Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter - February 2023

February Calendar

February 5 – Worship & Communion, 11:15 am
Valentine Cards Due
February 12 –Worship 11:15 am
February 19 - Worship 11:15 am
Session Meeting
February 26 - Worship 11:15 am
Chili Lunch after Worship

Communion
Pattie Bailey & Vicki Williams

Bulletins
Debbie Davis

Ushers
Lou Thomas & Larry Davis

Sanctuary Flowers
Nancy Stuart

Sunday School Leader
Paul Louis

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February 1 - Carson Butwin
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February 4 - Irene Ellis Leech
February 6 - Timothy William Martin
February 7 - Emily Thomas Smith
February 13 – Spencer Adams
February 14 – William Jamerson
February 16 – Lindsey Jamerson Wayland
February 19 – Ben Louis
February 23 – Calvin Wallace
February 24 – Don Moseley

Happy Anniversary

February 5 – Bernie & Jane Hall Jamerson
February 14 – Phil & Pattie Bailey

Our church **Historic Preservation Committee** will meet on Thursday, February 9 at 10 am at the church. Members of this committee are Spencer Adams, Tom Dennison, Frank Knott, Paul Louis, Margaret Thomas, and Kim Steinhorst. Contact committee chairman, Tom Dennison if you have suggestions.

A New Baby Boy !!

Congratulations to Robert and Savannah on the birth of their son, Robert Harris Saxon, III. "Bobby" was born January 5, 2023 and weighed 7 lbs. 13 oz. Helen Saxon is the proud great grandmother!

Disaster Assistance Hygiene Kits

In February, we are again collecting hygiene kits for disaster relief. Each hygiene kit should contain:

1 hand towel (approximately 15" by 30")
1 washcloth
1 wide-tooth comb (remove from package)
1 nail clipper (unwrapped)
1 bath size bar of soap (in original wrapper)
10 standard size band-aids
1 toothbrush (to be furnished by Buckingham Family Dentistry)

Place these items in a one-gallon plastic zip-lock bag and place completed kits on the designated table in the new fellowship by **March 5, 2023**.

If you would rather order a kit to donate, you may do so by contacting Nancy Stuart by February 15, 2023. The cost of ordering a kit to donate will be approximated $18 to $20.

If you have any questions, contact Nancy. This is a great way to help those in need.

Valentine Cards Project

The Nurture and Outreach Committee is collecting Valentine cards. Some cards will be sent to friends and members who are unable to attend church, and some cards will be sent to other residents in nursing homes or assisted living facilities. There is a collection box for Valentines in the church sanctuary. It will be greatly appreciated if you would donate several new Valentine cards with envelopes as soon as possible so these cards can be distributed before Valentine's Day. Due date to turn in cards is Feb. 5, 2023.

Get well wishes are extended to Diane Jamerson, who is recovering at home from recent knee replacement surgery. This is Diane's second knee replacement in the past few months. We hope both of her knees heal quickly and well ! **Get well wishes** are also extended to Irene Ellis who is scheduled to return home soon after a short stay for physical therapy in the Moore Center at The Woodland.

Best wishes are extended to Jim Stuart who is scheduled for shoulder replacement surgery on February 14, 2023. That will be quite a Valentine's Day for Jim and Nancy!!

Send your church news to Margaret Thomas (mwthomas1949@outlookcom) by the 15th of each month to be included in the monthly newsletter for the months of January – June and to Don Williams (dlwills56@yahoo.com for the months of July – December.

Pastor's Ponderings

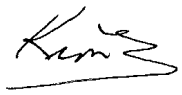
"*We love because [God] first loved us."* 1 John 4:19 (NRSV).

February has been called the Month of Love. I've also seen it referred to as the Month about Love. In any case, with Valentines Day smack in the middle (except for Leap Years), and the stores stocking the shelves beginning January 2 with everything a red or white heart can fit on, one wonders if it's the only month when we should (or do) think about love.

If so, we're falling short as followers of Christ Jesus and believers in God. As the line from 1 John above states: We love because God first loved us. Reading all of John the Elder's 1st letter, there can be no misunderstanding: We are to love all others — family, friends, strangers, even enemies because God who is love loves us from before we even know or understand the world. And, that means such action isn't limited to just 28 days.

How about we commit to loving our Biblical neighbor as well as ourselves for today, tomorrow, and the rest of our lives? God will.

Peace,



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