good Friday**, April 19, we will have worship in the Sanctuary at 12:00pm. All are welcome; bring a friend for this special Good Friday service.

**NOON WORSHIP FOR HOLY WEEK** Join us during this ecumenical time of worship on each day of Holy Week. We gather at 12 noon at a different church each day for worship, followed by a light lunch:

- Monday at Christ Episcopal Church
- Tuesday at The Presbyterian Church
- Wednesday at First Christian Church
- Thursday at State Street Methodist Church



**Join us on April 21** beginning at 8:30am (or as the Sunrise Service ends) for breakfast fellowship! Sunday School will be on break, and we shall gather in Fellowship Hall to enjoy delicious food and time to visit with each other. Breakfast is \$6 per person (\$3 for 5 and under). Serving will continue until 10:00am.

# Church and Community

**Fall Craft Week in Montreat** is September 30-Oct. 4. Join the group and enjoy a week in the mountains in early fall. Come be crafty or just come relax in the beauty of western North Carolina. We will rent a house, splitting the costs of food and lodging. Registration for the conference will open in early summer, but let [Leslee Kirkconnell](#) know NOW of your interest.

**Pentecost is June 9** – mark the date and plan to be here. We will have our third annual Butterfly release following worship! Stay tuned and plan to join us.

**We are hosting the Presbytery of Western Kentucky on May 14!** Help will be needed to make our day run smoothly! Click here to sign up:

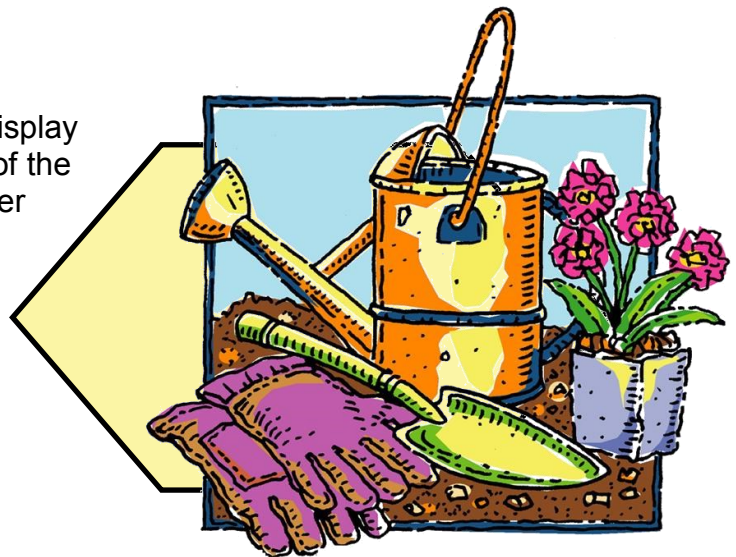
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We need greeters, help with parking, those willing to transport from the Parking Garage, help with serving and cleaning up lunch.

## KENTUCKY MUSEUM ART EXHIBIT

The creative spirit of many Presbyterians is on full display at the Kentucky Museum at the annual Celebration of the Arts exhibit. Congratulations to Sheila Reeves for her First Place award as a professional photographer.

Her "Morning Blues" captured the attention of the exhibition judge as well as those of us who have long admired Sheila's work. Also on display are paintings by Angie Alexieff, Grace Alexieff, Myra Dwyer, Bailey Jordan, William "Bud" Schlinker, and photography by Julie Barrick and B.J. Jordan. The exhibit will end on April 5. The admission is free.



**EASTER LILIES** are available for purchase to honor or remember loved ones on Easter Sunday. Forms are available in the Sunday bulletins, or in the church office, to reserve a lily or to make a donation in honor of those special people.

***Our deepest sympathy is extended to the following members and friends of this church who have recently lost loved ones:***

***To the family and friends of Nancy Cheek***



## On April 14:

**4:30** Dedication of Historical Marker, Pioneer Cemetery

**5:30** Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, at La Gala on Circus Square

**6:00** Dinner, La Gala on Circus Square

Also, Bob Haynes will be signing copies of his book at the event, so bring yours!

