

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SPRING GATHERING

The Presbyterian Women of Lafayette held their Annual Spring Gathering on Sunday, April 19th.

It was a success! The decorations were beautiful and the food was delicious. Everyone seemed to get enough to eat and drink with some leftover.

A big thank you to the members of the Coordinating Team who organized, decorated, and prepared food for the event.

Our speaker was Nadeje Pierre from the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Bend. She very enthusiastically shared what they are all about and what the future holds.

We collected \$570 for a Love Offering for them!



Presbyterian Women (PW) Call for Nominations

The PW Coordinating Team is seeking nominations for the position of Vice Moderator from the Presbyterian Women in the Congregation at large. The Vice Moderator will be installed at the Fall General Meeting, as part of the Fall Gathering.

The Vice-Moderator is expected to serve in the capacity for 2 years (October 2026 – October 2028) and then assume the position of Moderator at the next term (October 2028 – October 2030).

Nominations should be sent to the PW Secretary/Historian, Molly Miller by September 1, 2026. The nominees will be contacted to determine their willingness to serve, if elected. Candidates will be presented at the Fall Meeting and election shall proceed by written ballot. (Note: when there is one candidate for the office, the election may proceed by acclamation.)

Revival of Individual Life

The joy of Easter naturally leads us toward Pentecost, the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church. At Pentecost, the Spirit was poured out upon the community of believers, bringing the Church into being and empowering it to live out God's mission. Just as God formed Adam from the dust and breathed into him the breath of life, so the Church comes alive and continues to exist through the sustaining and miraculous work of the Holy Spirit.

Before beginning their mission, Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in prayer for the gift of the Spirit. This remains an essential truth for the Church today: we are not called to carry out God's work apart from God's power. The Holy Spirit, whom Jesus calls the Advocate and Counselor, guides, strengthens, and sustains all believers in faithful service.

The name of Jesus, Immanuel—“God with us”—echoes throughout the entire story of Scripture, from Genesis to Revelation. God has never abandoned His people. In love, He sent His Son, and through His Son, He has given us the Holy Spirit, who now dwells within and among us, continuing God's presence in our lives.

To receive and walk with the Holy Spirit is God's gracious design for our flourishing. It is through the Spirit that we experience true renewal—an ongoing, personal revival in our daily lives. Such individual renewal becomes the foundation for the vitality and strength of the entire congregation.

As we gather for our Wednesday evening study on the Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost Sunday, may this be a meaningful opportunity to grow in understanding, to be filled anew with God's Spirit, and to be transformed in heart and life.

Praise God for the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit!

Hamlin Chae





Your **Session Members in 2026** are:

Class of 2026: Karen Gunter, Doug Pitts, Ned Stacey

Class of 2027: Denise Pentecost, Matt Weinell

Class of 2028: Craig Isom, Denise Vandiver

****Elder on Call for May is Denise Pentecost****

Your **Deacons in 2026** are:

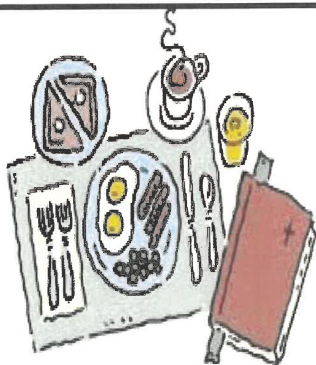
Class of 2026: Diane Dowling, Sandi Herrington, John Kinneer,
Molly Miller, Nancy Telander

Class of 2027: Rita Tucker, Carol Wade

Class of 2028: Aliceann Donaldson



The Christian Education Committee will host the May luncheon on May 17th. Summer is right around the corner and we will be kicking things off with “picnic” themed lunch. We will provide hot dogs with all the fixings and ask you to provide side dishes and desserts.



MEN'S BREAKFAST

The Men of the Church breakfast will meet on Saturday, May 9th at 9 AM. Please let Ken Johnson know if you will be attending. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Session Highlights April 2026



- *The meeting was called to order and closed with prayer.
- *A volunteer Elder to serve as Commissioner to attend August 11th Summer Meeting at 1st Church in Milton is needed.
- *The “Living Tree” Stewardship program was reviewed and the policy adopted.
- *Mission activities were highlighted, and the Dogwood Acres matching donor campaign was discussed for its timely impact.
- *Next Stated Session Meeting is Tuesday, May 19th, 2026 at 6:30PM.

