Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

July 2023

Calendar:
July 2-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m.
July 9-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering
July 16-Worship 11:15 a.m.
July 23-Worship 11:15 a.m.
July 30-Worship 11:15 a.m., Covered Dish lunch, "Garden Delight," following combined service at New Store

Communion:
July: Vicki Williams and David Spears

Bulletins:
July: Pattie Bailey

Ushers:
July: Phil Bailey and Spencer Adams

Sanctuary Flowers:
July: Tana Knott

Nursery Duty List:
July 3-Sharon Chandler
July 10-Paul Louis
July 17-Nancy Stewart
July 24-Margaret Thomas
July 31-Service at New Store

Happy Birthday:
July 2-Daniel Knott
July 2-John Snoddy, IV
July 11-Frank Knott, Jr.
July 12-Guyon Mosely, II
July 16-Tim Martin, Jr.
July 16-Rev. Amanda Bowman
July 20-Bobby Lindsey
July 21-Jeannie Anderson
July 30-Linda B. Farley

Happy Anniversary:
July 4-Lincoln and Remy Montgomery-Rogers
July 15-Sarah Davis and Larry Walker
July 24-Ivan Price Davis, Jr. and Deborah Davis
July 24-Hunter and Emily Smith

Best wishes and happy Nuptials:
In June Anna Spears, daughter of David and Jennifer Spears, married Zach Rapattoni. The couple currently lives in Bloomington, IN. We send Anna and Zach our heartfelt congratulations and look forward to seeing them when they visit David and Jennifer. Now that the wedding is over, David can finally consider himself retired.

Congratulations to:
Tucker Motley who graduated with honors from Buckingham County High School in May. Tucker will attend the University of Lynchburg in the fall. Hope and Jeff Motley are the proud parents, and Larry and Debbie Davis are the proud grandparents.

Singing Praises:
Our appreciation to and gratitude for our choir leading us harmoniously and selflessly in worship through Fall, Winter and Spring services. The choir will be taking their summer break starting June 18th and will resume first of September. The rest of us will have to sing louder.

Sunday School
Currently the Adult Sunday School class is meeting at 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning. Coffee and snacks go along well with lively discussions of readings from "Call It Grace: Finding Meaning in a Fractured World" by Serene Jones, President of Union Theological Seminary. Come join us.

Office Hours:
Rev. Steinhorst is available at the church Tuesdays and Thursday 10:30-12:30. Call for an appointment.

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Ink Cartridges

Please deposit your empty ink cartridges in the box on the front pew in the sanctuary. Cartridges are recycled and the church benefits from reduced costs.

Ahoy!

Hatton Ferry is back in operation on Saturdays and Sundays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Time for a cruise weather and water level permitting.

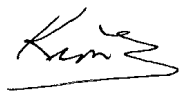
Pastor's Ponderings

Close readers of my newsletter articles will note there is not superscription of Scripture, poem, or song this month. I was going to use a quote from an Irish theologian who lays out a reason for celebrating June 24 as midsummer and the birthday (after sundown) of John the Baptist, the harbinger and first-cousin-once-removed of Jesus. In some countries around the world, midsummer celebrations are a BIG deal; almost as big a deal as Christmas when the whole Christian world celebrates the birthday of Jesus.

But, the reason for a lack of superscription is that for me, growing up where I did, midsummer comes in July about halfway through the end of the previous school year and the beginning of the next. And, while I grew up in a predominately Roman French Catholic society, we didn't make the summer solstice (typically June 21) or the approximated mid-point of the summer school break too big of a deal. That was mainly because it was too hot and humid. And, we kids who were both suffering in and enjoying the heat — had a great excuse to either play in the sprinkler or swim in a pool, pond, or the bayou.

But, all this is a long lead up to something I try to do at the time of the Children's Message during worship, which is to use a common everyday object or occurrence to draw our attention to God and God's work among us. Midsummer, as I said, is a time of heat and humidity. Our world is getting hotter and in some places more humid. I know that "global warming" is a misnomer for what we're experiencing with inconsistent temperatures and weather patterns. "Climate change" is a bit feeble, but is more encompassing. All of this points to how God calls us to be good stewards of our world. We hear from the Psalmist that "The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it." How can we do a better job at keeping this old world alive?

Let's ponder these things together…



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