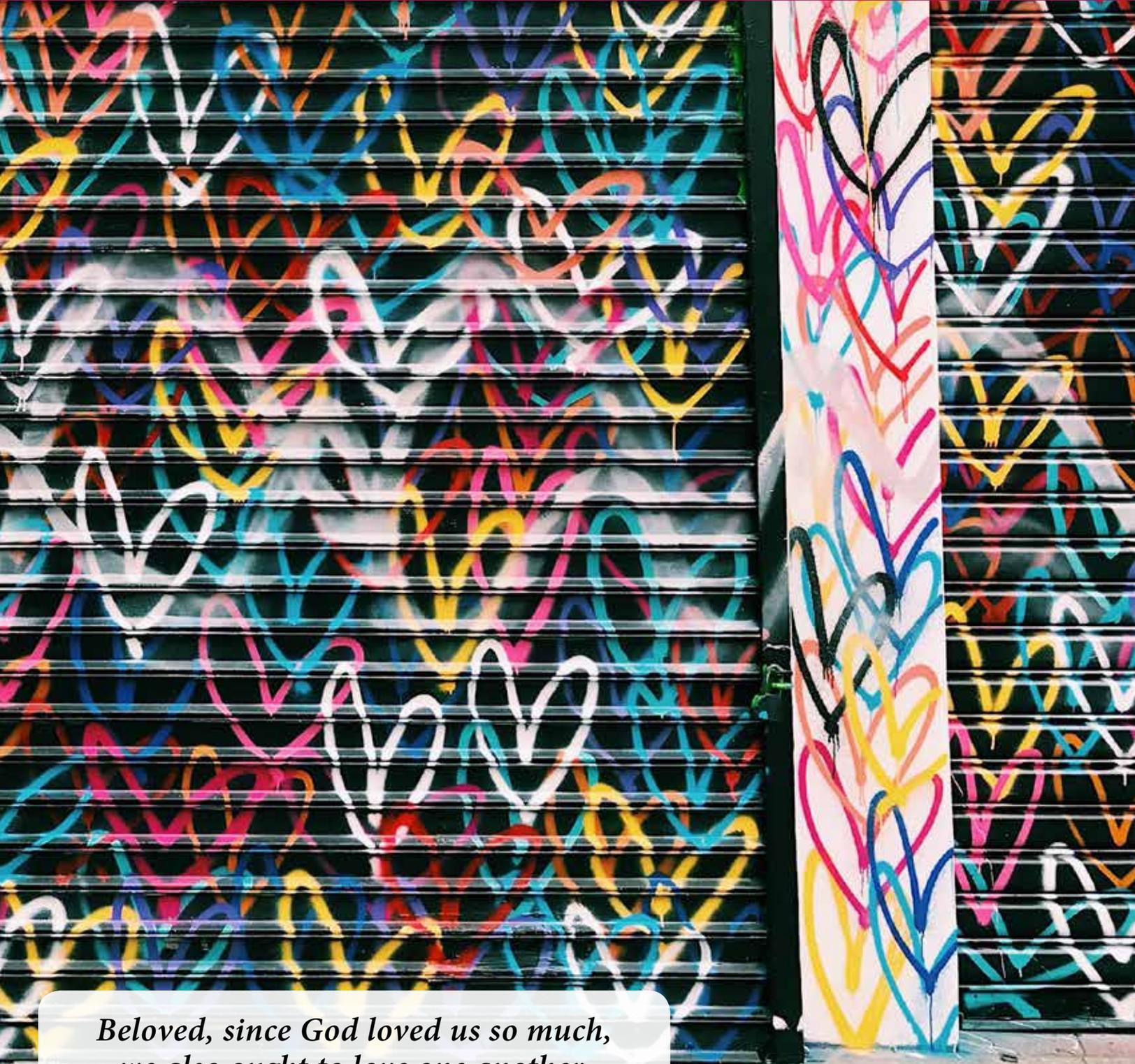


FEBRUARY 2019

MAXWELL IN MOTION

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church



*Beloved, since God loved us so much,
we also ought to love one another.*

1 John 4:11



Sweet Blessings Bake-a-thon

Volunteers are needed for Sweet Blessings' one-day "bake-a-thon" on Feb. 26. To celebrate the anniversary of Sweet Blessings (the first cake was delivered on Feb. 26, 2011), volunteers will bake, make and decorate a goal of over 100 birthday cakes in one day for children in need.

The bake-a-thon will be at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, 180 East Maxwell Street, beginning at 9 a.m. and continuing through the night until the last cake is finished, which could take up to 24 hours.

Volunteers are needed to bake and decorate the cakes, as well as wash dishes and clean up afterward, organize supplies and ingredients in the kitchen, box the cakes, transport them by car, provide moral support and spread the word on social media.

Volunteers can sign up for a time slot by contacting Ashley Gann at ashley@sweetblessingscakes.org.

Individuals and businesses may sponsor a Sweet Blessings cake any time of the year with a \$50 donation at Sweetblessingscakes.org/donations.

