

JANUARY 2019

MAXWELL IN MOTION

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church

*Ask, and it will be given you; search,
and you will find; knock, and the
door will be opened for you.*

Matthew 7:7

Photos from Youth Christmas Festivities;
Caroling and Westminster Family gifts!



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REMINDER

Deadline for the February 2019 MIM is
-- Monday, January 14, 2019 --

Please submit all items/articles to Marianne Russell, our Communications Director. If you have articles ready before the deadline send them in. You may submit a hard copy or send it via email to marianne@maxpres.org

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY

JANUARY 6

Communion Service, Matt Preaching

JANUARY 13

Rachel Preaching

JANUARY 20

MLK Jazz Vespers Service, Guest Preacher and a return of the Honey Creek Stompers

JANUARY 27

Ordination and Installation Service - Matt Preaching

Thoughts from Pastor Matt



Saturday Night Live is one of those things that I have always ascribed to the “in-crowd.” When Matt Damon hosted last weekend and in his monologue mentioned how he thought his parents were cool because they let him stay up to watch when he was my younger son’s age, I could feel that twinge of “uncool-ness” again as I was reminded how I am so not a cool dad. I still don’t stay up to watch, but like some of you, I look forward to watching their skits and commentary on the world we are living in on the clips on *NBC’s* app on Sunday afternoon.

If you don’t watch, you might not know who Pete Davidson is. His humor can appeal more to the middle-school boy crowd, but he also comes across as genuine... his inability to stay in-character or to deliver dry, sarcastic lines without laughing being part of his charm. Pete’s personal life, including a recently broken-off engagement with superstar Ariana Grande and his struggles with mental illness, has been a topic of interest in the news. Those who have a long history of watching *Saturday Night Live* and can remember cast members like Andy Kauffman and Chris Farley know that these struggles aren’t new to members of *SNL’s* cast.

On Saturday afternoon before the last show of the Fall season, Pete posted on Twitter, “I really don’t want to be on this earth anymore.” and the world went into overdrive. He was pulled from that night’s show and

there was an out-pouring of support, at least from an outsider’s perspective... at least on Twitter. I’m really not sure if that helps, but I guess it can’t hurt. I know I hurt a little for the Pete that helped me to laugh on Sunday afternoons.

What Pete tweeted is by no means an uncommon utterance in a pastoral care setting. The first time you hear it as a pastor, it can be rather unsettling and can lead to panic-induced phone calls for back up. What do I say? What do I do? I can still feel the flood of fear from when it was first said to me. Hopefully, the response (at least internally) is something like, “I’m not going to let you out of my sight.” There are other helpful responses in such situations, such as asking “How can I best support you right now?” and “I may not be able to understand exactly how you feel, but I care about you and want to help.” And then following through with finding help. I’m grateful that Pete has modeled for many people what it can look like to reach out for help. There are many resources out there for people who are struggling.

What I now appreciate about *Saturday Night Live* more than anything is that it can teach people that it’s cool to care. We need more people who care about what’s happening in our government, who care about current cultural issues, who care about the Arts, and who care enough to help us laugh. Something that has lasted as long as *SNL* and continues to draw and inspire so many people only does so because the people who create it care about what they are doing. I like being part of that, even if it’s only as a viewer. I think it’s also the part of the reason I like being a part of Maxwell Street... the people care about one another and the world. I sometimes said as a high schooler that my dream job would be to play bari-sax in the *Saturday Night Live Band*... I’m still holding out hope. *SNL* is so cool.

- Matt Falco

MISSION & SERVICE

Owsley County Food Place



The early birds get a seat inside while others wait outside to receive their monthly box of food. The Owsley Co. Food Place serves approximately 300 families each month. A family could be a single person, a couple or six or more people.

Volunteers take a short break while waiting for the next recipient. We have no regular source of income though we are blessed to have some faithful food/money donors. Additionally, the local telephone co-op, PRTC, will match all donations we receive in the months of November and December. The PRTC gift accounts for nearly one half of our annual income! Maybe you could help us with a gift during those two months knowing it will be matched!

Several dozen boxes are filled to the brim with donated and purchased food. We are open every Tuesday between 1-3pm. Each customer is allowed one box a month along with any extras, such as potatoes, vegetables, fruits, chicken, bread and some treats on those lucky days.

We receive much of our food from God's pantry in Lexington. We are allowed to receive those products, donated and purchased, twice a month. Often we receive more of some food items, such as bread and pastries, than we need for that week. So, six freezers and two refrigerators makes it possible to keep those extra perishable items for the following week.

