

JUNE 2021

# MAXWELL IN MOTION

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church





## PER CAPITA

As you know, the presbyteries, synods, and General Assembly of our Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) annually make assessments that, in our presbytery, **total \$40 per member**. Why do we pay this assessment known as per capita? Per Capita connects Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and mid councils with the work of the wider church. As the primary source of funding for the Office of the General Assembly (OGA), it is how Presbyterians mutually and equitably share the costs of moving the church forward in the 21st century.

We look forward to your participation in per capita giving, an expression of your commitment to ministry both within our congregation and beyond.

*“Per Capita is crucial to the overall health of the PC(USA), because it binds presbyteries, synods, and congregations together in one church.”*

– J. Herbert Nelson, II,  
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the PC(USA)

## REMINDER

**Deadline for the August 2021 MIM is  
-- Monday, July 19, 2021 --**

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](mailto:marrienne@maxpres.org)

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## Youth Lexington Mission Immersion Week



## Ways YOU Can Participate. We Need Your Help!

The whole congregation is invited to participate with us! **Learn more on page 11**

# WORSHIP NEWS

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## WORSHIP IN JUNE

**June 6**

Matt Preaching, Communion

**June 13**

Rachel Preaching

**June 20**

Matt Preaching

**June 27**

Matt Preaching

## From Matt's Desk

Ah, summer is arriving and along with it, many of the things we enjoy about MSPC. We're looking forward to the fun events of Vacation Bible School, local mission opportunities for our youth, and of course, a return to in-person worship. I'm sure that by the time you read this, our Session and staff will have come up with a good plan for how that will happen. It's changing so fast right now, there is no sense in even trying to write about it and expect it to be up to date when you receive this. Watch for our electronic communications and you're always welcome to contact the church office if you need more information about returning to in-person programming at Maxwell Street. This summer, we'll also be welcoming in a couple Mission Immersion Groups, including Rev. Kyle Brown's group from Geist Church in Indianapolis, IN.

At the end of June, I'll be taking two courses from San Francisco Seminary towards my Doctorate Degree: Dynamics of Trauma - A Spiritual Care Approach to Theory and Practice and a required foundational course called Theology, Culture, and Mission. These will each be 1-week classes and online. After these two classes, I'll have just a single course left to complete my required coursework, and so I'm getting close to the point of starting to work on my doctoral project.

If someone asked you to describe your spiritual zone, what would you say? Not your spiritual comfort zone, a place of contentment or ease, but like the kind of zone an artist, a musician, or athlete gets into. I think of the spiritual zone as when your brain, feelings, and energies are flowing in the same direction spiritually - towards God. Exercising one's spirituality is a multifaceted practice that requires intentionality. It's something we can be working on all the time. For example, think of the last person you saw behind a check-out counter. Thinking back on that encounter, did you see Christ in that person? When the latest news popped up on your phone, did you think about how God might be at work in the people you heard about?

The more dynamic your faith experience can be, the easier it is to stay in the zone. I know that at different points in my life, I have been spiritually moved by a wide range of experiences: praise styles of worship, the silence of centering prayer, worship in the style of marginalized communities, biblical studies, and of course, the kind of very traditional liturgy that we enjoy at Maxwell Street. Faith comes alive when we actively engage in practicing. "Ask and it will be given unto you. Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened unto you." Jesus said. Which of these three is resonating with you today? What questions do you have? What are you searching for? What doors in your life need to be opened?

May you be blessed with a deep sense of the abiding presence of God in your life as you go about practicing your faith this summer,  
- Matt

## JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ONLINE



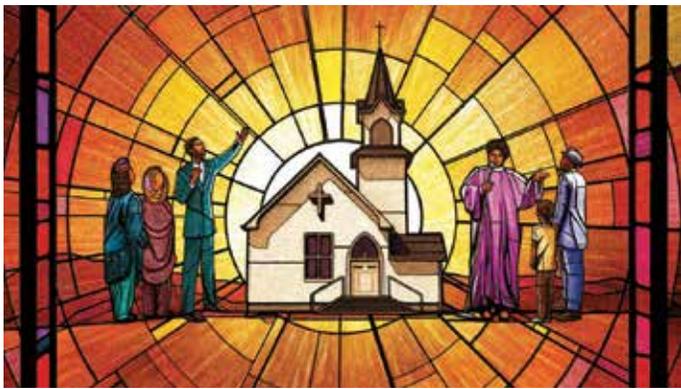
Register for in-person worship  
[www.maxpres.org/in-person](http://www.maxpres.org/in-person)



Live-stream online at 10:30am  
(the video is also available to watch after the service)  
[www.maxpres.org/online-worship](http://www.maxpres.org/online-worship)

# THE BLACK CHURCH

THIS IS OUR STORY  
THIS IS OUR SONG



Shayla Harris, working as a producer and director on *“The Black Church: This Is Our Story, This Is Our Song”* was interviewed by Faith & Leadership Magazine, a Duke Divinity publication, about her work on the series.

