

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

March 2025



March Calendar:

March 2 - Worship & Communion, 11:15 am
Hygiene Kits Due
March 6 - Outside work day at church
March 9 - Worship, 11:15 am
Daylight Saving Time Begins
Two-Cents-a-Meal Offering
March 16 - Worship, 11:15 am
Session Meeting after worship
March 23 - Worship, 11:15 am
March 30 - Worship & Lunch at New Store; 11 am

Reminders for March:

Sanctuary Flowers - Marty Martin
Sunday School Leader – David Spears
Communion – Vicki Williams
Bulletins – Vicki Williams
Ushers - Marty Martin & Cory-Neal Butwin

Nursery Duty

March 2 – Margaret Thomas
March 9 – Marianne Dennison
March 16 – Marty Martin
March 23 – Nancy Stuart
March 30 – At New Store

Happy Birthday !

March 6 – Oliver Wallace
March 7 – Randy Martin
March 11 – Katie Thomas Driskill
March 13 – Diane Austin
March 15 – Amelia Wallace
March 16 – Anna Spears
March 17 – Colton Butwin
March 24 – Evan Spears
March 26 – Carol Harris

Happy Anniversary !

Randy & Diane Jamerson

Condolences to the Williams/Morgan families on the passing of Vicki's aunt Margaret Morgan of Texas after a long illness.

Daylight Saving Time

Daylight saving time begins on March 9. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed so you won't be late for church !

Work Day at the Church - March 6

On March 6 from 9 am to noon, a group of church volunteers is scheduled to prune back the shrubberies adjacent to our slate church sign. Over the years, the bushes have gone from framing the sign to obscuring part of the sign. The pruning will initially seem austere. In the long run, the hope is that the greenery will regenerate in an aesthetically pleasing way, the plants will be healthier and easier to trim, and the information on our church sign will be more visible. Contact Don Williams for more information.

Fifth Sunday Worship at New Store

We will join together for worship service at New Store on March 30 with a fellowship lunch to follow. For lunch we will be sharing the delicious barbeque and macaroni and cheese left over from our 200th anniversary meal. Please sign up on the list on the front pew if you plan to come. There will be no Sunday school at Maysville that day.

Food Pantry News

Our church food pantry is in need of your donations again. Recent recipients have been single mothers and seniors with fixed and limited incomes. Please consider dropping off easy to prepare, shelf stable and/or frozen items. Suggestions: canned meats, stew, and pastas, favored instant potatoes, pastas or rice mixes, soups or ramen, spaghetti sauce and pasta, peanut butter and jelly, instant oatmeal, hot dogs, hamburger, etc. Currently the supply of vegetables and beans is adequate.

Pastor's Ponderings

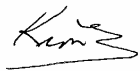
"And again [Jesus] said, 'To what should I compare the kingdom of God?'" Luke 13:20 (NRSV)

For many years I served as an intentional interim minister. I did then, and continue to do, a lot of thinking about change. I've learned that change will occur whether I'm ready or not. I've learned that change is a natural progression of life – we are born, we live, we grow old, we die – and in between all that we change. Groups and communities change; sometimes in positive ways, sometimes negatively. Roy Oswald and Robert Friedrich, two church consultants, have noted that when three important factors converge, positive change is much more likely to occur. The three factors, what Oswald and Friedrich call *climate*, *logic*, and *vision*, are interrelated, and no one of them can be left out.

Climate can be described as the general sense of warmth and good feelings members have toward one another and the willingness to extend hospitality to strangers. It is the first thing a visitor will sense when he or she comes through the door. *Logic* describes the commonly held understanding within a group of what it means to be a faithful member. Logic is closely related to discipleship; about how we change from a person centered on self to a person centered on God's joy, grace, and service. *Vision* is simply our common understanding of where we believe God wants us to go in the future.

How do these three factors relate to Jesus' descriptions of God's kingdom? And, how well do we live out these factors so others see (and want to be a part of) God's kingdom present among us here and now? March is often when we begin to see changes in our natural surroundings — trees and flowers can begin budding; grass starts to turn green, birds begin nesting. We look forward to those changes. Will we ponder how changes in our lives help us see God at work in the world?

Peace,



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