Donations can be made to:

Owsley Co Food Place

PO Box 854 Booneville KY 41314



A Volunteer's Perspective

By Lon Keith M.D.



I have had the joy and privilege of being one of the doctors at the Lexington Clinic almost every Monday since 2013 and what a blessing it has been. I have come to know and love the staff and volunteers here at the clinic.

They are dedicated people whose goal is to help all the people with care and compassion. I have seen first

hand the kindness and love that they have for the families who come to the Mission Lexington Clinic.

We care for their needs here, giving dental, eye and medical care. We also work to provide surgical care through the wonderful volunteers who give their talent and time to Surgery on Sunday. We depend on our social worker and our legal aid service to provide volunteer services to our patients, many of whom have other pressing needs in addition to their health. Our patients often cannot afford the medicines needed, and would be in trouble without the "free medicines".

A special thanks to those who give the financial support to pay for them, and for the talented volunteers who work at the Faith Pharmacy. We have a great team of people working together. I've saved the most special people to mention for last: our great patients, of course! What a wonderful and interesting group we have. Over the years I've seen many of our previous patients blessed to obtain affordable insurance and transfer their care to a local primary care physician through the Affordable Healthcare Act, Medicaid expansion, and the health care exchanges.

Of course this did not solve the problem, and we quickly filled up our clinic again with many others who did not qualify for the exchanges. Many of our patients have never seen a doctor before and have undiagnosed and untreated diseases. They are all good, hard working and grateful people who would love to thank everyone that has shown them kindness, compassion, life-saving care, and the love of God.

MAXWELL SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY NETWORK 2018



It's been a busy year for the Maxwell Social Justice Ministry Network

Building a United Interfaith Lexington through Direct Action, BUILD – as a charter member of this group of now 27 Metro churches, Maxwell showed real progress and achievement this year – we got over 20 members out to the Nehemiah Action Assembly meeting last spring; we won recognition for our members investment accomplishments and we have continued to participate at the key meetings. At the November 5th Community Problems Assembly, it was agreed by a majority vote to pursue Education/youth as the main new issue for BUILD. A group from Maxwell attended the Research Kick-off meeting to begin working on this issue. There will be continuing work on the Drug and Opioid Abuse issue which some people will be working on in the coming year. Joining the Social Justice Ministry Network of MSPC at the upcoming BUILD meetings is a great to get involved with social justice work in Lexington. Please save the following dates on your calendar:

April 19th: Rally- Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary

May 7th: Nehemiah Action Assembly- at Heritage Hall (we need as many people as possible at the action assembly to show a large united force while presenting local officials with BUILD's)

June 10th: Justice Ministry Celebration- Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary
BUILD has accomplished much in the areas of affordable housing, mental health, safe streets and other positive contributions to our community, but we need you to grow our united, interfaith front as we hope to influence local political leadership.

Community Response Coalition is a remarkable group of individuals and organizations, initiated by MSPC, whose sole purpose is to assist immigrant families impacted by enhanced immigration policies. We have helped several families and are continuing to reach out to more. We have raised nearly \$5,000 and believe more is coming. In the coming months,

we will focus on promoting the program in ways not threatening to our client group, contacting people to engage them in our services and changing the narrative on immigrant families to pursue more positive solutions to their problems. Volunteers are always needed as are donations. Contact Jim Nelson (jimmpnelson@roadrunner.com) to get involved or with questions on donations

Lunch and Learn - we are lining up speakers on several topics based on the survey of our congregation for sessions in the coming year. One issue we would like to pursue is the possibility of recording these presentations to be accessed later through our Home Page for others who might be interested but were unable to come to a presentation.

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church has a long an impressive history of mission and justice work, but this can only move forward with participation by the many talented individuals in our congregation. Next year, we hope to engage our youth, college, and young adult members which will be essential to address the many issues we have before us. Justice is a requirement of being Christian and we can take inspiration in knowing that, "Justice is what love looks like in public" -Rev. Dr. Cornel West

200 BLANKETS NEEDED



Maxwell Street never looks away from the stranger who is suffering and in need.

The Catholic Action Center has issued an appeal for blankets. Every cold night all beds at the new, expanded, Catholic Action Center are filled. After the beds are filled, the overflow guests are given a chair to sit in for the night. Blankets are distributed to the folks who are sitting in chairs (as far as the blankets go). BUT MORE BLANKETS ARE NEEDED.

MSPC is conducting a blanket drive during the month of January. OUR GOAL IS 200 BLANKETS AND/OR SLEEPING BAGS. Please bring in any gently used blankets or sleeping bags that you have. Or feel free to purchase new blankets during the AFTER CHRISTMAS SALES. A collection box will be located in the education building lobby.