**F&L: A good portion of the last hour focused on young people, on young Black people, and what the church is and is not to them. One of my favorite moments is when the Rev. Traci Blackmon says, “The Ferguson uprising was church.” Could you speak about the role of the Black church as it is emerging for young Black people?**

SH: I don’t know that I have a full answer, because I think that history is still being played out at this moment. It was really important for us to reflect that there is a generational shift within the Black church. A lot of younger people are incredibly progressive.

A lot of them, if they’re younger Black people -- that may not be their primary identification. They may identify more strongly with their gender or their sexuality or their geographic location. The fracturing, I think, of those identities, which reflects the diversity of the African American community, has led to this

moment where the church is trying to figure out how to service people and to meet people where they are.

What I also really loved about Rev. Blackmon’s statement is that sometimes church doesn’t exist within those four walls, and so maybe there’s an expansion of that definition that needs to happen in terms of the church’s role going forward.

Maybe a protest is church, and maybe some of these other moments that certainly folks have experienced in the last year are church or reflective of where the church is, and meeting people where they need to meet them.

That’s going to be an evolving question for the church, and how it reflects the desires and needs in this new generation, and also how this new generation takes up that mantle and creates their own version of church, which is what we are starting to see happen.

- Matt

## Maxwell Street Park Day July 18 begins at 11:30am

Something for every age- lunch, live music, card games, board games, the playground, and disc golf! Drop-in to Shillito Park to share a meal, fellowship, and play around with your Maxwell Street family. The deacons hope, whatever your age, if you have children or don’t, you will feel welcome to come sit awhile, listen to music, play cards or games or play on the playground. Maxwell Street will provide fried chicken and a vegan bean salad. Let your deacon or Rachel know if you’re willing to bring something to share. Or, feel free to bring your own lunch! Fun begins at 11:30am!

## The Kubar Garden

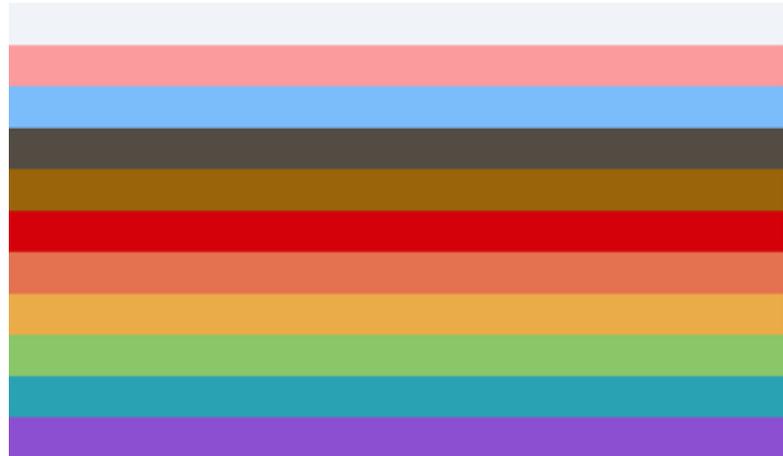
Thanks to the Kubar family, we have several raised garden beds along the side of the Blevins House. We use the produce from these beds on Thursday nights to help feed our community. We’re always in need of volunteers who are willing to help with things like planting, watering, weeding, and harvesting. **If you can volunteer even 15 minutes in the garden, every bit helps. You can get in touch with Lauren Falco (laurenefalco@yahoo.com) for more information.**

# CELEBRATING PRIDE

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**MORE LIGHT**  
PRESBYTERIANS



*More Light Presbyterians wonders, “Has your congregation asked, ‘we’re welcoming, now what?’”*

June is National LGBTQ Pride Month! Our local Lexington Pride festival has been moved to September so that we can celebrate in hopefully an even safer way, months from now. But, we still want to practice our annual recognition and celebration of all of who our LGBTQ+ congregation members, friends, family members, and community members are this June.

