

## 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 Gingko**  
**Louisville, Kentucky**  
**facebook.com/  
louisvilleshawneepresbyterian**  
**\$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 Gingko, named for a ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. On average, 30 meals were served at Café Gingko 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 Gingko 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](https://presbyterianwomen.org/birthday)**

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# 2024

## *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\*



# CELEBRATION OF MORNING WORSHIP

May 12, 2024

8:00 AM

QUIET REFLECTION

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS AND PRAYER

\*HYMN 623 “Sweet Hour of Prayer”

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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

**Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.** *(Silent Prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED

[BACK COVER OF BLUE HYMNAL]

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN 312 vs.2

READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURES: PSALM 4

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

(pages 461 & 465)

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

(page 167)

HOMILY

Brian Truesdale

\*\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*HYMN 809 “DOXOLOGY”

TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS

\*HYMN 389

“Happy the Home When God is There”

BENEDICTION



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

Today’s Usher: Mike Breslin

Next Week: Deb Stewart

Welcome to worship! May your experience today deepen your love of God, inspire you to live like Jesus Christ and yearn to always learn through the Holy Spirit. “*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 15:13

*\*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

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