

# Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

## August 2021



### Calendar:

August 1-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m.  
August 8-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering  
August 15-Worship 11:15 a.m.  
August 22-Worship 11:15 a.m.  
August 29-11: 00 a.m. Worship and covered dish lunch.

### Communion:

August: Diane Jamerson and Pattie Bailey

### Bulletins:

August: Martha Louis

### Ushers:

August: Robert Saxon

### Sanctuary Flowers:

August: Bunny Snoddy

### Happy Birthday:

August 1-Nicole Ann Farley  
August 2-Bobby Snoddy  
August 11-Lincoln Montgomery-Rodgers  
August 11-Bunny Snoddy  
August 20-Harlan Austin  
August 18-Sterling Williams  
August 25-Luther Thomas  
August 29-Daniel Jamerson

### Happy Anniversary:

August 4-Derwood and Jane Guthrie  
August 6-Don and Vicki Williams  
August 7-Walton and Jessica Mosely  
August 12-Frank and Tana Knott

### Sunday School News:

The Adult Sunday School class has resumed. All are invited. If you have not been vaccinated, please wear

a mask. We are discussing "The Road Back to You." It is a journey towards self-knowledge. See Vicki Williams if you need a copy. Snacks, juice and coffee will be available at 10:00 a.m. Class will begin at 10:15 a.m.

### Hats off to David Spears:

David Spears who recently was appointed to the Virginia Gas and Oil board by the governor's administration.

### Office Hours:

Rev. Kim Steinhorst has office hours at Maysville Presbyterian Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30-12:30. His office is in the upstairs Sunday School building. Call (434)665-6206 or email, [preachrmann@gmail.com](mailto:preachrmann@gmail.com), for an appointment.

### Session Notes:

In July the Session discussed the upkeep of the church, external cleaning and repair and future maintenance needs. It was decided that a committee approach to long term maintenance and financial consideration was recommended. Spencer Adams will recruit and chair this.

Restrictions from COVID are being lifted and we will return to the regular distribution of Communion elements. Also seat spacing will be unrestricted, though we will continue to distance when possible. We will continue to have masks available at the front doors.

The website is currently in the process of being updated.

## *Pastor's Ponderings*

*"O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever." Psalm 106:1 RSV*

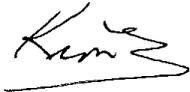
Wow! To say it's hot is an understatement. Yes, this has been a warm summer, indeed. Yet, sometimes we're so caught up in summer activities, dealing with the heat, thinking about where we've been and/or where we'd like to go or we're planning to go next, that we forget to thank God. For God's love; for God's goodness; for the blessings we have — family, home (with A/C!), friends, experiences and encounters (past and present). We also forget what the Psalmist wrote: "...for He is good, His steadfast love endures for ever." In several psalms, we are called to give thanks to the Lord; you can note that four psalms (including the one quoted above) begin with these very words. Another quick glance shows that six other psalms also encourage us to give thanks. Giving thanks for God's love is important. And, we show how important that love is to us by sharing it with others in various ways.

One psalm reminds us that the earth and everything in it is the Lord's (Psalm 24). That points us to the fact that God's "kin-dom" is here on earth just as much as it is in heaven. Amy-Jill Levine, author of *The Misunderstood Jew: The Church and the Scandal of the Jewish Jesus* says,

...the kingdom of heaven is not...a piece of real estate for the single saved soul; it is a communal vision of what could be and what should be. It is a vision of a time when all debts are forgiven, when we stop judging others, when we not only wear our traditions on our sleeve, but hold them in our hearts and minds and enact them with all our strength." (pp. 51-52).

This communal vision of the kingdom is, in great part, what the church is really about. But, what we often hear is that God's salvation is all about individuals. Yet, it's not just Dr. Levine who speaks of the communal aspect of God's "kin-dom" here on earth; so does George Hunsinger, N.T. Wright, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Karl Barth and so many others. How can we make the vision of God's "kin-dom" visible; how can we be the means for our larger community to see that what is in heaven can be here on earth? How do we show our thanks to God and for God's steadfast, enduring love for everyone?

Peace,



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