## More Light Webinars June 13 and 27, 3pm

Together, as a congregation, on June 13 and 27 at 3:00 pm, let us participate in a two-part webinar to deepen our collective understanding of sexuality and gender expression. Our uncomfortability with these topics is rooted in long standing Christian traditions of suppressing even perfectly healthy and natural sexuality and breaking of gender norms. The Christian faith has used shame and fear to control and accumulate power in this way and many ways.

As a congregation that wants to be welcoming of all people, the more we unpack the harmful things we have learned and assume are true, the better community and church members we can be. More Light offers a two-part webinar called, “Connecting the Dots- Gender Identity and Sexual Orientation.” If interested in participating in this webinar with Maxwell Street, email Rachel.

Want to participate in the webinar? Contact Rachel, [rachel@maxpres.org](mailto:rachel@maxpres.org)

## What is More Light?

Their mission statement: Following the risen Christ, and seeking to make the Church a true community of hospitality, the mission of More Light Presbyterians is to work for the full participation of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual (LGBTQIA+) people in the life, ministry and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society.

Maxwell Street is a More Light congregation which means we are affirming of people of all sexualities and genders in full participation of the church-membership, leadership, friendship, and fellowship. Being a More Light church is a commitment, responsibility, and signal.

## Lexington Pride Festival September 25, 2021!

COVID-19 changed so many things in 2020, including The Lexington Pride Festival! We are so excited to announce that we will be returning to a larger in-person event this year! The Lexington Pride Festival will be happening with vendors, live entertainment, amazing food and lots of fun and frivolity on Saturday, September 25, 2021.

We are watching the situation with COVID-19 carefully and will continue to follow all advice for large public gatherings from local, state, and national health agencies. As rates of COVID-19 continue to drop throughout Kentucky, we are encouraged about returning to an in-person festival.

# MISSION

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## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

### Suitcases for Foster Care



There can be so many times in our lives where we experience loss of some sort or other. Loss is not always defined as a death of a friend or family member. Loss and the associated grief can be seen in adults who get to the point where their driving privileges must be removed. It can also be felt when relationships change. But one of the most devastating forms of loss can be when a child must be removed from their current home and placed in foster care. And to couple with this loss is the humiliation that children experience when they are forced to pack their belonging in trash bags, indirectly indicating that their clothes and priceless memories aren't worth keeping. Having a piece of luggage can't take away the loss that a child feels in being removed from their home, but could serve as to lessen the humiliation in seeing your belongings shoved in a trash bag.

**Suitcases must be clean, in good working order and can be any color. Medium sizes are good, but large size suitcases are also good for families. You can bring the suitcases to the church office during normal office hours, or on Sunday's now that the church is open! Contributions of money are also welcome. You can make a check payable to Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church and write June RAK in the memo line. Thank you for your support of the Foster Care community in Lexington!**

## Backpacks for our Thursday Night Family and Friends



As a congregation we have reached out and supported many in our community on Thursday nights for years. In addition to a hot meal, we have supplied a welcoming place to meet and enjoy the meal with friends (pre-COVID) and often helped with some of their basic needs (socks, thermals, gloves, toiletries, clothing and other items). One of the items for which we receive numerous requests is backpacks. For many, these are the only way to carry the bulk (or all) of their worldly possessions. Thus, we are placing special focus on getting backpacks as part of our June Random Acts of Kindness. Although all backpacks are welcomed, there are a few features that make them more useful:

- **They should be large (in many cases it carries all of a person's possessions)**
- **Well padded straps help ease a heavy load**
- **Black, navy or other dark color make them less likely to show the grime from a life on the street and make them easier to "store" in unsecured spots**

If you would like to help by donating money rather than an actual backpack, please make a donation to MSPC noting that it is for the Backpack Random Act of Kindness drive. If you learn of a place where we can get "really good deals" on backpacks, please let us know. This is so that the Mission Committee can purchase backpacks at a good price. Once again, thanks for everything you do to help make Thursday Nights special for our friends.

# SESSION

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## June Session Meeting

Matt opened the May 10th Session meeting with prayer and a reflection on the words of Psalm 23. You can use this psalm to help you reflect on your relationship with God. Start with verse one: what does it mean to you that God is your shepherd? How have you experienced this relationship supplying your needs? Continue through the psalm, using verses 2–5 to reflect on your relationship with God from childhood to where you are now. When were you aware that God was leading you? How has God restored your soul?

Our next item on the agenda was to welcome Ethan Neal into the membership of Maxwell Street by letter of transfer from Georgetown Church of Christ. Welcome Ethan!

