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Articles for the March Newsletter are due by Sunday, February 18th.

*There once was a man named Mr. Bond,
who always fell in a little pond;
but driving his car
he'd fall in the tar.
It always happened to Mr. Bond.*

**Scott's
Thoughts**

I can only imagine what you're thinking. You're wondering, "Who could possibly have written such a beautiful, perfect, inspiring limerick?" Well...to not keep you in suspense for too long...those five poetic lines were written by me. After we learned about limericks in our second grade English class, our teacher sent us home with an assignment to write one of our own. This is what I managed to create. Who knew that one could be so bold as to rhyme Bond with Bond? But creative licensing aside, we turned in our limericks and had no idea that the finished product would go beyond our writing.

Unknown to the class when we presented our limericks (which we had to read in front of everyone else, which caused me great fear because I did not like speaking in front of a group of people) our teacher then gave them to the elementary school art teacher who drew a picture for each poem. A few weeks later, our teacher handed each one of us a colorful stack of pages stapled together. On each page, there were 2 or 3 of our limericks with a picture drawn by the art teacher. For mine, she drew a man in a car that had driven off a cliff into a pit of tar. I remember being excited about my Pulitzer Prize-worthy poem now having visual representation (although, as I second grader, I'm pretty sure I had not yet heard of the Pulitzer Prize...and I certainly didn't use (much less know) the term "visual representation"). However, I had written a poem...the art teacher had drawn a picture for it...and I (as well as the rest of my class) had a copy of it!

Back then I would not have thought of the whole thing as a collaborative process of creating... but as I have been thinking about how our experience as a church community might manifest itself during this upcoming season of Lent, that poem and that picture...indeed, every one of the poems and pictures we and our art teacher created...came to mind.

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

As we gather for worship during Lent, you are going to have an opportunity to take part in a process of creating. As we study the Psalms through our sermons, we will be affirming our faith with a series of litanies that you are encouraged to help write. Each litany will be based on key phrases from one of four Psalms on which we will be reflecting during worship. From Sunday morning until Wednesday evening, you will have an opportunity to write images or words that come to mind onto sticky-notes that will be collected in order to create a litany for the following Sunday.

This is a great opportunity for us to dig deeper in our understanding of where God is calling us, and how to express ourselves in the course of that journey, as we worship together during Lent. I hope you will take part in this creative process so that the words we speak will connect with us on a deeper level, and the affirmations we make will draw us closer to God and to one another.

Shalom,

Scott

Lord, Teach Us To Pray
A Six-Week Study and Discussion during Lent

At the end of January, at the annual gathering of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators in Louisville, J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk for the Presbyterian Church (USA), spoke to the gathered assembly about the current state of the church, saying,

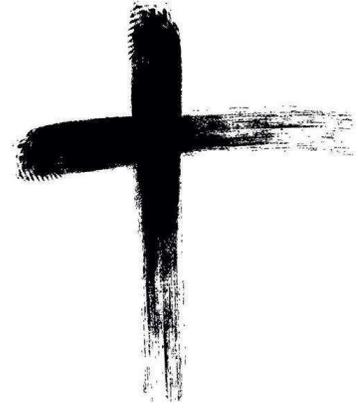
*I want you to know one thing: We are not dying. We are reforming.
And reformation will not happen without Christian education,
without teaching, without building us from the core up.*



During the six weeks of Lent, you have an opportunity to do that. You are invited to join Scott in his office on Sunday mornings from 9:15 -10:15 for a six-week study and discussion about prayer. The discussion will be based on Michael Rinehart's book, "Learning to Pray Again: Peace and Joy Through an Ancient Practice." You are not expected to read the book. Scott will simply be using it as a guide for our study. Take this opportunity to step into this challenge to which J. Herbert Nelson calls us as we strive to deepen our commitment to our lives of faith, to our spiritual health, and to our responsibility as followers of Jesus.

Pancakes and Ashes

On Wednesday, February 14th (yes...), we will be gathering on Fellowship Hall for a pancake dinner at 6:00 p.m. We will serve pancakes, bacon, sausage, fruit, juice, milk, and decaf coffee for our annual Ash Wednesday service as we begin the season of Lent.



(Ok...so the traditional image used in Scripture is not pancakes and ashes, but sackcloth and ashes. However, we have promised a meal, and I am fairly certain sackcloth does not taste good.)

We will gather around the tables for a prayer at 6:00 p.m. eat our breakfast-themed dinner, and then have a brief service of reflection and ashes at 6:45 p.m. Join us for some good food, some great conversation, and an opportunity to reflect on the gift of life we share together.

Choir Rehearsal will begin after the service around 7:15 p.m. in the Choir Room.

BUILD Network Gathering

On Thursday, February 22nd at 7:30 p.m. in Scott's office, you are invited to gather for a reflection on what it means to be a member congregation in the ongoing work of BUILD. Through BUILD, we join with 26 other congregations in Lexington to challenge the injustices in our community that remain unchecked (or worse, are supported by policies and systems that are created in order to maintain inequality). We will share a devotion based on a scripture reading that calls us to the work of justice, we will pray together, we will share our own reasons why we believe the work of doing justice is specifically important to each of us, and we will commit to being active participants in Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church's involvement in this important work. If you cannot attend this meeting, but would like to meet with Scott one-on-one to share your thoughts and learn how you can be a part of this Justice Network, please contact him.