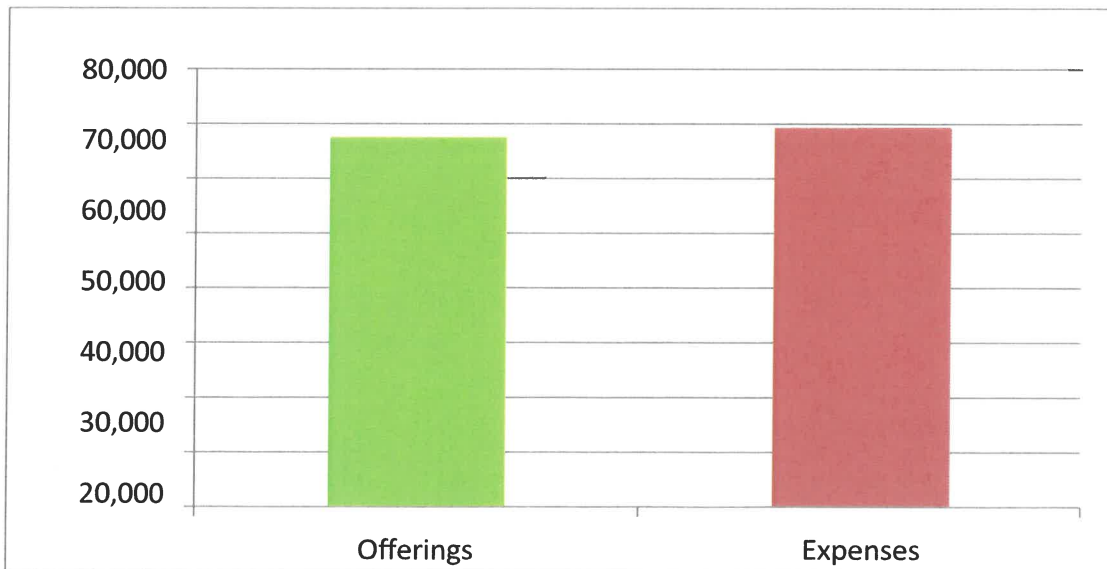
Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering 2026

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." –Romans 15:13b

The 2026 Birthday Offering will be collected in worship on Mother’s Day, 2026. Thank you for your continued prayers, celebration of our recipients, and support for our long PW tradition of giving!

MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL UPDATE	
Actual Offerings January– March	Actual Expenses January-March
\$67,522.36	\$69,336.10

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. 2 Corinthians 5:17





The Living Tree

On April 21, 2026, the Session adopted the following policy to continue adding to our “Living Tree” displayed in the Narthex. The policy is included below and anyone who is interested may request a form from the Church Office.

“The Living Tree” for Improvements to God’s Place of Worship --- Extending Our Stewardship to the Church

In the mid-to-late 1990’s, LPC provided an opportunity to the Congregation to memorialize gifts to the construction of the Christian Education Center by engraving a “leaf” on the “Living Tree” affixed on the wall of the Narthex for each gift provided. These gifts formed the important “seed funds” for the construction. Pledged gifts in the amount of \$500 - \$10,000 were provided by Church members with payment provided over a multiple year period as desired by the donor. A great number of LPC Congregation members participated in this endeavor completing 68 “leaves” on the tree.

In 2014, 12 additional gifts were provided by Congregation members. The current Session has agreed to continue this opportunity for anyone who wishes to participate. There are now over 50 blank “leaves” on the tree and we know that there are many families and individuals who might wish to be a part of this legacy in order to memorialize a loved one, to affix their family name to a permanent part of the Church as a sign of commitment and dedication, to honor the birth of a child or grandchild, or to simply glorify God with an additional gift to the Church to assist with helping to defray the mortgage for the building which provides for many activities of our Church.

The Session has agreed to continue to offer this opportunity to the Congregation as requests arise. Considering the increased costs since the 1990’s, the Session has set a minimum of \$1,000 for each new leaf. Each gift will be acknowledged with an engraved “leaf” being affixed to the “Living Tree” in the Narthex.

Thank you very much for your consideration and please join in prayer to continue to help our Church fulfill the Will of God and all that we are seeking to do in His Name to make a difference in this world. THANK YOU!



