



CHURCH NEWSLETTER

• July/August 2026 •



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

This past week we did our first bible study on the book of Ruth covering its first chapter. For those of you who may not be familiar with this book of the bible, it is a beautiful story about two women who are bound by shared grief and who together survive in a harsh world through reliance on their faith, tradition, and one another. It is probably one of my favorite books in the bible due to its simplicity as well as the breadth and width of the human condition that it covers. Within it we see true grief, bitterness, perseverance, faith, and joy. In both of our bible studies we were able to dig into a question which I think we sometimes avoid: how do we as Christians grieve authentically while still remaining faithful?

Although the book is named after Ruth, Ruth's mother-in-law, Naomi is in many ways the protagonist of the first half of the book. She is the driving force for what occurs in the story, it is her perspective and grief that the story focuses on most, and it is her religion and family that they turn to when all else is lost. Naomi gets angry with God in the aftermath of losing her husband and her two boys. Naomi remains bitter through much of the book, but Naomi never loses her faith. It is always God she turns to in anger, sadness, and her eventual joy. I was struck by how many tears were shed during our Bible Study this month, how much pain many in our congregation are still carrying with them to this day. But I was also surprised how many apologized for sharing their pain, for shedding tears that needed release. To grieve is not a sin, to have pain is not a sin. God still provides for Naomi in her anger and bitterness, and God does the same for us. The Bible provides a lot of hope and joy, but it is truly powerful because it makes space for all aspects of what it means to be a human, both the good and the bad. I look forward to continuing to authentically study its contents and growing closer as community of faith with you all through its lessons, both easy and challenging.

Chance





MESSAGE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR

A choir becomes a family—a group of people who pray together, laugh together, encourage one another, and sometimes even help restore one another's faith when life becomes difficult. And sometimes, when our own faith feels weak, someone standing beside us sings with enough faith for both of us.

There are times when we walk into rehearsal tired, discouraged, burdened, or distracted. But then somebody begins to sing. Somebody speaks a word of encouragement. Somebody reminds us of the goodness of God.

Now, we may not always sing every note perfectly. We may miss a harmony, come in a little early, or hold a note a little too long. God is not looking for perfection nearly as much as He is looking for hearts that are united in praise. Because when our hearts are joined together with one purpose—to glorify God, to proclaim His goodness, and to serve His Kingdom—something changes. They become one sound. One declaration. One testimony. One offering of praise. Suddenly the unity of those voices intensifies the meaning of every word we sing.

When we sing about His faithfulness, somebody in the room needs to hear it. When we sing about His healing, somebody needs to believe again. When we sing about His grace, somebody needs to remember that they are not beyond His reach. And when we sing about His love, somebody may be hearing, for the very first time, just how deeply God loves them.

God has given each of us a voice, and I believe He deserves to hear us use it. You do not have to be perfect. You simply have to be willing. Come add your voice to ours—and together, let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord!

Blessings in Christ,
Matthew Bailey



YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group kicked off on August 23rd this year. We had a hotdog dinner for the children and parents, as well as games and activities. We look forward to seeing you all this year at 5:00 PM on Sunday evenings. We will update you on the Sundays that Youth Group meets and does not meet.



FOOD PANTRY

The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the generosity of our congregation in supporting the Food Pantry ministry.

There is a collection basket in the narthex to receive any food donations, such as "dry" goods (i.e., canned foods, cereals, pasta).

Food bags are distributed the **3rd Tuesday of each month from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM** in the fellowship hall.

Come early and help with distribution!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM SESSION

Meeting August 2026

July Treasurer Report

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| • July Income: \$17,868.00 | YTD Income \$113,283.00 |
| • July Expense \$13,414.07 | YTD Expenses: \$98,983.94 |
| • July Net Income \$4,453.93 | YTD Net: \$14,299.06 |

Approved: Congregational Meeting; Nursery attendant on Sunday; McDonald Scholarship to Virginia Howsden; Change HVAC maintenance to Edwards and Edwards Heat and Air; Change to Large Print Bulletin; Lease on printer



REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Congregational Family - Connie Ahlvers, Brian Cameron Family, Glenda Cameron, John Cameron, Kayla Fortin, Paisley Fortin-Sammons, Sheila Funderburk, Peggy Howard, Larry Howard, Anna Howsden Family, Richard Porter, Richard Roller, Donna Tarrants Family, Gayle Weaver, John Wells, Don Warcup, Deborah Womble

