

**HUMBLE
YOURSELVES
THEREFORE
UNDER THE
MIGHTY HAND
OF GOD, SO
THAT HE MAY
EXALT YOU
IN DUE TIME.**

1 PETER 5:6, NRSV



THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BLAIRSVILLE

*“a community of believers, called by God, led by the Holy Spirit
to know Christ and to make Christ known”*

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*Hymn

"He Has Made Me Glad"

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(Sing twice)

*Benediction

*Postlude

(*All who are able, please stand)

Please join us in the ritual of friendship by signing the attendance pads that are at one end of each of the pews. If you are here for the first time, we would appreciate it if you would give us your local telephone number. Please help yourself to a copy of our newsletter, *Uplift* available at the back of the church. We thank you for joining your voice to ours in sacred worship.

THE WORSHIP ASSISTANTS for this morning's service are Director of Music, Cindy Borbonus; Organist, Pam Lewis; Ushers, Bob and Charlotte Cosharek, Mya Johnson and Alan Lowman; and Property Manager, Todd Faulk.

THE FLOWER ARRANGEMENT in worship this morning is given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Maurice Borbonus by Cindy and family.

A GERMAN THEMED COFFEE HOUR will be held today following worship. Vicky and Bill Westley received a box from their son filled with lots of ginger cookies and a gingerbread, all made in Germany, and they would like to share them with the church family. There will also be a German pastry and hot dogs and sauerkraut. All are invited to stay for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

THE ELDERS will gather for a session meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Packets for the meeting can be picked up in the parlor.

THE KIDS CLOSET will be open to the public Monday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Volunteers are welcome to help with sorting donation items and or appointments. Donations are being accepted at this time of infant to adult size clothing. Financial gifts to support the closet can be made payable to the Board of Deacons and noted for the Kids Closet.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. ZOOM access is available to those who would like to participate from home. Please call the church office for more information.

OUR CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The Chancel Choir is also looking for new members. The only requirement is to enjoy singing. Please see Cindy for more information.

THE STITCHING GROUP meets Thursdays at 2:00 p.m. in the church parlor. If you enjoy needle work and would like some fellowship as you stitch, you are welcome. Bring a project you're working on and plan to stay until about 4:00 p.m.

A MOVIE NIGHT is scheduled for this Saturday, January 24th at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be showing Sight & Sound's production of "Jonah." Snacks will be provided. Plan to come out and join us.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING is scheduled for next Sunday, January 25th immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting this year is to accept the report of the Nominating Committee, review the business of the church through 2025, hear from committee leaders how God was at work in our midst, and explore our hopes for the New Year. Committee chairs and treasurers are asked to have year-end reports to the church office today. Please contact the office if you need additional information.

THE DEACONS are considering offering a CPR Training in 2026. We need to know the level of interest. If you would like to attend a training, please contact Susie Cotti or call the church office, 724-459-7991.

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY will be held Sunday, January 25th at 3:00 p.m. at Blairsville Methodist Church. Several area choirs participate in the service which also includes scripture and prayer. This service is sponsored by the Blairsville Association of Churches. All are invited to attend.

THE 2026 FLOWER CHART is hanging in the hallway by the office. Sunday flowers have increased in cost to \$30 per arrangement. Please take time to sign up for your choice of dates.

ACTIVITY BAGS have been prepared for our Young Disciples. Children are invited to pick one up on their way into worship. At the end of the service, please return your bag to the back of the sanctuary so it can be prepared for the following week.

THE DEACONS were given a financial grant to purchase supplies for our Blessing Box. We thank those who offered this gift. Your donations are always welcomed and can be placed in the box at the back of the sanctuary. We are blessed to be a blessing!

END OF THE YEAR financial statements will be mailed soon. Online giving statements will be issued through the Presbyterian Foundation.

HANDBELL CHOIR UPDATE:

Vicky Westley, our handbell choir director, will be offering a **Handbell 101** session on Wednesday, January 21st from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the bell choir room on the second floor of the education wing. ***All ages are welcome.*** Hope to see you there and ready for some fun! Contact Vicky to register.