We are Maxwell Street and we do MISSION TO THE MAX!

MISSION & SERVICE CONT'D

It started with a picture.



Nearly two years ago, I took photos at Matt's installation service here at Maxwell Presbyterian Church. A friend of mine from college who has done freelance communications work for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) saw a particular photo – of the Rev. Kaci Clark-Porter, the associate pastor at former MaxPres associate Douglas Gerdt's First & Central Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, Delaware – and asked if she could use it for the national office. I said sure and didn't think about it again, until September. That's when my friend, sent me an email saying the photo had been used a lot, and I should submit an invoice and get paid for it. I wanted to see how it had been used.

Now I admit, I have not previously spent a lot of time cruising around PC(USA) websites. But what I saw was striking to me. Lots of reporting, writing, photography, journalism, and I started to think, "do they have any job openings?"

And that is how I started my journey from a 20-year-career at the Lexington Herald-Leader and more than 25 years in arts and entertainment journalism to my new job as a communications strategist for the Presbyterian Mission Agency in our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

I have been on the job at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville since the Monday after Thanksgiving, though Kate and I still reside here in Lexington and have no plans to move.

My beat, in journalism terms, is the Compassion, Peace & Justice ministries of the Mission Agency – how could you not love working for compassion, peace and justice? The nine ministries under CPJ are Presbyterian Disaster Assistance; the Presbyterian Hunger Program; Self Development

of People; Presbyterian Health, Education & Welfare Association, Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations; the Office of Public Witness; the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program; the Office of Faith-Based Investing in Corporate Engagement; and the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy.

A lot of the job is what I was doing for the Herald-Leader, reporting and writing stories that are posted on PC(USA) websites such as presbyterianmission.org and elsewhere to help keep people up on what the church is doing.

And we are doing a lot. I spent most of the third week on the job in Puerto Rico looking at projects the church is supporting or looking at possibly supporting, including an urban land trust to improve several neighborhoods and shield them from gentrification, a solar-powered hydroponic farm that was devastated by Hurricane Maria and a camp that distinctly reminded me of Burnamwood and will be a volunteer housing site – who's up for a mission trip to Puerto Rico? This afternoon I was talking to colleagues about work they are doing from Africa to Panama to Rochester, New York, and many points in between. Ours is a church on the move, all over the world.

As I became familiar with the job, I realized it is exactly what I want for a second act in my career: a job using the skills I have honed through my adult life to support people and an organization working hard to make the world a better place. I just didn't realize it was a job I could do with the church I had been part of for more than two decades.

Of course, none of this would be happening if it was not for Maxwell and all the years of being part of this congregation and its sense of mission. Matt, Rachel and the staff's support meant the world to me through the application and interview process, and I was thrilled to be able to accept the job while sitting in the back pew of our sanctuary.

So, I do hope to periodically bring information home about what is going on in the Mission Agency. Sometimes, my work may even show up in *Presbyterians Today*, or other publications from the church that come to the church or your mail box. Like I said, a lot of it will be online at pcusa.org/news and other sites, as well as the CPJ Facebook at [facebook.com/presbyteriancpj](https://www.facebook.com/presbyteriancpj). What our church is doing is truly remarkable, with remarkable people, and I am blessed to help tell that story.

- Rich Copley

Kroger Community Rewards



When you use your Kroger card at Kroger stores and gas stations, you can attach it to certain non-profits which then receive a percentage rebate. MSPC has signed up for this program, and this year we received \$2,624 which is designated for mission work (hunger and emergency assistance).

To allow MSPC to benefit, you can sign up online or go to the service desk. **Our agency number is VK950.** This is an easy way to help MSPC in its mission work.



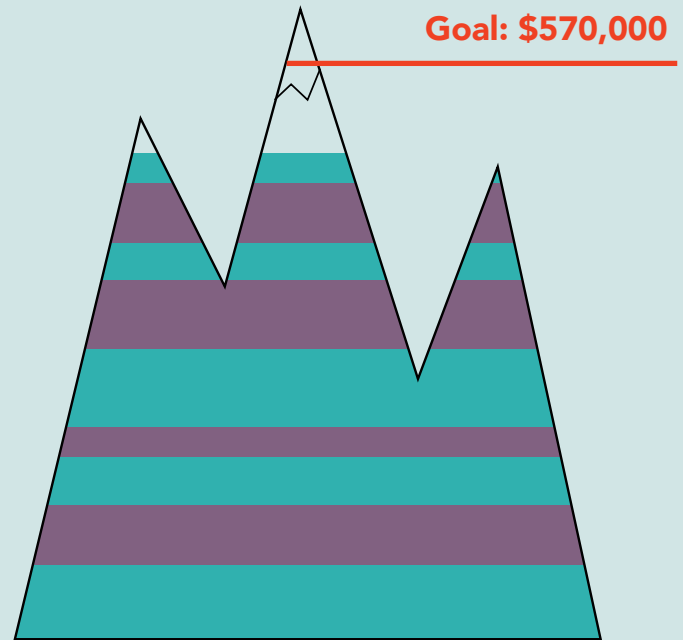
Got Magazines?

