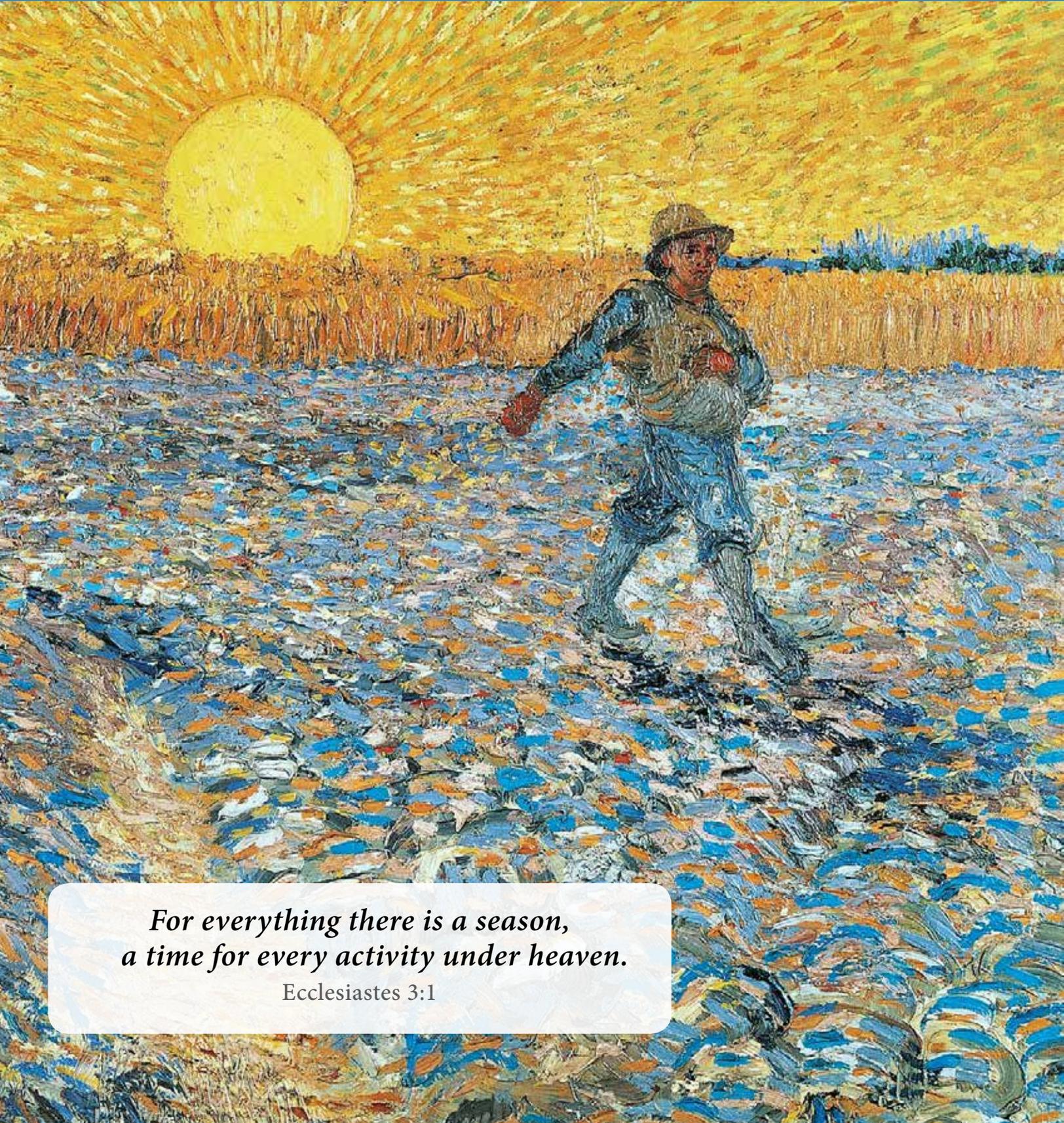


APRIL 2019

MAXWELL IN MOTION

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church



*For everything there is a season,
a time for every activity under heaven.*

Ecclesiastes 3:1



APRIL FAMILY LIFE EVENT

Volunteer at God's Pantry! At Maxwell Street monthly intergenerational fellowship event, all ages and people are welcome to join in volunteering at God's Pantry on April 6th from 1-4 pm! Children ages 6-13 can volunteer with a parent or guardian, teenagers 13-18 need only a responsible adult present with them. There are limited spots, so please let Emily Koyagi (Family Life chair, emilykoyagi@gmail.com), Michelle Jones (michelle.jones@maxpres.org), or Rachel Mathews (rachel@maxpres.org) know as soon as you can if you, your family, or some friends are interested. We get much food for our programs from God's Pantry. Come and see how it all works, lend a hand, and spend time with MSPC family members!