Thank
you 

To our church family at Lafayette Presbyterian Church:

We are deeply grateful for the love and support you gave us after my dad, Rev. Clarence Payne, passed away. Your loving prayers, hugs, calls, messages, and cards touched our hearts and lifted us up during this difficult time. We are so grateful we were able to have my dad's Celebration of Life Service and reception at Lafayette Presbyterian Church on March 31st. Thank you to everyone who helped us every step of the way from planning and set up to clean up. We are especially grateful to Pastor Chae for helping us plan the service and for officiating with thoughtfulness and warmth. Our deepest thanks to Mrs. Euna Chae for beautifully singing the Spanish hymn "Pescador de Hombres" as a duet with Pastor Chae. We thank you, all, for the love and kindness you have shown us.

Sincerely,

Anita Payne Miller and Morris Miller and family

Dear Lafayette Church family,



Our hearts are truly full of love for all of you. Your friendship and care for Maree extended well beyond her time with us. From the moment we learned Maree had died until the day we layed her to rest, we felt your support and love. Our thanks go to Pastor Chae for his guidance and care, the choir for the beautiful anthem, to all those who shared memories at her service, and the faithful who made food and tidied up.

You are truly the hands and feet of the Lord.

With much gratitude,

The Peacock and Aufdemorte families



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



WHO	WHAT	WHEN	TIME	PLACE	CONTACT
MORNING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Lunch	2nd Tuesday	10:30 AM	Fellowship Hall	The Church office
CIRCLE OF FRIENDS	Bible Study	2nd Monday	6:30 PM	Education Building	Kay Lachat
EVENING CIRCLE	Bible Study & Supper	Last Tuesday	6:00 PM	Fellowship Hall	Denise Pentecost



Coffee and a Cookie Book Club

Please join us for book discussions and plenty of fellowship. We meet in the Church Fellowship Hall on the 3rd Monday of the month from 1:30 – 2:30 P.M. We are always happy to welcome new members – men and women. If you want to join us please contact Denise Vandiver for more details. These are the next books we will be reading.

- **Monday, May 18, 2026 ~ Theo of Golden by Allen Levi**

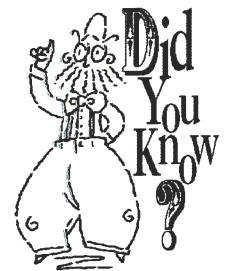
One spring morning, a stranger named Theo arrives in the small Southern city of Golden. He doesn't explain much about where he came from or why he's there—but when he visits the local coffeehouse, where pencil portraits of the people of Golden hang on the walls, he begins purchasing them, one at a time, and giving each portrait to the person depicted. In exchange, he asks only for the person's story. And so portrait by portrait, person by person, secrets are revealed, regrets are shared, and ordinary lives are profoundly altered. A story of giving and receiving, of seeing and being seen, Theo of Golden is an unforgettable novel about the power of generosity, the importance of connection, and the quiet miracles that happen when we choose kindness and wonder.

- **Monday, June 15, 2026 ~ Paper Girl by Beth Macy**

Urbana, Ohio: Beth Macy had grown up as the paper girl, delivering the local newspaper, which was the community's civic glue. Now she found scant local news and precious little civic glue. Yes, much of the work that once supported the middle class had gone away, but that didn't begin to cover the forces turning Urbana into a poorer and angrier place. Absenteeism soared in the schools and in the workplace as a mental health crisis gripped the small city. After her mother's death, she decided to figure out what happened to Urbana in the forty years since she'd left. The result is an astonishing book that, by taking us into the heart of one place, brings into focus our most urgent set of national issues.

DID YOU KNOW?

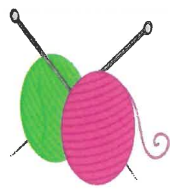
BY PHIL FERGUSON (FROM NOVEMBER 2013)



One of the little mentioned women in the Bible is a woman named Anna. She was a prophetess from the tribe of Asher and she became a widow after being married for only seven years. She never remarried after her husband died and spent the rest of her life at the temple in Jerusalem. She never left the temple but prayed, fasted and worshipped there day and night.

Anna was very old when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to the temple to be presented to God, and as she saw the priest holding the baby Jesus she knew immediately that Jesus was the Messiah. From that time on she told everyone that the Messiah was here.

While Luke describes her as very old the original Greek text can be interpreted in two different ways. Some scholars believe she was 84 years old and some believe that she had been a widow for 84 years. (See Luke 2:36-38)

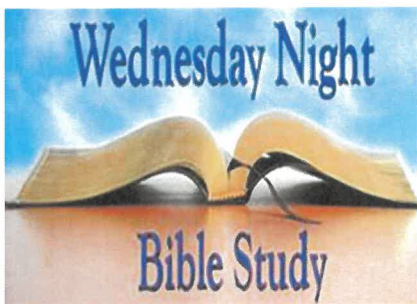


CRAFTS FOR MISSIONS

Our May meeting date will be Thursday, May 28th at 1:30 P.M. We will meet in the Christian Education building.

