



THE OPEN DOOR

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*A Loving Community called together by God to be a
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“Close Your Eyes”

There are some grand lessons to be learned in the simple activities of children’s games. For example, I remember as a child playing a game where we each took a turn to have our eyes blind-folded. Once our eyes were covered, we were led around holding the hand of a friend. As the person blind-folded you could not see. While cloaked in the temporary darkness of the blind-fold, you had to walk around by faith in the person leading you. The conditions required the person leading to be responsible for your well-being. At times it was a struggle to trust the person whose hand was your connection into the unseen world. Often it was a temptation to trust in the sensitivity in your own feet and to ignore the leading of the person who could see. This attempt at blind independence might lead you to interpret the incline in the ground to be a deep ravine, when it was only a subtle variation in the grade. For the game’s journey to be successful you had to trust when your guide said jump, that there really was some log, rock, or ditch lying before you. If you chose to ignore the leading of your guide you might just run face first into a low hanging limb, or fall head over heels down a hill. When you cannot see where you are going it is valuable to have someone you can trust to lead you, not just in games, but in life. Often in life there are things we fail to see because our attention is focused on something else we perceive to be important. Even when we do see what is in front of us, our sight is still limited. In reality, in each and every moment we are facing limitations of sight. Even though it is hard to trust our well-being into the hands of another, we are called upon by God to do this exactly. As Sovereign of all creation, God is fully capable of guiding our lives into the fullness of life that He has to offer. God sees beyond what is before our eyes and understands the consequences of each direction we might choose to walk. God is not affected by the limitations that we each experience. God knows all and sees all, and loves us with a steadfast love, and therefore is a perfect guide for us to trust with our lives. The Apostle Paul encouraged the Christians of Corinth to trust God as their guide. He wrote, “walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5: 7). Paul’s teaching holds true for us today. We are to trust the

guidance of God and not be limited by what we see and understand to be possible. God will not guide us where He has not already made the way for us to go. Even though the path may not be visible to our eyes, we are encouraged to turn to God’s leading and to trust Him in His guidance. The Psalmist was also confident of God’s guidance and open to trusting God’s insight and knowledge with his well-being. He wrote, “Most intimate Lord, You know all there is to know about me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You know my thoughts even before I think them. You examine my path and where I will rest, You are more than familiar with all my ways. Even before a sound forms on my tongue, You already know the words that I will speak. You surround me from behind and from the front, You gently have Your guiding hand laying upon me. Knowing all the things You know is too awesome for me; such knowledge is out of my reach” (Psalm 139: 1-6). As God’s children we are encouraged to trust that God, whose hand gently rests upon our shoulder, is leading us into the abundant life that only He can provide. Our sight is not trustworthy. Responding to what we see will only obstruct us from experiencing the blessings of God. Let us learn the grand lesson to trust God’s wisdom in guiding us. We are to close our eyes and open our faith. God waits to pour down upon us His overflowing blessings.

In the Love of Jesus the Messiah,

Mark





Glen Leven Presbyterian Church Dayschool

A Christian Learning Environment

As summer comes to a close, we think about this past year and reflect on all the marvels of this ministry. One of our fondest memories will be remembering all of the families that began here as little ones that will continue onto kindergarten. We have truly been blessed to have shared a moment in time with these amazing children. I hope they will always feel welcome here and come by to visit us often. You will always be a part of our Glen Leven family!



I would also like to thank our awesome summer teachers – Sydney Long and Caroline Minchey...they have done an outstanding job. We will miss them and pray that they have a wonderful year at college. We were also sad to say goodbye to Deanna Billingsley, Shanna Roper and Lauren Litton. God has other plans for these wonderful early educators and we wish them well. If you know of anyone looking for a teaching position, please contact the office at office@glenleven.org.

As of August 7th, Janice Cumming will begin her 41st year of teaching here at Glen Leven. She has dedicated her life to loving our kids and we truly thank God for her everyday. She's always hugging, kissing, or comforting our kids (and sometimes grown ups)! We love her dearly and can't imagine Glen Leven without her here.

HUGE Thanks to All the teachers in preparing their classes for our new and upcoming kids. They are ready to share their passion of teaching and their heartfelt gifts with their children. The classrooms look amazing, and we are ready! Our new parent orientation and open house for this year will be held on Friday, July 29th. I would like to thank Laura Hartley and Jenny McIntyre, this year's PTO presidents, for all their dedication and hard work this past year. We appreciate the guidance of our PTO and we look forward to a great year!