Upcoming MSPC Family Life Calendar

May 19- End of Education Year Lunch and Ice Cream Social

June 21- Zoo Trip

July TBD- Concert in the Park

August 17- Volunteering with International Book Project

Sept 6-8- Maxfest

REMINDER

Deadline for the May 2019 MIM is

-- Monday, April 15, 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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WORSHIP IN APRIL

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APRIL 7 - THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laying Fallow, Matt Falco Preaching

APRIL 14 - PALM SUNDAY

Rachel VanKirk Mathews and Matt Falco Preaching

APRIL 21 - EASTER SUNDAY

8:00AM SUNRISE EASTER MORNING

Lexington Cemetery, Rachel VanKirk Mathews Preaching

9:30 AM EASTER MORNING FELLOWSHIP

Hot Cross Buns and Coffee

10:30AM EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE

Matt Falco preaching; Chancel Choir singing; Bells and Brass!

APRIL 28 - Mathews Preaching

Best Wishes to Kaitlin

It's with mixed emotion that we said goodbye to Kaitlin DeSpain as our Choir Director. This is sad news for us at Maxwell Street as Kaitlin has done a marvelous job directing our Chancel Choir, inspiring us with beautiful vocal solos, and providing wonderful guidance and direction to our Scholarship singers. This is a mixed blessing. Kaitlin's departure is happening because she has taken a position in Beaumont, TX at the same university where her fiancé Franco is on staff. We wish Kaitlin all the best in her new position, and both of them God's blessing on their upcoming wedding!



Welcome Beth!

Maxwell Street is excited to welcome Beth Wilson as our Interim Choir Director. Beth is in her second year at the University of Kentucky School of Music as Adjunct Professor of Choral Music and Conductor of UK Choristers. She also teaches courses in vocal music



methods and conducting, supervises student teachers, and works as one of the faculty advisors for Paws & Listen. Prior to coming to UK, Professor Wilson was Director of Women's Choir/Voice Instructor at Georgia Institute of Technology for two academic years. And before her work at Georgia Tech, Beth was Choral Director for both Pope and Wheeler High Schools, working in Cobb County, GA for nine years. Professor Wilson earned a Bachelor of Music in music education from the University of Georgia and a Master of Music in choral conducting from Georgia State University. Beth resides in Lexington with her husband, Ken, and their two children, Drew and Anna. Welcome to Maxwell Street, Beth!

HOLY WEEK NOON SERVICES

This year's services will be held at Second Presbyterian. Worship begins at Noon in their Sanctuary. A light lunch is served in their Fellowship Hall at 12:30.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

begins the Three Days (or Triduum), remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. As we did on Ash Wednesday, we'll begin this evening with supper in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00pm followed by worship at 6:30pm in the sanctuary.

Prayer Vigil

Our Annual Prayer Vigil begins at 7:00pm at the Maundy Thursday Service and continues through the night and next day with people who have signed up for 30-minute to one hour blocks of time. If you would like to participate by signing up for a block of time, please let Matt Falco know (255-1074 or matt@maxpres.org).

MISSION & SERVICE

CARING MEALS IS BACK !

We are restarting our Caring Meals program!

Here's how it works on the giving side.

1. You make a dish at home that freezes and bakes or microwaves well. Some examples are soups, pasta dishes, red or white chili — you get the idea.
2. Make in a disposable pan or put in a freezer bag. The meal must be ready to just pop into our church freezer.
3. Print a label from our website, complete and attach to your dish.

Call Kate or Pam to make certain that someone is in the office when you drop it off at the church.

Here's how it works on the receiving side.

When you have a family emergency or illness, or caregiving responsibilities are weighing on you and you need a break from making dinner, call the office to make arrangements to receive a meal. Matt or Rachel may offer to bring a meal during a visit, so please do not hesitate to accept. Or if you know of someone in the congregation who may need some help with meals, please call anyone in the office.

HEADS UP!

For those who would like to contribute a meal but have little time, the Greek Orthodox Church on Tate's Creek Rd will be having their Easter food sale soon. They make a delicious spanakopita and other casseroles that are packaged for the freezer and include cooking directions. Questions, email Jackie DeCroo at jcdc925@gmail.com

WEEKLY MISSION OFFERINGS IN LENT

We come to worship each Sunday to connect with God and one another. It's also an opportunity to connect with our neighborhood friends. There are simple products that people need week in and week out, and our Mission Coordinator, Shelli Gregory, is able to help with those needs, unless her cupboard runs bare. You can simply place the suggested items in the drop-off containers in the Lobby outside the church office. If you miss a Sunday or get too rushed to pick up any items, you can always place a check in the offering plate and designate it for Lent Offering.

April 7 tissues (toilet, facial, paper towels)
April 14 your monetary offering for One Great
Hour of Sharing

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Around the world, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing — Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People — all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

I'd like to invite you to visit the OGHS website (www.presbyterianmission.org/oghs) to find out more information on how your gift helps people all over the world, and offer prayers for the people and projects who receive this support.

While we trust our OGHS programs to respond to the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors, those programs can only do so to the extent of our generosity. I challenge each of you to give strong consideration to increasing your gift to the offering — you'll see how giving opens your heart to God's work in your own life. So I hope that you'll join us on Palm Sunday, April 14th, and that you'll join Christians all across the country in opening their hearts to witness tangibly to the abundant love of God through One Great Hour of Sharing.

