

Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter

September 2025



Calendar:

September 7- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,
Worship 11:15 a.m.
September 14-Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship &
Two-Cents-A-Meal offering
September 21-Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,
Worship 11:15 a.m.
September 28- Sunday School 10:00 a.m.,
Worship 11:15 a.m. Session meets
after service

Pulpit Supply

September 7-Murrie Bates
September 14-Murrie Bates
September 21-Rev. Margie Anderson
September 28-Rev. Terri Cornwell

Bulletins:

September: Margaret Thomas

Ushers:

September: Tom and Marianne Dennison

Sunday School Leader:

September: Margaret Thomas

Sanctuary Flowers:

September: Margaret Thomas

Nursery Duty List:

September 7-Nancy Stuart
September 14-Margaret Thomas
September 21-Marianne Dennison
September 28-Marty Martin

Happy Birthday:

September 12-Phil Bailey
September 15-Bernie Monroe Jamerson
September 15-Eric Jamerson
September 15-Margaret Anne Martin
September 17-Joshua Saxon
September 19-Anne Snoddy Hairfield
September 27-Tana Knott

September 30-Jim Stuart

Happy Anniversary:

September 1-Brahma and Kathleen Rosenberg
September 27-Jim and Nancy Stuart

Sunday School News:

Opening exercises will resume September 7th. We will meet in the church sanctuary at 10:00 a.m. for a time of sharing followed by our Sunday School classes. The Adult class is reading and discussing the book, "How We Learn to be Brave" by Mariann Edgar Budde, Episcopal Bishop of Washington, D.C. Come join us.

Come Make a Joyful Noise:

We anticipate the return of our Choir. Practice resumes on September 3rd at 3:00 p.m. All voices, old and new, welcome and needed.

Pastor Nominating Committee

The committee has met with Presbytery representatives on several occasions. The committee collected information required to initiate a search for a new minister and are in the process of the compiling and sending the collected information to Presbytery. Once the information is received and entered a list of candidates will be generated for the PNC to consider and contact.

HomeComing

Combined service with New Store on October 12.
Covered dish luncheon following worship service.
Rev. Steven Wicks will be our guest minister.

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." - Luke 12

Storytelling may be one of our greatest gifts as a species—but it also means we can imagine threats that don't exist yet. And man, this particular moment in history seems especially good at keeping us on edge. The world can feel like it's unraveling right there on the glowing screen in our hands.

But here's the thing: what we see on those glowing screens is not the *whole* world—it's the world as filtered through ideology, algorithms, and the need to keep us clicking so some jerk gets ad revenue. Most of what we see online is less about truth and more about engagement—what will spike our neurochemicals and keep us scared so we keep scrolling.

And yet, my Christian friends, "do not be afraid" shows up in the Bible *all the time*. Angels say it. Jesus says it. Over and over again. I don't think it's because God wants us to not fear things that are imminent threats to our safety, I think it's because fear just isn't good for our hearts.

I mean, if you think about it, fear is like the personality disorder of emotions. It's an attention hungry little liar because fear always tries to convince us that it is more real than what's actually happening in the moment.

Maybe Jesus is saying, stop being afraid of what bad thing might happen because you'll totally miss the kingdom of God thing that IS happening. So much of our Gospel reading today was about being alert not for imaginary danger but alert for God. But it's not so easy...because Jesus told us the kingdom of God wasn't flashy. It's not going to arrive like an executive order or a military parade.

Instead, Jesus kept comparing it to stuff that's real easy to overlook. Things so ordinary they're almost embarrassing. Like Seeds and Yeast. Like A coin lost in the couch cushions. When we lift up our hearts, and shake off the tunnel vision of fear, we can see the quiet, beautiful work of the spirit is absolutely everywhere.

It's not loud. It doesn't bait our clicks. But it is so much more worthy of our attention than anything on our phones. The kingdom of God is relentless in its humble healing power - What I am saying is that while the world may be falling apart, it is also every single day, being quietly, stubbornly, beautifully knit back together.

Bad things do happen and at times this world will break your heart. I'm so sorry but that's not optional in this life. But this world God made is also overflowing with more beauty, mystery, and goodness and fresh pastries than you will ever be able to take in.

And this kingdom of wild grace and humble healing that you're being welcomed into? It is real. If you lift up your hearts and search, you'll for sure find it. Jesus promised us that. He also promised that God will always be with us, even when you are scared, maybe even especially when you are scared.

So, hold on, it's going to be a wild ride. But please do not be afraid. Not because the world is safe. But because the kingdom is already yours. And God is quietly holding the world together in love and you are part of that. And it is so beautiful.

Nadia Bolz-Weber

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