

## Urban Village

February 2024

Let me begin by thanking the congregations of the Presbytery of Transylvania who gave financially supported the mission and ministry of Urban Village in 2023:

Beaumont Presbyterian Church  
First Presbyterian Church (Lexington)  
Stanford Presbyterian Church  
Versailles Presbyterian Church

Eastminster Presbyterian Church  
Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church  
United Presbyterian Church (Harrodsburg)  
Wilmore Presbyterian Church

Without the generous gifts of these congregations and many individuals, we would not be able to serve the community of Nicholasville and Jessamine County. I hope to see this list grow in 2024, as the mission and ministry of Urban Village grows and develops, garnering more support from our siblings in Christ.

Urban Village ended 2023 with much momentum. In November and December we hosted our first four birthday parties, hired and made plans for our After School Program, and continued to see our Sunday evening youth group grow. The week between Christmas and New Year's a great crew of Urban Village staff, church members, presbyterian folks, and Urban Village families volunteered many hours to make some much needed updates and repairs. We knocked down a wall, painted, cleared off the back loading dock, and painted, deep cleaned, and painted, repaired and replaced equipment...and did I mention, we painted? This work has really given a brighter and more inviting facelift to the building. We were happy that we could donate some of our excess wood and equipment to a Girl Scout Gold Award project and to some families in the community.

In January we began our After School Program as a way to offer safe and affordable after-school care to our community. We currently have 10 students enrolled in this program, and more who are interested if we could provide transportation. Anyone have a church bus or van they'd like to donate to Urban Village for this purpose? Also in January we hosted a CPR/First Aid class. This class was attended by Urban Village staff and several others from the presbytery. Thank you to the presbytery's Leadership Development Ministry for helping to cover the cost of that training for the Urban Village staff!

As we look ahead to what's coming up...

We are on the brink of our first anniversary! Watch the e-news and social media for ways you can help us celebrate!

We are still working to finalize the purchase of the building - please lift this up in your prayers!

We are forming a board of Urban Village participants to help with programming and fundraising.

We are also working on our summer program! Would your congregation be interested in hosting, sponsoring, or helping with a week of Urban Village camp or doing a week of Vacation Bible School at Urban Village? Let me know!

Finally, I would LOVE to see more of our congregations taking advantage of the space we have at Urban Village. If you haven't visited us yet, come and see. If you would like someone to speak at a worship service or fellowship event, let me know!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Beth Garrod-Logsdon, executive director/mission developer