

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

April 2025



Calendar:

April 6 - Worship 11:15 a.m.; Communion
April 13 - Palm Sunday
Worship 11:15 am
2-Cents-A-Meal Offering
April 17 - Maundy Thursday Service, 7 pm
April 20 - Easter Sunday Service 11:15 a.m.
Brunch at 10 am followed by egg hunt
No Sunday school
April 27 - Worship 11:15 a.m.

Nursery Duty:

April 6 – Marianne Dennison
April 13 – Marty Martin
April 20 – Paid Personnel
April 27 - Margaret Thomas

Duty Reminders:

Sanctuary Flowers: Marianne Dennison
Bulletins: Pattie Bailey
Ushers: Dennison Family
Sunday School Leaders: Dennison Family
Communion: Margaret Thomas
Marianne Dennison

Happy Birthday:

April 3 - Leslie Dennison
April 7 - Vicki Williams
April 8 - Marty Saxon Martin
April 10 - John Saxon
April 20 - Leah Olivier
April 30 - Robert Saxon
Tom Dennison

Happy Anniversary:

April 17 - Margaret & Lou Thomas
April 22 - Harlan & Diane Austin

Thanks to everyone who recently helped prune the shrubbery adjacent to the church sign. Visibility of the sign is greatly improved.

Maundy Thursday Service – April 17

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, is observed on the Thursday before Easter as the day when Jesus shared his final meal with His disciples. Our Maundy Thursday service begins at 7 pm on April 17 and we will share Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday – April 20

On Easter Sunday, we will join together to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will begin the day with a fellowship brunch at 10 am followed by an Easter egg hunt and then our worship service which begins at 11:15 am. Please remember to bring some flowers from your yard to help “flower the cross” in our sanctuary, and please sign up to bring a covered dish to the brunch. There will be no Sunday school on Easter Sunday.

Great Job !

In February and March, Maysville and New Store Churches collected a total of 176 hygiene kits for disaster relief. Thanks to everyone who participated. A special thanks to Nancy & Jim Stuart and Karen Wolfe for directing this project. Thanks as well to Buckingham Family Dentistry for donating the tooth brushes for the hygiene kits.

Food Pantry News

Thanks to the Prospect charge of the United Methodist Church (which includes Smyrna, Prospect, and Olive Branch United Methodist Churches) for the donation of a large quantity of food items for our food pantry. *Together we can accomplish more than we can accomplish alone.*

Thank You to the Lion's Club

The Buckingham County chapter of the Lion's Club is closing after 71 years of service. Thanks to Frank and Tana Knott, long-time members, for their many years of service. We also thank the Lion's Club for their contributions to our food pantry and the many other services to the community that they provided.

Congratulations to Diane Jamerson who recently completed all the education and eligibility criteria through the Virginia Court Clerk's Association to be awarded the title of Master Deputy Circuit Court Clerk.

Pastor's Ponderings

"Jesus ... said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A rainstorm is coming,' and it does.... You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky, but how can you not know how to interpret the present time?'" Luke 12:54, 56 (NET)

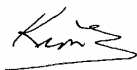
You all know by now how much I pay attention to the weather. And, that this interest comes from my childhood when my father was an active drilling engineer in the oilfield and had to watch the weather for high winds, rain, hail, hurricanes, even tornadoes that might impact the rigs and crews at work.

But this metaphor attributed to Jesus is also about reading the signs of the times. Here in USAmerica, we have often sat back and watched events unfold that to many of us, seem trivial, or unimportant, non-impactful to our life in Central Virginia. Yet, we often overlook the effects such incidents have on the lives of others — some whom we know, others whom we do not. This might seem political, but in reality, it's communal, about showing God's love and care in, for, and through our community.

Jesus calls is to live in harmony with others; to show a love, concern, and compassion for others — especially the most vulnerable among us. It bears repeating: Compassion is the action of bringing love and care alongside others in their suffering. Some of you may know of Karen Armstrong, a former British Roman Catholic; she offers this about the importance of compassion: *"If it is not tempered by compassion, and empathy, reason [alone] can lead men and women into a moral void, and even into a kind of madness."*

We can't reason our way out of all that's going on in our lives. Our need for God's love is ever more important, and equally as vital, that we show God's love through our acts of compassion and empathy.

Peace,



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