REMINDER

**Deadline for the March 2019 MIM is
-- Tuesday, February 12, 2019 --**

Please submit all items/articles to Marrienne 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 marrienne@maxpres.org

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MSPC's Little Free Library, located near the Kupar Garden, is getting plenty of use. If you would like to donate books for the library, please leave them in the cabinet in the Fellowship Hall (the cabinet with donated magazines where the bottle caps are collected). All genres are welcome. If you have LOTS of books, Kay Roberts can collect them from you. KayHillerRoberts76@gmail.com

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY

FEBRUARY 3

Communion Sunday, Matt Preaching

FEBRUARY 10

Rachel Preaching

FEBRUARY 17

Matt Preaching

FEBRUARY 24

Matt Preaching

Thoughts from Pastor Matt

Over the past month, the Kerygma classes have been discussing the Opioid crisis: its causes, effects, and the ways that it might plateau, if not come to a close. To absolutely no one's surprise in the class, it's complicated. The personal stories and experiences of those impacted by the crisis are heart-wrenching. The numbers of individuals who are dying because of it, roughly 2 jumbo jets a day worth, are incomprehensible. The investment it appears it will take to treat those who are abusing, and prevent more from doing so, may be enough to bankrupt our country.

Several years ago, Nick's mom called me one Saturday afternoon, told me that he was not doing well, and asked if I would spend some time with him. From prior conversations, I knew that Nick had an opioid use disorder that had developed after being treated for an injury, complicated by the mental trauma of being abused as a child. I remember he talked about how it felt as though there was a hole in his life like something was missing, and he filled it with pills. Ever the engineer looking for a problem to fix, I wondered aloud if instead of a hole to fill, maybe he might think of it as a brokenness or wound to be healed? I still occasionally need to remind myself that people are not potholes to be fixed, but fortunately, Nick was game and mulled this new metaphor over for a while and maybe found a new way to talk about what he was experiencing. I worried for him but felt good about our conversation. We agreed we'd meet again, and we did a couple weeks later in a hospital emergency room.

Nick had overdosed again and was fortunate enough to survive, again, thanks to the concern of a passer-by. This happened a couple of times in the time that I knew him. Last I heard, he continues to work to stay clean. He has beautiful children, a great sense of humor, and he's good at his work. I wish there were some instant fix to the hole or brokenness in Nick's life, whatever it might be, but again, it's complicated.

Scripture is full of examples of God's compassion for those who are suffering. "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you." - Isaiah 54:10. And Jesus calls his church to be agents of healing in the world. "One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick. 'Take nothing for your journey,' he instructed them. 'Don't take a walking stick, a traveler's bag, food, money, or even a change of clothes.'" - Luke 9:1-3. Given God's demonstration of compassion and Jesus' call to follow his healing ways, we are faced with the question of what does it mean for the church to be with the suffering and to be an agent of healing in this situation?

For many people in our community, the mountains are shaking, and the hills are being removed, exposing the deep suffering caused by the opioid crisis. Given what I've learned in this class, I believe there are concrete steps we can take as a society that would help slow the crisis, and that some of those are being considered. I can't know for sure if my being there was all that healing for Nick, but I do know that being with him brought me personally a much-needed sense of healing and peace. I was less afraid of the overall situation, more clearly able to see that this is a matter of being unwell or sick, and that simply being with him was a glimpse of something that can seem so complicated: the Kingdom of God where all, even users, are loved and included.

MISSION & SERVICE



Souper Saturday, March 2

For the Eighth straight year, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church will be hosting a Chili lunch and a University of Kentucky basketball game... a SOUPER EVENT. This year the lunch will be served along with the UK - Tennessee game on Saturday, March 2. The Volunteers will be hosting the Wildcats. MSPC members are encouraged to join our community neighbors for tasty chili and the game. The start time for the game is 2pm and will be shown on the big screen in the Fellowship Hall. We will open the doors at 1:15pm and start serving lunch at 1:30pm. Last year we served 67 guests from the community along with a number of Maxwell Street members and volunteers. We need volunteers to help in the kitchen and to serve our guests to help make this year another successful year. If you would like to make a pot of your own special recipe for chili (we ask that you double the recipe with 2 pounds of meat unless it is vegetarian). On Saturday morning we will combine all of the different chili's into one big pot - all the flavors blend together to make an incredibly delicious and filling chili. We will plan on serving roughly 80 people. In addition to the chili, we need pans of cornbread, chips, soft drinks, and hot sauce.

We will have a signup sheet in the office and we will also be in the punch parlor signing up volunteers throughout February.

This is always a fun event and we look forward to having you join us. If you have any questions, please contact Kay Roberts(KayHillerRoberts76@gmail.com) or Susan Gill (garnermorrow@gmail.com). See you on March 2!

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.



Owsley County Food Place

Thank you for your donations! I got the check delivered to Owsley Co Food Place Friday as I made a food delivery. Above is a photo of me presenting the check for \$2000.00 to Food Distribution Coordinator, Karen Jennings. It will be matched for a total of \$4000.00. Thanks to the endowment committee at Maxwell St. Presbyterian Church. It will be used in a worthy cause.

