

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter November 2023



Calendar:

November 5-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m.
November 12-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering:
November 19-Worship 11:15 a.m.; Session meets following the service
November 23-Thanksgiving Day
November 26-Worship 11:15 a.m.; setup for Advent following the worship service

Communion:

November: Sharon Chandler and Vicki Williams

Bulletins:

November: Bunny Snoddy

Ushers:

November: Bobby and Bunny Snoddy

Sunday School Leader:

November: Don Williams

Sanctuary Flowers:

November: Leah Olivier

Nursery Duty List:

November 5 – Margaret Thomas
November 12- Sharon Chandler
November 19- Marianne Dennison
November 26-Marty Martin

Happy Birthday:

November 1-Aselin Williams
November 6-Christy Ottinger
November 8-Patsy Wiseman Kite
November 15-Amanda Butwin
November 11-Diane Jamerson
November 28-Maggie Williams
November 30-Shane Butwin

Happy Anniversary:

November 21-David and Jennifer Spears

Baptisms:

As a sign and seal of God's grace and covenant in Christ, Bobby Saxon and Colton-Neal Butwin recently received the sacrament of initiation and adoption into our faith community. In doing so we have made a promise to support, nurture and provide opportunities for them to grow in faith.

Homecoming:

Our thanks to Quincy Worthington for his message during the Homecoming worship service and to all who provided an abundance of food and fellowship.

Get Well Soon:

Our wishes for a speedy recovery from hip replacement surgery for Wes Saxon.

Local mission's projects

Thanks to Lou Thomas's leadership along with the labor of Jim Stuart, Tom Dennison, David Spears, Larry Davis, Kim Steinhorst, Phil Bailey, Spencer Adams and Don Williams the wheelchair ramp project in Dillwyn is finished. It looks great! Mary is grateful. Also Ms. Betty who was the recipient of the washer and dryer donated from the Manse sent this text: "I can't thank ya'll enough for the washer/dryer set. Haven't stop washing yet!"

Daylight Saving Time

DST ends on November 5th. 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 26th we will erect and decorate the Chrismon 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.

Remember to Vote:

Early voting now open weekdays until November 4th in basement adjacent to the Registrar's office. Election day is November 7th. Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.

Attention Ushers

During the winter months, please adjust the thermostat following worship service each Sunday as follows:

Sanctuary: Unoccupied-62°, Occupied-70°

Old Fellowship Hall: Unoccupied 60°, Occupied 70°

Balcony: Unoccupied : 62 degrees, Occupied – 65 degrees

Pastor's Ponderings

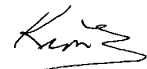
"Offer to God sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High..." Psalm 50:14 RSV

I've read somewhere that the first Thanksgiving celebrated by Europeans in the New World happened in September near St. Augustine, Florida. And, the first English colony celebration was not at Plymouth in 1621, but here in Virginia three years earlier in December! All this to say that in all events the point and purpose was to "offer...thanksgiving to God" for successful endeavors — be it safe voyages or landings or harvests.

I grew up on the edge of the country. About a couple of miles from our house was farmland — beef cattle and rice fields. By November, the harvested rice fields were flooded to attract migrating waterfowl and to keep the land moist for planting in the spring. The sugar cane fields would be cut and most of the sugar processed by then as well. For me, November always marked the end of harvest and a time to be thankful. Which let us gather with family and friends in gratitude for each other, for the bounty of the land, and for God's love that pulled us all together. Even knowing the story of the first Thanksgiving wasn't wholly chronologically accurate, I still look forward to celebrating the season.

What are your reasons to be thankful? And, how will you pay your vows of faith, commitment, and hope to God?

Happy Thanksgiving,



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