**THE BANNERS** hung in the sanctuary are in celebration of The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green's 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Artists Peg Truman and Myra Dwyer have fashioned two blank canvases into a historical timeline of our church from 1819 to 2019. The banner on the left side of the sanctuary depicts the buildings of our church throughout time, and the banner on the right has vignettes that depict the life and mission of our church. Please examine them the next time you are in our Sanctuary.



# GLORY TO GOD

## Celebrating 200 Years

### 1819-2019



-Taken from the  
Presbyterian Women's  
Cookbook



*Bowling Green Presbyterian Church*

*Shortly after the arrival of Reverend Samuel Wilson Calvert in 1831, local Presbyterians began to regroup and soon undertook to build a new house of worship to replace the original one in the town cemetery. Prominent entrepreneur, James Rumsey Skiles, started the fundraising by contributing a lot at the corner of present-day Tenth and State Streets and by enticing Hugh Roland, first resident architect of Nashville and Louisville, to rural Warren County. Roland's Gothic Revival design was ahead of its time for 1833 Kentucky and is perhaps the only one of his church buildings still standing. Construction continued until 1837, although the Bowling Green Female Academy was established in the basement somewhat earlier. Reverend Calvert died shortly, and the congregation split into Old School and New School factions, a division that lasted from 1839 until 1858, with separate ministers and alternate Sunday use of the building. Eventually people lost interest in which branch was meeting on a given Sunday and the factions reunited.*



# Presbyterian Women

## *Presbyterian Women Profile—Peggy Carthrae*

When asked what The Presbyterian Church means to her, Elsie Margaret ( Peggy ) Craig Carthrae says “ this church is my spiritual home. “Peggy grew up in Bowling Green attending the TPC, as did her mother, Margaret Graham Craig, her grandparents Lawrence B. Graham and Margaret Beard Graham. Her roots go back to 1819 and Ann Graham, one of the founders of TPC.

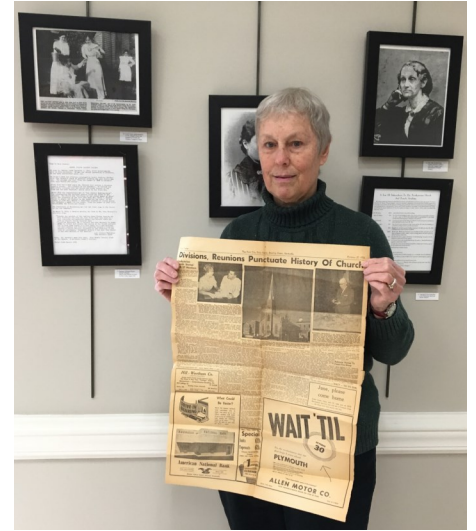
Peggy’s parents were married at home by Reverend Fred Turner. Her father, GG Craig, Jr. went off to war during WWII while Margaret stayed at home, living with her parents and giving birth to Peggy on March 8, 1945. Margaret did not know that her husband had been killed in battle on March 1 and would never know he had a daughter. She did not find out until March 23 about his death. Margaret and Peggy continued to live with Peggy’s grandparents throughout her childhood, and her mother never re-married.

Peggy speaks fondly of TPC and her many childhood memories. Her mother taught kindergarten at the church, so Peggy attended kindergarten long before she was officially eligible. Growing up, Peggy’s life revolved around the church and its many activities provided for young people. She remembers Summer Day Camp, especially Ches Johnson’s farm and Noel Ennis’ farm, and Bible School. Her Junior High Fellowship group met with other youths from the Synod and attended church camp at Land Between the Lakes—“ before it was flooded.” Peggy fondly remembers those days in TPC as her “ growing up “ time with the blessing of always having her church family near her at TPC. “ My own family completely filled up a pew,” she says, “and it was always the same one!”