The Worship Committee presented a plan to practice seating different sized units on Youth Sunday 5/16/21 and then implement a signup process for 5/23 – 6/20/21 for up to 90 participants per Sunday and reconsider attendance procedures at the next Session meeting on 6/14/21. This was approved.

The Trustees are going to enter into mediation with O'nan Glass to resolve a dispute related to the balcony glass railing. The glass in the railing continues to crack and needs to be replaced. The Trustees are reviewing alternative designs and pricing.

The Mission Committee will be collecting gently used suitcases and backpacks in June to distribute to a foster

children's program and to our homeless community. A survey regarding MSPC mission programs will be going out. Home for the Holidays funds to help people with rent are still being distributed. The Mission Committee is working to create a partnership with RadioLEX, and the Foundation for Latin American Culture and Arts to try to help secure a \$100,000 Community Catalyst grant to promote and provide vaccinations (Covid and Flu) to marginalized communities. An announcement about grant distributions will come later in the month of May.

The Social Justice Committee is wrapping up its conversation on gun violence and is beginning to look for the next area of study and advocacy.

The Personnel Committee is completing annual reviews. Also, they have begun the search for a Childcare Coordinator to oversee care in the nursery for infants and toddlers.

The Stewardship Committee reviewed the monthly report. Despite being slightly behind on projected pledged giving, we show a \$34,591 surplus at the end of April. This is expected as some people give the entire amount they pledge at the beginning of the year and giving tends to drop off over summer. Overall, we are on track for the year.

The remaining Committees presented reports. More information about their work can be found throughout Maxwell in Motion. The next meeting of Transylvania Presbytery is scheduled for May 18th. The meeting was adjourned shortly before 8:30pm.

# ENDOWMENT

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## ENDOWMENT EXCEEDS \$1,000,000!!

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church's Endowment, now in its 21st year in this year 2021, has eclipsed \$1,000,000 in the fund for the first time! The Endowment had a balance of \$1,010,734.28 in its various funds at the end of the first quarter, 2021.

Each year, the Endowment recommends disbursements to Session of how the income (interest and dividends only) is to be distributed on an annual basis. Because only the income is spent, donations to the Fund will be invested in perpetuity, benefitting Maxwell's programs, missions, and education, year after year. Over the course of the Endowment's history, nearly

\$140,000 has been distributed. Last year, for example, the Endowment made distributions to support hunger ministries, E7 programming, the youth mission trip, Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, a program that assists families impacted by immigration issues, and our scholarship singers as well as music for the choirs.

The funds in which we invest are "socially responsible" and are composed of both bonds and equity funds, with three different investment vehicles: Parnassus, Dupree, and New Covenant. There is a separate fund managed by the Endowment Committee that supports Maxwell's excellent and well-loved music program.

Thank you for supporting the Endowment through your wills, annuities, trusts, and insurance policies.

# FINANCIAL NEWS

## Income and Expense Statement April 2021

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Pledges	\$54,726.16	\$216,812.06	\$224,620.00	(\$7,807.94)	\$526,800.00
Congregational Giving	2,100.00	8,644.95	7,744.00	900.95	25,000.00
Loose Offering	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	3,000.00
Sunday School	0.00	15.00	0.00	15.00	0.00
Other Designated Gifts	50.00	2,955.06	1,440.00	1,515.06	8,000.00
Per Capita Donation	458.17	1,004.16	1,000.00	4.16	3,000.00
Ky Campus Ministry Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,200.00
Interest Income	21.61	101.79	33.32	68.47	100.00
Rentals	2,060.00	5,975.00	5,000.00	975.00	15,000.00
Workcamp Fees	0.00	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	10,000.00
Coupons for Missions	836.04	1,352.12	500.00	852.12	2,000.00
Spec Offering for Hunger	1,873.00	7,437.66	6,666.68	770.98	20,000.00
Spec Off for Assistance	610.00	5,460.00	3,333.32	2,126.68	10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>62,734.98</b>	<b>249,757.80</b>	<b>252,337.32</b>	<b>(2,579.52)</b>	<b>631,100.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Subtotal Mission & Benevolences	1,993.69	9,276.05	14,683.36	5,407.31	43,250.00
Subtotal Payroll Expense	45,958.16	140,599.06	143,158.43	2,559.37	416,100.00
Subtotal Church Programs	3,446.77	5,006.16	6,994.69	1,988.53	21,400.00
Subtotal Utilities & Maintenance	7,399.96	33,975.03	29,383.08	(4,591.95)	77,850.00
Subtotal Operating Expenses	1,895.01	20,884.44	24,899.96	4,015.52	49,200.00
Subtotal Worship And Fellowship	513.58	725.27	1,366.72	641.45	4,100.00
Presbytery Per Capita	0.00	4,200.00	6,398.74	2,198.74	19,200.00
Subtotal Presbytery Support	0.00	4,700.00	6,398.74	1,698.74	19,200.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>61,207.17</b>	<b>215,166.01</b>	<b>226,884.98</b>	<b>11,718.97</b>	<b>631,100.00</b>
<b>EXCESS INCOME\EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,527.81</b>	<b>\$34,591.79</b>	<b>\$25,452.34</b>	<b>\$9,139.45</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