Knowing something is wrong in our hearts and not working to change it with our hands is the weakest form of faith.

**"I prayed for freedom for 20 years,"
Frederick Douglass said, "but God didn't answer until I prayed with my feet."**

Rev. Dr. William Barber II





Worship in February @ 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.



February 4th (The Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany)

Scripture - Isaiah 40:21-31 *Sermon* - The Consequence of Hope

We will celebrate Communion

February 11th (The Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany)

Scripture - 2 Kings 5:1-14 *Sermon* - Wax On...Wax Off

February 18th (The 1st Sunday of Lent)

Scripture - Psalm 25 *Sermon* - A House of Pure God

February 25th (The 2nd Sunday of Lent)

Scripture - Psalm 22:23-31 *Sermon* - Watu Wote

2018 Lent Activities at MPC

Be sure to put these dates and times on your calendar and join us

Wednesday, February 14th

Pancake Dinner & Ash Wednesday Service (6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 28 & March 7, 14, 21, 28

Dinner and Lenten Gospel Dinner Reflection (6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall)

After dinner on Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m. during Lent, we will spend a moment reflecting on and discussing the gospel readings that lead us to Easter. These will be brief, but will provide an opportunity for shared devotional time in the middle of the week.

Thursday, March 29th

Maundy Thursday Taizé Communion Service

As we gather in the sanctuary to remember the story of Jesus gathered with his disciples and sharing a meal together, we will contemplate our place at that table, our place in the story, and how our lives reflect the message that Jesus lived to share.

Income & Expense (Budget vs. Actual)
January 2018

	Jan 2018	Budget
Income		
01 Income	7,878.00	9,576.09
02 Special Offerings		
03 Savings		
Total Income	7,878.00	9,576.09
Expense		
04 Benevolence	258.50	705.05
05 Buildings & Grounds	730.17	1,453.15
06 Administrative	258.76	208.26
07 Worship	0.00	20.76
08 Mission & Outreach	0.00	12.50
09 Christian Education	0.00	33.26
10 Youth Ministry	0.00	8.26
11 Fellowship	0.00	8.26
12 Member Care	0.00	8.26
14 Pastor	5,339.28	4,706.63
15 Other Employees	1,677.20	2,076.15
16 Payroll Liabilities	128.30	0.00
17 Session	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	8,392.21	9,240.54
NET INCOME	-514.21	335.55

Savings Account Balances

Income	Jan 09 - Jan 18
03 Savings	
Mission Fund	195.00
Music Fund	1,000.00
Memorial Fund Income	1,228.32
Helping Hand Income	108.40
General Fund Income	483.05
Building Fund Income	17,141.37
S & H Building Fund	1,020.00
Scout Development Fund	1,170.00
Total Savings	22,346.14

Per Capita Update: \$126.00

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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.

**12 days of Christmas
Hope Center Meal on 1/4/18**

I want to thank all of you who participated this year. The weather was very cold that Thursday and there was apparently a pretty full house. The clients really appreciated the good food we provided.

Thanks to Melissa Kowal and her mother, Melva Diedrich who provided all the delicious desserts, Callie Paddock for an entrée, Jane and John Miller for entrée and serving, Carolyn McKeehan for entrée and serving, Janet Edwards for rolls, Karen and Tim Bennett for rolls and serving, Nell Valentine for green beans, Judy Jett for corn, Sharon Woodrum for an entrée, Katie Hintze and Fred for salad, Scott Cervas for helping set up, and Annabelle Staton for serving

It takes a village and let us continue to be that village!! Thanks again



- 4- Rosa Anna Leibee
- 6- Claude Trapp
- 7- Carolyn McKeehan
- 14- Emily Taylor

- 14- April Fraizier
- 18- Teresiah Wainiana
- 20- Bill Bridges



FEBRUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<u>USHERS</u> Bill Hintze Katie Hintze Tom Hayes Jim Valentine				1	2	3
4 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	5 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	6 4:00 p.m. Exercise Group 5:30 p.m. Mission /Outreach Meeting	7 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	8 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	9 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	10
11 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	12 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	13 4:00 p.m. Exercise Group	14 <div style="background-color: #d1c4e9; padding: 2px; text-align: center;">Ash Wednesday</div> 6:00 p.m. Pancake Dinner 6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service 7:15-ish p.m. Choir Rehearsal	15 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	16 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	17
18 9:15 a.m. Teach Us To Pray 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	19 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	20 4:00 p.m. Exercise Group	21 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	22 6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts 7:30 p.m. BUILD Network Meeting	23 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	24 7:30 p.m. Lexington Chamber Chorale Concert at 2nd Presbyterian Church
25 9:15 a.m. Teach Us To Pray 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	26 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	27 4:00 p.m. Exercise Group	28 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u> February 4, 2018 Moose Rice February 11, 2018 John Everly February 18, 2018 Sally McGuire February 25, 2018 Nell Valentine		