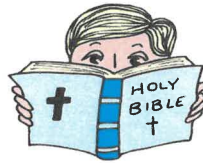
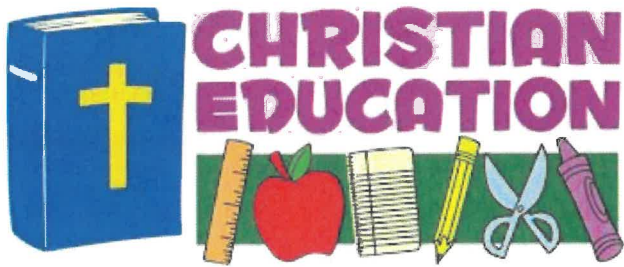
In April Margaret, Peggy, and Rita worked on T-shirt jump ropes to be used in the Operation Christmas Child boxes. Last week Margaret worked on cutting the T-shirt strips needed for the ropes. **Thanks to those that donated T-shirts for us to use.** At the work shop she gave us a refresher demonstration on braiding the ropes. We would enjoy showing new folks how to make the jump ropes. They are very easy. These ropes can also be used for animal leads-or any other function that a child can come up with. Marie worked on crocheted hats and Jana worked on some beautiful painted rocks. Jana has offered to prepare rocks for painting as our May focus craft. **As usual, however, you can always work on any other project that you are interested in.**

Jana is the newest member to the group. We would love to add your name to our group. Join us in May.



The Wednesday evening Bible Study, led by Pastor Han, will complete the five week study on the Holy Spirit on May 20th. There will be three study evenings in May. You can always join in before the study is completed.





THURSDAY BIBLE STUDY **at WESTMINSTER**

First & Second Thursday of the Month at 1:30 pm
Westminster Oaks Apartments. Talk with contacts for location. We are studying currently: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon for Everyone by N.T. Wright
Contact: Jackie or Cheryl Montgomery, Rita Tucker or the church main office

Growing in Grace

The Grace Sunday School class meets Sunday mornings at 9AM in the Christian Education building.

We are continuing to read and study the book titled, "Second Thoughts About Hell: Understanding What we Believe." If you are interested in joining, please contact Doug Pitts.

As a class, we are certainly missing 2 of our dear friends and devoted class members, Phil Ferguson and Maree Peacock.

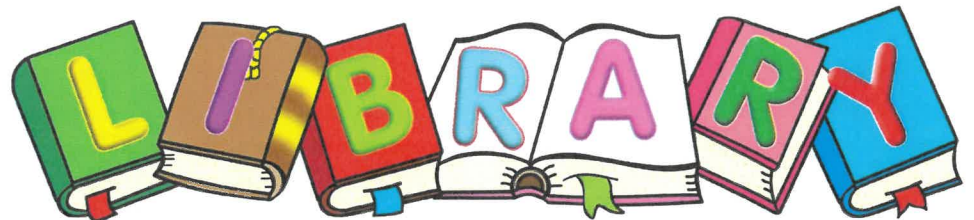


Please join us every Wednesday from 1pm-2pm for Chair Yoga!!!

Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Vacation Bible Camp is scheduled for July 25th. This is an afternoon of stories, music, games, and crafts that concludes with dinner for all. It is a great afternoon of fun and fellowship for all ages.

Thank You



A special "Thank You" to Billie Jackson for a donation of 30 Christian themed books!

MAY CONGREGATIONAL MISSION PROJECT

~ Donate items for Animal Services. Please see the can in the narthex for items they need.

~ Monetary donations can be noted "Animal Services", then placed in the offering plate. We will collect items through May.



UKirk students were warmly gathered on March 12th for Thursday night dinner, sharing a comforting meal of two soups, a fresh and abundant salad bar, Euna's famous kimbap, and, of course, an assortment of desserts. These meals are more than just nourishment—they are a reflection of Christ's love in community.

As the semester draws to a close, the Circle of Friends provided snacks for students during exam week (April 26th–May 1st). During this stressful week, these gifts offer both encouragement and care.

My thanks to all who have cooked, served, and prayed for UKirk students throughout the year. Your faithful support is a living expression of 1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace."

You are warmly invited to the UKirk Annual Open House on Thursday, May 14th, from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Come and see how God is at work in this ministry. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and desserts while touring the building, including the downstairs space where students gather for Open Mic Night and Calvin's Coffee—a place of creativity, welcome, and belonging.