Special Offering Giving		
	21-Apr	YTD 21
Arbor Youth	337	337
CRC	500	500
MSLegal Clinic		1,200
Miss. Support	1,000	1,000
OGHS	30	1,248
SouperBowl		738
Youth	10	120
Other		409
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>5,552</b>

Endowment	
Endowment Memorials 2021	1,540
Bequest	10,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,540</b>

Home for the Holidays	
Total Donated	57,308
Distributed thru April 30	40,100
	<b>17,208</b>

# THANK YOU'S

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Thank you to Katie Blair, Mike Schmitt, Alison Hight, Will Burchfield, and Katie Thompson for sharing delicious meals with us after the arrival of Maggie.

Thank you to those who provided special music for the worship services: Robin Morrill, James Weitkamp, Lauren, Lucas & Jonah Falco, Christina Lumppp, Holly Cason, Caroline Copley, Ben Boutell, Olivia Hubbard, Kason Spier, Jonathan Adkins, Emma Scott, Ted Gentry, Beth Wilson.

Thank you to Joey Weitkamp for acolyting.

Thank you to those who served as worship leaders in the services: Jean Harper, Mason Hawkins, Elizabeth Wilkerson, Julia Vessels, Lauren Hart, Lucas Falco, Mason Hart, Samuel Wilkerson, James Weitkamp, Lucy Wilkerson, Anne-Claire Linscott, Tatum Colvin, Christina Lumppp, Caroline Blicht, Madison Smith, Taylor Smith, Holly Cason, Maddie Andreatta, Evie Smith, George VanKirk, Greg Kubar, and Dan Farrer.

Thank you to those who served as ushers: Ralph Bollinger, Joe and Sandy Kyle.

Thank you to Mason Hawkins for volunteering at Thursday Meals.

Thank you to Ray & Denise Reynolds, Greg & Jean Harper, Pam Boldt and Jackie DeCroo & Bob Rabel for packing the backpack food.

Thank you to all those who donated to Big Blue Pantry.

Thank you to Lucas Falco and Rachel VanKirk Mathews for delivering donated food to Big Blue Pantry.

Thank you to all those who supported the youth missions through the spring flower sale. Thank you to Lauren Falco, Kate Copley, Caroline Copley and Alan Wood for volunteering to help organize and at flower pick-up on Friday and Saturday.

Thank you to Warren Waxham for researching and overseeing the repair job of the sanctuary wall, along with many other projects. Thank you

to Brad Hawkins for his advice on the project, and thank you to Suvad Karic for repairing the wall.

Thank you to Luke Morgan for his expertise and guidance on a trustee matter.

Thank you to Cindi Kubar for placing bows on the pews for Pentecost Sunday.

Thank you to Michelle Gardner for making bows for the pews to resume worship.

Thank you to our deacons for checking in on parishioners and sending cards.

## THANK YOU FROM...

Thank you from Grace and Brandon Foley for the gift card, which was promptly used.

A huge thank you to MSPC staff for the lovely "welcome home baby" gifts and a special gift for Ellie. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such a thoughtful and supportive church community!