Thanks again,
Clyde D Adams

Mission Connections

The Light That Transforms

A Letter from Inge & Larry Sthreshley, serving in Congo

Dear Friends,

2018 is drawing to a close, and so is the ASSP project that started six years ago. For those of you who have been supporting us since the beginning of this journey, thank you for your prayers and financial support through all these years. For those who are new to our newsletters, ASSP stands for Access to Primary Health Care (in French) and is a project that is funded by UKAID to increase access and improve health care for a population of 9 million people in Congo. We are now in the final four months of the project.

As I reflect on time gone by, so much has happened in our family during those six years. Our daughter, Lisa, started and finished graduate school and got launched in her own career. Our son, Michael, started and finished college and is finishing up grad school this December. I grieved my father's passing in 2015. Larry's mother entered assisted living. Lisa got married this past September, and our family got larger. We gained a son, Hugh Green, who came to Congo two weeks before the wedding to work on the ebola response and visited Beni with the director of the CDC. (I thought to myself, "this guy is half crazy," and then I realized he fits in just fine with the Sthreshley family.) Time moves on, and we are reminded to count our blessings and cherish the journey.

I could go into all the statistics and changes that the ASSP project brought to Congo over the past six years, but they are better described in the wonderful pictures, great graphs and stories on the ASSP website. But I do want to highlight the new health centers that were built over the past six years because they have had a huge impact on service utilization. Most villages and towns in remote places have seen so little new investment from the public and private sectors, so to have a new health center, and one built primarily by the local community, is a source of pride, joy and hope in an otherwise not-so-hopeful environment.



I enjoy seeing the “before and after” pictures of what the community used to have for a health center and what they own now. I love good and smart design, and that’s what these health centers reveal. A lot of thought went into how people use the space and how they need to move through the building. Doctors, nurses, and women and men from the community were consulted during the design phase. The women said, “When we come to a health center to give birth, we are not sick. We are just giving birth.” They wanted their own entrance to come and go without having to walk through a waiting room of sick people. They got their own entrance. These health centers all have a lot of natural light and air movement. They are made primarily with local materials, using compressed clay bricks.

In addition to the health center, these facilities are built with an outdoor covered terrace for health education, well-baby clinics and meetings. They also have water cisterns and water catchment systems to supply water to the health center. One of the features most appreciated by the community is the solar system installed on the roof. The solar systems power the refrigerators that keep vaccines and medicines cool, and the staff is able to charge phones and laptops. At night, there are lights in the rooms that assist greatly with providing care. The

staff does not have to find fuel and run costly generators in the middle of the night when they must do emergency procedures.

We also learned that because the health centers have lights at night, they become the center for the community. Committees hold their meetings at the health center — because there is light. High school students come to study at the health center — because there is light. The health centers become a place to gather — because there is light. The solar systems transform life for these communities that used to live and make do in the darkness.

The Word was the source of life, and this life brought light to people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never put it out. John 1:4-6

Thank you again for your financial and prayer support. We ask that you continue your support and journey with us on the path God reveals in 2019.

Blessings,
Inge Sthreshley

Report from Kentucky Refugee Ministries



Dear Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, It is with much gratitude that we thank you for co-sponsoring our newly arrived refugee, Sifa Umukundwa. She was greeted at the airport with a very warm welcome by folks from MSPC. The apartment is a wonderful new home in her new land. It was nicely furnished, including a beginning supply of groceries and a warm welcome meal, ready to eat at the end of her long journey. Maxwell Street Presbyterian has agreed to provide financial support for about three months of rent and utilities, a total of about \$2,500. These funds will go a long way in helping her get off to a good start in her efforts to become self-sufficient. Your support and friendship is making a wonderful difference for her. You truly live out the call to welcome the stranger, providing the gift of hospitality, most generously shared! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Most gratefully,
Kentucky Refugee Ministries

MISSION & SERVICE CONT'D

SOCIAL JUSTICE

All are Invited to Join the Social Justice Committee for: KY LGBTQ Fairness Rally, Tuesday, Feb 26 at the Kentucky State Capitol



As a Morelight church of the PC(USA), Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church is committed to affirming and supporting our congregation and community members who are LGBTQ by advocating for equal rights. The Lexington Fairness Board along with the ACLU of Kentucky and the Kentucky Commission on Human Rights are hosting an advocacy day for the equal rights of any who identify as LGBTQ with our state officials. A group from Maxwell Street will join a group from Ohavay Zion Synagogue, their Social Action Committee and Rabbi- Christians and Jews, meeting with state officials together to advocate for equal rights. Please email Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org if you are able and willing to show up for our friends who are LGBTQ at the capitol. All that is required is your presence to show support.

In preparation, the Lexington Fairness Board is hosting a training Sunday, February 10, 3:00-5:00. Speakers/trainers will be Rep. Kelly Flood, Senator Reggie Thomas, and former mayor Jim Gray. This is a great opportunity to learn about advocacy as Christians who are working towards the equal rights and dignity of all people even if you cannot come to the rally! Please email Rachel if you are interested in attending the training.

