

**A Gathering Place
Annual Report
Presbytery of Transylvania
December 3, 2024**

At the February 27, 2024, stated meeting, the presbytery approved a request from the session of Faith Presbyterian Church, Morehead, to create an administrative commission to function as the session of the church and implement a new ministry vision for Morehead. Presbytery moderator John Leggett named these members to the commission: Jerry Utt (teaching elder and chair), April Adkins (ruling elder, Faith Presbyterian Church), Allie Secor (ruling elder, Faith Presbyterian Church, Brandi Dragoo (ruling elder, FPC Mt Sterling), Josh Akers (commissioned pastor, Bayless Memorial, Grayson), and Keith Benze (teaching elder).

The mission document created to frame this ministry states that the ministry will “connect with those in the community who traditional, primarily conservative congregations are not currently reaching.... a safe space and a natural gathering place for those who might never step through the doors of an existing church.... a new expression of church that will embody the radical hospitality and heart of Jesus in the Morehead community.”

I moved to Morehead in July. Since that time, I’ve begun the process of engaging the community and learning the particular ministry context. I meet monthly with a leadership coach skilled in creating and developing New Worshiping Communities. When I first arrived, the ministry was meeting weekly for Bible study, prayer, and a fellowship meal. The ministry has recently added to its routine a monthly games fellowship night at a local bookstore and coffee shop. The leadership team covets your prayers and support as we seek to follow the Spirit’s leading in this new endeavor.

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(pictures from the first games night at the Fuzzy Duck Coffee Shop)