## May Random Acts Of Kindness Arbor Youth Services

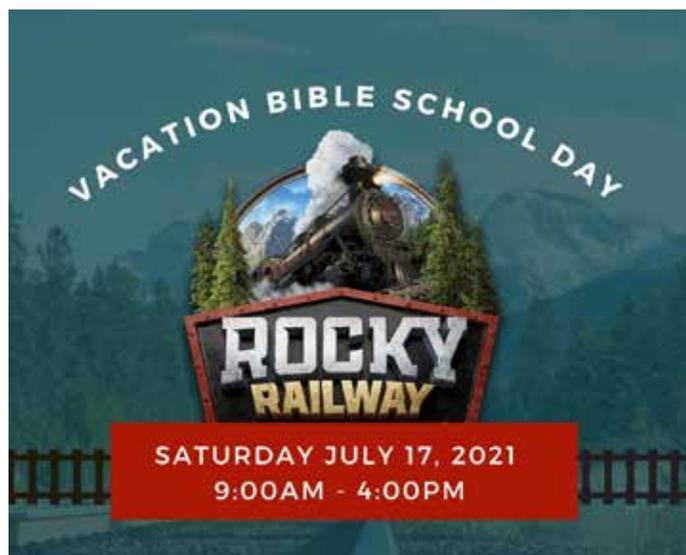
Thank you to all who donated sweat pants and money to Arbor Youth Services. We received 30 pairs of pants and over \$400! That will keep AYS is pants for a long time! Perhaps a new, warm pair of sweatpants after a hot shower will help these homeless youth know that someone cares about them and will be a small step on the way to permanent housing and employment.

# CHILDREN'S NEWS

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Micah Kemper June 18

Hazel Parker June 19



Children are invited to join us for a fun filled day aboard the Rocky Railway. Climb aboard for mountains of fun at rocky railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

## REGISTER ONLINE

Please sign up online at [www.maxpres.org/vbs2021](http://www.maxpres.org/vbs2021) to attend our Vacation Bible School Saturday. We are looking forward to it!

## CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We invite you to join us for the ONE DAY event! We will need decorators, activity leaders, class leaders, and more! You can volunteer for the whole day, half day or even an hour, any help is appreciated! If you want to know more about how you can serve please sign up to become a volunteer. You can contact Michelle Jones – [michelle.jones@maxpres.org](mailto:michelle.jones@maxpres.org)

## CANOPIES NEEDED

Do you have a pop-up canopy that we can borrow for VBS day? We will be using them as train car stations. If so, please bring to the church office before Friday, July 16. Feel free to label with you name so we know which canopy to return to whom. Thank you!

# GENEXT SUMMER CALENDAR

GeNext is a program designed for 4th and 5th graders to give them a place to connect and prepare for Youth Group. During the Summer we will meet with our current 4th and 5th graders in June and July and our rising 4th and 5th graders in August. Here are the dates for these events Place and Time to be determined.

**Saturday, June 12, 3-4:30 p.m.**

At Maxwell Street!

**Saturday, July 10th - Mystery Trip!**

Time and Place to be decoded!

**August 21st -Welcome new students!**

For those students in 4th and 5th grade at the start of the school year. 3-4:30 p.m. at MSPC



Our last cooking session with Sunday School students. We created our own crustless quiche to make for Mother's and or Father's Day

*First pictures is from Quinn and Anne-Claire Linscott. The second picture is from Theo Meads his quiche and their family picture enjoying it.*

# YOUTH NEWS

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Field Costich	June 3
Lucas Falco	June 5
James Weitkamp	June 9
James Baker	June 17
Lucy Wilkerson	June 22
Ruby Loeffler	June 24
Elizabeth Wilkerson	June 25
Tina Lumppp	June 27
Annie Noble	June 29

## Youth Lexington Mission Immersion Week



## Ways YOU Can Participate. We Need Your Help!

The whole congregation is invited to participate with us! Here's a glimpse at the youth group's partners for their mission week and some ways you can participate. The Mission Committee and all of Maxwell Street will support these partners through the month of July:

### MONDAY

#### Step by Step

Month long drive for these items for 40 moms: laundry detergent (50 load minimum), cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, magic erasers, Clorox All Purpose Cleaning Spray, Comet), \$10 gas cards

#### Seedleaf

Did you know the Maxwell Street garden is a Seedleaf garden? We have four raised beds! You could volunteer in our garden or even adopt a whole bed for yourself!

#### Greenhouse 17

A nonprofit organization committed to ending intimate partner abuse in families and the community. They farm the land to offer nature-based healing, nutritious field-to-table produce, and job training for survivors. Nurturing lives harmed by intimate partner abuse.

### TUESDAY

#### A tour of the Traces: Slavery at Ashland exhibition at Ashland Museum

A walking tour of the African American Heritage signs around Lexington. You can walk these tours too!

