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Nearly 1,000 bags of caps!

Today's batch brings us to 910 bags of plastic caps collected since we started in 2019 — all recycled into park benches for our community. Thank you to everyone who keeps this project growing!

WORSHIP NEWS

NOVEMBER WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 2

All Saints Sunday & the Lord's Supper
Luke 19:1-10 - "Happy to Welcome Him"

NOVEMBER 9

Revelation 21.1-5 & Mark 4.35-41
"The Home of God"
Dedication of Stewardship Pledges

NOVEMBER 16

Luke 21.5-19 - "This is Your Chance"

NOVEMBER 23

Luke 1.68-79 & Luke 23.33-43 - "Christ the King"

NOVEMBER 30

Advent Week 1 & the Lord's Supper
Matthew 24.36-44 - "You Know"



Daylight Savings Time

Don't forget to turn back your clocks on November 1 when you're going to bed. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep.

Maxwell Street All-Church Fall Retreat: The Beloved Community

November 14-16, 2025

Join us for a weekend of connection and spiritual renewal! Our annual retreat offers games, hiking, stargazing, food, and reflection at beautiful Camp Burnamwood. Reflect on the Beloved Community—a vision of justice, equity, peace, and love inspired by Martin Luther King Jr. Sign up and join us for rest, and community! www.maxpres.org/retreat2025

Thanksgiving Dinner and Annual Meeting

Sunday, November 23

In the Presbyterian Church (USA), congregations are to hold an annual meeting to elect ruling elders and deacons, and to approve proposed changes to the terms of call of the pastor. The 2025 Annual Meeting will be held following the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 23rd in the Fellowship Hall. In addition to the official business, we'll also learn who this year's recipients of Endowment Grants are.

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 23 after meeting

We encourage anyone who wants to help to stay after worship to participate in this time – honored tradition of decorating the church as we begin the Advent season soon.

Advent 2025

Sunday, November 30

"Advent" means "coming" or "arrival." During the season of Advent, we celebrate Christ's coming into the world and watch with expectant hope for his coming again. In its historical origins, the season of Advent was patterned after the season of Lent, a six-week period of penitence and preparation for Easter. Similarly, the four weeks of Advent present an opportunity for communal discernment and personal examination, as the church prepares to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord and looks with hope for Christ's return. We'll enjoy a Christmas Cantata on December 7 by John Randall Dennis, performed by the Chancel Choir and brass quintet. We will also have our Children's "Joy Around the World" Christmas Pageant on December 14, and our traditional Christmas Eve services at 7:30pm and 11:00pm.

REMINDER

Deadline for the December 2025 MIM is Friday, November 14, 2025.

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



STEWARDSHIP 2026

Our We Make Peace Possible Stewardship Campaign is now underway! Each year, those who call Maxwell Street home are invited to make a financial pledge to support the church's mission in the year ahead.

This year's theme reminds us what a blessing it is to belong to a community that seeks to be a peacemaker—through worship that renews the spirit, mission that reaches beyond our walls, hospitality to students and neighbors, and compassion for immigrants and those in need.

Your commitment makes this shared ministry possible. You can pledge online through our website, by contacting Kate Copley, or by returning the pledge card you received in the mail. You may also bring your pledge to worship on November 9, when we'll dedicate all pledges to God's work of peace through Maxwell Street in 2026.



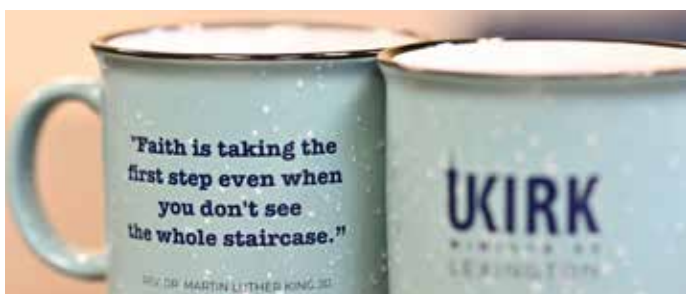
MAKE A PLEDGE ONLINE

Scan the QR Code with your phone to learn more about the 2026 Stewardship Campaign.

UKIRK CAMPUS MINISTRY

New Campus Room

Thank you to Bill Smith, Warren Waxham, Ashlee Vogelsang, Lauren & Jonah Falco, Alicia and Lauren Hart, and Rob Wethington for helping create a beautiful new space for our Campus Ministry Program. Our UKirk students are already regularly meeting and gathering in the space for Fellowship.



