

# Welcome!

## ALL WHO COME TO WORSHIP GOD ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.

This is Christ's Church and together we are seeking to love the world as the Beloved did. We also seek to be as embracing as Jesus was. Therefore, everyone is invited into full membership and ministry regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, or worldly condition. **A special welcome**, to those who are visiting us for the first time today, and to our regular visitors. **Please be sure to sign the pew register, where you will also find nametags.** We hope you'll use them so we can introduce ourselves and get to know you during Social Hour. **We use nametags too, so you can get to know us!**

**Join us** for Social Hour, downstairs in the Social Hall, following worship.

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	<u>Serving this Morning</u>	<u>August 27</u>
Liturgist	Josef Schneider	Mary Carol Melton
Offering Assistant	Margaret Champion	Dan Bick
Social Hour	Solidarity Luncheon	Heather Graden Agape Group
Sound System	Lisa Foster	Eric Burgmann
Ushers	Dan & Sara Bick Usher Team 3	Teri Miles Usher Team 4
Nursery Attendants	Margaret Champion	

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## OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

Rosa Channell had a slight setback and returned for a couple of days to Jewish Hospital but is now back home, Tim Bick (Dan's brother) chemotherapy continues, Jo Sowash, shoulder surgery on August 17, Carmie Apel (Earl's mom) receiving hospice care at Llanfair and is well-tended by Earl, Yvonne Hailey (Lynn's mom), Bob & Charlotte Goering, Charles Miller (Chris Miller's dad), Jan Taylor (Pat Timm's sister) bone marrow cancer treatment, Margaret Standriff, Sandee Ernst and family, Doug & Linda Ford and family, Caz (Dave Chalk's grandson), Alfred Bick (Dan's father), Billie (Lew VanderNaald's mom), Marianne Ignatius, Brian Tansey, Mike Pentz (Jean Snyder's brother), John Finegan (Jean Snyder's son-in-law), Bill Rogers, Beatrice Smith (Diane Smith's mother), Jan Gallagher, Julie Malkin. **Please contact the church office to update our prayer list.**



## STAY CONNECTED TO MT. AUBURN

- 🔗 Visit our website at: [www.mtauburnpresby.org](http://www.mtauburnpresby.org), check out our calendar
- 🔗 Check us out on Facebook @ Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church
- 🔗 Questions? Comments? You may contact the church office: ([office@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:office@mtauburnpresby.org)) or (513.281.5945)

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## NEW CHURCH DIRECTORIES – AVAILABLE ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10!

**A directory printout is on the counter in the church office. Please clearly write your changes on the printout.** Deadline for submissions is: **Wednesday, September 6,** 513.281.5945 or [office@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:office@mtauburnpresby.org).

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# HELP WANTED!!

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## **NURSERY ATTENDANTS – CAN YOU HELP?!**

**August 27** (need one addl.), **September 3** (need two)

A sign-up list is posted on the Encounters bulletin board outside Social Hall.

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## **MEETINGS - EVENTS & F.Y.I.**

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### **CELEBRATING OUR 150<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY and Marking our Path for the Future**

As highlighted in July, MAPC begins our year of celebration October 2017-January 2019, a time of reflection and recognition of our 150 years of service as well as a time to look forward to our future. The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration team is hard at work in their planning.

**Mark your calendar for these events:**

**October 29, 2017: Opening Celebration for the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**October 6-7, 2018: Special Homecoming Weekend**

**Jan. 27, 2019: Wrap-Up Celebration**

Throughout the year, many events and activities, guest speakers, a special Adult Encounters series, building tours, and some special surprises are being planned. 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Co-chairs, Nan Costello and Diane Smith, are diligently working to put together teams of people to head up each event. To gather suggestions and solicit leadership, meetings with church communities and committees are taking place this summer. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities for members of the congregation. We hope all can be involved.

Coinciding with our year of celebration, planning for the Moving Forward Now, Phase II campaign will continue this fall. Meetings with members and congregational focus groups will convene this fall to explore ways to vision our future in relation to our beautiful church facility, enhancing our programs and mission, engagement in our Cincinnati community, and the long-term commitment we each are called by God to make through our gifts, resources, and talents. Upon a recommendation from our Finance and Stewardship Committee, Session approved a budget of \$100,000 to support our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary events and activities as well as our Moving Forward Now, Phase II campaign. This includes the contract with Rev. Michael Vilardo, our campaign consultant, who you will meet this fall.

Our leadership team includes: Pastor Stacey Midge, Elders Susan Thomas, Susan Ingmire, Nan Costello, Diane Smith, Mary Carol Melton, and Bill Bogdan. Questions? Please feel free to seek out any of the planning leadership team. Peace and God's Blessings.

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**PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION – MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 12:30 p.m., in the Education Wing**

**Godly Play and Adult Encounters** begin their new season on Sunday, September 10.  
**Watch this space for more info!**

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**THE AGAPE GROUPS ARE MEETING!**

The Deacons are each hosting gatherings for their Agape Groups. The purpose is to get to know Pastor Stacey and catch up with each other. If you cannot make it to your own Agape Group time, please contact Pastor Stacey to sign up for a different meeting. If you don't see your group listed, there are more to come!

