

Maysville Presbyterian Church

Newsletter

November 2025



Calendar:

November 2-Communion Sunday 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Ed Soto
November 9-Worship & Two-Cents-A-Meal offering with Rev. Ed Soto
November 16-Worship 11:15 a.m.; Session meets following the service with Rev. Terri Cornwell
November 23-Worship 11:15 a.m. with Mr. Skip Woodke; setup for Advent following the worship service
November 30- Worship 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Dick Boswell, *1st Sunday of Advent*

Communion:

November: Vicki Williams

Bulletins:

November: Bunny Snoddy

Ushers:

November: Bobby and Bunny Snoddy

Sunday School Leader:

November: Vicki Williams

Sanctuary Flowers:

November: Sharon Chandler

Nursery Duty List:

November 2– Marty Martin
November 9- Nancy Stuart
November 16- Margaret Thomas
November 23- Marianne Dennison
November 30- 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 21-Ashley Seiler

November 28-Maggie Williams

November 30-Shane Butwin

Happy Anniversary:

November 21-David and Jennifer Spears

Congratulations:

To newlyweds Carson and Karah Butwin, married on September 27.

Daylight Savings Time

DST ends on November 2nd. 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 23rd 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.

Sunday School News:

The Adult class is reading and discussing a new book, "Faith After Doubt" by Brian McLaren. Come join us Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.

Historic Buckingham invites you to attend their special December events. Both the Adams Museum and the Housewright House Museum will be decorated for Christmas and have Open House on Saturday and Sunday, December 6 and 7th from 1 to 4 pm. The Christmas Market will take place from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, December 6th at the Historic Village at Lee Wayside. There will be lovely Christmas decorations as well as unique gifts to make your Christmas shopping easy and enjoyable. Lunch will be available

Posted by Rev. Christopher B. Harbin on his blog: "Faith Challenges: It Ain't All Comfort"
Recasting Enemies: Enemies are not born. They are created out of our fears, insecurities, imaginings, and learned responses.

A grandbaby was just born into a toddler's family. This toddler doesn't care who holds the new baby, as long as it is not their mother. No matter how the family has references this newborn as her new baby, the presents and attention lavished upon the toddler, she considers the new one as interfering with her safety, security, and place. She has made the newborn an enemy, no input from the newborn required.

We create our enemies by choice. It has little to do with the other. It is about ourselves. Our lack of security, trust, confidence, and the way we have ordered the world feels under attack. It matters not whether we are being attacked. We misplace our confidence and security. Perhaps it is our sense of control, our understanding of how the world works, our sense of place, what gives us worth. Fear-mongering sells us an enemy on which to pin all our angst. It never addresses our insecurities. They exist because we are insecure in ourselves, our own worth, our place in the world, our perception of the power we wield.

Jesus taught a different way of living. He taught that we are already loved. He taught that we are already of great value before the Father who cares for sparrows and knows the individual hairs on our heads. He taught transforming enemies into friends by loving them.

Real power and strength take the time to listen, to hear new ideas, to accept correction, to learn, to grow without feeling threatened. That is where true power emerges. That is where true strength is found. It is not in anger, hostility, or destructive force. It is not in punitive laws. Toddlers can have a temper tantrums. Greater strength, courage, and security look beyond enmity to love and accept. Power and strength need not insist on their own way. They are not threatened by uplifting other.

Enemies are our own creation. When we make them friends, the world looks much more like God's Reign on earth as Jesus preached it. When we cast others as enemies, we are already at enmity with ourselves.

"We have met the enemy, and he is us." – Pogo

"Love your enemies." – Jesus

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