Family and Friends of the Congregation- Erin Jane Allen, Abena Ampofo, Kaison Ampofo, Jodee Beck Family, Jarrett Blockwell, Don Cseh, Nathan Clifton, Marlys Daugherty, Will Dixon, Dave Dryden, Faye Ellis, Valarie Fields, Jackie Gore, Eli Griffin, Tom Hightower, Fran & Roger Ivy, Cathy Jackson, Denise Johnson, Peggy King, Caid Long, David Lucas, Ray May, Randall McCormick, Anne McDonald, Rob McDonald, Annie McDonald, Belinda McGugan, Tim McNeill, Judy McNeill, Ted McNeill, Jane Morrison, Kara Pataki, Helen Poole, Pedro Rodriguez, Becky Rosser, Pat Ruis, Christian Seeley, Barbara Severin, Marianna Shaw, Dwight Shaw, Brandon Spivey, Yvonne Star, Vivian Street, Robbin Taylor, Robin Thompson, Paul Tysinger, Marlene Watson, Betty Lou White, DeEtta Wood, Cristian Wood, Jon Woods, Teresa Wood

Missionaries- Titus and Kathy Gall

Armed Service Members-Matthew Armstrong, Felix Contreras, Ryan Rivas-Carroll, Justin Sammons, Lucas Yacco



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sep 2 Choir at 6:15 PM
- Sept 3 Bible Study at 1:00 PM
- Sep 6 Bible Study at 5:00 PM
- Sep 7 Worship Committee 6:00 PM
- Sep 8 Diaconate 6:30 PM
- Sep 9 Handbells 5:30 PM, Choir 6:15 PM
- Sep 13 Presbyterian Women
- Sep 15 Makers Group, Food Pantry 10:00 AM
- Sep 21 Fun & Fellowship 6:00 PM
- Sep 24 Men Cooking for Harvest 2:30 PM
- Sep 26 Harvest festival 2-7 PM
- Sep 28 Christian Education 6:30 PM



CONGREGATIONAL BIRTHDAYS

Sep 6 Ellen Phillips
 Sep 11 Marian Hueper
 Sep 14 Patricia Simpkins
 Sep 18 Jim Schaefer, Joe Wylie,
 Jessica Rivas
 Sep 19 Dennis Mclean
 Sep 23 Benjamin Thomas
 Sep 24 Shelby Porter
 Sep 30 Molly Howsden

Oct 2 Lori Thomas, Ryan Rivas-Carroll
 Oct 6 Whitney R. Brinkley
 Oct 7 Joy Lloyd
 Oct 8 Jessica Cameron
 Oct 10 Don Cameron
 Oct 13 Matthew Bailey
 Oct 15 Richard Dalrymple
 Oct 18 Betty Cameron/Jennifer Woodbury
 Oct 21 Chesley Johnson
 Oct 22 Murray Simpkins
 Oct 24 Les Ridenhour
 Oct 25 Steve Huepper
 Oct 26 Drew Street
 Oct 27 Lexi Holmes
 Oct 28 Joey Holmes



VISITATION & COMMUNION

If you would like to request a visitation from Rev. Chance Snell or for communion to be brought to you, please contact his cell phone at (540) 245-0261.

He would love to get to know all the congregation members, so don't hesitate to call.



WAYS TO GIVE

If you are unable to attend services you may:

- Mail your donation
- See Jessica in the office
- Scan the QR Code below



INVITATION FROM THE DEACONS

Members of the Diaconate invite you to inform them of people who because of physical and/or financial limitations...cannot do their own yard or housework; need transportation to and from the doctor's office and/or the grocery store; need food and/or clothing.

The deacon who is the head usher in each month will act as the contact person for the Board of Deacons.

During the month of August and September, if you know of someone who has any of the aforementioned needs, Ellen Phillips 614-444-7000 or Gwen McCormick 919-708-3169.





Adult Bible Study: Ruth Chapter 1

September 3 at 1:00 PM

September 6 at 5:00 PM

BARBECUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ANNUAL CHURCH HARVEST FESTIVAL



FEAST & FESTIVITIES

Saturday, September 26, 2026 | 2:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Join us for delicious, home made plates!

In Honor of Our Founders: Enjoy a taste of our Scottish heritage!

BBQ Pork & Chicken Dumplings Plates
\$15 per Plate | Dine-In or Take-Out Available

QUILT RAFFLE

Win a Beautiful Handmade quilt
\$2 per Ticket or
3 Tickets for \$5



LIVE AUCTION

Starts at 6:00 PM

Join the Excitement & Bid!

Barbecue Presbyterian Church

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Come Celebrate Our Rich Scottish Heritage with a Great Meal and Community!

CHURCH INFORMATION



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