

2024 *Birthday Offering* Recipients

Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills

Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area
Marthasville, Missouri
Bethelhills.org
\$123,500

Many adults with intellectual/developmental disabilities (I/DD) experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Many are placed in nursing homes, boarding homes, with aging parents or in other environments that are expensive and isolating. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of individuals with I/DD by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish.

By renovating a villa into four accessible apartments for eight individuals, this project will provide housing that takes into consideration specific needs unique to the residents, such as addressing acute sensitivity to sounds, bright light and certain colors. The new recreational area will offer space for art and music therapy and other leisure activities for people with and without intellectual/developmental disabilities. With the Birthday Offering grant, Bethel Hills will expand its mission to provide supportive, faith-based, inclusive community where all are accepted and valued.

Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Ginkgo

Louisville, Kentucky
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\$150,000

Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming beacon of light for their community in Louisville. Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the church started addressing this need in August 2019. The small yet dedicated congregation began serving free dine-in meals at Café Ginkgo, named for a ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. On average, 30 meals were served at Café Ginkgo each Monday. In 2020, the pandemic put a stop to the program.

At present, the need for healthy food and fellowship continues to grow. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Ginkgo will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals. Improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities: tutoring for elementary ages, Ginkgo Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops. The members of Shawnee Presbyterian Church will reach out and serve their beloved community with resilience and strength—just like the ginkgo tree outside their door.

Learn more and donate to the Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women
presbyterianwomen.org/birthday

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OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



*"So have no fear;
I myself
will provide
for you and
your little ones."
In this way
he reassured them,
speaking kindly
to them.*

—Genesis 50:21*

PRELUDE *“To God be the Glory”* arr. Peter Burkhardt

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

- Welcome, Announcements, Guests & Prayer Requests

GRADUATE RECOGNITION - Jacklyn Giles

MINUTE FOR MISSION - Susan Wyman

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea.

All: Cast your cares on the LORD and you will be sustained.

One: As for me, I call to God and the Lord saves me.

All: Cast your cares on the LORD and you will be sustained.

One: Evening and morning and at noon I cry, and the Holy One hears my voice.

All: Cast your cares on the LORD and you will be sustained.

All: Let us worship God!

✠LORD’S PRAYER *(Pray in unison)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever, Amen.

✠HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* PH # 263

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(Recite in unison)

Gracious God, you are our way in the wilderness. In our own times of testing be our spiritual nourishment, protect us with your angels, and show your authority in our lives that we may overcome obstacles to our faith in you. We ask for forgiveness for our sins knowing you are faithful to forgive, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

✠CHORAL RESPONSE *“Gloria Patri”* PH # 579

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost!

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be! World without end, Amen, Amen!

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE Mary McGehee

Lil’ Worship Warriors ages 3 - 3rd grade

HYMN *“I Danced in the Morning”* PH # 302

SCRIPTURE

Luke 1:26-38 NRSV Bill Wilson

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord.* **People:** *Thanks be to God*

SERMON *“God’s Choice” – Rev. Bill Kleymann*

GOD’S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Meditation on “Evan”* arr. David Paxton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Protector God, you are ever mindful of the needs of your children. You have called your people together and shown us the way to care for each other. By your grace help all who find refuge at Bethel Hills and Shawnee Presbyterian Church to live in peace and unity within these households of faith. May they be encouraged to grow in your spirit and to seek your will. May the gifts we receive this day bring peace and comfort to their lives. Amen.

✠DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION PH #592

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠HYMN *“Here I Am, Lord”* PH # 525

✠BENEDICTION

✠POSTLUDE *“Trumpet Jubilee”* By Patricia Lou Harris

CONTRIBUTING TO TODAY'S SERVICE:

Greeter: Libby Trussell
Ushers: Bill Wilson, Mike Enz, & Phil Anderson
Tech Crew: Larry Trussell & Steve Tangeman
Organist: Kelli Glann
Scripture Reader: Bill Wilson

The Salvation Army needs: Spaghetti-O's and other canned meals, ramen noodles, canned vegetables, soups, spaghetti sauce and noodles, granola bars and boxed individual snacks, crackers, hamburger helper, pop tarts, peanut butter and jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels.

Prayers requested for health, healing, and peace:

Connie Griswold & family, Susie - (Pam Trussell's cousins) Gail Miller - (Rosalie Goff's stepdaughter) John McVey, and Kristin Kliewer & family

THIS WEEK @ FPC * May 12th - 18th

Today	9:15 am	Adult & Children's Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Ensemble Practice
	10:30 am	Worship Service
		PW Birthday Offering Graduate Recognition - Jacklyn Giles
Wednesday	10:00 am	Coffee with the Pastor
	7:00 pm	JUMP
Next Sunday		Rev. John Haspels Preaches

Luke 1:26-38 NRSV

²⁶“In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, “Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you.” ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus.

³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

³⁴Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I am a virgin?” ³⁵The angel said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God.

³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.” ³⁸Then Mary said, “Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.” Then the angel departed from her.”



Jacklyn Giles is a senior at Newton High School. Jacklyn has excelled in academics being in the top 4% of her 2024 class. She has studied German all 4 years in High School and is a member of the National German Honor Society. She has been a board member for the Newton High School Chemistry Club for the past 3 years where she helped plan an outreach trip to a local elementary school. Jacklyn has been part of the Newton Orchestra, playing

violin for the last 8 years. She has enjoyed being part of the Tennis team for 5 years. Jacklyn is a member of the #935 Robotics team. The robotics team was finalists this year at the Oklahoma Regional and won the Creativity in Engineering and Design Award at both the Heartland and Oklahoma Regionals. Jacklyn is a talented writer and a published author for her works of poetry. She was a finalist in 2022 for a national poetry contest “Rising Stars Collection.” Jacklyn’s hobbies include painting, reading, writing, and spending time with her cat Snowy.

Jacklyn is planning to attend the University of Vermont where she will be in Patrick Leahy Honors College. Jacklyn is pursuing a degree in clinical psychology. She will start her undergraduate work in fall and has hopes to seek a doctorate degree.

As her Youth director, I want to congratulate Jacklyn for all her wonderful accomplishments in High School and wish her all the best for her future adventures.

Jacklyn good luck and congratulations!!