BUILD - Tuesday, Feb 19

The Education Committee of BUILD is currently researching and working to narrow its scope of focus on its chosen topic of youth and education. Their next committee meeting is Tuesday, February 19th, 6:30. If you are interested in becoming more involved with the ecumenical work of BUILD and their efforts to understand the issues facing youth today through research, please contact Jim Nelson at jimmpnelson@roadrunner.com.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY LUNCH & LEARN Sunday, February 3

We are all about building this year, building houses and building relationships. Not only will we be building a Habitat house at 326 Nelson Ave., while building relationships with the family that will live in the house and relationships with our community partners at First Presbyterian, Second Presbyterian, Lexington Friends Christ Church Cathedral, Central Baptist, and Good Shepherd Episcopal who will be building along side us, our youth will also be building a house and relationships in Guatemala. We are going to combine these very exciting endeavors into one Super Bowl Sunday Event Feb. 3. Our youth are taking sub sandwich orders to raise money for their Guatemala trip. On Feb 3, we will introduce you to our new Habitat partner family during the Minute for Mission at worship. Then, after worship you can pick up the sandwiches that you ordered. Habitat will make a short presentation following worship in Fellowship Hall. You may eat your sandwiches during this presentation or take them home to eat during the big game.

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR HABITAT BUILDS:

- Sign up on the bulletin boards in the hallway near the church lobby.
- Sign up online at www.maxpres.org/habitatbuild

Once you sign up, emails will be sent to you with instructions, so be sure to provide your email address.

Can't help with the build? Maybe you can help by Providing food for workers?!

We need food on March 1 for 30 people and March 29 for 15 people. If they would like to help with food, please contact Carol Jordan at carol554@juno.com.



Mission Lexington's Spring Gala

Join Mission Lexington on March 1, 2019 at Lexington Country Club! Tickets are \$100 and include hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, a seated dinner, auction, and entertainment. Visit missionlexington.org/gala for more information! Funds raised will benefit clinic operations of Faith Pharmacy and Mission Lexington.

Morris and Maroy 326 Nelson Avenue

This family is sponsored by HEN (Holy Ecumenical Neighbors)

Morris Shabani and Maroy Chibalonza, along with their delightful children Rosette (15), Moses (12), Honorine (9) and Joana(4), have called Lexington home since 2016. Both Morris and Maroy were born and raised in Goma North Kivu, located in the Democratic Republic of Congo. They fled the area in 2009 to go to Uganda where they lived in a Refugee Camp for the next seven years.

Morris works full-time at NSG Pilkington North America in Lexington where he is a production assistant while Maroy stays at home with their youngest, Joana. Morris worked as an electrician in Africa and has a diploma as an elementary school teacher. Morris and Maroy both value a good education for their children as well as their happiness. They say that their main goal is to remain faithful in their religion and to be honest, joyful and friendly to others. They expect the same of their children. The entire family attends church at Providence Community Church.

Their eldest daughter Rosette attends Tates Creek High School and loves music. Moses attends Tates Creek Middle School and like many boys his age, is crazy about basketball. The two younger children are nine-year old Honorine, who attends Tates Creek Elementary School and loves track & field and four year-old Joana. Joana stays at home during the days with her mom and enjoys gymnastics. During their family time, Morris and Mary like to go to the park with the family, play with the children and study the Bible. They enjoy the opportunity to watch gospel singing on the television.

Morris and Maroy were told about Habitat for Humanity from another homeowner and were eager to qualify for the program. They both feel that having the opportunity where they can get a safe place to live with their family will be like “a new beginning in life, a place where we can stay.” Providing a safe home for their children is very important to both of them.

Morris and Maroy are thankful and excited to become homeowners. They are so thankful to their home sponsors, the HEN congregations, and would like to thank all of the volunteers that are helping them for their love and would wish on them that God give to them what they give to others. They both agree that the first thing they will do when they move into their home is to thank the Lord and leave everything under his control.



“It’s a new beginning in life, a place where we can stay.”

LEXINGTON HOMEOWNER STUDY OUTCOMES

- 98.4% of homeowners are **proud** of their home.
- 80% say Habitat classes **prepared** them for homeownership.
- 87% reported learning a lot from their sweat equity.
- 41% have been working at the same job for 5+ years.
- 96% reported their children are **happier**.
- 90% say their children have a quiet space to do homework.
- 76% stated their children’s grades had improved.
- 84% reported their children’s school attendance had improved.
- 86% reported their children were **healthier** and sick less often.



700 East Loudon Avenue | Lexington, KY 40505-3622 | 859.252.2224 | lexhabitat.org

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Birthdays

Eleanor Scripps 2.27
Max Senft 2.24

YOUTH - 143 CLUB



Just like Maxwell Street as a church, its youth are really good at serving their neighbors. The youth have a genuine desire to be involved with their community and spend their time uplifting their neighbors by helping, raising money, and giving gifts.

This semester, the youth will try to understand why we particularly as Christians are called to serve our neighbors by studying the question, “what does it mean to love our neighbors?”