Looking ahead, Lafayette will once again provide Thursday night dinners this fall. We invite you to join us in serving—sharing a meal, building relationships, and living out Hebrews 13:2: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

Thank you again for your continued support of this vital ministry.
May God bless you for the ways you share His love.

-Christy Stacey

UKirk board member



Rev. Hanlim & Euna Chae

Billie Jackson

Vera Nielsen

John & Pam Terry

****Please contact the church office for updated addresses****



**DOUBLE THE JOY.
DOUBLE YOUR
IMPACT.
Matching Gifts for
Dogwood Acres
Summer Camp**

This summer, you can do twice the good for the children and staff of Dogwood Acres.

For a limited time, a generous anonymous donor will match every gift—dollar for dollar—up to \$5,000. That means your support goes twice as far in creating unforgettable camp experiences.

Our goal: Raise \$10,000 to transform this summer.

Your donation helps provide:

- Hands-on environmental education activities
- Updated recreational equipment
- Arts & crafts supplies for the entire summer
- New, comfortable cabin mattresses
- Enhanced lakefront safety for every camper

Make a one-time gift or become a monthly supporter:
dogwoodacres.org

Or mail your gift to:
**Dogwood Acres
3320 Harmony Road
Chipley, FL 32428**

Don't wait—your doubled impact ends June 1, 2026.



Calendar Dates & Special Days

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday Worship	Sundays	10:30	AM
Grace Sunday School	Sundays	9:00	AM
Pastor's Bible Study	Wednesdays	2:30	PM
Chancel Choir	Wednesdays	7:00	PM

MONTHLY EVENTS

Aktion Club	1st, 3rd Monday	5:30	PM
Thursday Bible Study	1st, 2nd Thursday	1:30	PM
Circle of Friends	2nd Monday	6:30	PM
Committee Meetings	2nd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Men's Breakfast	2nd Saturday	9:00	AM
Contemp. Book Club	3rd Monday	1:30	PM
Crafts for Missions	4th Thursday	1:30	PM
Morning Circle	2nd Tuesday	10:30	AM
Session Meeting	3rd Tuesday	6:30	PM
Evening Circle	Last Tuesday	6:00	PM

SCOUTS (actual times and dates may vary)

Girl Scouts 4023	1st Sunday	2:00	PM
Pack 10 Meetings	Mondays	6:30	PM
Troop 10 Meetings	1st, 3rd Tues	7:00	PM
Senior Patrol Leaders	2nd Tuesday	7:00	PM
Crew 10	3rd Thursday	7:00	PM

Fri	1		May Day
			National Mother Goose Day
Sat	2		Free Comic Book Day
Sun	3		National Specially-abled Pets Day
Mon	4		Star Wars Day
Tues	5		Cinco de Mayo
Wed	6		National Nurses Day
Thurs	7		National Day of Prayer
Sat	9	9:00 AM	Men's Breakfast
			National Dog Moms Day
Sun	10		Mother's Day
Thurs	14		Ascension Day
Sat	16		Armed Forces Day
Sun	17	11:30 AM	Fellowship Luncheon
Wed	20		National Dog Rescue Day
Sun	24		Pentecost
			Tiara Day
Mon	25		Memorial Day
Thurs	28		World Hunger Day
Fri	29		World Digestive Health Day
Sat	30		International hug Your Cat Day
Sun	31		National Smile Day

May 2026

Lafayette Presbyterian

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 26	27	28	29	30	May 1	2
9 AM Grace Sunday Sch 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Deacon Meeti	6:30 PM Cub Scouts Pack	6 PM Evening Circle	1 PM Chair Yoga 5 PM Easter Bible Study 7 PM Choir Practice	1 PM Ping Pong 4 PM Mat Yoga		10 AM Alanon/Alateen 2 PM Girl Scouts
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Sandi Herrington
Bianca Martin
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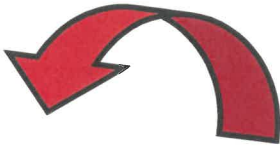


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May Birthdays

2 Sophie Korta	18 Marlyn Weinell
3 Ivan Tucker	21 Nancy McCoy-Cohen
7 Chrys Graves	22 Billie Jackson
12 Richard Loose	22 May Tudor
15 Diane Dowling	30 David Herman
17 Chance Grant	



May articles
are now due
Wednesday
May 20th

Remember our church in your will.