Welcome New UKirk Director

Justice Zurakowski

Justice is a Master of Divinity student at Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and plans to enroll into the seminary's dual program to also earn a graduate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. She is from Rogers City, Michigan and glad to be in a warmer climate. She is an inquirer with the PC(USA) and discerning her call to ministry. Justice is a birth doula who specializes in supporting folks of traditionally marginalized communities, serving Louisville and nearby areas.



UKIRK Campus Ministry

Wednesday Nights at 7pm

Faith. Friends. Free food. Join us Wednesdays at 7:00pm for dinner, fellowship, and conversation about life and faith.



FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

Kerygma Class

Matt's Midweek Discipleship Class

New Class starting November 19!

Join us for a conversation about Matthew Skinner's book, *"Voices of Advent."* Read one chapter a week, and we'll watch a video by the author in class together before we discuss his book. Skinner leads readers through biblical texts of Advent and explores how they shape our lives and Christmas celebrations. Read Chapter One for the 19. Contact Matt if you have any questions. matt@maxpres.org.

Words & Wine

Friday, November 7 at 6:30pm

Words & Wine meets Friday, November 7 from 6:30-8:00pm.

3rd Space Sunday

Sunday, November 16

3rd Space Sunday (aka Donut Sunday) happens on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. I hope you'll join us for 3rd Space Sunday on November 16.

Stitchmates

2nd and 4th Saturdays at noon

We meet twice a month on the second Saturday in the Church Library. Bring the projects you are working on and enjoy this time of fellowship! **Questions, contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).**

N.A.D.Y.A. Book Group

Sunday, November 23 at 6pm

NADYA Book Group's next book is Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*. Join us on Sunday, November 23 from 6:00-7:30pm at Jason and Andrea's house to discuss this interesting read. Questions, contact jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 2

On November 2 we will remember and give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

October Meeting

The Session met on Monday, October 6th, opening with a reflection from Sarah Kerckmar, who shared lyrics from "Angels Among Us" by Alabama as a reminder of the everyday grace we experience through the people around us.

Vanessa Keith reported that the church remains on budget and that New Wineskins campaign funds are now held in a high-yield account for better stewardship. Committees were encouraged to begin reviewing their budgets for 2026 in preparation for next month's meeting.

The Session approved extending an offer of employment to Justice Zerkowsky as the new Campus Ministry Director. Justice brings a background in ministry and

student affairs and will help continue our vibrant work with UKirk students. The newly renovated campus ministry room is nearly complete—thanks to all who lent a hand in transforming the space!

The Trustees are gathering bids for modernizing the Elevator for the first phase of the Capital Campaign Projects. Trustees are also addressing water damage behind the organ wall, which will require careful collaboration with organ repair specialists. The meeting closed with gratitude for the many hands and hearts that sustain our ministries week by week.

FINANCIAL INFO

September 2025 Income/Expense Report

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Annual Budget
INCOME					
Pledges	\$31,065.93	\$429,078.18	\$405,750.00	\$23,328.18	\$535,000.00
Congregational Giving	2,557.46	22,094.07	24,660.00	(2,565.93)	35,000.00
Loose Offering	402.00	3,817.36	3,520.00	297.36	5,000.00
Other Designated Gifts	600.00	4,335.00	2,997.00	1,338.00	4,000.00
Per Capita Donation	0.00	5,413.26	4,780.00	633.26	5,500.00
Grant Income	0.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
Ky Campus Ministry Board	10,500.00	10,500.00	8,200.00	2,300.00	8,200.00
Interest Income	266.19	1,757.66	112.50	1,645.16	150.00
PNC CD interest	273.21	2,420.09	1,687.50	732.59	2,250.00
Subtotal Interest Income	539.40	4,177.75	1,800.00	2,377.75	2,400.00
Rentals	3,516.68	22,825.09	17,490.92	5,334.17	23,000.00
Workcamp Fees	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	(6,000.00)	6,000.00
Coupons for Missions	220.66	816.62	1,500.00	(683.38)	2,000.00
Spec Offering for Hunger	2,426.47	13,711.11	15,000.03	(1,288.92)	20,000.00
Spec Off for Assistance	88.86	826.69	0.00	826.69	2,500.00
Other Income	0.00	36.00	6.00	30.00	6.00
TOTAL INCOME	51,917.46	526,631.13	500,703.95	25,927.18	657,606.00
EXPENSES					
Mission & Benevolences	3,579.30	28,698.70	32,749.94	4,051.24	41,750.00
Payroll Expenses	32,696.25	310,315.12	318,904.18	8,589.06	424,384.00
Subtotal Church Programs	7,935.26	18,470.39	17,879.23	(591.16)	22,250.00
Utilities & Maintenance	8,265.98	81,853.22	77,276.62	(4,576.60)	101,402.00
Operating Expenses	2,580.91	34,630.32	35,525.03	894.71	44,050.00
Worship And Fellowship	572.85	2,648.18	5,287.50	2,639.32	7,050.00
Presbytery Support/Per Capita	5,573.32	12,539.97	12,539.97	0.00	16,720.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	61,203.87	489,155.90	500,162.47	11,006.57	657,606.00
Excess/(Deficit)	(\$9,286.41)	\$37,475.23	\$541.48	\$36,933.75	\$0.00