We began this semester by watching the documentary about Fred Rogers, “*Won’t You Be My Neighbor?*” A few of the youth remembered watching Mr. Roger’s Neighborhood as kids. Mr. Rogers has a way of letting all people know that they are his neighbors by letting them know he loves them, they are valuable just as they are, and by being curious about each person he meets. His interactions with his neighbors are rooted in a genuine desire to build a relationship with them, growing in love for them by exchanging time and self.

In an episode with Mr. McFeely, Mr. Rogers shares with him the number 143. This number became more and more significant to Mr. Rogers over time. There is one letter in “I,” four letters in “love,” and three in “you.” After he shares this number with Mr. McFeely, he says, “Explaining things is a way to say I love you. So is coming back to visit. There are so many ways to say I love you.” For our church and our youth, serving, helping, giving gifts are ways that we are really good at saying I love you. But those are just some of the ways that God calls us to love our neighbors.

Please feel free to watch this documentary too, and join the youth in exploring the many ways God calls us to love our neighbors: curiosity, conversation, shared experiences, learning. There are so many ways.

SKI TRIP

Ski Trip- Feb. 9, the date has changed, the plan is the same! We will join Kyle Brown and his youth at Perfect North Slopes for tubing and skiing! A wonderful chance for a mid-semester retreat, fellowship, and recreation. Cost: \$35 dollars, including lunch. Deadline for sign-up: Feb. 1

SUB SANDWICH FUNDRAISER

The congregation will be ordering sub sandwiches and we will be assembling them. Orders will be ready to pickup after worship on Sunday, Feb 3 in Fellowship Hall. Any youth or parent that would like to volunteer, please contact Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org

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!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

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

Sunday, Feb 3

Souper Bowl Sunday! Hunger Collection and Activities

Saturday, Feb 9

Ski Trip: Perfect North Slopes

Sunday, February 10 and 17

Youth Group- lunch, games, discussion

Sunday, Feb 24

Burnamwood Bowl-a-thon

CHILDRENS NEWS

Children Birthdays

Liam Gardner 2.22
Rowan Doherty 2.23

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. We still need Sunday School teachers! If you would like to volunteer to teach one Sunday or several Sundays, please contact Michelle Jones - michelle.jones@maxpres.org



VALENTINE'S DAY WORKSHOP

On February 10th 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.

GENEXT

(Fourth and Fifth Graders)

Valentines Day Activities - Feb 10

We will join Family Life for the Valentine's Day workshop and visit our friends at Ashland Terrace.

Games, Games, Games! - Feb 17

Who's up for a challenge?! Join us to play a variety of interactive board games! You won't want to miss it!

Burnamwood Bowl-a-thon - Feb 24

Calling all Fourth and Fifth graders to join us for the Burnamwood Bowl-a-thon. Show us your bowling skills and help raise funds for our favorite summer camp!

LOOKING FORWARD...

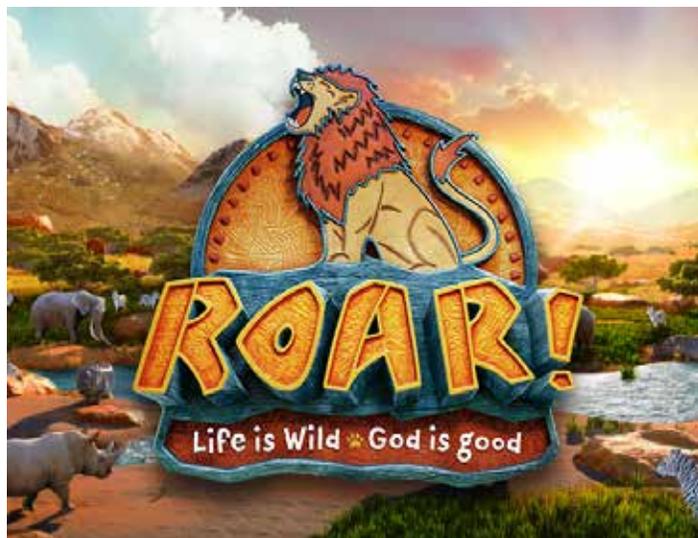
St. Patricks Day Scavenger hunt Sunday, March 17

Calling all children! After worship, join us for a Saint Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt. Lunch will be served.

Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 14

Immediately after worship, we will eat brunch and then the children will head out to search for eggs! All are welcome!

Burnamwood 1st-5th Grade Retreat — April 26-28



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019 JUNE 17-21

Life is Wild – God is Good

This year for VBS we will be going on a wild ride through the African Savannah to reveal God's character of goodness – and we're not Lion. Rhinos, Giraffes, and Lions illustrate true stories from the Bible that display how good God truly is! (Nahum 1:7) Through Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

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.

Kerygma

We're continuing our class on the Opioid crisis in our country for the first two Wednesdays of February. The class has been learning about the root causes of the epidemic, user's experiences of opioids, and how communities are responding. So far the class has stimulated wonderful conversation. On February 20th, we're excited to welcome Dr. Dan Goulson, vice president of medical affairs for Saint Joseph Hospital, and member of Maxwell Street to share with us about Catholic Health Care. On February 27th, for the season of Lent, Matt will be leading a class on the traditional seven last words of Christ. We'd love for you to join us.