Room in the Inn Thank You

It was bittersweet to hold the last session for Room in the Inn at Blevins House on Tuesday, March 19 - hard to say good-bye to a great group of men, yet also looking forward to a "break from the action". Many thanks to all of the faithful volunteers who helped provide a safe and warm place to sleep, coupled with a delicious hot dinner and breakfast for men who would otherwise be on the street: Preston Goulson, Jody Lambert, Linda Ensminger, Becky Kemper, Rob Rabel & Jackie DeCroo, Rachel & Wes Mathews, Bill Smith, Marilyn Daniel, Andrea & Jason Williams, Bob & Linda Porter, Carol Jordan, Cindy Cantrell, Kay Roberts, Jim & Linda Neimi, Karen Dimon, Susan & Paul Menard, Angela & Lon Keith, Bill Cooper, Allen Gayheart, Luke Morgan, and Billy Porter. We couldn't have managed without the wonderful support from Pam Boldt, Kate Copley and Shelli Gregory!!

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Spring is once again bringing new life to the world around us; a season of growth and optimism. Your Social Justice Committee sees this as a good time for intellectual and spiritual growth as well, and we are working bring engaging and relevant educational opportunities and to keep our congregation involved with the ecumenical and effective work of BUILD, Building an United Interfaith Lexington Through Direct Action.

Lunch & Learn - May 5



Our next Lunch and Learn will be on the topic of Gun Violence on Sunday, May 5, which was the highest requested list of topics when our committee surveyed the congregation earlier in the year. We want to offer a data-based, objective presentation to help us better understand gun violence. Reverend Nancy Jo Kemper recommended someone from Lexington, Mark Bryant, Executive Director, Gun Violence Archive. Be on the lookout for more information about a Lunch and Learn with Mark Bryant.

BUILD MEETING - April 9th

BUILD is wrapping up its research phase of the 2018-2019 cycle in developing its issue stance concerning, "Education and Youth," and getting closer to its direct action phase with all of its current issues. The "Education and Youth" committee has heard from dozens of profession educators, administrators, and social workers concerning the difficulties facing children, youth, and families with education.

At the Build Rally on April 9th the two committees, "Education and Youth" and "Drugs," will present their research, conclusions, and stances for direct action to hundreds of Christians from different faith traditions in Lexington at Mary Queen of the Holy Rosary at 7:00pm. We hope you will save this date, and join your Social Justice committee at the Rally as we come up to speed with all that these committees have learned and believe will help Lexington concerning education and drugs. From there we will recruit as many people as we can for the Nehemiah Action Assembly on May 7th at Heritage Hall. This will be the gathering of some 2000 members from the 27 churches which belong to BUILD. We will ask those who can impact the issues we have identified to adopt the research based proposal we have "grown" over this year. Please put these important dates on your calendar.



The opportunity for new growth within our heads and hearts is all around us in the beautifully world we live in... may we Spring forward towards an ever-more just Lexington and world together!

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Birthdays

Saidi Harl	4.24
Samuel Wilkerson	4.10
Bennett Blich	4.2
Isabella Tucker	4.11
Sam Preston	4.19

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS?



This semester, the youth at Maxwell Street continue to ask the question, “What does it mean to love our neighbor?” Together, we are continuing to learn that when Jesus commanded us to, “love your neighbors as yourself,” (Matt 20:39) it means more than generosity of our resources, but also generosity of our time and self.

This month, the youth studied the five love languages, and we’re excited to understand themselves and their family and friends in a whole new way. They also discussed that it is worth spending time thinking about how another might best need to be loved or spend time discussing it with them, instead of giving them love in a way that wasn’t the best for them. Mary, Martha, and Jesus helped to illustrate that for us (Luke 10:38-42).

We also studied the two different creation accounts in Genesis (Gen 1:1-2:4, Gen 2:5-25), and learned that all humans were Created in the image of a Creator God, meaning we too are creators! We tried our hand at creating, and formed vastly different humans from clay (Gen 2:7). Through discussion and crafts, we realized that all humans, no matter how different we are, were formed by the same loving Creator, and we all have the ability to create things that magnify God’s love in this world. Spoiler alert: the youth and UKirk student are creating something special for Easter!

The youth definitely learned how to be generous of self with each other at the Spring lock-in. They had to work together to play a human version of Hungry, Hungry Hippos and maintain patience with each other in the very latest hours of the evening/morning. We have had a fun month, and hope you will join us in finding deeper meaning in loving our neighbors!

this a positive experience. Let us remember that for a week we can do anything, and though this trip may not always be “fun” or “easy,” we are here to experience and combat poverty head on. The trip will be life changing if we open ourselves up to the experience. I challenge each of you to give yourself fully to the mission we are called to do during our time at Heifer Ranch.



YOUTH FLOWER SALE

Calling all Variety of Gardeners, from Green to Not-so-green Thumbed: We are taking 18 High School youth to Guatemala this year! Wow! And at least 8 Middle School to Heifer Ranch! We are so excited, but we also need your help raising funds for this great, big groups as they work towards lending their hands in Guatemala and at Heifer Ranch this summer. If plan to plant flowers this Spring, please consider our Spring flower fundraiser as your source for flowers. A variety of flowers and colors are sold by the flat, provided by Pemberton’s, and the deadline for orders is April 22nd, with pick-up May 11th. Youth and youth parents will have order forms and more information. We are looking forward to warmer weather, your yard being beautifully planted, and the opportunities that we will have to serve others because of your help. Thank you!