Is your magazine rack running over with old issues of your favorite read? Bring them to the church office or place them in the wooden cabinet in Fellowship Hall so they may be taken to Eastern State Hospital to be enjoyed by others. We have one “elf” in our congregation that delivers magazines, and we appreciate her efforts in repurposing those magazines. Remember to take your name label off prior to bringing them. Thanks!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

Our Mission Committee extends its deepest appreciation for your overwhelming generosity and quick response to the needs of a refugee being sponsored by our congregation. After being greeted by a warm welcome committee from MSPC at the airport, Sifa moved into her fully stocked and furnished apartment on Thursday, Dec 13.

LIVE COURAGEOUSLY



We are almost there!

This past fall, we have talked about our courage as a church in the past and in the present. And we have recognized the need to live courageously into the future. We believe MSPC is to be an agent for good, especially in challenging situations that require courage. We remain committed to ministering to the needs of anyone who comes through our doors seeking help, to engaging in matters of social justice, and to providing creative and faithful leadership in the midst of changing and challenging times.

Pledging to support a church financially takes courage. Many of us have sent in pledge cards indicating our pledge for supporting the church in the coming year. This allows the church leadership to estimate what resources are available as we plan the year. If you haven't been able to get your plan in, it is still not too late to do so. Pledge cards are available in the pews and around the church. Or, you can pledge by email to michelle@maxpres.org.

Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Birthdays

Seth Greer	January 5
Mason Hart	January 8
Evie Smith	January 9
Hailey Smith	January 18
Will Gregory	January 20

YOUTH SPRING 2019 CALENDAR



All Sundays not listed are regular youth group Sundays- lunch included, pickup at 1:30

Sunday, Jan 13

Confirmation Sunday school begins

Sunday, Jan 20

MLK Service: Central Christian Church

Sunday, Jan 27

Youth Parents' Meeting after worship/lunch

Saturday, Feb 2

Ski Trip: Perfect North Slopes

Sunday, Feb 3

Souper Bowl Sunday

Fri-Sun, Feb 8-10

Burnamwood Senior High Spirit Walk

Sunday, Feb 24

Burnamwood Bowl-a-thon

Saturday, March 2

Mission Activity: Souper Saturday

Friday, March 8

Lock-in

Sunday, March 17

March Madness Fundraiser: Selection Sunday

Fri-Sun, March 22-24

Burnamwood Senior High Spirit Walk



CONFIRMATION 2019

**First Confirmation Sunday school class
Youth & Parents Information Meeting
Sunday, Jan 13, 9:30 AM**

Confirmation is a tradition of the church that is just for teenagers to explore and find their way into a new chapter of their discipleship journey. If you have not yet been confirmed and are in 8th grade or higher, we hope you will join the confirmation class this year as we visit different faith sites, serve in projects around Lexington, and lend a hand in the church, all while focusing on how those things matter and what they mean about God.

Youth ready to go through confirmation and their parents are welcome to the first Sunday school class on the 13th in the library for an introduction to confirmation, information on the schedule, and doughnuts!

GUATEMALA UPDATE:

Fundraising-

Thank you to all who have helped or contributed to youth mission fundraising through UK volleyball and women's basketball game parking and parent's time out! In the new year we will continue to park for women's basketball games, host a March Madness bracket competition, and the annual flower sale.

Extended Deadline-

The deadline for the Guatemala deposit (\$100) has been extended until February 28, 2019. This is an important deadline for the trip, we need to confirm our seats with the airline in March! Please reserve your/your youth's spot on the Guatemala trip by turning in a deposit to the church office by the extended deadline (and please make sure you are working on getting your passport). Thank you!

CHILDRENS NEWS

Photos from the Advent Workshop. The families had a great time!

Children Birthdays

Theo Meads January 1



SUNDAY SCHOOL

We continue the Deep Blue Kid's At Home with God Series. Our One Room Sunday School uses curriculum for children ages Pre-K -5th grade.