#### Greensource

Picking up trash around neighborhoods that are important to you (where you live, work, go to church, go to school, hang out...) is a helpful and meaningful way to ground yourself more in your environment

### WEDNESDAY

#### Immigration discussion with the Community Response Coalition, Maxwell Street Legal Clinic, and KRM.

The youth and youth families are planning to be a Welcome Team for a family with teens and kids coming to the United States through KRM! Would you like to be a part of the Welcome Team too? The work of the Welcome Team includes setting up their home, grocery shopping, making a welcome video, and whatever else we can brainstorm that will help this family feel welcome in Lexington!

#### Westminster Village

Did you know that Westminster Village is a PC(USA) run subsidized housing complex? If you're interested in supporting affordable housing in Lexington, but not sure how. Giving your time and resources to support Westminster Village is a great way!

### THURSDAY

#### Eastern KY Flood Repair with Burnamwood Appalachian Mission

Our Presbytery and the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are still helping Eastern KY recover from the floods this Spring. Interested in spending some time helping with flood repair or donating? You can do both!

## SUMMER SCHEDULE:

- June 5th, 1-9 pm: Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Bluegrass Scavenger Hunt Fundraiser and Legends Game
- June 18-19: Lock-in
- June 28- July 2: Mission Immersion Week
- July 15, 9:30-1:30: Kayaking
- July 20-24: HS Burnamwood Camp
- July 27-30: MS Burnamwood Camp
- August 6: Kings Island Day Trip

# FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

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## Kerygma

Matt's Wednesday Class is on hiatus for the summer. See you again at the beginning of the fall semester!

## Summer Adult Sunday School: "What Now Church?"

9:30am - 10:00am starting June 6, Matt invites all interested in learning about the church - both "C" and "c" for a four week class. It will be a great way to learn a little bit of history of the Christian church, become a little bit more familiar with the particular history of Maxwell Street, and to think together about what God might be doing with the church next. This would also be a great class for those thinking about becoming a member of Maxwell Street! Class on Zoom. Information on how to join will be in the Friday email.

## Words & Wine

For June 4, we'll read "*The Dew Breaker*" by Edwidge Danticat. This story gives us glimpses of 1960s Haiti as well as present-day New York City. We'll wait until next month to make a decision about the meeting format & location for June.

## NADYA Book Group

Thanks to everyone who came to our first in-person meeting in over a year! It was a great discussion and it was wonderful to see everyone again. We'll be meeting again on June 6, 6-7:30pm at th Williams' house. We'll be reading to the end of Chronicle II in *Killers of the Flower Moon*. Please bring a mask and RSVP with Jason Williams - jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com so we'll be able to set up seating and be prepared for food.

## Presbyterian Women

### OUR NEXT MEETING

June 3 at 11am

HURRAH! WE ARE GOING TO MEET IN-PERSON. Some of us are tired of meeting on Zoom and would like to meet and share time with each other this summer. The CDC restrictions have changed enough for us to meet. THURSDAY,

JUNE 3 IS THE DATE AT 11:00. Join us for a salad bar lunch and fellowship at church. Wear a mask if you feel safer but come. Need a ride, call Mary Waxham at 797-4409. We'll talk about the coming year and the plans that have been made.

Last month at our May meeting, Rachel installed the officers for 2012-2022.

Moderator: Mary Waxham, 797-4409

Secretary & Historian: Caroline Thomas, 699-2172

Treasurer: Sue Senft, 273-3324

Community Outreach: Caroline Thomas, 699-2172

Global Missions: Jeanne Woodberry, 268-2867

Personal Faith: Rowena Johnson, 233-3720

Nominating: Georgia Bacquet, 278-3172 & Angela Keith, 368-0222

## WESTMINSTER VILLAGE NEEDS

Caroline Thomas reports that at Westminster Village, the E7 staff are continuing to offer tutoring after school to elementary children, and surplus grocery food is distributed weekly. As always, our mission there is happy to receive clean clothing, household goods, or cleaning supplies to be distributed to residents. Call Caroline at (859) 699-2172 if you have any questions."

## Green Team

Maxwell's Green Team is excited to begin several new projects as summer begins and we slowly transition back to in person events! We invite you to join us as we develop new ways Maxwell Street can care for the Earth and all of God's creation.