Listening for God

Feb 3 - November 22, 2018 Episode - RACHEL NAOMI REMEN: The Difference Between Fixing and Healing

Feb 10 - September 6, 2018 Episode - PÁDRAIG Ó TUAMA AND MARILYN NELSON: Choosing Words That Deepen The Argument of Being Alive

Feb 17 - May 24, 2018 Episode - ELIZABETH GILBERT: Choosing Curiosity Over Fear

Feb 24 - July 26, 2018 Episode - CORY BOOKER: Civic Spiritual Evolution

WORDS & WINE

The February book is *Southernmost* by Silas House and we will meet at Becky Kemper's house. Friday February 1st at 6:30. Questions: Kathy Cseledy (Ktcseledy@icloud.com)

Dutch

Join us for the out to lunch bunch! We will be going to Carson's on Main on Sunday, February 24 after worship. Meet in the lobby to carpool if you'd like. See you then!

The NADYA Book Club

February 10, 6:00-7:30 at the home of Jason and Andrea Williams, beginning and discussing a new book, *A Man Called Ove*, a fictional work by a Swedish author, filled with lovable characters, universal concerns, and humor. All are welcome to join in reading this work, enjoying food and fellowship, and discussing the book's content. For more information please email Jason Williams at jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

\$1200 was sent to Porch de Salomon in Guatemala last October from the proceeds of our PIE DAY sale.

This is the same place that our youth will go to this summer for their mission trip. Did you know that the church's Mission Committee also has earmarked \$1,000 for this project for 2018 and in the new budget for 2019. Georgia Bacquet, our treasurer, received a newsletter from Porch de Salomon about the cost of things they provide. She thought the congregation might be interested in how our \$1200 donation might have been spent:

- \$60- One month's protein (eggs, beans, milk, more) for an indigenous family
- \$60- One month's milk and medicine for a malnourished infant
- \$85- A multi-purpose, concrete sink
- \$90- A clean water system for a family
- \$100- One month's in-patient alcohol/drug rehab for an addict
- \$195- An efficient wood stove for a family

PW raised \$1200 dollars with the support and generosity of the congregation from Pie Day! This money was sent to Porch de Salomon in Guatemala! We thank you for your generosity, and send continued prayers to our mission partners and the people of Guatemala.

When I emailed Lloyd Monroe to find out where to send the check he was amazed that we were sending \$1200. He seemed extremely excited about it. We did not say where we wanted the money spent so I can only guess where they applied it. ~ Georgia

March 3 is Women's Sunday

On that Sunday, we celebrate the Gifts of Women. The Presbyterian Women will recognize and honor an individual for their faithful service to the women's organization and the church with an Honorary Life Membership.

Our next meeting

Put March 7 on your calendar and plan to meet with us. The Thank Offering will be received. The Bible Study will be on Lesson 3 and led by Karen May. Join us at 10:00 in Marshall Parlor for fellowship then we'll move to the Library at 10:30 for our meeting and study. Afterwards we'll there will be lunch in Fellowship Hall.

Our April meeting

will be held at The Lafayette! We will hold a regular meeting followed by lunch. More details will be forthcoming closer to the date.

Coordinating Team

The Coordinating Team will meet in the library on Thursday, February 7 at 10:00am. We will be planning Women's Sunday which is March 3

Everybody's Breakfast

Our February speaker will be Kay Roberts on February 20th. 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 for only a dollar.

Jean Harper was our speaker for our January meeting, and she lived up to my long winded introduction sentence. Raised in Glen Ridge, NJ, ten miles from NYC and home of 665 gas lights lining the main street of her hometown. Her father was a pioneer in development of the first mobile phones all under the former Bell Telephone Company. At the age of four years, Jean knew where her heart and mind were centered, building things, drawing the blueprints and then in her early twenties ran into the problem of fitting her ambitions into the "man's world." Teaching was in her genes going back to her Grandfather, end result, twenty five year teaching career at Fredonia State University. Retirement along with husband Greg brought them to Lexington, geographically located to both children. Church shopping after arrival with a final choice of MSPC. All in all, a nice way to begin our day when the weather outside was everything but delightful.

- Tom Dixon

THEOLOGY ON TAP



We thank everyone who supported the effort to fundraise for the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic at Blue Stallion Brewing! We had a great time talking with folks at the brewery about the work the legal clinic does, trying to get a game of Bingo going and playing, and learning from Marilyn Daniels about the immigration process and culture in America. Thank you Marilyn!

Our next meeting is February 25, 7:00 pm at Ethereal Brewing. In honor of Black History Month and in light of the renaming of the Louisville airport to Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport, we will study and discuss the life and legacy of Muhammad Ali. To prepare, there are several documentaries available: I Am Ali and The Trials of Muhammad Ali (iTunes). If you need help renting a documentary or are interested in watching one with others, email Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org. All are welcome to join this fellowship group who might enjoy a mixture of cultural, theological, and Biblical conversation.