If you would like to volunteer to teach one Sunday or several Sundays, please contact Michelle Jones @ michelle.jones@maxpres.org

GENEXT meets on January 20th for a fun filled service project. Fourth and Fifth graders are invited to join us for lunch immediately after worship and participate in a service project.

SAVE THE DATE



VALENTINE'S DAY WORKSHOP

On February 9th the children will create cards and other crafts. After worship, we will enjoy a lunch, have a Valentine's Day craft party and then take some of our creations to Ashland Terrace. The residents there are looking forward to our annual visit.



FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

Bible Study YOUR WAY!

This is *your* chance.

I bet you have a Bible passage you've longed for an opportunity to study. It may be your favorite, or one you despise, perhaps you have always been confused by it, or it seems to mean something different every time you look at it ... this is your chance to call the shots! Just let me know your passage and I will make it happen. All you need to do is explain the reason for your choice and sit back to enjoy the fireworks as a group of your fellow Maxwell Streeters seek the truth. Bible Study YOUR WAY will begin in January and continue as long as it takes us to explore everyone's choices.

January 6 we will discuss my choice, Romans 12:1-2 (focus will be on vs. 2). I am anxious to hear from you, Douglas Ensminger (douglas@ensminger.us)

Kerygma

Starting in January, we're going to spend some time learning about the opioid epidemic: how it started, the impact it is having on our country and communities, and how we, in particular churches, can respond to this crisis that is affecting so many people. There are many good books that have come out in recent months that help us better understand the epidemic... *Dreamland*, *Dopesick*, *The Big Fix*. We'll talk about some of these books and what we can take away from them. Over the course of the class we will have a visit from Dr. Sharon Walsh, Director of the Center on Drug and Alcohol Research at the University of Kentucky and hear from someone involved in one of the various 12-step programs happening at Maxwell Street.

Listening for God

For the Listening for God Class, January 6 Class is continuing the Krista Tippet podcast, *On Being* featuring Maria Shriver, *Finding My "I Am."*

January 6 Hold Fast to God's Love (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5; 2 John 4-11)

January 13 Submit to God in Love (James 4:1-10)

January 20 Submit to God in Christ (Philippians 1:12-21)

January 27 Devote All to Christ (Philippians 2:1-11)

WORDS & WINE

We will meet Friday, January 4 at 6:30pm. The January book is *The President Is Missing* by Bill Clinton and James Patterson. Carolyn Hale will be our host. Questions: Kathy Cseledy (Ktcseledy@icloud.com)

Dutch

Out to lunch bunch! Join us this month as we go to Joe Bolonga's on Sunday, January 27 after worship. Everyone is welcome!

The NADYA Book Club

We will begin the new year with a new book! All are welcome to join in reading *At Home in the World: Stories and Essential Teachings from a Monk's Life* by Buddhist Zen master Thich Nhat Hanh. This collection of autobiographical and teaching stories from peace activist and Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh is thought provoking, inspiring, and enjoyable to read. Collected here for the first time, these stories span the author's life. There are stories from Thich Nhat Hanh's childhood and the traditions of rural Vietnam. There are stories from his years as a teenaged novice, as a young teacher and writer in war torn Vietnam, and of his travels around the world to teach mindfulness, make pilgrimages to sacred sites, and influence world leaders. The first meeting is on January 13 from 7:00-8:30 at Andrea and Jason Williams' home. Anyone from young to ambiguously young, from bookworms to first time book clubbers are welcome to begin this new book with N.A.D.Y.A and join in for good food, fellowship, and discussion! Email Jason Williams at jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com or Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org with any questions.

Everybody's Breakfast

Our speaker will be Jean Harper. It will be held on January 16. As usual, we begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Scout Room. All are welcome to learn more about a fellow member. And, as a plus, coffee and doughnut will cost only a dollar.

Review from December's Breakfast

Been there. Done that. A beer with Arnold Palmer, golf in the rain with Mickey Mantle, dinner with Barbara Bush and a day long visit to the White House with Jimmy Carter. Oh, did I mention close interviews with Bart Starr and Vince Lombardi. All good things that happen to Sports Editors for newspapers across the USA and also for our morning speaker, David White. David had many interesting life stories to tell and although much of his career was in California, he now enjoys Kentucky with no plans to go back west. We heard a lot of discussion about the local H/L situation and a prediction that before too long, it will be a paper edition, but perhaps only on Sunday, Saturday and Wednesday. During the Q&A we learned the H/L has gone from 500 employees in it's heyday to now less than 80. For the past eight years, David has battled with Parkinson's Disease with his biggest difficulty using the keyboard on his computer and writing his own signature. He gave great credit to the Parkinson Support Group here in Lexington and looks forward to his 2-3 times weekly visits when he participates in the boxing program.

