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Articles for the October Newsletter are due by Sunday, September 21st.



Please plan to stay after worship on Sunday, September 9th for a brief congregational meeting. The Nominating Committee will make a report on their efforts to find someone to fill the vacant seat on the Session through the end of 2018. There will be no other business at this meeting, but you will be receiving a packet in September or October that will include our 2019 budget, the proposed by-laws of Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church, and a new address directory as we prepare to begin our Stewardship Season and hold our Annual Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, December 2nd.

SCOTT'S THOUGHTS

When I was in high school, our youth group from First Presbyterian Church of Independence, Missouri (the church where Harry Truman and Bess Wallace met in Sunday School) would travel by train during Spring Break to visit missions of the PC(USA), deepen international relationships (we played a volleyball match against a youth group at a Presbyterian Church in Windsor, Canada), and see many tourist attractions. The train rides, especially through Kansas, were long. We had our own private car for our entire youth group, but we would also explore the train all the way back to the car with an observation deck on the top floor and a Snack Bar on the bottom floor. One year, as we were making our way through Kansas, I sat in my seat and began to enjoy a little bit of solitude as I stared out the window. I put a cassette tape of The Nylons (an acapella group) in my walkman, and got caught up in my own world. So much so, that as they started singing the chorus of "Kiss Him Goodbye" I was not aware that I was singing at the top of my lungs until one of our adult leaders tapped me on the shoulder. I turned around to see several people staring at me. I was a little bit embarrassed, but at least I was singing on key - and at least we had our own private car. To my credit, I also became the object lesson of one of our devotionals that week, when my uninhibited singing was likened to the way we should live and share our faith. That's not to say that we should scream it at the top of our lungs and be all up in people's business about it - but what our pastor pointed out was that the enthusiasm with which I was singing is the way we should (and hopefully do) feel about our faith at most times. I've mentioned this before when I've talked about our level of enthusiasm as we watch our favorite sports team play a game vs. our level of enthusiasm as we recite the Apostles' Creed. That's certainly not the best comparison, since many people are not sports fans, and the Apostles' Creed - while an important part of our history as followers of Jesus - is not necessarily the most upbeat expression of our faith. But next time you are singing along to one of your favorite songs, and you are aware of your enthusiasm in that moment, think about how your faith fills you with that much joy - think about how much God's love and hope and peace fills you with that much energy - and find ways to hold onto that and tap into it in the midst of your busy life.

Shalom, Scott

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

CROP Hunger Walk, September 30!

World events seem to be more and more troubling, with suffering everywhere we look, and it's hard not to be paralyzed with worry. But we can do something! We can share God's love by donating to CROP Hunger Walk which supports Church World Service's programs to fight hunger and poverty in Kentucky, and around the world. CWS not only provides disaster relief, but also long-term solutions including nutrition, clean water, education, co-op building, and more. That's good news! And what's more, MPC's history of giving has put us in the top 10 churches in Lexington. In 2017, MPC gave \$2,385. This year, let's do more! MPC's goal is \$3,000, and members have already begun donating. Walkers, gather at 3:00pm September 30 at Second Presbyterian for the 3 mile walk through downtown Lexington neighborhoods. A church bus that drives the entire route is available for anyone who has difficulty walking. Please pre-register on the sign-up sheet in hall. Donations may be made on MPC's website, by check to MPC or cash in envelope, notated "CROP." Jesus set the example of living a selfless life, and as His followers, we can strive to do the same. The more we give, the more people can be helped. So turn off the TV, lace up your high-heeled sneakers, and give some major money to CROP Walk!

THANK YOU!

I'd like to send my thanks and appreciation to everyone who attended my dad's funeral, who helped out with the luncheon afterwards, and for all the support during this hard time. Tom Hayes was a great person and he will be truly missed.

Cynthia Hayes

The family of Vi Thornton thanks you for your cards, kind words of support, thoughts and prayers during the loss of their beloved one. It's impossible to express all the gratitude that is in our hearts. We also would like to thank those who prepared the delicious luncheon. It gave us great comfort to know we were surrounded by loving friends and our church family.

God Bless You,
The Thornton and Vester Families

WEDNESDAY DINNERS IN SEPTEMBER

6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

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| September 5th - | Pizza & Salad |
| September 12th - | Herbed Chicken
Green Beans
Rice |
| September 19th - | Sliced Pork Loin
Zucchini & Yellow Squash,
Oven-Roasted Potatoes |
| September 26th - | Chicken Dumplings
Casserole, Carrots & Green
Beans |

Sacred Conversations

As our work with BUILD continues this fall, you are invited to join Scott at the Manse (1542 Meadowthorpe Avenue) for food, a devotion, and a conversation about the things that concern us and cause our stress levels to rise. Please contact Scott or sign up at the church office if you plan to attend.

Tuesday, September 18th @ Noon
Lunch & conversation around the table

Friday, September 28th @ 6:30 p.m.
Grilled Kabobs & conversation around the table



Worship in September @ MPC

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



September 2nd (The 15th Sunday after Pentecost)

Worship & Communion at Burnamwood Camp & Conference Center
There will be no worship service in the sanctuary this week.

September 9th (The 16th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture: Psalm 146 / **Sermon:** God's Politics

September 16th (The 17th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture: Mark 8:27-38 / **Sermon:** The Pledge of Allegiance

September 23rd (The 18th Sunday after Pentecost)

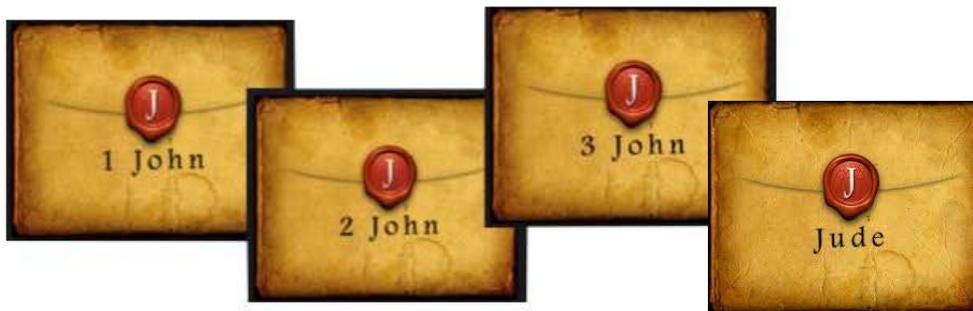
Scripture: Mark 9:30-37 / **Sermon:** Climbing Down the Social Ladder

September 30th (The 19th Sunday after Pentecost)

Scripture: Mark 9:38-50 / **Sermon:** We Got the Guillotine

FALL BIBLE STUDY

A Six-Week Session on the Epistles of John and the Epistle of Jude



Beginning
Sunday, September 9th

Concluding
Sunday, October 14th

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
in Scott's Office



4- Lillie Staton
12- Bob Paddock
16- Rachelle Collins
16- Carolyn Barker

21- Shelby Jett
28- Olivia Layton
29- Stanley Cornelius



September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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2 11:00 a.m. Worship at Burnamwood	3 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	4	5 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	6 4:45 P.M. Serve Dinner At Hope Center 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	7 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout	8	
9 9:15 a.m. Fall Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship	10 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	11 4:00 p.m. Exercise Group	12 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	13 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	14 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout	15	
16 9:15 a.m. Fall Bible Study 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Worship	17 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	18 12:00 p.m. Sacred Conversations at The Manse 4:00 p.m. Exercise Group	19 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	20 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts	21 7:00 p.m. Cub Scout	22	
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