Peggy has served TPC in many ways. She taught elementary grades Sunday School for several years. One year she served as an intern in charge of Bible School at both TPC and at the Delafield Church. She sang in the choir, and went on a mission trip to Reynosa, Mexico. Peggy made the wooden figures for the Godly Play Sunday School classes. She has been a deacon and an elder—more than once. She has been involved in Presbyterian Women, Habitat for Humanity, Saturday meals, and Room in the Inn.

Growing up in TPC was special to Peggy and was made even more so when she married Clark Carthrae in the church on July 12, 1969. Peggy and Clark had two children, Jeff and Carrie, both of whom were raised in TPC. Tragically, Jeff died of a heart problem at the age of 20. At that time, the church members were invaluable with their support and love that went out to Peggy’s family. Carrie lives in Lexington, NC, and is mother to the Carthraes’ grandson, Grayson, “ a wonderful blessing.”

Peggy received the Presbyterian Women’s Honorary Life Membership in March of this year. Honorary Life Memberships are presented to women who have made significant contributions to the life of the church. They epitomize the best of Presbyterian Women -- persons with deep, abiding faith and a strong commitment to family, church, and community. She is the 48th woman from the Bowling Green church to receive the award since the first award was given in 1948.



**Peggy at our church historical photos exhibit, with newspaper article from Oct. 28, 1956.**

**BLOOM WHERE YOU ARE PLANTED** Presbyterian Women of Western Kentucky Presbytery  
**Spring Gathering: Save the Date** - Thursday, April 11, 2019

**Place:** The Presbyterian Church of Henderson  
100 South Main Street, Henderson, Kentucky

**Time:** 9:30am Registration; 10:00am Opening Activities

**Lunch:** \$5.00.

# Missions



**Easter is One Great Hour of Sharing Sunday.** We will collect our offering that Sunday and dedicate it to God's glory. One of four special offerings of the PC(U.S.A.), OGHS is one many denominations collect and in fact the offering is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Our gifts are divided between Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. These programs have very little overhead, so our

funds are used efficiently to help. Special envelopes will be in the bulletin for your gift, or you can give at any time - simply mark your check 'OGHS.' Want to learn more? Click here: <http://specialofferings.pcusa.org/oghs.html>

**CALLING FOR BEANS AND RICE!** Our Food Pantry is a crucial ministry that depends upon your generosity. We need donations of beans and rice. We'll have a bagging party soon, which will help replenish the supply. Please consider picking up a bag or two of white rice or beans (lentils, black beans, kidney beans, red beans, etc). There's a drawer (marked 'Local Pantry') under the staircase for your donation. And THANK YOU! We give out an average of 100 bags every month, so every donation is important!



**Habitat for Humanity Build** will be Saturday June 8. Details will be forthcoming, but save the date!

**Buck in a Basket for April** will benefit our Food Pantry. We have seen a steadily high demand all winter and regularly run short of canned goods, peanut butter, saltines, beans, rice, etc. This 'over and above' will help us continue to meet the needs of those facing hunger in our community. Do note, on Easter we collect the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering in lieu of Buck in a Basket.

**Manna Mart (HOTEL, INC)** is always in need of personal care items – shampoo, toothpaste, soap, and laundry detergent. These items can be full size (not travel/hotel) and left in the drawers under the stairs labeled "Manna Mart."

**Our church Elders:** Karol Ahmed, Mark Bigler, Pam Bratcher, David Coverdale, Mary Evans, Rob Hale, Matt Hunt, Mike Kanan, John Kernohan, Stuart Kernohan, Tim Leigh, Nancy Moore, Pamela Napier, David Sears, and David Thomison.

**Our church Deacons:** Rider Allen, Sally Calkins, Judy Clark, Rocky Cooper, Shannon Dyche, Ray Elms, Cathey Green, Jean Harris, Linda Leigh, Tom MacMillin, Debbie Morse, David Muffett, Teri Polen, Charlotte Prow, Ken Royse, Susan Thomison, and Debbie Trickey.