A quote from Coach Lombardi might very well describe David White.... "Winners never quit and quitters never win."

Tom D.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

How about making a new year's resolution to participate in the Presbyterian Women's program! You have two months to think about it as we will not meet in January or February – two months when the weather traditionally makes it difficult to get around. But think about it...

Why participate? Presbyterian Women will provide you an opportunity to know more fully the women in our church family and to learn more about them as we work together on special projects, study the Bible together and interact with each other.

Our next meeting

March 7 – Put the March 7 on your calendar and plan to meet with us.

Coordinating Team

The Coordinating Team will meet in the library on Thursday, February 7 at 10:00am.

Many thanks to all who provided gifts for our Westminster Village families for Christmas. I know the gifts were very much appreciated.

Many thanks to the congregation for supporting our Christmas fundraiser by purchasing pecans. It was very successful and we plan to do it again next year. The monies will be used for local mission projects and seminarian scholarships.

THEOLOGY ON TAP



Theology on Tap met at Battle Axes in December. *"If the iron is blunt, and one does not sharpen the edge, he must use more strength, but wisdom helps one to succeed"* (Ecclesiastes 10:10). We grew stronger through our axe throwing attempts and wiser through our time spent together!

In January, Theology on Tap will meet at Blue Stallion on January 21, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, from 7-9 pm. We will host a Mission Monday for the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic where 10% of Blue Stallion's proceeds will go towards the legal clinic. All are welcome to come, share a drink for the legal clinic, and help to host a fundraising and educational night about all the good the clinic does! Email Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org

MAXWELL STREET CAMPUS MINISTRY GROUP - UKIRK

Throughout the months of November and December, our college group studied that lesser known faces of our faith from the Old Testament as well as the faces of our own faith journeys. We had several visitors, at lunch weekly at the student center together, and took a stress break from finals at the UK Crunch Brunch.



Welcome back from Winter Break college students! Maxwell Street is praying for you and wishes you well at the beginning of your Spring semester! Any college student or college-age young adult is welcome to join UKirk every Tuesday at 7:30 in the room off of the balcony in Maxwell Street's sanctuary for dinner, fellowship, and discussion. We hope to see you in the new school year each week!

Jan. 2-5: Montreat College Conference

Jan. 14: Welcome Back at Malibu Jack's, 8:00-9:30, carpool from MSPC

Jan. 21 & 28: Dinner and Discussion, 7:30-9:00, College Room at MSPC

Meals for College Students

Would be willing to cook a Tuesday night dinner weekly, monthly, or even just once a semester for the college students? Providing a weekly meal is an important aspect of ministry to our college students. Jesus fed people over and over again because he believed it was equally as important for us to feed others and for us to gather around meal time together. We need help feeding the college students. It is only a group of 10 at the maximum, and a home-made dinner means a lot to students under stress and away from home. Please email Rachel (Rachel@maxpres.org) if you can help. Thank you!

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the December Session Meeting:

The Session of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church met on December 10th, 2018. The following is a brief account of the work of the Session at that meeting.

The Session voted to approve the Mission Committee's motion designating the December Hunger Offering to support a Refugee arriving from Congo/Rwanda on December 13, 2018. That offering will be collected on December 23rd. Her name is Sifa, and she is 21 years old. She will be living at the Raintree Apartments. Mary also reported that we are preparing backpacks for children's weekends without school lunches and hosting Room in the Inn. Billy Porter thanked the Endowment Committee for the money given to the Owlsley County Mission Project and announced that there is a matching grant in place that means that the contributions from the Endowment Committee will be doubled.

Elder Tom Carter reported on the progress of the Stewardship Campaign. A budget will be presented at the next meeting of the Session during their retreat on January 12th.

Rev. VanKirk Mathews reported that Andrea and Jason Williams hosted the UKirk members for an end-of-year

dinner at their home. During our last worship service, three new college students attended. Rev. VanKirk Mathews has been having lunch with UKirk members on Mondays.

Rev. Falco reported that the children will be singing during the December 23rd worship service and the 5:30 Christmas Eve service. Rev. Mathews reported that the Youth Group went ice skating on a "soupy" rink and wrapped gifts for their Christmas family. They will deliver food to Westminster Village.

Rev. Falco reported that they continue to work on the Coalition and that an MLK service is being planned for January 20, 2019.

Dan Goulson reported that the Personnel Committee is planning annual staff reviews for early 2019.

Rev. Falco reported that almost all of the deacons and elders have been elected and that the new Nominating Committee will continue working to fill those few leftover positions when they meet in 2019.

