



## MEADOWTHORPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

356 Hillsboro Avenue, Lexington KY 40511-2106

March 2017

Articles for the April Newsletter are due by Sunday, March 19th.

### Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct-Action

Are you looking for ways to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God? You can participate in the multi-congregational justice ministry, BUILD. If you want to be an official *BUILD Network Member* at MPC, please contact Scott and he will tell you more about what that means. If you want to experience the work BUILD does, then you are encouraged to put these dates on your calendar and join thousands of faithful Central Kentuckians working tirelessly to end racial and economic inequality.

**Monday, March 27th (7:00 p.m.):** The BUILD Rally at Consolidated Baptist Church (1625 Russell Cave Road) is a chance to get excited about the work BUILD is doing in Lexington, and to hear the stories of the people for whom we are doing justice. We will carpool from MPC at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 25th (7:00 p.m.):** The Annual Nehemiah Action Assembly downtown in Heritage Hall is a great opportunity to let the powers that be in Lexington that we are serious about justice. The goal is to have at least 2,000 people at this event, and MPC is determined to represent 1% of that crowd by having at least 20 people attend. Sign up and invite others who you think are interested in standing together for justice in our city. Some of us will walk from Scott's house (1542 Meadowthorpe Avenue) at 5:45 p.m. to save a block of seats. Others will carpool from MPC at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, June 12th (7:00 p.m.):** The Justice Ministry Celebration (Location TBA) is a time to celebrate the work that BUILD has been doing and to make a personal financial commitment to the ongoing work that BUILD will continue to do in Lexington.

*For more information, contact any MPC Mission and Outreach Committee member.*

### JOIN SCOTT ON A TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC FOR ADVOCACY TRAINING WEEKEND

*“Confronting Chaos, Forging Community – Racism, Militarism, and Materialism”*

April 21-24, 2017

Join us April 21st for Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training Day at New York Avenue Presbyterian Church (NYAPC) in Washington DC. Gather with your fellow Presbyterians as we look at how our church and our partners are confronting racism, materialism, and militarism in our country and abroad. In plenaries and workshops we will analyze our current context and offer concrete tools for members and their congregations to address these urgent issues. We will learn how we can “forge community” amidst the current chaos in our country. After Compassion, Peace, and Justice Training Day join the ecumenical community for Ecumenical Advocacy Days (April 21-24). Almost one thousand Christian advocates join us every year for a weekend of workshops, lectures, and concrete actions addressing the ills of our nation. The weekend culminates in a lobby day on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> when we raise our voices in the halls of power for a more just society. The one-day training event at NYAPC costs \$75. The entire weekend of events costs \$285. Bob Layton, who lives in DC, has offered free lodging at his place with easy access to the Metro. The only other costs are travel and food. See the Mission Bulletin Board for more details.

*...an inclusive, caring, community of God's people, sharing the love of Jesus Christ through worship, mutual support, and community service.*

**Income & Expense (Budget vs. Actual)**  
*January through February 2017*

	<u>Jan - Feb 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
01 Income	22,205.00	19,014.30
02 Special Offerings	240.00	
03 Savings		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>22,445.00</b>	<b>19,014.30</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
04 Benevolence	314.17	1,729.96
05 Buildings & Grounds	2,517.80	2,923.36
06 Administrative	298.00	416.68
07 Worship	0.00	41.66
08 Mission & Outreach	0.00	25.00
09 Christian Education	0.00	66.66
10 Youth Ministry	0.00	16.66
11 Fellowship	0.00	16.66
12 Member Care	0.00	16.66
14 Pastor	11,111.32	9,611.30
15 Other Employees	3,861.48	4,152.72
16 Payroll Liabilities	283.93	0.00
17 Session	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>18,440.70</b>	<b>19,017.32</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>4,004.30</b>	<b>-3.02</b>

**Savings Account Balances**

<b>Income</b>	<u>Jan09- Feb 17</u>
03 Savings	
Mission Fund	445.00
Music Fund	1,000.00
Memorial Fund Income	3,448.32
Helping Hand Income	108.40
General Fund Income	2,459.64
Building Fund Income	13,761.37
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>24,012.73</b>

**Per Capita Update: \$545.00**

**Upcoming Dinner Dates:**

**Wednesday  
Dinner**

**March 8  
March 15  
March 22  
March 29**

**\$5.00 for Adults  
\$2.50 for Kids  
12 or under**

**Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.  
If you would like to volunteer to make dinner  
please call Ann Staton at (859) 509-4374.**

**Jesus and Justice**

*sponsored by the Kentucky Council of Churches*

Talk about criminal justice reform is at a high. Much of this focuses on the costliness of our current system. While economics matter, many Christians wonder, "Where do God and ethics fit in?" In this roundtable workshop, participants will question the popular practice of justice and explore alternatives that are rooted in Christian theology. Compassion, restoration, and communion will be guiding emphases.