Glen Leven will be closed for care on Wednesday, (7/27), Thursday (7/28), and Friday (7/29) for in-service. Our first day of care for the 2022-2023 school year will be Monday, August 1st. We look forward to welcoming our new families to Glen Leven. We look forward to new beginning and kicking off our next year with a light grab and go breakfast on the first day of school!

Each month I will be including our curriculum information in this article. If you have something special you would like to share or contribute, we welcome your ideas, suggestions, or special talents. I pray that everyone will enjoy their first days and you strive to develop friendships that will be long lasting.

This community of faith has been wonderfully supportive of this ministry – God is blessing us every moment through this church – Praise the Lord!

Biblical Curriculum for the Month of August

Noah and the Ark

Memory Verse: "I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it will be the sign of the covenant between me and the earth."
Genesis 12:13

Bible Point: Always trust God

Focus on OUTREACH

Pray for the people affected by the Historic Eastern Kentucky Flooding



God, bless each and every person affected by this storm and surround them with Your love, protection, and angels.

Between July 25th and July 30th, 2022, several complexes of training thunderstorms developed south of I-64 and brought heavy rain, deadly flash flooding, and devastating river flooding to eastern Kentucky and central Appalachia. These thunderstorms, at times, caused rainfall rates in excess of 4"/hr across complex terrain that led to widespread devastating impacts. While it did not rain continuously during this 4-day stretch, the overwhelming amounts of rain and resultant flooding led to at least 37 deaths (as of August 2nd) and widespread catastrophic damage. Entire homes and parts of some communities were swept away by flood waters, leading to costly damage to infrastructure in the region. Over 600 helicopter rescues and countless swift water rescues by boat were needed to evacuate people who were trapped by the quickly-rising flood waters. In total, 24 Flash Flood Warnings were issued between July 26th and July 30th. Between the evening of July 27th and the mid-morning hours on July 28th (the peak of the event), 13 warnings were issued, 3 of which were upgraded to a Flash Flood Emergency. The rainfall values occurring in such a short period of time are incredibly rare: there is less than a 1 in 1000 chance for this much rainfall over five days in a given year.

The incredible rainfall also led to significant rises and flooding on many rivers in eastern Kentucky including on the main stem of the Kentucky River; North, Middle and South forks of the Kentucky River; Red River and Licking River. At Whitesburg, the North Fork of the Kentucky River swelled well above major flood stage, reaching close to 21' before gauge failure (the previous flood of record was 14.7' in 1957). The North Fork of the Kentucky River at Jackson also reached major flood, setting a new record crest of 43.47' (the previous record was 43.1' set in 1939). The river flooding caused a second round of destruction for communities in the region, and caused flooding in downstream areas that did not receive as much rainfall.

As of August 2, recovery efforts continued in eastern Kentucky after this catastrophic flooding led to the deaths of at least 37 people last week, and new dangers are cropping up now with extreme heat and the potential for more flooding.



Eat. Talk. Play. – Come Do Life Together

Sunday, 28 August 2022 – Following Worship

The best relationships usually begin with a meal. The first Christians knew it, and at Glen Leven, we want to regularly offer the opportunity for everyone to share a

meal together and to fellowship with one another. Bring your favorite food (e.g. casserole, chicken, meat loaf, specialty salad, etc.), and if you like a desert. Drinks will be provided.

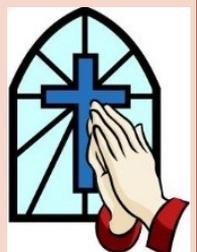
“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread.”

Acts 2: 42

We recognize that you are already a part of a geographical community, a neighborhood or town.
But are you part of a group of people who sincerely care for one another, support each other in difficult times, love the Lord God, and celebrate the joys of life?

At Glen Leven Presbyterian Church we think a true community of faith does all that and more.
We strive to be a place where everyone is accepted and feels a sense of belonging. We seek to grow in our relationship with God and with one another, experiencing the fullness of life.

We are a vibrant community that has a place for you!