The Session also voted to receive Peggy Banks into membership and are excited to welcome her to Maxwell Street.

MUSIC CANTATA

On Sunday, December 16 we worshipped by hearing a beautiful cantata from the Chancel choir. It was a delight! Thank you to all of those who participated.



THANK YOU'S

Thank you to our Advent lighters/readers: Gentry & Sarah Barnett, Jody Lambert, Nancy Gamble, Lucy Wilkerson, Suzanne & Hannah Burns, Josh England, the Wilkerson family, and the Goulson family.

Thank you to those who volunteered with the E7 Christmas Shop: Mary Jo Dendy and goddaughter, Debi MacQuown, Allie Gregory, Fiona and Ann Farrer, Hydee and Mason Hawkins, Michelle and Blake Cegelka.

Thank you to all those who provided special music for the worship services: Christina Lumpp, Lucas Falco, Caroline Copley, Christopher Copley, Emma Scott Cason, Robin Morrill, Ted Gentry, Dorothy Tice, Jamie Bradley, David Foster, Loren Tice, Westminster Bell Choir, Canterbury Bell Choir, Chancel Choir.

Thank you to all those who participated in the worship services: JP Smith, Blake Cegelka, Barbara Mabry, Madison Cissell, Jean Harper, Angela Keith, Elizabeth Wilkerson, Andrea Williams.

Thank you to all those who donated warm items for our neighborhood warm tree.

Thank you those who knitted items for the warm tree as well, our Needles & Angels and Mary Ann Murray.

Thank you to all those who were acolytes: JP Smith, Theo Meads, Julia Weitkamp, James Weitkamp, and Lucy Wilkerson.

Thank you to all those who ushered this month: Tom Dixon, Tim Costich, Ron Eads, Billy Porter, Ralph & Cindy Bollinger, Joe and Sandy Kyle, Suzanne Burns, Jody Lambert and Lynda Umfress, Greg Harper, Brad, Hydee, Harris and Mason Hawkins, Tom and Toni Carter, Lon and Angela Keith.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Christmas Eve Services: Nate Kissel, Lauren Hart, Asa Thomas, Janet Kalika, Christina Lumpp, Alice Koyagi, Darrell Maines, Samara Smith, Max Koyagi, Theo Cseledy, Luke Kite, Joey Weitkamp, Sam Koyagi, Sam Kissel, Paul Kissel, Ellie Kite, James Weitkamp, Lucas Falco, Jonah Falco, Julia Weitkamp, Elise Kalika, The Meads Family (Derrick, Shana, Garrett & Theo), Josh Pierce, Wes Mathews.

A special thank you to Allie Gregory who worked on set and prop design for the Christmas Eve Children's service.

Thank you to Warren Waxham for fixing the bathroom doors.

Thank you to everyone who helped with Advent Workshop Carol Jordan, Elise Kalika, Michelle Gardner, Amy Francis, Allison Weitkamp and youth helpers.

Thank you to those who served punch in December: Shana Herron & Derrick, Theo & Garrett Meads, Hydee, Brad, Mason and Harris Hawkins, and Jim & Linda Niemi.

Thank you to Dorothy Tice for all of her extra help in the office during the Christmas season.

Thank you to all those who provided flowers for the services: Linda and Jim Niemi in honor of those who work towards social justice, Jody Lambert in memory of Donna Johnson, Ed and Mary Iwamoto in celebration of their anniversary.

Thank you to our Room in the Inn volunteers: Jody Lambert, Linda Ensminger, Becky Kemper, Bob Rabel and Jackie DeCroo, Rachel & Wes Mathews, Bill Smith, Andrea and Jason Williams, Bob & Linda Porter, Carol Jordan, Cindy & John Cantrell, Marilyn Daniel, Kay Roberts, Preston Goulson, Billy Porter, Karen Dimon, Susan and Paul Menard, Angela & Lon Keith, Bill Cooper, Allen Gayheart, Luke Morgan. Thank you to Mary Iwamoto for organizing the Room in the Inn program.

Thank you to all those who participated in the Christmas caroling event. A special thank you to Pam Boldt, Charing Taylor and Becky Blessing for helping with the caroling.

Thank you to the youth for delivering Westminster food baskets. Thank you to the PW ladies who helped with Westminster food baskets: Caroline Thomas, Angela Keith, Mary Waxham, Charing Taylor Jeanne Woodberry and Georgia Bacquet.

Thank you to Bill Smith for fixing the timer on the exterior lights.

Thank you to Sue Senft for helping with the membership book.

