

**A Gathering Place
Presbytery of Transylvania
March 1, 2025**

The leadership commission for A Gathering Place met on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, in Morehead, KY. After a time of fellowship, the commission reviewed ministry activities and plans for 2025. The commission approved a budget for 2025. The commission reviewed membership totals and authorized the payment of 2024 per capita and unified giving. The commission approved a stated supply contract for the pastoral leader.

Current activities include monthly first Wednesday meetings with a group of high school and university students and a third Wednesday games night at the Fuzzy Duck coffee shop. The ministry reached out to two (male and female residential care) local substance use disorder facilities. The women's facility was more open to engagement and six members of A Gathering Place met with 10-12 ladies at the facility for a time of games and companionship on Sunday, February 2, 2025. The ministry hopes to continue this engagement once per month.

Ministry leaders continue to search for suitable property to rent and/or purchase. Downtown Morehead is framed on one side by the UK/St. Claire HealthCare system and on another side by Morehead State University. Few properties are available in the downtown area and the ones that are available are unsuitable for the ministry's needs. The possibility of creating a mobile games room bus/trailer that can be driven to local festivals or agencies has been discussed as a possible starting point.

From January 29-31, 2025, I attended a Missional Entrepreneurial Immersion Workshop in the Washington, DC, area along with 4 presbytery leaders. I found the conference meaningful. It was helpful to see what the Riverside Church has done with their ministry and to be in their space and witness how it works. I left with lots of ideas of how we might implement some of these ideas into the Morehead ministry. I also left with a deeper appreciation for extended patience and the need to wait for God to work in new and vibrant ways.

The leadership commission will next meet on April 8, 2025. Please remember to pray for the Morehead community and this new ministry that is emerging. Thank you!

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