CAMPUS MINISTRY GROUP UKIRK LEXINGTON



At the beginning of this year, five students from UKirk Lexington joined other PC(USA) campus ministries groups at Montreat for the annual Montreat College Conference. Over 1,000 college students attended this year! The theme was compassionate community. Over four days, we heard from a fantastic preacher, Aisha Brooks-Lytle, the executive presbyter of Greater Atlanta Presbytery, from an interfaith educator and activist Eboo Patel, founder and president of Interfaith Youth Core, and from the incredible chaplains and women of Swannanoa Valley Correctional Center. We explored the town of Montreat, baked a gluten-free, vegan Derby Pie for new friends from Dallas, TX who made tacos for us, and grew in our understanding of ourselves and friendship.

The chaplains from Swannanoa Valley Correctional Center taught about the powers of addiction. Every person is coping with the world around them, and we all become addicted to the things that make life easier. The 12-steps of Alcoholics Anonymous have freed so many from their addiction to alcohol, but it contains powerful guidance for every person, for we all can find more and more freedom from the things that bind us in this world. This Spring, UKirk will study the 12-steps of Addiction Recovery. We hope to discover its power and meaning as so many others have, finding new pathways to the freedom God desires for us and the ability to relate to and help any brother or sister who is struggling with unhealthy addiction. We hope to make reaching out to the women of Swannanoa Valley Correctional Center and women incarcerated locally a part of our mission this semester. The 12 steps: Powerlessness, Hope, Surrender, Inventory, Confession, Readiness, Asked God, Amends List, Make Amends, Continue Inventory, Keep Contact, Help Others.

UKirk Lexington is a campus ministry for UK and Transy students. We meet every Tuesday at 7:30 for dinner and fellowship followed at 8:00 by study. We hope to see you there, and we thank you for all who have volunteered to make meals!

Sweet Blessings, Bake-a-thon February 26th

Get your oven mitts out UKirk! In place of regular college group on the 26th, we will volunteer for the tail end of Sweet Blessings' annual bake-a-thon.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the January Retreat/Session Meeting:

On January 12th, Session met at the Plantory for training, inspiration, and our first official meeting of the year. Our day began with worship and a reflection on the parables found in Matthew 13: The sower of the seeds, the weeds among the wheat, and the mustard seed. “And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow.” Our elders had many insights into how a text like this helps us to understand the ways that God works in the world and the work that we’ve been called to do as a Session. It was fruitful, pardon the pun, to say the least. Our elders also selected which committees they will be serving on, we reviewed and approved the budget as put forth by the Stewardship Committee (you can find more information about this in the Stewardship section), and we approved the dates for Communion in 2019.

During the meeting, we also took a tour of Foodchain, a local nonprofit that is combining education, aquaculture/hydroponics, and sustainability to make a positive impact on our local community. We learned how important it is to Foodchain to be equipping the next generation with information that can help them make good decisions about food and with skills to prepare locally sourced food. They have a very good awareness of who their community is made up of and how they can be a source of support for people who may be struggling. And they have goals to improve their programming. In the near future, Foodchain hope to open a grocery store that will offer locally sourced

food in their neighborhood, an USDA recognized food desert. The tour helped our Session to think about our goals, how we serve our neighbors and what we might do differently in the future to meet the needs of our community.

I’m excited about our 2019 Session. As always, we have a very talented group of individuals who are passionate about Maxwell Street, serving the church, and working together. One example of how they are already thinking creatively about the church is their decision to extend to the congregation the offer to explore assisting those who might be struggling financially because of the government shutdown. It might be obvious to some, but why would our Session do such a thing? Well, it fits exactly with what we were talking about. We talked about how one of our stated purposes of the church is “the shelter and nurture of the children of God.” We could also imagine the church as the mustard plant, as Jesus described it in his parable, and how it grew so large that it could be home to the birds.

As always, our Session covets your prayers. I hope you will be in worship on January 27th when we officially ordain and/or install them and our new deacons to their office. Please keep the following individuals in your prayers as they go about the work of leading our congregation in 2019!

Class Of 2019

Carter, Tom
Goulson, Dan
Jordan, Carol
Kissel, Nate
Porter, Billy
Waxham, Mary
Williams, Andrea
(Vacancy)

Class Of 2020

Eads, Ann
Eads, Bonnie
Koyagi, Emily
Pierce, Kathleen
Reynolds, Denise
Shaw, John

Class of 2021

Hale, Amanda
Iwamoto, Mary
Keith, Lon
Kemper, Becky
Lump, Tina
Nelson, Jim
Strickler, Jordan
Smith, Bill
Thomas, Asa
Weitkamp, Allison

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 participated in the services: Jonah Falco, Jackson Pierce, Amanda Hale, Josh Pierce, and Charing Taylor.

Thank you to those who served as acolytes in January: Lucy Wilkerson, Jonah Falco, Theo Meads and Julia Weitkamp.

Thank you to those who ushered in January: Ralph and Cindy Bollinger, Tom and Toni Carter, Blake Cegelka, Tim Costich, Tom Dixon, Ron Eads, Hydee, Brad, Harris Hawkins, Jack and Betsy Morgan, Billy Porter, Charing Taylor, Sharron Townsend and Larry Bender, and Lynda Umfress.

