

# MEADOWTHORPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Articles for the June Newsletter are due by Sunday, May 20th.

As I have been training for the Flying Pig Marathon, which I will be running on Sunday, May 6th in Cincinnati, I have been spending more time at yoga classes, where I have faced the challenges of steady balancing and stretching my body in directions that have made me realize how much flexibility I have yet to discover. In those classes, I have also learned the art of deep, intentional breathing. The kind of breathing that fills our lungs, renews our souls, and calms our spirits. On Sunday, May 20th, we will celebrate the day of Pentecost when, for the first time, God's people were invited to breathe deeply and receive the breath of God...the Spirit of God...as we are filled with new life, unending potential, and a radical vision for creation that will drive our hearts and minds forward. I encourage you, between now and May 20th, to practice this intentional, deep breathing. You don't have to go to yoga - although, it is a wonderful discipline to practice - you only have to pause...stand, sit, or lie in a comfortable position...and take a few deep breaths that allow you to discover how much more space you have in your lungs than you typically use. Open up that space for God's spirit as we are invited to breathe in together. May God's breath become ours as we seek to be the church we are called to be in the world.

## Scott's Thoughts

*Namaste, Scott*



**where faith grows  
and hungry people  
are fed**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Mon, June 18th to Fri, June 22nd**

**6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

*Kids from kindergarten to 5th grade are invited for a week of music, puppets, games, stories, crafts, recreation, and dinner. On Friday, there will be a special evening event with a certificate ceremony, special performances by the kids and puppets, and a celebration dinner.*

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



## Worship in May @ MPC

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



### May 6th (The 6th Sunday of Eastertide)

*Scott will be on vacation. Rev. Karen Hartsfield will be worshipping with us.  
We will celebrate Communion*

### May 13th (The 7th Sunday of Eastertide)

*Scott will be on vacation. Rev. Karen Hartsfield will be worshipping with us.*

### May 20th (Pentecost Sunday - Get in the Spirit! Wear something **RED!**)

*Scripture - Genesis 1:1 - 2:3 & Acts 2:1-21      Sermon - Breathing Deeply*

### May 27th (The 1st Sunday after Pentecost)

*Scripture - 1 Samuel 3:1-10 & Isaiah 6:1-8      Sermon - Made Ready*

*During the season of Easter, from Easter Day to Pentecost Sunday (May 20th) - excluding the weeks Scott is out of town - the sermons will rely heavily on Brian McLaren's reflections of this season from his book, **We Make the Road by Walking: A Year-Long Quest for Spiritual Formation, Reorientation, and Activation**. Invite your family and friends to join us for worship as we consider together what it means to rise up with Jesus and truly live the new life into which God has invited us. We will study the minor prophets in worship during June, July, and August.*

### Summer Sermon Series: The Minor Prophets

*This summer we will explore the relationship between God and God's people through the eyes of the 12 prophets whose words are found in the last 12 books of the Hebrew Scriptures.*



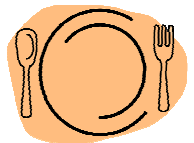
## the book of *Ruth*

*Summer can be Ruth-less, but it doesn't have to be. Join Scott in his office for a Bible Study on the Book of Ruth on Sunday mornings from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.. The 6-week study will begin on Sunday, June 10th and will be completed on Sunday, July 15th.*

### Faith & Food:

#### Wednesdays in Summer

Our traditional Wednesday dinners may end for the summer on May 23rd, but you are invited to take part in a group that will explore foods around Lexington as we share a meal at various restaurants and reflect on our life & faith through a series of short articles.



*Begins on Wednesday, June 6th*

## 2018 Nehemiah Action Assembly

*Thursday, May 10th @ 7:00 p.m.  
in Heritage Hall at the Convention Center*

Our mission is to do justice as God requires of us. Our vision is 52:1. If we can gather for worship 52 times a year, we can certainly take our average worship attendance to the one Nehemiah Action Assembly that BUILD hosts each year to hold our leaders and official accountable to do what is RIGHT, what is FAIR, and what is JUST. For justice is what love looks like in public! It is important that all of us strengthen our hands, lift up our voices, and ignite the spirit in our hearts and souls to rally around strengthening our systems to address the challenges our community faces in the areas of Mental Healthcare (where we need care, not crisis), Drugs (where we need a plan that saves lives and enables recovery), and Violence (where we need to end our current trajectory of more than doubling our pace for homicides in Lexington from last year). Please join us in standing as one together with churches from around the city and...



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIRTHDAY PARTY

*Sunday, May 20th  
(immediately after worship)*

*All women and girls are invited to bring themselves and their smiles to our annual PW Birthday Party. The circles will provide food and the birthday offering will be collected.*



### Donations Needed!

The MPC Kids and Girl Scouts have teamed up! We are collecting items for the annual Meadowthorpe Yard Sale until June 1st. Please drop off any donations in the Children's Sunday School room. There will be a labeled area for all donations. If you need items picked up from your home please call Melissa Kowal at (859)327-5129 and schedule a pickup time. The Girl Scouts will also be hosting a Hotdog Stand, so be sure to come grab lunch as you enjoy the annual Meadowthorpe Yard Sale on June 2nd.



5 - Morgan Campbell  
5 - Scott Cervas  
6 - Robbie Morris  
11 - Sheila Foy  
14 - Edna Monroe

19 - Will Wheeler  
20 - Mary Wainaina  
23 - Linda Christeon  
24 - Carol Weigand



# MAY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b><u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u></b></p> <p>5/6 <i>Nell Valentine</i></p> <p>5/13 <i>Nora Warman</i></p> <p>5/20 <i>Betty Hubbard</i></p> <p>5/27 <i>Bill Hintze</i></p>		<p>1</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Scott on Vacation</div> <p>4:00 p.m. Exercise Group</p>	<p>2</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Scott on Vacation</div> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Scott on Vacation</div> <p>5:45 p.m. Serve Dinner at Hope Center</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>4</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Scott on Vacation</div> <p>7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Scott on Vacation</div>
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<p>20</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: #f4a460; padding: 2px; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;">Pentecost Sunday</div> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p> <p>12:00 p.m. PW Birthday Party</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Dinner and Game Night</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>
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