Youth Sunday will be May 5 , and all youth are invited to participate! We will be planning the service during some of our April youth group meetings, so make sure to come to those planning days!

Calling All Graduates

We are putting our Youth Sunday information together. If you have a student who is graduating from high school, college, graduate school, please contact Kate in the office. We would love to hear what your student is up to next. (kate@maxpres.org)

CHILDRENS NEWS

Children Birthdays

Robert Eads 4.29

Carter McClellen 4.23

Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 14



All are invited to Palm Sunday Brunch in Fellowship Hall after worship on April 14th. Following brunch, children of Maxwell (pre-K-5th grade) will get to “hunt” for Easter eggs that have been stuffed and hidden by our own MSPC youth. What a great way to celebrate the gift of new life and the joys of springtime! Let’s worship together, enjoy brunch and hunt for eggs!



June 17-21 Vacation Bible School 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.

Photos from the St. Patricks Day Scavenger Hunt. This group had a super fun time! Be sure to join us for the Easter Egg Hunt coming up this month!



GENEXT UPCOMING EVENTS

(fourth and fifth graders)

April 28 - GeNext joins Youth group for food, games, and service project

Mystery Trip Date and Time TBA - Destination? That will remain a mystery!

FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

April and May Kerygma Classes

We'll be finishing up our study of the Seven Last Words of Christ on April 3rd and 10th. Then, we'll start our final topic for the 2018-2019 Kerygma calendar. As scientists make advances in physics, astronomy, and other areas of study in the natural sciences, they are finding interesting parallels and connections between their discoveries and the long-held truths of those in religious communities. Starting April 24th and running through May 15th, we'll learn about some of these discoveries, and what they might inform our understanding of God and our role in the universe. No Kerygma on April 17th for Holy Week. I hope you'll attend Second Presbyterian's Holy Week Services. Our own Rachel VanKirk Mathews will be leading worship on Wednesday at 12:00pm.

Bible Study Your Way: Acts

Is it the Acts of the Apostles or should we really think of it as The Acts of Jesus? The book in our Bible that we often refer to simply as Acts is an interesting collection of stories about the early church. We'll explore questions like, Was Jesus trying to create the church? Was the early church really like a commune? and What was Luke's intent when he wrote Acts? The time after Easter is a perfect opportunity to reflect upon Jesus' intentions for the faith community, how it was shaped by the larger culture of the 1st century, and what that might mean for us in the church today. Join Matt at 9:30 in the Marshall Parlor, and we'll explore your questions about this interesting book and time in the history of the church.

Listening for God

Apr 7 Class - DANIEL KAHNEMAN, *Why We Contradict Ourselves and Confound Each Other*

Apr 14 Class - AVIVAH ZORNBERG, *The Transformation of Pharaoh, Moses, and God*

Apr 21 Class No Class Easter

Apr 28 Class - ANITA DESAI + ANDREW ROBINSON, *The Modern Resonance of Rabindranath Tagore*

WORDS & WINE

This month's meeting will be on April 5. We will read *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Frye* by Rachel Joyce. Suzanne Burns will be the host. Questions: Kathy Cseledy (Ktcseledy@icloud.com)

Dutch

On April 28th we will visit Red Light Kitchen and Lounge, 780 North Limestone. Everyone is welcome!

Everybody's Breakfast

Joe Boldt is our speaker for the Breakfast in the April MIM. It will be on April 17th, and is held in the Scout Room beginning at 8:30am as usual. All are invited to learn more about Joe and enjoy a "cup of Joe" and a doughnut as well for only a dollar. What a deal!

The NADYA Book Club

For our next book, we're reading *Inspiration and Incarnation* by Peter Enns. Ever had trouble reconciling the God of the Old and New Testaments? What is the difference between saying "This is the Word of God" vs "This is the written testimony to the Word of God?" Enns's book tackles the idea of how we see the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, and the implications it has for the way we see God.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Have you been feeling under pressure lately? Like you're stuck in a room, and there's a giant clock counting down? If that's true for you, it's always good to remember you're not alone! For Theology on Tap in April, we will see how well Maxwell Street adults can work together and use their problem solving abilities to escape a room at Countdown Games Lexington. Join us on April 29th at 7:00 for fellowship and fun, we need your help! Cost is \$11, RSVP to Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org or on the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church Young Adults facebook page.

EASTER POTLUCK LUNCH

If you can't make it home to be with family this Easter holiday, come for a potluck lunch at Wes and Rachel's home (614 Nakomi Dr.) to be with your MSPC young adult (and family) family. Bring a dish, bring friends or significant others, all are welcome! We will provide two mains (one meat, one veggie) and drinks, please bring a side or desert. RSVP to Rachel at rachel@maxpres.org or on the Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church Young Adults facebook page, and let us know how many you might bring along. Let's celebrate the Easter holiday, Sabbath day, community, and a new Spring season together!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

All women attending Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church are considered members of Presbyterian Women and are invited to participate in our ministry, in our special activities and interest groups, and to become an active member. Come join us!