**Topics of discussion will include:**

- \* Mass incarceration: poverty and race
- \* "Treating" drug addiction with punishment
- \* The collateral consequences of conviction
- \* Kentucky-specific problems and solutions

**There are two opportunities to participate:**

**When:** Monday, March 13, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary  
601 Hill N Dale Drive (Lexington)

OR

**When:** Tuesday, March 21, 2017, 6:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Quinn Chapel AME Church  
744 Charles Ave (Lexington)



3- Jacob Frazier

13- Janet Edwards

5- Ray Shepherd

17- Ruth Shepherd

9- June Bridges

24- Roger Postley

11- Patsy Vester

?- Moose Rice

## Communion Preparers Needed

Communion Date	Preparer
May 7	
June 4	
July 2	
August 6	
October 1	
November 5	
December 2	

Please sign up to prepare Communion. If you want know more about what this involves, please contact Suzanne Leibee by calling her at (859) 536-8548 or by emailing her at [suzlex1053@aol.com](mailto:suzlex1053@aol.com).

### USHERS NEEDED!

If you are able and willing to be an usher, please consider signing up. You can do so at the office counter. You can pick any open month this year. They're currently 9 months to fill.

### Liturgical Pulpit Covering

We are in search of someone to take on the task of changing the pulpit covering throughout the year. There is a calendar that informs you of when that change is needed. Please talk to Scott or Suzanne.

### From the Worship Committee....

1) The Easter Flower choices have arrived! The sign-up sheets, complete with choices and prices, will be on the hall counter March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, and March 26th. The order will be placed on March 27th and members of the Worship Committee will adorn the church on Saturday, April 15th.

2) The Worship Committee met on February 11 and planned the Lent and Easter events.

#### Dates to Remember:

March 5 - 26	Flower lists will be out each Sunday
April 9	Palm Sunday
April 13	Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service
April 16	Easter (Sunrise Service / Traditional Service)

### Entombed: A Lenten Worship Journey

Who are you? Who are you in relation to others? How does your faith inform your lifestyle? How does your faith inform your perception of others and your active response to the well-being of others? During Lent...as we walk with Jesus into Jerusalem, gather with him and his disciples for an intimate dinner, stand with him during his trial, watch as officials of the Roman Empire execute him, and then see his body placed and sealed in a tomb...we will reflect on how we often entomb ourselves. As part of that reflection, you may notice, between now and the week before Easter, that the sanctuary will feel more and more like a tomb as the windows are slowly covered with the "stones" that we place around us, keeping us from living the life God created us to live.

**Sunday, March 5:** We will reflect on what it means to be *Entombed by Temptation* as we read the story of Jesus in the wilderness in **Luke 4:1-11**.

**Sunday, March 12:** We will reflect on what it means to be *Entombed by Misunderstanding* as we read the story of Jesus and Nicodemus in **John 3:1-17**.

**Sunday, March 19:** We will reflect on what it means to be *Entombed by Distrust* as we read the story of the Israelites feeling led to their death in the wilderness in **Exodus 17:1-7**.

**Sunday, March 26:** We will reflect on what it means to be *Entombed by Arrogance (and Destructive Theology)* as we read the story of a blind man who received sight and the Pharisees who were not willing to see in **John 9:1-41**.

# March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u></b></p> <p>5 - Nell Valentine 12 - Nora Warman 19 - Betty Hubbard 26 - Bill Hintze</p>			<p>1</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Dinner &amp; Service</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner at the Hope Center</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>World Day of Prayer</i></p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Facing Racism</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Ladies' Night</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>	<p>7</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Exercise Group</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Facing Racism</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>7:00 p.m. THAT Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>2:00 p.m. Monday Circle</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Exercise Group</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p> <p><i>Sanctuary Cleaning Day</i></p>
<p>19</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due!</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>	<p>21</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Exercise Group</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:15 p.m. Congregational Care</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 p.m. McKaela &amp; Julio Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>25</p> <p>4:00 p.m. McKaela &amp; Julio Wedding</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>27</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p> <p>7:00 p.m. BUILD Rally at Consolidated Baptist Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>4:00 p.m. Exercise Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p><b><u>USHERS</u></b></p> <p>Louise Postley Gladys Heiser Frances Rodgers Claude Trapp</p>