New Wineskins Campaign Update

New Wineskins Total Pledged: \$619,940.87

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the New Wineskins Capital Campaign. To date, we have received \$264,423.25 in donations.

THANK YOU'S

Thank you to everyone who helped with the block party: Alicia Hart, Debbie Acker, Tony Sidor, Ann Farrer, Mary and Warren Waxham, Katherine Bullock, Pam Boldt, Martin Hendrix, Rob Wethington, Michelle Jones, Matt Falco, Derrick Meads, Jeff Ehlert.

Thanks to Jim Olive for entertaining us at the Block Party and hosting the open mic session.

Thanks to Rich Copley for taking photos of worship services and the block party.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing to the Clothes Closet. Thank you to Jody Lambert for volunteering with the clothing closet.

Thank you to Bill Smith for baking communion bread.

Thank you to Jim Lumppp and Bill Smith for providing technical expertise with the office system.

Thank you to Douglas Ensminger for leading the class, Confronting Demons.

Thank you to Ann Farrer for her continued work on the native garden.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at Thursday Night Meal in October: Anne Chesnutt, Bonnie Eads, Johnnie Evans, Carolyn Sayre, Clay Noonan, Bob Rabel, Jeff, Kristy & Zach Ehlert, Kathy Riley, Andrea Williams, Susan Mossman, Rich Copley, Nancy Ricker, Bill Handley, Jonah Falco, Katie and Barry Whaley, Layne Taylor, Ashlee Vogelsang, Viceanda Brown, Pam Boldt.

Thank you for those who ushered during October: Derrick Meads, Elizabeth Tremoulis, Debbie Acker, Katherine Bullock.

Thank you to Michelle Gardner and Michelle Jones for the hard work on the Children's Library.

Thank you to all those who helped with the UK Festival of Voices Concert.

Thank you to the children of Maxwell who led worship for Children's Sabbath. A special thanks to Miss Robin for accompanying and organizing the choir and to Lydia Ruffin for leadership and directing.

Thank you to those who participated in worship: Rob Wethington, Dr. William Handley, Rowena Johnson, Nan Nickou, Nancy Ricker and Troy Cooper.

Thank you to A.J. Rose, Laurel Bullock, Blake Tremoulis, Gus and Nan Nickou. for acolyting.

Thank you to those who sponsored sanctuary flowers in October: Harry and Rowena Johnson who celebrated their 52nd anniversary.

Thank you to those who provided special music in October: Gretchen Bishay, Jayden Bowman, Stan Brunn, Susan Carey, Jackie DeCroo, Iris Dooling, Linda Ensminger, Lauren Falco, Jean Harper, Will Jones, Doug Kalika, Janet Kalika, Vanessa Keith, Cindi Kuper, Susan Liddle, Jay McNamee, Jim Olive, Lydia Ruffin, Lucy Schapman, Dorothy & Loren Tice.

Thank you to those who served punch: Debbie Acker, Katherine Bullock, Rowena Johnson, Luke Morgan.

Thank you to those who made sandwiches for the Hope Mobile this month: Jean and Greg Harper, Rowena and Harry Johnson, Caroline Thomas, Katie Thrailkill, Kay Roberts.

Thank you to those who packed lunches for the Backpack Program this month: Jackie DeCroo, Ray & Denise Reynolds, Greg & Jean Harper, Katie Thrailkill.

Thank you to the Kercksmar and Linscott families for providing lunch to the youth group in October.

Thank you to all those who donated long johns and funds to purchase warm items for our neighborhood friends.

Congratulations...



Congratulations to Claire Roberts and Cole Huff who were married on October 4. Congratulations to mom, Kay Roberts and all family as well.

Thank you from...