Thank you to Graham, Ruth Rowles and family for delivering poinsettias on Christmas day. The Rowles have made this their Christmas tradition for over 20 years. Thank you Rowles family, and thanks to everyone who sponsored a poinsettia to be delivered to our shut ins as well.

THANK YOU FROM...

Thanks for your concern and support. Douglas and Linda Ensminger want to thank everyone for their cards and prayers after his surgery and for a successful rehabilitation in the months ahead.

- Douglas Ensminger

A very heartfelt thank you for your kind and thoughtful gestures after my uncle passed away. The muffins, the cards, your hugs and prayers were so appreciated.

Yours in Christ,

- Sharron Townsend

Dear Maxwell Street Friends,

Thank you all for our kindness and support. I so appreciate the gifts of food, the phone calls, cards and hugs. Your abiding faith strengthens me for the road ahead.

- Karlin Ghabrial

Thank you to the Carolers who came by with Christmas cheer for my Mother and me. It was such a pleasant treat and you will never know how much it meant to my Mother. She was surprised and thrilled! The music really got us into the spirit. A special thank you to Rachel for making sure she was on their route.

Thank you, Susan Gill

FINANCIAL NEWS

As of mid-December, when this is written, MSPC stands likely to end the year in a strong financial position. Some pledged gifts still remain to come in, but if they come, we will end the year in the black. So, the first message is: please complete your pledged giving for 2018 if possible!

Message two is a huge “Thank you” to MSPC members for their generous giving throughout the year. In a year of transition, our congregation has remained faithful to the charge of providing the funding necessary to carry out the missions of this church.

THANK YOU!

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church – General Operating Income/Expense Statement November 30, 2018

Receipts	Nov-18	Year To Date	YTD Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Budget
Pledges	48,260	473,332	471,500	1,832	530,000
Congregational Giving	3,404	40,410	41,186	(776)	50,000
Loose	701	8,517	8,250	267	9,000
Sunday School	0	0	46	(46)	50
Other Designated	320	4,211	5,829	(1,618)	10,000
Offering for Per Capita	87	7,225	7,792	(566)	8,500
Campus Ministry Board	0	13,200	13,200	0	13,200
Campus Support	0	0	800	(800)	800
Supplement for grounds	0	0	500	(500)	500
Interest	7	63	92	(29)	100
Rentals	915	18,651	22,917	(4,266)	25,000
Workcamp	0	19,605	23,000	(3,395)	23,000
Coupons-Missions	0	2,624	1,875	749	2,500
Spec Offerings-Missions	1,498	24,935	22,917	2,018	25,000
Other Income	292	4,181	0	4,181	
Total Receipts	55,484	616,954	619,902	(2,949)	697,650
Expenses					
Mission & Benevolences	3,939	54,490	54,675	185	58,100
Payroll Expense	51,857	372,292	404,808	32,516	441,800
Church Programs	628	13,740	20,454	6,714	22,000
Utilities & Maintenance	6,597	93,198	90,789	(2,408)	97,050
Operating Expenses	1,287	53,508	53,817	309	55,300
Worship & Fellowship	(625)	2,903	3,575	672	3,900
Presbytery Per Capita	0	16,250	17,875	1,625	19,500
Total Expenses	63,683	606,379	645,993	39,614	697,650
Surplus/(deficit)	(8,200)	10,574	(26,091)	36,665	0

BURNAMWOOD NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS



February

Burnamwood's 10th Annual Bowl-A-Thon at Southland Lanes, Lexington; \$25, 4 – 6 p.m.

Optional: Local bowling



May

Spring Worship, Lunch, Open House and Optional Work Day; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

SPRING RETREATS

1st-5th Grad Retreat —
April 26-28 — \$100

Middle School Retreat
— March 15-17 — \$100

Senior High Retreat
— April 12-14 — \$100

Spring Work Day/Open
House — April 27



SUMMER POSITIONS

Burnamwood Appalachian Ministry is now accepting applications for the Summer Co-Director positions! BAM is an amazing outreach ministry camp that hosts groups from around the country who come help out those in need in Eastern Kentucky. Visit Burnamwood.net and click on “BAM Staff under the About header. You will find all the information you need about the program, the position and the application on the page. Send applications to apply@burnamwood.net or to P.O. Box 23580, Lexington, KY 40523.

Camp Burnamwood is now accepting applications for Summer 2019 Staff! Director, Assistant Director, and Counselor positions are available. Download applications by going to Burnamwood.net and clicking on “Summer Staff” in the About heading. Please email them to apply@burnamwood.net or mail to P.O. Box 23580, Lexington, KY 40523. All applications are due by January 15th so don't delay!



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