Nurturing The Children of Glen Leven

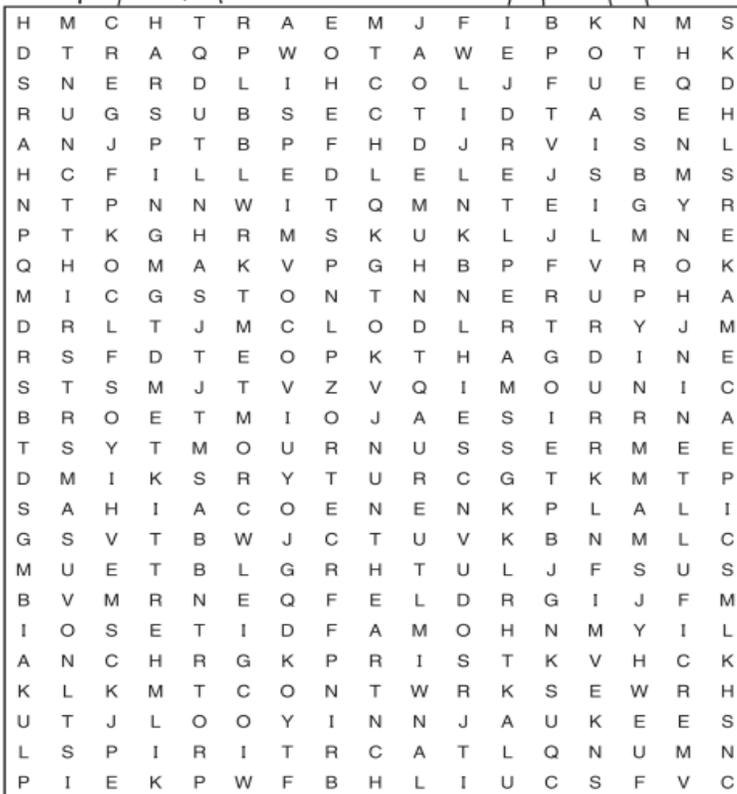
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From this week's bulletin to unlock games on our website at: glenleven.org click Children's games"



What did Jesus say to them?

Unscramble the missing words, then find them in the word search. They are $\uparrow \downarrow \rightarrow \leftarrow \curvearrowright \curvearrowleft$.



"B_____ are the p_____ in s_____,
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 for theirs is the kingdom of h_____. Blessed
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 are those who m_____, for they will be comforted.
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 Blessed are the m_____, for they will inherit the
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Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
 and do not rely on your own insight.
 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will
 make straight your paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



Lectionary for July

August 7, Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): First Reading Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20, Psalm 50: 1-8, 22-23
Second Reading Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16, Luke 12: 32-40

August 14, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): First Reading Isaiah 5: 1-7, Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19
Second Reading Hebrews 11: 29-12: 2, Luke 12: 49-56

August 21, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): First Reading Jeremiah 1: 4-10, Psalm 71: 1-6
Second Reading Hebrews 12: 18-29, Luke 13: 10-17

August 28, Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C): First Reading Jeremiah 2: 4-13,
Psalm 81: 1, 10-16
Second Reading Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16, Luke 14: 1, 7-14



SERVING LORD'S SUPPER

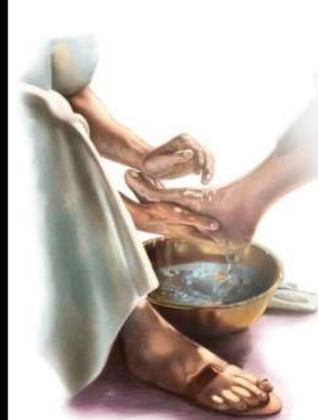
August 7, 2022

Teaching Elder: Rev. Mark S. Bryan,
Ph.D.

Ruling Elder: Vivian Hamilton

LORD'S TABLE CAN COME TO YOU

Celebrating the Sacraments is an important part of our worship of the Lord. If you are homebound and would like to arrange for Communion to be brought to you on the Sunday the Sacrament is celebrated at Glen Leven, please call the church office by the previous Friday to schedule a visit.



THIS MONTH'S SERVANTS:

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 11:25

Liturgist

August 7 — Cheryl Cunningham

August 14 — Cheryl Cunningham

August 21 — Lorelei Victory

August 28 — Lorelei Victory

A PEOPLE OF PRAYER:

Scottie Walker, Barbara and Bit Brown, Joe and Mayme Lee Lawrence, Margaret Riegel, Mike and Carol Davis, Vivian Hamilton, Carl Sneed, Rosemary Woods, David Spalding, John Woods, Sandra Earles, Joe Calabrese, Bill Swartz, Jodi Rush, Skip and Janice Frazer, Ashley and Eli Carson, Ria Spier, Brenda Reagan, Sue Greene, Sherree Stephenson, Chris Gooch, Alphonse Nkouka, Jessica Stewart, Barbie Jastrow, Jim Richard, Kelsie Jones, Debbie Jones, Jeanette Carson, Ashley Carson, Eli Carson, Bill H. Carson, Maxwell Carson, Michelle Daffron, Melissa Proctor

