

# **Maysville Presbyterian Church Newsletter**

## **December 2025**



### **Calendar:**

**December 7-**A Christmas Cantata by the Maysville Choir 11:15 a.m., *2nd Sunday of Advent*, Angel Tree gifts due

**December 14-**Two-Cents-A-Meal offering, Worship Service and Communion 11:15 a.m. with Rev. Margie Anderson, *3rd Sunday of Advent*

**December 21-**Worship Service 10:00 a.m. with Rev. Margie Anderson, *4th Sunday of Advent*;

**December 24-** Christmas Eve service 7:00 p.m.

**December 25-Christmas Day**

**December 28-** Worship Service 11:15 a.m. with Mr. Skip Wodke

### **Communion:**

December: Pattie Bailey and Vicki Williams

### **Bulletins:**

December: Margaret Thomas

### **Ushers:**

December: Spencer Adams and Phil Bailey

### **Sunday School Leader:**

December: Margaret Thomas

### **Sanctuary Flowers:**

December: Chrismon Tree

### **Nursery Duty List:**

**December 7-**Nancy Stuart

**December 14-** Margaret Thomas

**December 21-** Marianne Dennison

**December 28-** Marty Martin

### **Happy Birthday:**

December 6-Chip Davis

December 6-Melissa Louis Wallace

December 9-Emily Anderson

December 10-Helen Saxon

December 13-Kathy Bryant Seiler

December 14-Susan Moseley

December 24-Mimi Webb Stout

December 25-Deborah Davis

December 31-Margaret Thomas

December 31-Remy Montgomery-Rodgers

### **Happy Anniversary:**

December 15-Paul and Martha Louis

### **ANGEL TREE**

We invite everyone to participate in our Angel Tree Christmas project. Please select one or more angels from the tree (located in the new Fellowship Hall) and bring wrapped gifts for distribution by December 7th. Please contact Nancy Stuart if you have questions.

### **Christmas Cantata**

"Wonderful Counselor" will be performed by the Maysville Choir on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 a.m. as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Worship Service. This is always one of the highlights of the Advent Season. We hope you make plans to attend.

### **Communion**

Rev. Cornwell has volunteered to lead Worship and share Communion with us on second Sundays starting January 2026.

### **Emergency Food Pantry**

Thanks to everyone who has responded to the growing need in our community by donating food and/or money to our mission to help families experiencing acute hunger insecurity. Also thanks to the local Scouting programs for their recent contributions.

### **Community Events:**

December 6 & 7<sup>th</sup>: Christmas Open House at the Adams and Housewright Museums 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

December 6<sup>th</sup>: Village Christmas Market and Historic Buckingham 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Excerpts from "The Lives We Actually Have," Kate Bowler and Jessica Richie

*"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

Luke 2:14, NIV

**Blessings for Advent:**

Blessed are we, the fearful, though we long to be people of peace. We can't lie: we are afraid. Afraid there won't be enough-enough resources, enough time, enough memories. Blessed are we who ask for you for wisdom. Show us what to turn from, what to set aside. Come, Lord that we might see you, move with you, keep pace with you. Blessed are we who ask that this Advent we might dwell together quietly in our homes. Come, Lord, that we might be for others the peace they can not find. Blessed are we who look to you and say, *God, truly, we are troubled and afraid. Come govern our hearts and calm our fears.* Oh Prince of Peace still our restless selves, calm our anxious hearts, quiet our busy minds.

**Blessings for Christmas Eve:**

Jesus, this is the great inversion I would not have known had you not appeared and made yourself small. Jesus, I would have been satisfied with the God who moves mountains and whose breath imparts life but who never cried in his mother's arms. The world whispers to me about what must be done. About empires and war. About efficiency and strength, but there you are. A refusal. Your fragility, a witness. Your dependence, an invitation. Your cry, a reminder. Our infinitude is not an embarrassment, because neither was yours. Blessed are we when we see love at long last, in every small and tender thing, stealing into our world to change us all.

**Blessing for Christmas Day:**

God, this is a kind of magic the way the day shines so strangely, how it sparkles beyond our understanding. Somehow, this day never fails to awaken a longing to love well-or at least better-all those here with us, and those far away, and to remember with gratitude those now gone and missed. What is this mystery? Our God, who set the world spinning, should come down for this one reason: to love us into newness. Not for gain, nor our capitalist fantasies, but for the hope so freely, lavishly given that we might learn to see, feel and live Christ's love. Thank you, Christ the Giver and the Gift.

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