

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

November 2021



Calendar:

November 7-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m.
November 13-Property clean-up day 9:00 a.m.
November 14-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering:
November 21-Worship 11:15 a.m.; Session meets following the service
November 25-Thanksgiving Day
November 28-Worship 11:15 a.m.; setup for Advent following the worship service

Communion:

November: Sharon Chandler and Margaret Thomas

Bulletins:

November: Bunny Snoddy

Ushers:

November: Bobby and Bunny Snoddy

Sunday School Leader:

November: Don Williams

Sanctuary Flowers:

November: Leah Olivier

Happy Birthday:

November 1-Aselin Williams
November 6-Christy Ottinger
November 8-Patsy Wiseman Kite
November 11-Diane Jamerson
November 28-Maggie Williams
November 30-Shane Butwin

Happy Anniversary:

November 21-David and Jennifer Spears

Daylight Savings Time

DST ends on November 7th. Remember to set clocks, watches and other time pieces back one hour before

you go to bed that Saturday so that you will be on time for Sunday School and Worship service on Sunday.

ADVENT SEASON COMING SOON

On November 28th we will erect and decorate the Chrison Tree, set up the Advent Wreath and raise the Christmas Banners. All are invited to help. Also we will hang greens and arrange candles in the window during the week.

Maysville/New Store Webpage

Thank you Tana Knott, Bunny Snoddy and Karen Wolfe for updating and improving the website (www.maysvillepc.org) for our churches. Check it out!

Hygiene Kits:

Package the following in a zip lock bag: 1 hand towel, 1 wash cloth, 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. Lory Watkins-Carney has a supply of wide tooth combs to include. Due November 7th. Collected in the old Fellowship Hall.

Our Sympathy:

To the family of Marion Dillon George who passed away recently. Marion grew up in Buckingham and attended Maysville Presbyterian Church. At the time of her death, Marion was a resident of Westminster-Canterbury in Richmond.

Community Events:

November 5th and 6th: James River State Park Astronomy and Stargazing Event 8:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

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December 4th and 5th-Christmas Open House at
Housewright Museum and Adam's Museum from
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

December 4th-Historic Village Christmas Market from
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Session Notes:

Nominating Committee for new Elders being formed.

Monthly budget presented and accepted.

Playground fencing being worked on.

New light for outside front wall of church being picked out and replaced.

The Preservation Committee has determined the furnace is a major concern.

Outside property cleanup day scheduled for November 13th at 9:00 a.m.

The Pastor's Page

"To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints...I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus." 1 Corinthian 1:2, 4 (NRSV)

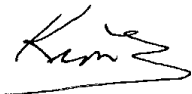
We forget that the Church, the Body of Christ, is peopled with *saints*. Not the extra-ordinary persons whom the Roman Catholic Church have venerated as special, as if on a different level of spiritual being than the rest of us. But, what makes a saint? And, if you are a saint, or I'm a saint, then how do we live? The life of a disciple or follower of Christ is not easy; remember, Jesus said we are to take up our crosses daily if we are follow Him. Still, in living out our lives filled with God's grace, responding in thanksgiving, and serving our biblical neighbor in the name of Jesus, we can begin to see how we are saints. Presbyterians come out of what is described as the Reformed Protestant Tradition. As inheritors of that tradition, we believe that God has called us to faith-filled living, grace-filled service, and love-abundant worship; characteristics that give witness to our whole-hearted trust, believe, and knowledge of the Triune God. And, when we live in that manner, we are living as saints.

November is the month in which US Americans reflect on the bounties of life they have experienced and for which they give thanks. Paul gave thanks for the saints at Corinth, in Rome, at Ephesus, in the region of Colossea, and at Thessalonica. That thanks was not directed toward the men and women in the churches in those cities and regions, but toward God for the work these congregations were doing in giving witness to their own love of God and love of neighbor. Do we give God thanks for people we know in other churches and communities who are (or were) faithful witnesses to God's grace, mercy, and love? How do we show our own love of God and neighbor, thereby becoming saints for whom others give thanks to God?

It's easy to forget in the busy-ness of the approaching holidays that we are called to be saints. But, in our own thanksgiving for the saints who have gone before us, those who sit around us, and those who will come after, we saints are called to live out "the grace of God that has been given" to us in Jesus the Christ, "enriched in Him...so that [we] are not lacking in any spiritual gift."

Let us give thanks for all of God's good gifts and for the means to share them with others. Happy Thanksgiving!

Peace,



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