APRIL MEETING

Come join us for our next meeting on April 4. We will meet at 10am at The Lafayette Retirement Home at 690 Mason Headley. During the business part of our meeting we will elect the officers for the 2019-2020 year. They will be installed at the May meeting. Rachel, our associate pastor will lead the Bible study on Lesson 4 in our study book, *God with Us in Our Discouragement*. After our meeting we are invited to have lunch in their dining room.

Our last meeting till fall will be May 2.

At this meeting the officers for the new year will be installed and the Least Coin Offering and Birthday offering will be received. Lunch will follow the Bible study.

Save Cancelled Postage Stamps

The Presbytery Women collect cancelled stamps. The profits go to "Stamp Out Hunger." Bring your donations to the church office.

SPRING GATHERING-APRIL 27-10 am

Women from Presbyterian Churches in Living Waters Presbytery will gather at Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington. The program is "Love Heals All," a Human Trafficking Panel Presentation. The participants are Yvonne Hileman (a justice and peace staff person for PW), Eileen Levy (Executive Director of the Well of Lexington), Seth Frazier (a detective with Lexington Police Dept.) and Summer Dickerson (a survivor of human trafficking and domestic violence). Following the program there will be lunch (\$12). Let Georgia Bacquet, 278-3172, know you want to go- we'll carpool as parking can be a problem.

Mary Waxham Honored by Presbyterian Women on Women's Sunday

Since 1946, 86 women have been honored by Maxwell Street Presbyterian Women with the organization's Honorary Life Membership. These women have been recognized for faithful service in some area of the the Church's work. At this time we are pleased to present the 87th award to someone known for always having a smile on her face, and being ready to help as needed. She has both coordinated and provided the after-service punch, participates in the Kerygma class, served three terms as a Deacon, and was just installed in March as an Elder.

Mary Waxham was born in Jamestown, N.Y., the next to youngest of four girls and two boys. She received an Associate's Degree in Accounting from Jamestown Community College, and a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Houghton College. She retired from U.K. a few years ago, where she had worked as a Pediatric Residency Coordinator since moving to Lexington. She married Warren in 1969, and in April they will celebrate their Fiftieth Anniversary. Until her marriage Mary was Catholic. Before moving to Lexington in 2006, she and Warren were active in a Congregational church, a Lutheran church, and a Presbyterian church. Both have been active and involved in many ways at Maxwell Street. The Waxhams have three children: Diane, Ray, and Gwen. Gwen and the three grandchildren - Stella, Myles, and Sebastian - live next door.

Mary has a great sense of humor, likes to read, knit, crochet, and sew. She has been very active in Presbyterian Women, where she has served as moderator, membership chair, Bible study coordinator, and on the nominating committee. She has chaired the pie sale, and for the last two years has coordinated the pecan sale.

Quilt Exhibit

A beautiful array of quilts spoke to us through their artistic creation and history at the congregational quilt exhibit at our PW meeting on March 7.



We viewed antique quilts with their tiny stitches, first hand-made or machine-made quilts, wall quilts, unusual patterns and original designs and even one using a wall-paper design from her son's room. Interestingly, many quilt owners spoke of their connections to their grandmothers through learning to quilt at their grandmother's side or inheriting a special antique quilt made by a grandmother, aunt, or mother.

Original designs included an art project made from silk scarves and incorporated into a quilt and one from a Japanese quilting group using a Round Robin approach to quilting.

Guest, Karen May, displayed her Presbyterian Women's quilt which she bought at auction at the 2018 PW Churchwide Gathering in Louisville. The quilt blocks were photos of covers of our Bible studies since 1983 and the back of the quilt was just as interesting with fabrics of sunflowers and pins and emblems connected to Presbyterian Women's events.

A notebook containing photos of all 20 quilts displayed is in the church office for a few weeks then will be moved to the church library. Anyone wanting copies of photos of their quilts may send an e-mail to Jane Stephenson at janebstephenson@twc.com to receive copies of your quilt photo by e-mail.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the March Session Meeting:

The March meeting of the Session was held on the 11th at 7:00pm. We began with some light-hearted conversation about the recent time change and some discussion about what time of day that we feel we are at our best. We learned we have a couple of night owls and some early risers on our Session, but for the most part, we are a midday people. The gospel writer John probably had a more metaphorical meaning in mind, but he tells us that Jesus said, "While it's daytime, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming when no one can work." So, before it got too late, we got to work on that evening's agenda.

Mission - Our Mission Committee has been hard at work. Among other items, Mary Iwamoto reported that they are reviewing how we can best be effective in assisting with the Big Blue Pantry on the UK campus. They are also investigating if there might be an opportunity to provide sandwiches to the Hope Center to be distributed on the Hope Mobile throughout the week. Finally, they have decided to table any talk of a trip to Puerto Rico in the immediate future, opting instead to focus on our ongoing work in Guatemala.

Trustees - Bill Smith reported that the Balcony Railing installation had gone as expected and would be completed in the near future. Also, the sale of the DJ's property would be happening in the near future, some of the proceeds of which will be used for the installation of the new security system for the church building.

Stewardship - The February Financial Statements were reviewed and Carol Jordan reported that the next scheduled meeting of the Committee would be March 13th. More information about the Statements can be found elsewhere in MIM.

