

## MEADOWTHORPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Articles for the March Newsletter are due by Sunday, February 17th

In June of last year, Morgan Neville's documentary, "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" - a film celebrating the life and legacy of Fred Rogers - was released in theatres. Sadly, the film did not receive an Academy Award nomination for Best Documentary Feature this year. I saw the film twice while it was being screened at the Kentucky Theatre. It is a documentary that was desperately needed in a time such as this. It is a reminder of what it means to be truly human, to truly live as a child of God, and to truly see others as God's beloved.

### Scott's Thoughts

When I was in Kindergarten, the elementary school I attended in Oak Grove, Missouri had two blocks of Kindergarten classes (perhaps this was normal for all schools?). One group of kids had their class in the morning and the rest of us had class in the afternoon. I attended the afternoon Kindergarten class. So every day, before I went to school, I would eat my lunch (usually a Peanut Butter and Jelly sandwich) and watch Mr. Roger's Neighborhood.

I loved Mr. Roger's Neighborhood. Of course, as a kid, I didn't really know why I loved it so much. I didn't know that one day I would become a Presbyterian Minister like Fred Rogers. I didn't even begin to understand just how deep and important his lessons would be. I certainly didn't imagine that, in my forties, I would go back and start watching the show from the very beginning after seeing the documentary two times because I wanted to experience his wisdom, insights, and heart for humanity with a much more rounded understanding of Scripture and life itself.

In the film, Mr. Roger's says something as he is reflecting on that question that he asks every week in his song as enters his home as the show begins, **Won't you be my neighbor?** He says,

*"I suppose it's an invitation. It's an invitation for somebody to be close to you. The greatest thing that we can do is to help somebody know that they're loved and capable of loving."*

How are you doing that as an individual? What could you do better? How are we doing that as a congregation? What could we do better? If we are living our lives faithfully, those questions will burn inside us, longing for an answer, every day.

Shalom, Scott

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



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



**February 3rd (The 4th Sunday after Epiphany)**

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

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

**February 10th (The 5th Sunday after Epiphany)**

*Matthew 6:19-34 / Matthew 7:1-5*

**This is Not About Them - It's About You**

**February 17th (The 6th Sunday after Epiphany)**

*Matthew 7:7-14 / Matthew 7:15-27*

**Rotten Fruit and Bad Real Estate Deals**

**February 24th (The 7th Sunday after Epiphany)**

*Matthew 8:5-13 / Matthew 8:18-27*

**Ready Player One**

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

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

Gather around the tables in Fellowship Hall for dinner (pancakes, sausage, & fruit) as we begin the journey through Lent. After dinner, we will have a short service to reflect on our mortality as fellow creatures before our Creator. As we acknowledge that all have sinned, we commit to a new way of life that reflects God's perfect vision for our lives, trusting in Jesus, who leads us there.

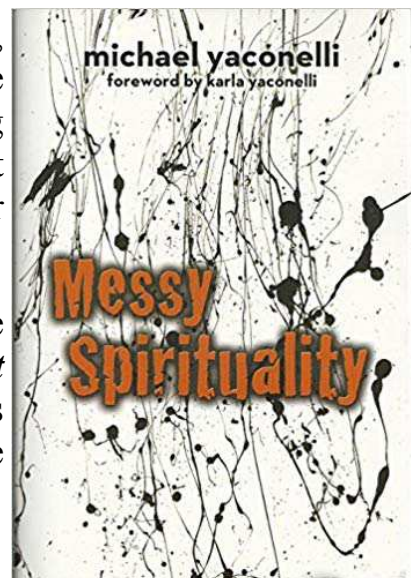
**We are currently collecting non-perishable food items for God's Pantry. Drop off your donations in the barrel, in the church hallway.**

**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."

The meeting day, time, and place will be determined by those who choose to participate in this study. However, we will *not* meet on Sunday mornings. If you would like to be part of this discussion, please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the office counter or talk to Scott.

Please make a decision by Sunday, February 17th!



## Church Treasurer's Stewardship & Budget Report

*January 1 through January 31*

Our budgeted income for January was \$9,408.58. We have received \$7,121.00. We are currently \$2,287.58 short of our expected income for 2019.



PER CAPITA is “the tie that binds” - annual support that unites the entire church in the ongoing and essential work that guides the Office of the General Assembly, the life of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and benefits every congregation and every mid council ministry. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the Office of the General Assembly encourages the PC(USA) to be a people of hope.

Please consider making an additional, one-time contribution of **\$40.00** - marked as *Per Capita Giving* - to the ministry of Meadowthorpe Presbyterian Church to cover our annual giving to Transylvania Presbytery, the Synod of Living Waters, and the Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly.

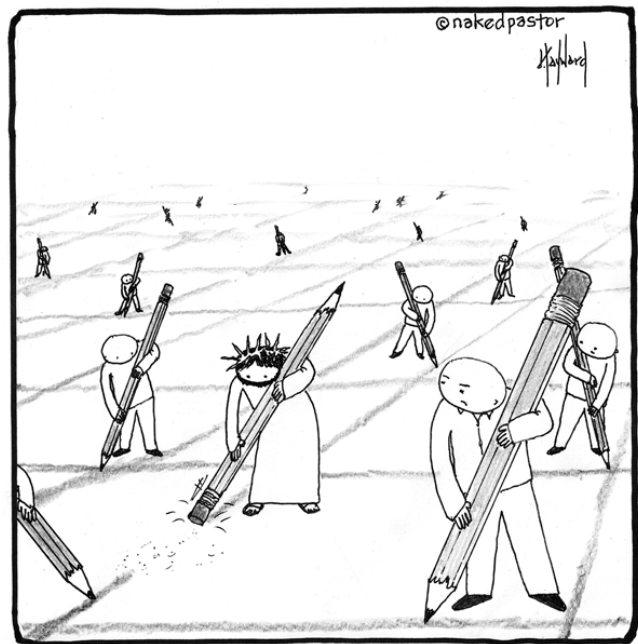
## *New: Weekly Update*

*Please check your email weekly, as we have begun to send updates on the future happenings at MPC. If you'd like to be included in these emails, please see Melissa Kowal.*



## 2019 Church Directory

If you have not yet received a copy of the 2019 address and phone number directory for MPC, you can still pick one up in the rack on the wall outside the church office. If there are any changes or errors, please call or email the office so they can be updated.



4 - Rose Anna Leibee

14 - Emily Taylor

6 - Claude Trapp

14- April Frazier

7 - Carolyn McKeehan

18-Teresiah Wainaina



# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b><u>WORSHIP LEADERS</u></b>					1	2
<p><i>02/03 John Everly</i></p> <p><i>02/10 Moose Rice</i></p> <p><i>02/17 Nell Valentine</i></p> <p><i>02/24 Nora Warman</i></p>					7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts	9:00 a.m. Session Retreat Beaumont Presbyterian Church
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<p>9:15 a.m. Peter &amp; Jude Bible Study</p> <p>9:45 a.m. Sunday School</p> <p>11:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers</p>		<p>6:00 p.m. Dinner</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner (Hope Center)</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>7:00 a.m. Scout Breakfast</p>
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24	25	26	27	28	<p><b><u>FEBRUARY USHERS</u></b></p> <p><i>Bill Hintze</i></p> <p><i>Katie Hintze</i></p> <p>&lt;Your Name&gt;</p> <p>&lt;Your Name&gt;</p>	
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