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Articles for the February Newsletter are due by Sunday, January 16th.

As the new year begins, many of us do what we do every year. We make resolutions. Some of them we keep (like cleaning out the attic or traveling more) and some of them we don't keep (like not eating fast food or going to the gym on a regular basis). And just like we make our own resolutions, it is not necessarily a bad idea for the church to consider who and what it is as the new year begins. Who is Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church? What is MPC? What are our resolutions? What will be our priorities in 2018? The image on the bottom left is attributed to the elusive artist known to most as Banksy. It captures the reality that we often really do not have our priorities in the right order. It challenges the hearts and minds of any eyes it captures to reflect deeply on what is... and should be...important to us as individuals...and in our case, as well...as this particular congregation. Some resolutions can be taken lightly (and often are). But if MPC wants to truly be the church that God is calling us to be, we not only have to discern what that means...but we have to be willing to each do our part as active members (or active participants) in making the ministry of this church happen. As we enter the new year with a lower worship attendance trend, a projected budget deficit of almost \$20,000, and a continuing search for a new Treasurer, we have to start asking some hard questions. I hope you will consider what that means for each one of you as you make your new year resolutions. Let's imagine and dream with God as we remember who we've been, reflect on who we are, and look towards who God is calling us to be.

Scott's Thoughts



Shalom,
Scott

Thank You, Session Class of 2017!

*Tim Bennett
Louise Postley
Ann Staton*

Be sure to thank the outgoing elders for their work and commitment to the ministry of the church.

Session Retreat at Hunter Presbyterian Church

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Session will be gathering to lead the congregation into 2018 and beyond.

Welcome, Session Class of 2020!

*Louise Postley
Moose Rice
Ann Staton*

Be sure to thank the incoming elders for their willingness to serve as leaders in the church.

...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 why the community of this congregation sustains you and why the work of this church matters to you.



January 7th (Epiphany Sunday)

Scripture - Matthew 2:1-15 *Sermon* - The Room Where It Happens

We will celebrate Communion

January 14th (Baptism of the Lord Sunday)

Scripture - Mark 1:4-11 *Sermon* - The Water Ain't Comin' to You

We will install officers for the class of 2020

January 21st (The Third Sunday After the Epiphany)

Scripture - Mark 1:14-20 *Sermon* - It Takes A Congregation

January 28th (The Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany)

Scripture - Mark 1:21-28 *Sermon* - Speaking With Authority

**“Blessed are you, O God, King of the Universe,
for you give us food to sustain our lives and make our hearts glad”**

-Book of Common Prayer

Thanks to all who have attended, cooked meals, made desserts, cleaned up, washed dishes, financially supported and been a part of Wednesday Dinners in 2017. It is a group effort and we could not continue without each and every person that sits down to this meal.

Sharing this meal together every week is something I look forward to and every week I leave nourished in body and soul. We eat together as one big happy family with lively, funny, sometimes even deep conversations. I believe that this weekly coming together at the table is one of our most important spiritual disciplines. It is a time to grow and bond on a more intimate level with our faith and our friends.

If you have not attended a Wednesday dinner I challenge you to come and be in community and fellowship sometime in 2018. I promise you will get a delicious meal and find a strong connection to your MPC family.

We will resume dinners on Wednesday, January 10.

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

	<u>Jan - Nov 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>
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	17,238.73	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	<u>Jan 09 - Nov 17</u>
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

UPDATED ADDRESS:

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City of Missions

Look for the *City of Missions* change jars throughout the church, and donate your spare change. These funds will help the MPC kids continue their missions. All coins are appreciated. The MPC Kids want to thank you for all of your help and dedication in helping them complete their missions.



Friday, January 26th
at 7:00 p.m.
in Fellowship Hall

Popcorn, snacks and drinks provided.

FILM TO BE DETERMINED

Sponsored by Personnel & Recruitment

January & February Mission Focus:
GOD'S PANTRY

For the next two months, we will be collecting food in the big blue barrel in the hall to be donated to God's Pantry. Each Sunday we will encourage you to bring a specific item the following Sunday based on their needs.



7- Fred Vester

9- Jeannine Essig

9- Jean Settle

10- Madison Scott

18- Sally McGuire

19- Glen Greathouse



JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>USHERS</u>		2	3	4	5	6
<p style="text-align: center;">{Your Name Here}</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{Your Name Here}</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{Your Name Here}</p> <p style="text-align: center;">{Your Name Here}</p>			7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner at Hope Center 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	9a.m. - 5 p.m. Pinewood Derby Workshop
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Pinewood Derby Workshop</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>		<p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>11:00 a.m. Committee Chair Meeting</p> <p>9a.m. - 5 p.m. Pinewood Derby Workshop</p>
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28	29	30	31	<p><u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u></p> <p>January 7, 2018 Bill Hintze</p> <p>January 14, 2018 Callie Paddock</p> <p>January 21, 2018 Suzanne Leibee</p> <p>January 28, 2018 Carolyn McKeehan</p>		
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