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Articles for the January 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.

*Music is a spiritual language.
Music is the language of the planet.
The universe is a song, and we are all walking music.*

**Scott's
Thoughts**

Those words were spoken by 2001 NEA Jazz Master, Randy Weston. During my visit to San Francisco in October, I spent an evening at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music to hear Randy Weston sing, play the piano, and share stories as part of a series sponsored by the San Francisco Jazz Organization. Weston, who is 91, can bring a piano to life with his playing. From a young age, he was heavily influenced by jazz pianist and composer, Thelonius Monk, who became a dear friend of his. As Weston spoke...as he played...and as he sang...Randy Weston embodied the music of the universe. As he shared his art...and as he told us the story of his first two encounters with Thelonius Monk...I was mesmerized. The 90-minutes he gave us went by way too quickly, and I spent the 10 block walk back to my hotel thinking about what it means to be "walking music" contributing to the song of the universe. And now, as we enter this season of Advent, we are invited to embody the rhythm, the lyrics, the melody, and the harmony of the song of God. As we wait, once again, for the light to shine into the darkness...for the warmth of love to overcome the coldness of hatred...for the Christ to be born in us anew...we are invited to re-learn the song of hope, peace, love, and joy. While we're shopping, and baking, and attending parties, and cooking feasts, and ice-skating, and driving through neighborhoods to see the beautifully & extravagantly decorated houses, and visiting friends and family...we are invited to let the song of God...the song of the universe...take root in our hearts, our minds, and our very beings. May this season of Advent be a time of renewal for you.

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 December @ MPC

*Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
(unless otherwise noted)*

Gather 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.



December 3rd (The First Sunday of Advent)

Scripture - Mark 13:24-37 *Sermon* - (I Am Not Throwing Away) My Shot
We will adorn the sanctuary and celebrate Communion

December 10th (The Second Sunday of Advent)

Scripture - Mark 1:1-8 *Sermon* - Wait For It

December 17th (The Third Sunday of Advent)

Scripture - John 1:6-8, 19-28 *Sermon* - What'd I Miss?

December 24th (The Fourth Sunday of Advent)

Scripture - Luke 1:47-55 *Sermon* - The World Turned Upside Down

December 24th (Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:00 p.m.)

Scripture - Various Readings *Homily* - The Story of Tonight
*We will hear the story of Christmas and the choir will sing pieces from
Sing Joy to All the World (A Christmas Celebration),
a cantata arranged by Lloyd Larson.*

December 31st (Moravian Love Feast at 11:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall)

Our celebration of Christmas will continue as we gather around tables in Fellowship Hall to share cinnamon rolls and hot drinks (coffee, tea, & cocoa), sing carols, and hear Betty Hubbard (storyteller extraordinaire) share a story about some of the animals who had a first-hand experience with the newborn baby Jesus, wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger filled with hay.



1 - Samwel NduNgu
14 - Judy Jett
13 - Amelia King
15 - John Everly

22 - Mary Owen Bush
27 - Christina Campbell
28 - Callie Paddock
31 - Ann Cornelius



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

	Jan - Nov 17	Budget
Income		
01 Income	101,354.84	104,578.83
02 Special Offerings	5,031.00	
03 Savings		
Total Income	106,385.84	104,578.83
Expense		
04 Benevolence	-55.76	9,515.04
05 Buildings & Grounds	17,655.02	16,078.33
06 Administrative	2,593.69	2,291.66
07 Worship	165.12	229.17
08 Mission & Outreach	214.28	137.50
09 Christian Education	471.23	366.67
10 Youth Ministry	0.00	91.67
11 Fellowship	2,014.49	91.67
12 Member Care	0.00	91.67
14 Pastor	55,442.76	52,862.34
15 Other Employees	21,171.69	22,862.64
16 Payroll Liabilities	1,552.69	0.00
17 Session	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	109,463.94	104,595.36
NET INCOME	-3078.10	-16.53

Savings Account Balances

Income	Jan 09 - Nov 17
03 Savings	
Mission Fund	195.00
Music Fund	1,000.00
Memorial Fund Income	3,563.32
Helping Hand Income	108.40
General Fund Income	2,479.96
Building Fund Income	17,601.37
S & H Building Fund	1,020.00
Scout Development Fund	1,170.00
Total Savings	27,138.05

Per Capita Update: \$775.00



PHELPS
Christmas Donations

MPC is collecting gifts for 55 kids of all ages to be delivered to Phelps, KY. Please bring your gifts to the church - do not wrap them - by **Sunday, December 10th.**

City of Missions

Look for the *City of Missions* change jars throughout the church, and donate your spare change through December 10th. These funds will help the MPC kids finish their mission final mission project. They are making Helping Hand Bags for women in need. All coins are appreciated. The MPC Kids want to thank you for all of your help and dedication in helping them complete their missions.

Opportunities For Service...

Driver are needed to help deliver food baskets to Westminster Village on Versailles Road on Sunday, December 17th, at 2 p.m. Total time commitment will be around one hour. This involves picking up food at the Southland Drive, Save-a-Lot. Then driving to Westminster Village on Versailles road. The Youth Volunteers meet the cars there and distribute the groceries. This is an extremely organized activity and requires little time. Sign up sheet is located in the hallway.

We have also adopted two families from Westminster Village for Christmas. If you would like to buy a gift for a family member see or call Karen Bennett at 859-233-7161. Gifts need to be wrapped, labeled, and returned to Karen by December 17th.

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.

**Please plan to stay after worship on
Sunday, December 10th
to lend your beautiful voice to an afternoon
of caroling around the city.**

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u>			<u>NOVEMBER USHERS</u>		1	2
December 3: John Everly December 10: Sally McGuire December 17: Nell Valentine December 24: Nora Warman December 31: <i>Various Volunteers</i>			Tom Hayes Ann Staton Gladys Heiser Robbie Morris			
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Congregational Meeting 12:10 p.m. PW Christmas Party	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	5:30 p.m. Mission/Outreach Meeting	6:00 p.m. Dinner	4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner at Hope Center 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:30 p.m. Caroling	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 6:30 p.m. Session Dinner 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers		6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship 2:00 p.m. WV Basket Delivery	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers			6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Christmas Eve</div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;">Christmas Day</div>	6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal	4:00 p.m. Wedding of Lauren Welch and Michael Chapman		4:00 p.m. Girl Scout Lock In	Girl Scout Lock In Ends 8:00 p.m.
31						<div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Phelps Donations are due on Sunday, December 10th </div>
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