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Articles for the August Newsletter are due by Sunday, July 22nd.

As a member congregation of BUILD (Building a United, Interfaith Lexington through Direct-Action), we are committed to putting energy, time, and money into the combined effort of 25 congregations around the city seeking to make Lexington a Beloved Community.



Our Mission is to **Do Justice** as God requires of us. Our vision is 52:1 - which means if we can gather for worship 52 times a year, certainly we can bring our average worship attendance to the annual Nehemiah Action Assembly (which typically takes place in April or May) to hold our public officials accountable to do what is right, what is fair and what is just. For justice is the heart of who God is and what God does. Our average worship attendance is around 40 people. We had 12 people at the Nehemiah Action Assembly. We can do better! My goal is that we step up next year and show that we are serious about making God's vision for creation a reality in our community and in our world.

On June 11th, 267 people (including Carolyn McKeehan and me representing Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church) celebrated the work of BUILD at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary. We reflected on our story of living out God's call to do justice and the work we've accomplished. We recalled commitments from Mayor Gray and Vice Mayor Steve Kay that funding for Mental Health Court will be included in this upcoming year's budget. We are continuing our collaboration with Dr. Humbaugh, Commissioner of Public Health, to develop a comprehensive needle exchange program in Lexington. Members of our Drug Committee will be visiting Louisville's model syringe exchange program in July.

The Crime Committee had a follow-up meeting on June 19th with Mayor Jim Gray, Commissioner of Public Safety Ken Armstrong, Police Chief Lawrence Weathers, and other staff from the mayor's office to follow up on the commitments that Mayor Gray made to all of us at the Nehemiah Action Assembly. The city has already taken the next steps necessary to enter into a contract with the National Network for Safe Communities (NNSC) to implement a Group Violence Intervention strategy that will stop the violence in Lexington! They received a contract from NNSC that is being reviewed by the city's legal department. Then, Commissioner Armstrong and representatives from BUILD will be

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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.

speaking with individual council members to get their support in approving this contract. We expect that it will come before the Council in August. Once we have the dates, we will let you know so that you can attend the council meetings and contact your council member to support Lexington's partnership with the NNSC! This is a chance to demonstrate urgency with this issue and build more power!

As a member congregation, the Mission & Outreach committee has committed \$1,000 from our Mission Fund to invest in the work of BUILD. In addition to our gift as a congregation, we are also committed to raise at least \$1,000 in combined, individual investments. Currently, two people have pledged to invest \$200 each, which means we currently have a total of \$400 in individual investments, meaning we are already 2/5ths of the way to our goal with only \$600.00 more to raise.

If you are passionate about the work of BUILD, I hope you will consider joining us in reaching our goal. The reason we invest is because BUILD is an effective pathway to work for justice and to act on our values. Over the past 15 years that BUILD has been working for justice in Lexington, we have witnessed many substantial, positive returns.

And as Jesus reminds us in his sermon on the mount, *“Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”* (Matthew 6:21)

I encourage you to also look over the insert and consider making the commitment to be a Justice Ministry Network member, representing our congregation in the work that BUILD does throughout the year. Look for opportunities to share your concerns for our community in September when we gather for *Sacred Conversations* and identify areas into which BUILD might put its energy, time, and money. ***Let Us Rise Up And Build!***

Shalom, Scott

Please Note: *A portion of this article is taken directly from an update written by Judy Maxson, who is a member of Second Presbyterian Church and serves as the BUILD Corresponding Secretary. I edited it and added information specific to our congregation.*

Church Treasurer's Stewardship and Budget Report

January through June

Our budgeted income through June was \$56,448.98. We have received \$50,533.70. ***We are currently almost \$6,000 short of our budgeted income.***

Our budgeted expenses through June were \$55,449.84. We have spent \$53,586.40.

We have collected \$436.00 for Per Capita.

ANNUAL MPC OLYMPICS EVENT

Sponsored by the Buildings & Grounds Committee

Sunday, July 22nd @ NOON

Immediately following worship we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck lunch. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be provided, along with drinks and a variety of ice cream treats for dessert. Bring a side dish to share.

We will eat lunch and then you will have the opportunity to participate in several different Olympic events, including a Derby Race!



Worship in July @ MPC

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



July 1st (The 6th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture - Selected Readings from the Book of the Prophet **Jonah**
We will celebrate Communion

July 8th (The 7th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture - Selected Readings from the Book of the Prophet **Micah**

July 15th (The 8th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture - Selected Readings from the Book of the Prophet **Nahum**

July 22nd (The 9th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture - Selected Readings from the Book of the Prophet **Habakkuk**

July 29th (The 10th Sunday after Pentecost)

Summer Hymn Sing (with selected readings & liturgy). Scott will be on Vacation.

School Supply Donations Needed For Westminster Village

Please leave all donations under the coat rack area in the hallway near the sanctuary.

Regular Pencils	Graph Composition Books	Black Permanent Markers
Ticonderoga Pencils	Graph Paper	Rulers
Mechanical Pencils	Red, Green, Blue without Brads	Lined Index Cards
Colored Pencils	Pencil Top Erasers	Paper Towels
Thin & Thick Markers	Notebook Paper	Hand Sanitizer
Thin & Thick Washable Markers	Pink Erasers	White Wash Cloths
Cloth Pencil Pouches	Dividers for 3-Ring Binders	Big Back Packs for Girls & Boys
Compasses & Protractors	Black Dry Eraser Markers	Women's Deodorant
Highlighters	Scissors for older children	Men's Deodorant
1-Inch Binders	Hand Held Pencil Sharpener	Tooth Paste
Composition Books	Glue Sticks	Tooth Brushes
Primary Composition Books	Red, Blue, Black Ink Pens	Shampoo
	Red, Green, Blue, Black Plastic Folders w/ Brads	



8 - Valerie Salven
12 - Jane Miller
13 - Joe Collins
13 - Barbara Darlin

17 - Gladys Heiser
20 - Melissa Kowal
27 - Pete Weigand
30 - Tom Hayes



JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:30 a.m. Ruth Bible Study (Chapter 3) 11:00 a.m. Worship	2 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	3	4	5	6	7
8 9:30 a.m. Ruth Bible Study (Chapter 4) 11:00 a.m. Worship	9 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	10	11 6:00 p.m. Faith & Food	12 6:30 p.m. BUILD Board Meeting	13	14
15 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Gary on Vacation</div> 9:30 a.m. Ruth Bible Study (Conclusion) 11:00 a.m. Worship	16 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	17	18 6:00 p.m. Faith & Food	19	20	21
22 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 a.m. Potluck Lunch, MPC Olympics, and Derby Race	23 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Scott on Vacation</div> 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	24 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Scott on Vacation</div>	25 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Scott on Vacation</div>	26 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Scott on Vacation</div>	27 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Scott on Vacation</div>	28 <div style="border: 1px solid black; background-color: yellow; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; margin: 5px;">Scott on Vacation</div>
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