Thank you to those who provided sanctuary flowers for the services in January: Ron and Ann Eads in celebration of their anniversary and Suzanne and Jamie's anniversary; Karen Hubbard in celebration of Bob; David Smith in memory of his wife, Susan; Luke Morgan and Lou Anna Red Corn in honor of Kaye and Bill Morgan's wedding anniversary.

Thank you to Lauren Falco, Doug Kalika and Ted Gentry for the beautiful music on Jan 13.
Thank you to Dorothy Tice and Susan Carrey for the beautiful duets on Dec 30.

Thank you to Allen Gayheart for fixing the bed slat in Blevins for the Room in the Inn Program.

Thank you to our elders and deacons; may we have a fruitful year.

Thank you to our trustees who have put in countless hours in diagnosing and fixing various items around the church and other buildings.

Thank you to Whole Foods Market, located at The Summit at Fritz Farm, for their donation of reusable shopping bags. These "backpack bags" will be used to pack weekend groceries for 12 families who currently have children attending The High Street Neighborhood Day Care. We appreciate your donation!

Thank you to Kate Copley, Hydee and Brad Hawkins, and Nancy and Dan Goulson for providing meals for the youth group

Thank you to Michelle Jones and Allison Weitkamp for providing meals for UKirk

Thank you to Leah Engle, the Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, and all MSPC members who made the Blue Stallion Mission Monday for the legal clinic possible.

THANK YOU FROM...

*Dear friends,
Tony and I are so very fortunate to belong to a church like Maxwell Street! May God bless you all with lots of love, happiness and success. Thank you for coming to Brookdale with your beautiful voices!*

~ Sincerely Martha

STEWARDSHIP



It is not too late to turn in your pledge for 2019. Pledge cards are still in the pews and around the church. Or, you can email michelle@maxpres.org. We are still short of our needed goal: We hoped to receive \$550,000 in pledges, and we currently stand at about \$540,000. You could make a difference.

We are in the process of closing out the fiscal year of 2018 and readying for the external financial review. Preliminary results show us ending the year in the black with a small surplus! Most people were able to fulfill their pledged giving, and we were able to keep costs low. Thank you for your financial support in 2018!

Contribution statements were mailed in early January. If you did not receive a report or if you have questions, contact Michelle Gardner at 255-1074 or at michelle@maxpres.org.

FINANCIAL NEWS

At its January 12 meeting, the Session adopted a budget for the 2019 General Operating Fund. This is a balanced budget.

In preparing the budget, the Budget and Stewardship Committee had a shortfall of \$6,350, less than 1% of the budget. Rather than present a shortfall budget to the Session, they determined to use savings from other funds to supplement the income. It is hoped that contributions will more than cover that supplement, but the savings are there if necessary.

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church 2019 General Operating Budget Adopted by the Session, January 12, 2018

Receipts	2018 Budget	2019 Budget	Variance Budget to Budget
Pledges	530,000	539,000	9,000
Unpledged	50,000	50,000	0
Loose	9,000	9,500	500
Sunday School	50	0	-50
Other Offerings	10,000	10,000	0
Offering for Per Capita	8,500	8,500	0
Campus support	14,000	13,200	-800
Grounds Support	500	0	-500
Interest	100	100	0
Rentals	25,000	20,000	-5,000
Workcamp	23,000	20,000	-3,000
Coupons-Missions	2,500	3,000	500
Spec Offerings-Missions	25,000	25,000	0
Support from Savings		6,350	6,350
Other Receipts			0
Total Receipts	697,650	704,650	7,000
Expenses			
Mission & Benevolences	58,100	58,350	250
Payroll Expense	441,800	447,550	5,750
Church Programs	22,000	23,450	1,450
Utilities & Maintenance	97,050	93,100	-3,950
Operating Expenses	55,300	57,100	1,800
Worship & Fellowship	3,900	4,900	1,000
Presbytery Per Capita	19,500	20,200	700
Total Expenses	697,650	704,650	7,000
Surplus/(deficit)	0	0	0



BURNAMWOOD BOWL-A-THON

at Southland Lanes on Sunday, Feb 24 from 4-6pm. Sign up your team with Robby Lear by emailing info@burnamwood.net and let him know you are bowling with Maxwell Street. 4-6 bowlers per team. The cost of \$25/bowler goes toward your team's fundraising total. (includes 2 games, shoe rental, pizza, and drinks) We can't wait to see you there to help raise funds for our favorite summer camp, Burnamwood.

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Burnamwood has had many meanings to many people. For some, it is the only place that they can see a glorious, starlit sky, without interference from anything else. For some, it is the place that they can understand how inspiring God's creation is. For some, it is the place that has deepened their spiritual connection. For some, it is the place that they heard their own call to ministry. For some, it is the place where they met life-long friends. For some, it is the place where they felt they were part of a community of love and compassion. For some, it is the place where they learned what it meant to be a leader. For some, it is where they donated their time, helping others in need. For some, it is all of this and more. Your donations are always appreciated. To make a donation online visit: www.burnamwood.net/support/donate/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Feb 24

Burnamwood Bowl-a-thon at Southland Lanes.
\$25, from 4-6pm

SPRING RETREATS
1st-5th Grade 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.



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