Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

August 2023

Calendar:
August 6-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m.
August 13-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering
August 20-Worship 11:15 a.m., Session meets after service
August 27-Worship 11:15 a.m.

Communion:
August: Diane Jamerson and Pattie Bailey

Bulletins:
August: Martha Louis and Vicki Williams

Ushers:
August: Paul Louis

Sanctuary Flowers:
August: Bunny Snoddy

Nursery Duty List:
August 6-Marianne Dennison
August 13-Marty Martin
August 20-Nancy Stuart
August 27-Margaret Thomas

Happy Birthday:
August 1-Nicole Ann Farley
August 2-Bobby Snoddy
August 5-Nancy Stuart
August 11-Lincoln Montgomery-Rodgers
August 11-Bunny Snoddy
August 20-Harlan Austin
August 18-Sterling Williams
August 25-Luther Thomas
August 29-Daniel Jamerson

Happy Anniversary:
August 4-Derwood and Jane Guthrie
August 6-Don and Vicki Williams
August 7-Walton and Jessica Moseley
August 12-Frank and Tana Knott

Congratulations to:
Eric Ottinger and Megan Kayo on the birth of their child, Jaxson Ronin Kayo-Ottinger. Proud grandparents are David and Marjan Ottinger.

Condolences to:
Irene Ellis on the recent passing of her brother, Bronson E. Stoneman, who lived on the family farm in Varnia.

Directory Update:
If you have not already confirmed your contact information for the updating of the Church Family & Friends Directory, please contact Vicki Williams: 434-315-3977 or vmwilliams1961@gmail.com

Manse Rehab:
Thanks to everyone who is involved with restoring the Manse and property to its expected and proper condition. Though some of floors need professional consultation and intervention, the ongoing transformation is pleasing.

Food Pantry:
Our church food pantry is in need of your donations again. Please consider dropping off easy to prepare, shelf stable and/or freezer ready foods. Suggestions: canned meats, stews and pastas, favored instant potatoes, pastas or rice mixes, soups or ramen, spaghetti sauce and pasta, peanut butter and jellies, pork and beans, hot dogs, hamburger. Currently the supply of vegetables, fruits and cereal and is adequate.

Volunteer:
The Blue Ridge Area Food Bank *Mobile Food Pantry* distributes the second and fourth Friday of each month at the Crystal Cathedral in Dillwyn. Volunteers are always needed (9:30 to 11:30 a.m.) and welcome.

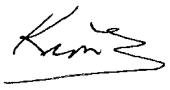
Pastor's Ponderings

"These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them…'Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff…'" Matthew 10:5, 9-10 RSV

I'm not sure how it came to be, but I love to travel. Well, more precisely, I love to see different places in this wide world and to meet the people who live there. So, by extension, to do that, I travel. But, anyone who has traveled lately via commercial conveyance—be it train, plane, or even automobile—knows how challenging it has become when luggage is involved. A recent essay in a major newspaper noted that for many travelers these days packing light has become more than a goal; it's a mantra. From Rick Steves of *Europe Through the Back Door* fame to Gabby Beckford, a self-described "Gen Z Travel and Opportunity ~~Addict~~ Expert," the goal or mantra is to travel with a minimum of "stuff" and to focus more on the experiences encountered.

One of the things that the Pack Light crowd touts is that when we try to "carry our whole closet and the bathtub too" on our vacation, family visits, business trips, etc. "overpacking means overburdening yourself." It comes "from a place of pessimism and a 'scarcity mentality,'" a place where we imagine the worst and try our best to have everything at hand to "fix it." But, Jesus told his disciples upon sending them out to do mission and ministry to pack light (perhaps we should credit Him for the movement happening today). The thrust of Jesus' charge is to trust that God would provide. While it may continue to be our fear of not having enough—that God won't provide—more importantly, it remains our charge—to pack our lives lightly so that our faith in God may grow and become strong in all circumstances.

Something to ponder in the heat of summer, eh?



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