Campus Ministry - Amanda Hale let us know that the UKirk group had a wonderful experience at the home of the Keith's and that the program which regularly meets on Tuesday evenings continues to go well.

Family Life - The Family Life Committee had not met since the last Session meeting, but they are looking forward to the St. Patrick's Day Scavenger hunt.

Social Justice Committee - Amanda Hale reported that the Committee is preparing for their Lunch and Learn on March 31st when Isabel Taylor will talk about immigration issues. There will be a potluck lunch for that event made up of dishes from the various immigrant cultures in our congregation. They are also planning their next Lunch and Learn for May 5th when they will bring in Mark Bryant from the Gun Violence Archive.

Personnel Committee - Dan Goulson informed the Session of Kaitlin DeSpain's resignation. The Committee is planning to make arrangements to hire an Interim Choir Director to meet the needs of the congregation, especially through the Easter season, with the intention of beginning a more formal search in the near future.

The Green Team - Is preparing to do a series of "Minutes for Creation Care" throughout the month of April in recognition of Earth Day. They will also be providing information in Maxwell in Motion as well as the Bulletin on ways that you can help be a wise steward of God's creation.

- A Motion was passed to baptize Wylder and Flynn Kimball.

- The Welcome, Worship, Endowment, Nominating, and Education Committees had no new business to report to Session.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Warren Waxham for flipping pancakes for our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake Brinner, and for repairing the top oven in the church kitchen.

Thank you to Jody Lambert, Amy White and Clyde Adams for traveling to Owsley County to deliver food to their food bank. Owsley County has started to receive deliveries every two weeks, and Maxwell Streeters have stepped up to help make this happen! Thank you!

Thank you to Jane Stephenson for organizing the PW Quilt Gathering in March. Over 20 quilts were brought to Maxwell Street on March 7 for a wonderful display and sharing of heritage and gifts. Also, thank you to Jane for putting together a memory book of the occasion. The notebook will be available in the library for those of you who missed this special event.

Thank you to those who provided special music in worship services: Lauren Falco, Emma Scott, Kaitlin DeSpain, Kason Spier, Robin Morrill, Canterbury Bells and the Chancel Choir.

Thank you to those who served punch in March: the Presbyterian Women, Sharron Townsend and Larry Bender, Jason and Andrea Williams, Kate Copley and Pam Boldt.

Thank you to our ushers: Hannah Burns, Suzanne Burns, Jody Lambert, Lynda Umfress, Kay Roberts, Lon and Angela Keith, Tom Dixon, Amy White, John Shaw, Ralph and Cindy Bollinger, Joe and Sandy Kyle, Hyde, Brad, Harris and Mason Hawkins, Greg Harper and Tim Costich.

Thank you to those who provided sanctuary flowers for the worship services: Max, Sam and Alice Koyagi in memory of their grandmother, Ivy Ward, on her birthday; Kay and Claire Roberts in celebration of their Gotcha Day and building families through adoption; Rusty Haydon in memory of Tom; Charing Taylor in memory of her mother Doris Ann Perez.

Thank you to our acolytes: Lucy Wilkerson, Theo Meads, Julia Weitkamp, Max Koyagi and JP Smith.

Thank you to those who participated in the worship services: Jonah Falco, Jean Harper, Linda Ensminger, Georgia Bacquet, Carol Jordan, Denise Renolds, Allison Weitkamp, Kathleen Pierce, Christina Lump, Caroline Thomas, Mary Waxham, Emily Koyagi, Katie Thompson, and Amanda Hale.

Thank you to Jay Vessels for replacing the fuse in the organ.

THANK YOU FROM...

A Note of Thanks from Harry and Rowena Johnson following the death of Harry's son Michael:
Our Maxwell Street Church family has meant so much to us over the years especially during times like this. We appreciate all the support and words of comfort received from the beginning; starting with phone calls from Matt followed by emails and the many cards containing personal notes. The pouring out of love and support we felt brings tears to my eyes as I write this "Note of Thanks."

ALMOST PER CAPITA TIME! ---



Ready for a cookie? Ready to support our national church? Per Capita Sunday is coming! On May 12, we will celebrate Per Capita Sunday with yummy cookies home-made by your Budget and Stewardship Committee.

What is Per Capita? It is a set amount of money per member that congregations pay to the PC(USA) to help cover the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of the church at large. This year, we will pay \$20,500 that is distributed to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly. That comes out to about \$40 per member. With your contribution of **\$40 per member** in your household, you can help defray these costs.

You can make that payment at any time through a check or online. Paying now or up until May 12 will merit you a package of cookies.....and a special star in heaven!

SOUPER SATURDAY

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PITCHED IN FOR SOUPER SATURDAY:

Chili makers: Linda Ensminger, Jean and Greg Harper, Brittany Mallory, Bill Cegelka, Lou Anna Red Corn, Sara Baird, Jeff Smith and Darrell Maines, Sheila Kalas, Susan and Paul Menard, Amy White, Karen Hubbard, Suzanne Burns, Hydee Hawkins, Sharron Townsend, Kathy Chatfield, Susan Gill, and Kay Roberts.

