

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

October 2021



Calendar:

October 3-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m.
October 10-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering
October 17-Worship 11:15 a.m., Session Meets after service
October 24-Worship 11:15 a.m.
October 31-Worship 11:15 a.m.

Sunday School Opening Exercises:

Vicki Williams

Communion:

October: Sharon Chandler and Margaret Thomas

Bulletins:

October: Bunny Snoddy and Vicki Williams

Ushers:

October: Paul Louis and Dennis Carney

Sanctuary Flowers:

October: Sharon Chandler

Happy Birthday:

October 1-Jamie Stuart Tyler
October 2-Christopher Jamerson
October 6-Arianne Lindsey
October 8-Sarah Rosen
October 11-Cory-Neal Butwin
October 21-Paul Louis
October 21-Craig McPherson
October 24-Derwood Guthrie
October 26-Mason Williams
October 27-Jessica Paxton Landseadel
October 28-Sharon Chandler

Happy Anniversary:

October 5-Calvin and Melissa Wallace
October 8-Ben and Paula Louis
October 29-Dennis and Lory Carney

HOMECOMING:

Due to the ongoing COVID 19 pandemic Maysville Presbyterian Church will not be hosting Homecoming activities this year. We look forward to celebrating in 2022.

Session Notes:

Pressure washing the church and Manse completed. Fencing for playground in the works.

Thanks to the Boy Scouts and Smyrna Methodist Church for donations to our Food Pantry.

Continued to discuss COVID protocols for worship services and the upcoming holiday season. Wearing masks during services will be encouraged as cases in the area increase.

A Nominating Committee is to be elected.

The Web Content Management committee has updated and improved the website (www.maysvillepc.org) for the church.

Disaster Assistance Response

Please consider contributing one or more Hygiene Kits in response to the multitude of natural disasters happening on the Gulf Coast, West Coast and throughout the U.S. and abroad. Package the following in a zip lock bag: 1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 1 wide tooth comb, 1 finger nail clipper, 1 bath size bar of soap and 10 band aids. Our church members from the dental community will supply toothbrushes to include in the bags. Large tarps are also in need along the Gulf coast. Please leave contributions on the table in the fellowship hall.

Eagle Scout Project:

Check out Brandon Seiler's contribution to the east side of the church property. New picnic tables on a nicely landscaped and graveled section of the side yard. Thanks Brandon!

Swing Set and Playground:

Thanks to Spencer Adams for painting the donated playground set. It looks great!

Clothing Drive:

The Buckingham Mutual Aid Society is collecting clothes for the ongoing influx of refugees from Afghanistan. They are accepting clothing of all types and sizes while emphasizing the need for baby clothing. Please leave donated items in the church's food pantry and let Don Williams or Karen Wolfe know.

COMMUNITY EVENTS:

October 2-**Fall Farm Festival: A Celebration of Farm Life.** Fun for the whole family! 10:00 a.m-2:00 p.m. at the Historic Village.

October 9-**Indian Relic Show.** Featuring exhibits, demonstrations, food and an arrowhead hunt. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Historic Village at Lee Wayside.

October 30-**Spooky Hollow Drive.** Fund-raiser for Historic Buckingham. Thru 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Historic Village

Pastor's Ponderings

"Thou hast made the moon to mark the seasons..." Psalm 104:19a rsv

I think I've written before about my favorite season — Autumn. Part of the reason I love this season is because growing up in South Louisiana it marked a lessening of the heat we endured throughout the summer (which by some folks begins in April and goes through September, and sometimes well into October). But, usually, by October, the heat has started to ease off and we didn't walk out of the house and feel like we walked into a sauna.

If you're a weather watcher like I am, you'll know that the Harvest Moon this year was on September 20. It wasn't as big as it has been, but still this full moon closest to the Fall Equinox marks a change in the seasons. The Psalmist noted that in creating the universe, our world and its satellite God understood changing seasons, changing times. We are definitely in a changing time. A pernicious global pandemic not seen in over a century, economic and political events that cause us to question the longevity of our societal system, and then there are the climate events that have us wondering why we are unwilling to be good stewards of this world God created.

Yes, we humans could remain fatalistic and keep going as we are — putting off most thoughts of what to do for the present to the future. Aesop's fable about the grasshopper and the ant come to mind. But, then, what do we do with Jesus' teachings about our role in making visible God's kin-dom? What are we doing to help bring God's vision of a peace-filled, grace-filled, merciful, loving community of all nationalities, races, and people?

Yes, I love Autumn — for its changing colors, its (hopefully) cooler temperatures, and its time to ponder both how great is God's creation and how can we have a hand in keeping it glorious and a witness to God's love.

Peace,



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