

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2022



Calendar:

- April 3** - Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Communion Service
- April 10** - Palm Sunday; Worship at 11:15 a.m.
Two Cents-a- Meal Offering
- April 14** - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.
- April 17** - Easter Sunday, Worship, 11:15 a.m.
Flowering of the Cross
Brunch at 10 am followed by egg
hunt
- April 24** - Worship at 11:15 a.m.

Bulletins: Pattie Bailey

Ushers: The Dennison Family

Sanctuary Flowers: Marianne Dennison

Sunday School Leader: The Dennisons

Communion: Margaret Thomas
Marianne Dennison

Happy Birthday:

- April 3 - Leslie Dennison
April 7 - Vicki Williams
April 8 - Marty Saxon Martin
April 10 - John Saxon
April 15 – Gabrielle Larew
April 20 – Leah Olivier
April 25 – Dr. Cary Bryant
April 30 – Tom Dennison
April 30 – Robert Saxon, Jr.

Happy Anniversary:

- April 17 – Margaret & Lou Thomas
April 22 - Diane & Harlan Austin

Congratulations to Ashley Seiler who recently received the “God & Family Award” through the Scouts.

Maundy Thursday Service - April 14

Maysville and New Store Presbyterian Churches will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper together on Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm at the Maysville Church. Please join us.

Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022

We hope that you will join us for brunch at 10 am on Easter Sunday, followed by an egg hunt for the youngsters. These will be followed by our Easter worship service. Please sign up to bring several breakfast items to share for the brunch. We will continue our Easter tradition of “flowering the cross,” so please bring some flowers from your yard to add to the cross on Easter morning.

Hygiene Kit Report - Great News!

This year Maysville Presbyterian and New Store Presbyterian Churches together assembled 146 hygiene kits to be donated for disaster relief – a new record for us !! Thanks to all who participated, and thanks to Nancy

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Stuart, Lory Watkins-Carney, and Karen Wolfe for coordinating this project. Thanks also to Buckingham Family Dentistry for donating the toothbrushes for the kits.

Our Church Nursery is Open Again

After being closed due to COVID, our nursery is open again. We are looking for volunteers to supervise the youngsters in the nursery during church. Please contact Margaret Thomas at (434) 969-3292 or

mwthomas1949@outlook.com if you can help. We need you!

Thanks Kenny!

Many thanks to Kenny Sink, our neighbor across the street, who re-pointed the bricks on our church building's front façade. He did a great job and donated both his labor and materials.

Pastor's Ponderings

"So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NRSV)

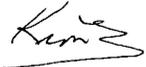
These words are very familiar to us from a traditional declaration of pardon following our confession of sins during worship. The whole declaration makes it clear that God has acted in a unique way to forgive us and the result is that we are made anew.

But, until recently, I hadn't thought of applying those words to a resurrected life. After all, we often speak as if Easter is over, but how do Paul's words speak of resurrection? N.T. Wright, Bishop of Durham, England, and one of the premier New Testament scholars of our times notes that when people talk about resurrection, even that of Jesus, they talk about going to heaven as if heaven was some place far beyond our human existence. But, looking at *1 Corinthians 15:58*, Bishop Wright points out that

...if there is a bodily resurrection, if there is the renewal of the cosmos of the creation, à la *Romans 8*, à la *Revelation 21* and *22*, it means that what we do in the present by way of justice and mercy and grace and forgiveness and healing and liberation and all the rest of it, all that is done in the name of Christ and in the power of the Spirit, will not be lost but will be part of the eventual kingdom that God will make. [*The Resurrection of Jesus: John Dominic Crossan and N.T. Wright in Dialogue*, 42]

In other words, the Resurrection is not some final event in our lives, but is a part of our lives here and now; in major part, because in and through Jesus' resurrection, the whole creation was made new. And, if we believe in Jesus' resurrection, as Bishop Wright has noted, then our lives today are made new; we who believe are living a resurrected life! And that is Good News!

How are you living in this resurrected life ushered in through Jesus' resurrection on Easter? Are you letting God make you a new creation? Will your life be a witness to Jesus' resurrection? Are you looking for ways to bring about justice, mercy, grace, forgiveness, healing, liberation, and love because we have this belief that "God sent the Son into the world to save it" and thereby participate in God's own *collaborative eschatology*, cooperating with God's work to bring about the kingdom of God here on earth? I know that I will ponder these things.



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