Cornbread bakers: Caroline Thomas, Shana Herron, Sara Kimball, Mandy Myers, Cathy Penman, Leigh Buckley, Mary Anna Stepp, Matt McMahan, Carol Jordan, and Ruth Rowles.

Chip, Hot sauce and Soft drink donors: Joe and Sandy Kyle, Cindy and John Cantrell, Jack Morgan, Marilyn Daniel, Doug and Doreen Stretch, Grace Northcutt, Leigh Buckley, Joyce Rose, Mary McClellan, Mary Waxham, Jackie DeCroo, Carol Bryant, Jean Harper, and Katie Thompson.

Decorator in chief: Josh England

Tech specialists: Matt Falco, Rachel Mathews, and Mike Schmitt

Recycling coordinator: Rachel Mathews

Those who helped set up, serve, clean up, and mingle: Linda Ensminger, Jean and Greg Harper, Leigh Buckley, Susan and Paul Menard, Suzanne Burns, Kathy Chatfield, Madison Cissel, Mike Schmitt, Claire Roberts, Shana Herron, Theo and Garret Meeds, Rachel Mathews, Matt Falco, Susan Gill and Kay Roberts.

Behind the scenes tasks: Kate Copley, Dorothy Tice, Marriane Russell, and Pam Boldt.

Special thanks to Ashley Gann and Sweet Blessings for making cupcakes.

Special thanks to Rich Copley and Paul Seebach for the article on the event

And very special thanks to Ralph and Cindy Bollinger for.....everything.

Extra, extra, extra, read all about it! (We made the Presbyterian National News Service.) Read about our Souper Saturday Event! Your donations of chili, cornbread, etc. went a long way! THANK YOU!

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington gets an assist Saturday despite UK loss to Tennessee

by Paul Seebach | Presbyterian News Service

Ralph Bollinger of Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, Ky., serves a guest during the Souper Saturday event. (Photo by Rich Copley)



LEXINGTON, Ky. — The Kentucky Wildcats men's basketball team lost its showdown at the University of Tennessee Saturday, but that didn't dampen the warmth of the spirits of those watching the game on a big projector screen at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church next to the UK campus.

People experiencing homelessness and financial instability were welcomed by University of Kentucky students and church volunteers who served them a meal — and plenty of snacks and desserts during the broadcast of the game that followed.

“This is Big Blue country,” says Cindy, showing off her UK socks that bear the school's colors. “I just recently lost my job, but I'm a strong UK fan. I'm fortunate to be here.”

Out of respect for their privacy, Presbyterian News Service is identifying the people served Saturday by their first names only.

Souper Saturday is the brainchild of Ralph and Cindy Bollinger, who moved to Lexington in October 2008. Newly retired at 60 and looking for volunteer opportunities, they visited Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church, where the pastor at the time, the Rev. Woody Berry, mentioned that the church put on a dinner Thursday evenings for people experiencing homelessness. “We came that night and got hooked,” says Ralph. He and Cindy — who spent her career working as a dietitian — have rarely missed a dinner since that first one they attended 10 years ago.

As the Bollingers got to know the other volunteers, they started talking about doing something beyond the Thursday dinner that would bring “a little extra joy,” as they put it, into the lives of those who were coming.

Listening to the people they and others served week after week, they got to know the diners — and recognized that many were big fans of UK’s storied basketball program.



From left, Mike Schmitt, Suzanne Burns, Leigh Buckley and the Rev. Rachel Vankirk Matthews talk as the University of Kentucky-University of Tennessee men’s basketball game plays on the big screen behind them during Souper Saturday. (Photo by Rich Copley)

So is Keith, another who was fed and enjoyed the telecast Saturday. He said he has fond boyhood memories of listening to radio broadcasts of University of Kentucky games.

“It was the only thing that stopped my dad from working on the family farm,” he said. “There’s good people here,” he said, gesturing at the volunteers, “who are thinking about other things than just themselves.”

Anywhere from 30 to 130 people attend Maxwell Street’s Thursday night meals. The Souper Saturday event often attracts 100 people. Some years, a handful of UK cheerleaders performs for diners.

One of things the Rev. Matt Falco, Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church’s senior pastor for the past two years, tells the folks serving on Thursday nights and at

Souper Saturday is “to build relationships” and that the event is “about more than just food.”

“Today is about them feeling at home and like they have a place where they belong,” he said. That message resonates with Souper Saturday coordinators Kay Roberts and Susan Gill. When recruiting volunteers for the event, Roberts emphasizes the importance of sitting at the same table as their guests. “Watch the game, interact with them,” she said. “It’s an opportunity to learn from each other — for me it’s always a humbling experience.”

Gill enjoys participating in Souper Saturday because of how much it means to the guests. Having moved to Lexington from Connecticut, which has its own frenzied fan base, she’s not a big UK fan. And even though the game is secondary, she recognizes, like Roberts, that being a Wildcats’ fan “is kind of requirement in Lexington.”

“It makes me feel good to know that I’ve helped in some small way to make them feel better,” she said. “I’m always grateful. I could be in that situation myself — you never know. One lady who comes on Thursday night is basically homeless because she lost her job and has a disability.”

