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Articles for the February Newsletter are due by Sunday, January 20th

As he reflected on Mary's outburst of praise to God soon after she learned of her pregnancy, Dietrich Bonhoeffer preached:

Scott's Thoughts

The song of Mary is the oldest Advent hymn. It is at once the most passionate, the wildest, one might even say the most revolutionary Advent hymn ever sung. This is not the gentle, tender, dreamy Mary whom we sometimes see in paintings; this is the passionate, surrendered, proud, enthusiastic Mary who speaks out here. This song has none of the sweet, nostalgic, or even playful tones of some of our Christmas carols. It is instead a hard, strong, inexorable song about collapsing thrones and humbled lords of this world, about the power of God and the powerlessness of humankind. These are the tones of the women prophets of the Old Testament that now come to life in Mary's mouth. Swelling with new life by the power of the Spirit and affirmed by her kinswoman Elizabeth, Mary sings a song that proclaims God's gracious, effective compassion.

As we continue our celebration during these twelve days of Christmas - and as we enter into a new year with new hopes, new goals, new resolutions, and new possibilities - may we learn to trust in the vision and power of God. How are you doing to do that in 2019? How are you going stay engaged - or become re-engaged - in the life of Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church? As we face the challenges of budget deficits and decreasing membership involvement, I encourage you to take advantage of the ways we strive to stay connected with God, with one another, and with the community we are called to serve in this city as we minister and grow together within and beyond the property line of 356 Hillsboro Avenue.

Thank You, Session Class of 2018!

*Tom Hayes (in memoriam)
Sally McGuire
Callie Paddock*

Be sure to give thanks for these elders and their work and commitment to the ministry of the church.

MPC Session Retreat

*Beaumont
Presbyterian Church*

*Saturday, February 2nd
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

Doing ministry from our perspective in 2019 and into the future...

Welcome, Session Class of 2021!

*John Everly
Sally McGuire
Carolyn McKeenan*

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



January 6th (Epiphany Sunday)

Matthew 2:1-12 / Matthew 2:13-23

A Dreamy Nightmare:

The Distressed Parents and the Portable Jesus
OR

The High Speed Collision of Heaven and Hell

We will celebrate the sacrament of Communion.

January 13th (The 1st Sunday after the Epiphany)

Matthew 3:13-17 / Matthew 4:18-25

This is Not a Moment - It's the Movement

We will install the new elders on the Session.

January 20th (The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany)

Matthew 5:1-12 / Matthew 5:13-16

This is Not Personal...It's Communal

January 27th (The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany)

Matthew 5:38-42 / Matthew 5:43-48

This is Not Either/Or - It's Both/And

The Epistles of Peter and Jude

A 4-Week Bible Study

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



Sunday, January 20th

1 Peter 1:1 - 3:22

Sunday, January 27th

1 Peter 4:1 - 5:14

Sunday, February 3rd

The Second Epistle of Peter

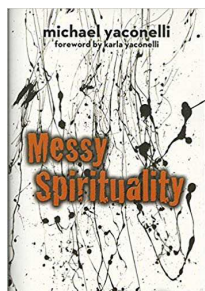
Sunday, February 10th

The Epistle of Jude

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 6th (6:00 p.m.)

Lent will be here before we know it. Mark you calendars and plan to join us for a pancake dinner as we begin the journey to Easter.



Messy Spirituality: God's Annoying Love for Imperfect People

Beginning in March, and taking us through the season of Lent, you are invited to participate in a 7-week discussion of Mike Yaconelli's book that invites us to be uninhibited in drawing closer to God as we are reminded that "Spirituality is not about being fixed; it is about God's being present in the mess of our unfixedness." Day, time, and place will be determined by the participants.

Income & Expense (Budget vs. Actual)
January through November 2018

	<u>Jan - Nov 2018</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
01 Income	89,721.80	105,336.91
02 Special Offerings	11,639.56	
03 Savings	1,000.00	
Total Income	102,361.36	105,336.91
Expense		
04 Benevolence	7,966.68	7,759.55
05 Buildings & Grounds	22,870.91	15,989.65
06 Administrative	2,493.45	2,291.66
07 Worship	424.57	229.16
08 Mission & Outreach	203.53	137.50
09 Christian Education	152.72	366.66
10 Youth Ministry	0.00	91.66
11 Fellowship	24.92	91.66
12 Member Care	25.44	91.66
14 Pastor	50,724.28	51,773.33
15 Other Employees	19,670.22	22,839.65
16 Payroll Liabilities	1,458.86	0.00
17 Session	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	106,015.58	101,659.14
NET INCOME	-3,654.22	3,677.77

Savings Account Balances

Income	<u>Jan 09 - Nov 18</u>
03 Savings	
Mission Fund	195.00
Music Fund	1,000.00
Memorial Fund Income	3,488.32
Helping Hand Income	108.40
General Fund Income	524.39
Building Fund Income	21,221.37
S & H Building Fund	1,020.00
Scout Development Fund	570.00
Total Savings	28,127.48

Per Capita Update: \$778

**There will be no Children's Sunday
School on January 6th.
It will resume on January 13th.**



HOPE
C E N T E R
12 Days of Christmas
January 3rd @ 4:45 p.m.

The HOPE Center 12 Days of Christmas event is a time where we, as a congregation, volunteer to prepare and/or serve at the Hope Center. Currently we have several items that we still need help with. If you would like to help with this event please see the sign up sheet at the Church office. If you do not want to cook or serve, please feel free to make a monetary donation to buy the needed supplies. The clients at the HOPE Center always enjoy when we fix dinner and serve it to them. For many years, we have made this an annual tradition. We Thank you in advance for all of your help and for your ongoing dedication to this event. Please talk to Nora Warman if you have any questions.



7 - Fred Vester

10 - Madison Scott

9 - Jeannine Essig

18 - Sally McGuire

9 - Jean Settle

19 - Glen Greathouse



January 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u></p> <p><i>01/06 Bill Hintze</i></p> <p><i>01/13 Callie Paddock</i></p> <p><i>01/20 Carolyn McKeehan</i></p> <p><i>01/27 Moose Rice</i></p>		<p>1</p> <div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> HAPPY NEW YEAR! </div> <p>Church Office Closed</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>3</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner (Hope Center)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Epiphany Sunday </div> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 a.m. Worship & Communion</p>	<p>7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <div style="background-color: #000080; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Officer Installation </div> <p style="text-align: center;">9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>14</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> <p style="text-align: center;">6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>18</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19</p>
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