Across the last year, we have glimpsed racism and white supremacy deeply embedded into every facet of American life. One way the Green Team hopes to respond to calls for accountability and justice is to divest the Maxwell Street Endowment Fund from the 200 largest fossil fuel companies in the world. Fossil fuel companies are responsible not only for over 71% of fossil fuel emissions across the globe, but also violent displacement of indigenous and other frontline communities, racist energy infrastructure projects producing toxic environments within and around marginalized communities, and concerning environmental degradation on land and in water. In addition to fossil fuel divestment, the Green Team is developing ideas about how to respond in our local community and researching how Maxwell Street can become carbon neutral. **Feel free to join us at our next meeting, June 22!**

# Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM)

The PAM 2021 Worship and Music Conferences will be held this year at Montreat. This year, our conference theme is Gathered in My Name, and fitting with the name, we are pleased to offer BOTH in-person AND online options for attending our conference! We invite everyone to visit [www.presbysmusic.org/2021conference](http://www.presbysmusic.org/2021conference) to learn more about what we have planned.

## In-Person Conference Dates:

Week 1: June 20 - 25, 2021

Week 2: June 27 - July 2, 2021

## Online Conference Dates:

June 27 - July 2, 2021



Arts, Music & Theology (AMT) is a lecture series that runs over the summer with a variety of speakers that cover a variety of topics! All programs and lectures are free and open to the public.

Summer Schedule:

Programs begin at 7:00pm in Upper Moore Center, formerly known as the Huckleberry Cafe, unless otherwise noted.

## **June 2**

“Preludes and...” Organ Recital - Eric Wall

## **June 15**

“Montreat Scottish Society and the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games” - Righton McCallum

## **June 22**

“Seeing Theology” - Hannah Garrity

## **June 29**

“Some Stories of Art, Family, and Food: How Lila Bonner Miller Anticipated the Alternative Food Movement” - Dr. John Brueggemann

## **July 6**

“In Memory of Dr. Jim (Jimbo) Bryan: A Celebration of Life” - Dr. Henry Wilde and Richard DuBose followed by “Anatomy of a Supreme Court Case Affecting Many” - Jim Hamilton

## **July 13**

“From a Vexillologist’s Perspective: A New Mississippi State Flag” - Alec Peters

## **July 20**

“Hearing Theology” - Eric Wall

## **July 27**

“We’ve Come This Far, But Have A Long Way To Go: The Black Presbyterian Story” - Rev. Dr. Byron Wade

## **July 7**

“Together Around the Lake: Remembering the 3+ Million” All are welcome to gather at Lake Susan to remember the 3+ million around the globe who have died from Covid-19. We will hold up lights in song and prayer as we remember those lost in the Pandemic. Details forthcoming.

View the website to see all times and locations.

## **BURNAMWOOD CAMPS FOR HIGH AND MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!**

Do you know a high schoolers or middle schooler who either loves Burnamwood or could use a week in the woods this summer? With all precautions in place, the Youth Leadership Ministry of the presbytery is planning a week of camp for high school (July 20-24) and middle school (July 27-31). Sign up here: [www.burnamwood.net/programs/summer-camp/](http://www.burnamwood.net/programs/summer-camp/)

# TOGETHER AGAIN!

And WE'RE BACK! Maxwell Street Presbyterian celebrated its first in-person worship service on Sunday, May 23 in the sanctuary since March 8, 2020. We were joined by guest preacher Rev. Brittany Fiscus van Rossum, also celebrated Ben Mathews baptism and Pentecost! It was great to see everyone! *Photos by Rich Copley*



# MISSION SURVEY

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Please take the survey below and mail in to the church office: 180 E. Maxwell Street, Lexington KY 40508

You can also take this survey online at [www.maxpres.org/missionsurvey](http://www.maxpres.org/missionsurvey)

**1. Which of Maxwell Street's current mission projects are most important to you? Please rank your top three priorities.**

- Big Blue Pantry                       E7 Kids Cafe
- Home for the Holidays
- Maxwell Elementary School backpack program
- Random acts of kindness
- Room in the Inn                       Sandwich ministry
- Thursday night meal               Toy Woodshop

**2. Which current mission projects are you interested in learning more about or becoming more involved in?**

- Big Blue Pantry                       E7 Kids Cafe
- Home for the Holidays
- Maxwell Elementary School backpack program
- Random acts of kindness
- Room in the Inn                       Sandwich ministry
- Thursday night meal               Toy Woodshop

**3. Are there any additional mission opportunities that would you like to see Maxwell Street support moving forward?** Your answer can be general (e.g., mission trips, environmental projects, hunger-based missions, etc.) or include specific organizations or ideas.

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**4. What do you think that Maxwell Street's mission ministry does well?**

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**5. How do you think that Maxwell Street's mission ministry could be improved?**

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