The more that Ralph Bollinger listened to the people coming on Thursday night, the more he thought about the things he couldn’t do for them — like cure their illness, give them great jobs or kill some of the demons they might have.



“But I can make sure they feel that they are children of God,” he said. “I can try to help them laugh and smile.” “There’s definitely a sense of community here,” said UK student and first-time Souper Saturday volunteer Madison Cissell. “Ralph knows the people, so it’s not awkward, like I thought it might be.”

Cindy, who said she gets a weekly bus pass at the church to aid her job search, said church members have helped instill in her “a sense of dignity and pride.”

“It really is incredible,” adds Keith. “It’s a good time, especially for those of us who are homeless. We love our basketball. There’s some joy here.”

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FINANCIAL NEWS

OUR BUILDINGS ARE USED BY MANY!



When we talk about why we give to the church, we usually think in terms of the people we serve through worship, education, pastoral care, and missions. And Maxwell Street serves many. It is less exciting to talk about the infrastructure needed for these services. But that need is real and, unfortunately, costly.

Without our buildings, it would be hard to reach those who need us. Following is a list of just SOME of the activities that take place in our buildings.

CHURCH BUILDING:

- Weekly worship services
- Sunday school for children and adults
- Book study for adults
- Offices for pastors, music ministers, education directors, and support staff
- Offices for social worker and place for clients to come
- Weekly community meals
- Weekly preparation of backpacks for families of day care children
- PW meetings and events
- Youth meetings and activities
- Campus meetings
- Funerals and memorials
- Week-long Vacation Bible School
- Seven-week summer program for E7 children
- Year-long use of kitchen for preparation of meals for E7 Kid's Cafe
- Centering prayer
- Choir and bell practices, children and adults
- Weekly meeting space for eight AA or AlAnon groups
- Weekly space for women's support group
- Fellowship meals
- Church committee meetings
- Wednesday Breakfasts
- Presbytery meeting space
- Retreats

- 4-8 weddings a year
- Needles and Angels and Quilting group
- Space for ESL classes
- Music meetings: Early music, CKYO, flutes, UK senior recitals, and others
- Sweet Blessings
- Refugee Children's Choir
- Concerts
- Other community meetings and events
- American Guild of Organists banquet and meetings
- Federated Music banquet and meetings

BLEVINS HOUSE: Offices and meeting spaces for Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, Room in the Inn, summer work camps, resident manager apartment

MAHAN CENTER: Woodshop

CHURCH VAN: E7 Kid's Café trips, youth and college trips, mission trips, deliveries of food to Owsley County Food Pantry, and many more!



OUR UTILITIES

The utilities alone for our buildings is budgeted to cost \$47,600 in the current year.

Church	\$28,000
Blevins	15,000
Mahan	3,600
DJ's	1,000
TOTAL	\$47,600

Maintenance is an ongoing issue, particularly with buildings as old as all of ours. The 2019 budget allots \$8,000 for "ordinary" maintenance for our buildings.

Of course, we must fund a telephone system (\$4,500), grounds maintenance (\$6,000), snow removal (\$2,200), security system (\$900), elevator maintenance (\$1,700), parking lot rent (\$9,900), and other items.

In total, our utilities and maintenance budget for this year is \$93,100. A big chunk, but necessary if we are to provide the services we feel called to do.

POETS CORNER

THE GERM

*How brown the woods,
Lost deep in sleep,
As nighttime settles 'round.*

*I wander through
Your soft-soaked leaves
And listen to
Your whispered rest
As slowly you regain your strength
In winter's quiet hours.*

*The softness of your shades and hues,
All somber in their sleeping;
The ashes, browns, and rusty golds
Belie the massive energy
Within the frozen ground;*

*The sleeping giant of the germ
Collecting force anew;
The germ in fern or oak or pine,
The redbud germ. . . ,
And each sublime. . . ,
Collecting self for spring's return;*

*Contemplating through the dreams
Of long cold days and nights
The rush of energy to come,
The waking from winter's sleep,
The bounding out of beds,
The running up the hillsides
With glorious greens and reds.*

*The sleeping giant of the germ,
Collecting force anew,
Pulls me down upon my knees
To listen and to worship
'midst resurrections seeds.*

*How brown the woods,
Lost deep in sleep,
As nighttime settles 'round.*

by James Arthur Akin
I Corinthians 15
December 1972



GREEN TEAM

The Green Team wants to encourage you to be thinking about your garden! Gardening is the hands-on way to connect with the beautiful biodiversity of God's good earth. It is the most direct way to make sure food, seeds, and the knowledge of growing food stays local. When it comes to climate change, small gardens with a variety of plantings are a good way to help prepare for extreme weather that might impact food supplies. Finally, gardening is a fun way to teach children empathy for the earth and their responsibility to care for it.

Ideas that help:

1. Patronize local nurseries and garden stores.
2. Choose heirloom varieties of plants.
3. Garden organically.
4. Search the internet for local master gardeners and master composers to find out if they can help.
5. Work with others, like your neighbors, when you can.
6. Make or buy a rain barrel(s).

Faith Matters: The Holy God took the human one and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.
- Genesis 2.15

*Find this and more ideas in Rebecca Barnes' *50 Ways to Help Save The Earth: How You and Your Church Can Make a Difference*



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