

MEADOWTHORPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Articles for the December Newsletter are due by Sunday, December 17th



There will be a brief Congregational Meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, December 3, 2017** in order to receive the final 2018 budget, to vote on the pastor's terms of call for 2018, and to elect officers for the Session Class of 2020.

Scott's Thoughts

While I was at San Francisco Theological Seminary for a few days during the last week of October for UNCO (a 3-day conference of worship and open space discussion on the church and its future), we gathered at the labyrinth on campus for morning prayer. We were invited to reflect on a scripture reading as we walked the labyrinth, sat on a bench, or wandered wherever our feet led us. Nearby, construction workers were jack-hammering a hole in the street to do some cosmetic work. As a few of my colleagues begin their journey in the labyrinth, I decided to walk away from the noise because I found it distracting. I walked beside the tall redwood trees on the seminary campus as I journeyed away from the noise. I walked around the student housing and began to make my way back to the labyrinth. During my walk, as the noise softened, I began to think about how theologically significant it would be to walk the labyrinth and have to deal with the sound of incessant jack-hammering as I tried to center my heart and mind on God's presence in my life. And yet, I was glad to escape the mind-numbing sound of hard metal rapidly and repeatedly beating against the road. But it reminded me that as we seek to draw closer to God, we are often surrounded by noise. The noise of poverty. The noise of temptation. The noise of anxiety. The noise of homelessness. The noise of injustice. The noise of storms that may not only be loud...but may also be rocking our lives on the waves of chaos. The noise is relentless and the storms are persistent. And yet, we must find the strength to focus on God's vision for creation. So God invites us to keep walking down that path...to keep taking that journey...to find strength and courage wherever and whenever we can...and to let that noise be our motivation for a stronger commitment to our responsibilities as followers of Jesus. No matter how far I walked, I could still hear the jack-hammering in the distance. Like the noises that rage around us and threaten to tear apart God's hope for the world...the distraction was endless. There's nothing we could do to stop the jack-hammering, but the noises that surround can not ultimately withstand our unified resolve to drown them out by love and hope and peace and joy. So let's keep walking. Let's stay focused on where God is leading us. And let's follow God into tomorrow as we offer ourselves to that vision.

Shalom,
Scott

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



WORSHIP IN November @ MPC

Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Gather on Sunday mornings for worship,
and bring a friend to share with them
why the community of this congregation
sustains you and why the work
of this church matters to you.



November 5th - Micah 3:5-12 (The Price of Perverting Progress)

We will celebrate Communion

November 12th - Mark 4:35-41 (You Can Do It!)

November 19th - Rev. Philip Lotspeich is preaching.

Executive Presbyter of Transylvania Presbytery

November 26th - Matthew 25:31-46 (Filling in the Gaps)

Ladies Day Out

*An event to benefit Buckhorn
Children and Family Services.*

Saturday, November 18th

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lexington Country Club

Silent Auction, Lunch, Mimosas

Event cost \$25

For reservations, email Sue McIntosh at sue.mcintosh@buckhorn.org or call her at (606) 398-7000. You may also email Nellie Wilkinson at hello40@aol.com or call her at (859) 338-9604.

Janet Edwards and Edna Monroe are planning to attend this event. Contact them if you would like to car pool.

Women's Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for **December 3rd**, at 12:05 p.m. for the yearly Women's Christmas Party. All Women and girls are invited! Lunch will be provided by the Circles. Bring a gift to exchange, items for Westminster Village (gloves, scarves, hats, socks), and your thanks offering.

City of Missions

Look for the *City of Missions* change jars throughout the church, and donate your spare change through November 19th. These funds will help MPC kids finish their mission projects. They are making Helping Hand Bags for women in need, and t-shirt tote bags with a small gift for foster children. All coins are appreciated. The MPC Kids want to thank you for all your help and dedication in helping them complete their missions.

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

	Jan - Sept 17	Budget
Income		
01 Income	84,756.80	85,564.45
02 Special Offerings	2,119.00	
03 Savings		
Total Income	86,875.80	85,564.45
Expense		
04 Benevolence	6,980.02	7,785.04
05 Buildings & Grounds	15,219.22	13,154.99
06 Administrative	2,108.19	1,874.98
07 Worship	165.12	187.51
08 Mission & Outreach	214.28	112.50
09 Christian Education	471.23	300.01
10 Youth Ministry	0.00	75.01
11 Fellowship	-684.51	75.01
12 Member Care	0.00	75.01
14 Pastor	44,331.44	43,251.02
15 Other Employees	16,989.44	18,687.00
16 Payroll Liabilities	1,255.71	0.00
17 Session	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	86,994.38	85,578.08
NET INCOME	-118.58	-13.63

Savings Account Balances

Income	Jan 09 - Sept 17
03 Savings	
Mission Fund	195.00
Music Fund	1,000.00
Memorial Fund Income	3,538.32
Helping Hand Income	108.40
General Fund Income	2,476.85
Building Fund Income	14,541.37
S & H Building Fund	1,020.00
Scout Development Fund	1,770.00
Total Savings	24,649.94

Per Capita Update: \$699.00

Leaves and Lunch

Meadowthorpe neighborhood leaf pick-up is scheduled for Monday, November 13th, so we will stay after worship on **Sunday, November 12th** (weather permitting) to rake leaves to the curb. ALL are welcome. Sandwiches, chips, and drinks will be provided by the Building & Grounds Committee. Please don't *leaf* without helping, if you are able. :)



PHELPS Christmas Donations


MPC is collecting gifts for 55 kids of all ages this year to be delivered to the community of Phelps, KY. This year, we will continue the tradition. You are encouraged to fill the edges of the hallway outside the sanctuary with your generous gifts to the children. Please bring your gifts - do not wrap them - by

Sunday, December 10th so Shelby and Scott can take them to the church in Phelps during the following week.



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| 2 - Louise Postley | 25 - John Donahoe |
| 4 - Lane King | 26 - Joyce Bach |
| 5 - Rylee Scott | 28 - David Postley |
| 7 - Nancy Sturgill | 30 - Aidan Southworth |
| 16 - Betty Hubbard | |

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u></p> <p>November 5: Suzanne Leibee</p> <p>November 12: Callie Paddock</p> <p>November 19: Carolyn McKeehan</p> <p>November 26: Moose Rice</p>			<p>1</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner at Hope Center</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p>7:00 p.m. <i>Wedding of Cynthia Hayes and Heath Braley</i></p> 
<p>5</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>12:30 p.m. Searching for Sunday</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p> <p>7:00 p.m. BUILD Community Problems Assembly</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>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Transylvania Presbytery Meeting (Corbin)</p>
<p>12</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Pledge Sunday</div> <p>9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 p.m. Worship</p> <p>12:00 p.m. Leaves and Lunch</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>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Carver Artworks Community Choir Concert (Sanctuary)</p>	<p>17</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Scott on Vacation</div>	<p>18</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Scott on Vacation</div> <p>11:00 a.m. Ladies Day Out</p>
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