# Financial Report

## Financial Summary

Year to Date February

▨ Budget

▨ Actual

2019



## Youth Group

**THIS YEAR** our youth **Graduate Sunday** will take place on May 12th. Come along and join us as we celebrate our Youth who are graduating. This service will be planned by the Youth, so we hope you can come along to appreciate all the hard work they have put in to putting together this service.

**MAY 5TH IS OUR TACO BAR** Youth Fundraiser - Please come along for some food and fellowship. It will help to fundraise for our youth summer trips. If you would like to donate food sign up here or speak to David Clarke- <https://perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=VAQX7765&v=6ecc47c647>

**SATURDAY APRIL 13** - Annual **Easter Egg Hunt** for Preschool-5th Grade. 10:30-Noon, 1740 Greenview Avenue.

**APRIL 14TH** is our **200th Celebration Dinner** at La Gala at 6:00pm. This will replace Youth Group for that night. Hopefully you and your family can make it along... for more details check the church website.

**WE WANT TO GIVE A MASSIVE THANK YOU** to everyone who helped, donated and contributed to our Potato Party this past Sunday we raised \$685 towards our youth trips for the summer which is greatly appreciated.

# April Birthdays

April 1

Elinor Kline

April 2

Cathey Green

April 3

Rocky Cooper

Leah Watson

April 4

Jamie Embry

Charlie Evans

April 5

Rosemary Henry

April 6

Tina Coates

April 7

Tanner Polen

April 8

Ryan Clemons

John Fitts

Cameron Lebedinsky

April 11

John Grise

Wayne Pope

Lillian Simpson

April 13

Jenna Begley

April 16

Cameron Pauquette

April 17

Megan Algie

Kate Bigler

Elizabeth Leverette

April 19

Susan Webb



April 21

Carlie Bowen

Claire Ellington

April 22

Meg Webb

Judy Whitson

April 23

Shannon Dyche

April 25

Paul Just II

April 27

Bob Franklin

Susan Thomison

April 29

Jim Tyrie


April 30

Nick Rabold



April  
BIRTHDAYS

# April Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> BG School Break----- 11:00am Circle 3 5:00pm Bible Study	<b>2</b> 11:00am Special Care 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Deacons	<b>3</b> 10:00am Circle 6 (date change) 5:30pm Lenten Dinner 6.05pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> 8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Children's Music 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 5:30pm Youth Group	<b>8</b> 11:30am Circle 9 5:00pm Bible Study	<b>9</b> 9:00am POPS 11:00am Special Care 2:00pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Evening Circle 7:00pm Camera Club	<b>10</b> 9:00am POPS 9:15am Wed Morn. Circle 5:30pm Lenten Dinner 6.05pm Lenten Worship 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 10:30am Easter Egg Hunt
<b>14 Palm Sunday</b> 8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Children's Music 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship 200 <sup>th</sup> Celeb: 4:30 Pioneer Cem. 5:30 La Gala event and dinner	<b>15</b> 12:00pm Holy Week Service Christ Episcopal Church 1:00pm CUICHM 5:00pm Bible Study	<b>16</b> 11:00am Special Care 12:00pm Holy Week Service, BG Pres. 2:00pm Staff Meeting 6:00pm Chairs mtg. 7:00pm Session	<b>17</b> 12:00pm Holy Week Service, 1 <sup>st</sup> Christian 7:00pm Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> 8:30am Art Hang 12:00pm Holy Week Service, SSUMC  6:00pm <b>Maundy Thursday</b> meal and worship	<b>19</b> 12:00pm <b>Good Friday</b> Service	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Easter Sunday</b> 7:30am Sunrise Service 8:30am B/fast & Fellowship 10:30am Worship	<b>22</b> <i>Office Closed</i>	<b>23</b> 11:00am Special Care 2:00pm Staff Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
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The full-color newsletter is online at [www.bgpres.org](http://www.bgpres.org).  
April 15 is the deadline for the May 2019 newsletter. Please send your information to the church office at [info@bgpres.org](mailto:info@bgpres.org)

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