Thank you to everyone who reached out to the Copley family during the loss of my mom, Jackie. The sweet cards, texts and flowers brought us much solace in a very sad time. We love being a part of a loving church family. Grace & peace, Kate, Rich, Christopher, Caroline & Alan

MISSION



E7 Christmas Shop Sunday, December 7

Our kiddos are already buzzing with excitement, and we can't wait to make this year's event extra special! We are now accepting donations from now until Dec 7. We will also need volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering for this fun event, please contact Ashlee Vogelsang ashlee@maxpres.com

Some ideas of things we are looking for:

Mens Items: cologne, gadgets, wallets, watches, sports stuff (especially UK items and Lexington Legends items), hats, gloves, tools, socks, houseshoes

Womens Items: perfumes, scarves, purses/small handbags, jewelry, watches, bath bombs, wallets, hair accessories, beauty accessories, nail kits, socks, houseshoes

Kitchen supplies: small gadgets, utensils, towels, cooking stuff, oven mitts/gloves

Household Items: towels, washclothes, gadgets, bedding items (all sizes) bathroom items

Small electrical items/gadgets

Kids Items: stuffed animals, gadgets, board games, electric games, art kits, coloring books, reading books, puzzle books, puzzles, toys for kids ages baby to over 12 years old

Teen items: board games, card games, gadgets, electronic items, makeup items (lipgloss, nail polish)

Christmas Wrapping materials:

- Many rolls of christmas wrapping paper (at least 30-40 rolls)
 - Tape (at least 20 rolls)
 - Gift tags (at least 2-3 packs)
 - Old Christmas Cards (we use the front of them as gift tags when needed for gift bags so as many as we can get)
 - Gift boxes (many multiple sizes needed)
 - Gift bags (many multiple sizes needed)
- Tissue paper (many packages of sheets needed)

Clothing Drive Items Needed

With the arrival of the cooler months, we are hoping to fill the clothing room with plenty of warm items. If you find you have too many taking up space at your place, I would love for it to take the space here at Maxwell Street.

Items needed most:

- Sweatpants
- Sweaters
- Long sleeve and short sleeve t-shirts
- Bath towels
- Blankets



Housing Grant

Because of our housing grant program, people like Kaden have a safe place to call home. Thank you for helping make that possible!

E7 Bluegrass Gives Day

December 2, 2025

Bluegrass Gives is here, and E7 is thrilled to see the results this year. Last year we reached 92% of our goal, this year we aim to exceed it! The Giving Day is December 2—one powerful day with hourly matches:

- 6–8 AM: \$1-for-\$1 up to \$100
- 9–11:59 AM: \$1-for-\$1 up to \$150
- Noon–4 PM: \$1-for-\$1 up to \$150
- 4–6 PM: \$1-for-\$1 up to \$100
- 6–11:59 PM: \$1-for-\$1 up to \$250
- 10–11:59 PM: \$1-for-\$1 up to \$100



With your support, the possibilities for Lexington's kids are endless. Donate December 2 and double your impact! Scan the QR code to learn more or make a donation.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Alan Gardner (11/15)

Thank you to our volunteers!

Thank you to our volunteers: Sara Baird, Carol Jordan, Lily Bryant, Kiersten Kerckmar, Sarah Kerckmar, Mary Iwamoto and Kari Boldt.

Thank you to Ellie and Margarite Waddell for our bulletin board decoration outside fellowship hall.

Save the Dates

Advent Workshop

Sunday, November 30

Christmas Pageant

Sunday, December 14

Photos from Block Party and Sunday School



YOUTH NEWS

NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

2 – Pie Day & Youth Group After Service

9 – Youth Group After Service

16 – NO YOUTH GROUP

23 – Annual Meeting & Hanging of the Greens

IMPORTANT DATES

November 14-16 – Burnamwood Retreat

November 20th – Thursday Night Meal

December 14th – Westminster Village Trip

December 21st – Caroling

January/February – SKI TRIP (Date TBD)

July – Mission Trip (Date TBD)

For more information on Maxwell Street's Youth Group or to find out how you can be involved, contact Rob at 859.457.2180 or Rob@MaxPres.org

Photos from the Block Party and Chili Cookoff



Youth Parking Fundraiser

We need volunteers!



Would you like to help the youth group raise funds for their mission trips? Volunteering to accept donations during UK events at Memorial Coliseum only takes an hour and is a great opportunity to support the youth group. To sign up, visit the QR Code to the left.

RECENT PHOTOS

Thank you to Rich Copley for sharing your gift of photography with our congregation.
Photos from Children's Library Open House, and Block Party







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