**August 22 – Marlene Muse – 6-8 pm** – Dinner at her home

**August 25 – Sara Thomas Bick – 5:30 pm** – Appetizers and drinks at her home

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**SEPTEMBER OPEN STACKS BOOK CLUB**

'We Were the Lucky Ones', by Georgia Hunter is the book selection for our September meeting. We will gather on **September 8, at 7pm and begin discussion at 7:30, at the home of Pat Timm.**

*"An extraordinary, propulsive novel based on the true story of a family of Polish Jews who are separated at the start of the Second World War, determined to survive—and to reunite.*

*It is the spring of 1939 and three generations of the Kurc family are doing their best to live normal lives, even as the shadow of war grows closer. The talk around the family Seder table is of new babies and budding romance, not of the increasing hardships threatening Jews in their hometown of Radom, Poland. But soon the horrors overtaking Europe will become inescapable and the Kurcs will be flung to the far corners of the world, each desperately trying to navigate his or her own path to safety.*

*Driven by an unwavering will to survive and by the fear that they may never see one another again, the Kurcs must rely on hope, ingenuity, and inner strength to persevere.*

*In a novel of breathtaking sweep and scope that spans five continents and six years and transports readers from the jazz clubs of Paris to Kraków's most brutal prison to the ports of Northern Africa and the farthest reaches of the Siberian gulag, We Were the Lucky Ones demonstrates how in the face of the twentieth century's darkest moment, the human spirit can find a way to survive, and even triumph."*

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**BIRTHDAY BASH HOSTED BY YANA KECK!**

Yana Keck will host a special birthday open house celebration, directly following coffee hour, **next Sunday, August 27, at 1:00 p.m., in the Geier Room.** It will be a 60's themed party with games (remember Twister?), music and 60's memorabilia. Lots of food (pizza, popcorn, cake, drinks and snacks) will be served. 60's attire is not necessary at all, and **ABSOLUTELY** no gifts or cards please. Feel free to join in the fun for however long you can stay – and enjoy!!

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## CROP WALK 2017 - Sunday, October 1 at 2 PM

MAPC will join ten other churches in the “Crossing Rivers” CROP Walk. Over the past several years, this Walk has generated over \$40,000. 75% has gone to Church World Service ([cwsglobal.org](http://cwsglobal.org)) for natural disasters and refugee resettlement, and improving water, food, educational, and medical resources in the developing world. The remaining 25% is divided among three local groups - St. George Food Pantry, InterChurch Organization a.k.a. Henry Hosea House, and Family Promise of N. Ky. **The goal** for this year is \$6000. **The location** walk starts @ St. John’s United Church of Christ, 415 Park Ave., Newport, KY. The route will be roughly 2 miles long (with a shorter option) from the church, around the Newport Aquarium, over the bridge to Cincy, then right, following the park as far as the boathouse. We double-back and return to the church via the “Purple People” bridge. The shortcut is bridge to bridge, skipping the park. **Linda Ford** is again organizing the MAPC walking team. Please talk to her at church or call her to volunteer. You can also register to walk and to donate online: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/cincinnati/>.

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### FROM THE WELCOMING COMMUNITY

*It's back to school time!*

We are collecting **Box Tops for Education** for Taft Elementary School. Each box top is worth **10 cents** and is found on many of the items that you purchase at the grocery store each week. Taft Elementary uses these funds to pay the transportation costs for student field trips.

**Flyers listing the products that carry the Box Tops logo are located on the table in the connector.** Just clip the box tops and put them in a ZIPLOCK bag (which is a participating item!!) and drop them in the box each week/month. Let’s join forces to help expand these kids’ horizons!

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## MAPC CALENDAR - AUGUST 20-27

Date	Time	Group/Purpose	Room
<b>Sunday</b> <b>August 20</b>	8:30 AM	AA	Geier Rm
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Solidarity Luncheon	Social Hall
<b>Monday</b> <b>August 21</b>	6:00 PM	League of Women Voters	Geier Rm
	6:00 PM	GLSEN	Social Hall
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>August 22</b>	5:30 PM	League of Women Voters	Geier Rm
	6:00 PM	Marlene Muse Agape Dinner	Muse Home
	7:00 PM	Bible Study – 7 <sup>th</sup> Beatitude	Conference Rm

<b>Wednesday August 23</b>	11:00 AM 5:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM	Staff mtg. League of Women Voters Woman's City Club Session	Conference Rm League Offices Social Hall Geier Rm
<b>Thursday August 24</b>	6:30 PM	GLSEN Volunteer Mtg.	Geier Rm
<b>Friday August 25</b>	5:30 PM	Sara Bick Agape Dinner	Bick Home
<b>Sunday August 27</b>	8:30 AM 10:00 AM 11:00 AM 12:30 PM 12:30 PM 1:00 PM	AA 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning mtg. Worship Social Hour Justice-Seeking Community Geier Room reserved (Member)	Geier Rm Conference Rm Sanctuary Social Hall Conference Rm