

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.

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

Shawnee Presbyterian Church
Café Ginkgo
Louisville, Kentucky
**facebook.com/
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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.



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Birthday Offering

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*

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CELEBRATION OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 12, 2024

10:00 AM

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP WITH MUSIC & THIS PRAYER: *God, We are so used to seeing ourselves as individuals with personal destinies. Remind us that we are made in Your image, the image of community. Help us to love each other and be made one as You are one. Whisper Your love to us and let us whisper Your love to the world today. Amen.*

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Praise the Lord, all the earth, from the highest heights to the deepest depths!

P: Let everything sing and shout praise to the Creator!

L: Praise the Lord, all the heavens and starry host!

P: All throughout the universe may praise to God abound!

L: Come, let us joyfully praise God!

ALL: Let us live our praise in deeds of loving kindness.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

God, who walks with each one of us, help us to place our trust in Your guiding care for us as we gather to learn the great lessons of living in peaceful community with each other. Prepare us to be witnesses of your love and forgiveness. Make us ready to work for You in Your creation; for we ask this in the name of Jesus, Your beloved Son. AMEN.

*HYMN 623

“Sweet Hour of Prayer”

WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

We confess that we have not loved You with all our heart, mind, and strength. Also, We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven. So, We have been angry, selfish, and dishonest. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to love You more than anything else and to love others the way You love us. Amen (Silent Prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN 805 “Gloria Patri”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES' CREED

[BACK COVER OF BLUE HYMNAL]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN 312 vs.2

TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: PSALM 4

(page 490)

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: JOB 11:11-20 & JOB 16:1-5

(pages 461 & 465)

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 6-16

(page 167)

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

“Glorify (with Glorify Thy Name and We Will Glorify)”

Arrangement by Stan Pethel

SERMON

“Friendship and Flawed Theology”

Brian Truesdale

TO RESPOND IN FAITH

*HYMN 389

“Happy the Home When God is There”

**PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

HYMN 809 “Doxology”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

TO GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 723

“Revive Us Again”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*The flowers today are for the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Denny Schwartz given by his wife Lorraine.*

Today's Ushers: Deb and Mark Petrilla

Next Week: Linda Lake and Karen Shoemaker

Welcome to worship! May your experience today deepen your love of God, inspire you to live like Jesus Christ & yearn to always learn through the Holy Spirit. *“May the God of hope fill you with all joy & peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”* Romans 15:13

**Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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