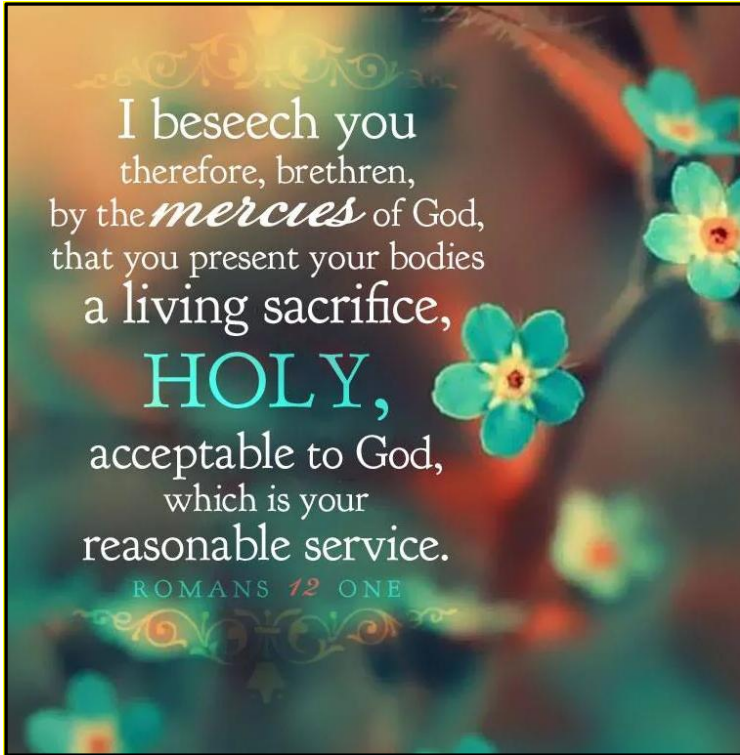


February 2, 2025

4th Sunday after the Epiphany

**Mission Statement: To Bring People to Christ
And Nurture Them in the Faith**



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Maxwell Methodist Church
February 2, 2025, @ 10 a.m.
4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Pastor: Robert Bacon; Lay Speaker: Carol Bacon
*Please stand if able

Prelude. Deb Mitchell

Welcome/Announcements

Praise Team

Order of Worship

Leader: Who made this beautiful day?

People: We believe the God, the Creator, made this day;

Leader: God made this day so we can rest, and reflect, and enjoy;

People: God made this day so we can open our eyes and see beauty,

Leader: And see opportunity to serve others,

People: And see hope.

Leader: So let us go into this day with our eyes and hearts wide open,

People: And let us worship God.

*Congregational Song.“My Hope is Built”Hymnal #368

SSNOW Children

Prayer:

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / The Lord’s Prayer

Offering

***Doxology**

Scripture. Romans 12:1-8 (NIV)

A Living Sacrifice

12 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Humble Service in the Body of Christ

³ For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. ⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶ We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; ⁷ if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; ⁸ if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

Sermon. “Milepost Number 3: **Service**” Rob Bacon

***Congregational Song “Here I Am Lord” Hymnal #593**

Benediction

Postlude. Deb Mitchell



Announcements

- **Pastor's Office Hours** : By appointment. Rob's number 515-460-8885; Carol's number 515-460-8969
- **Bulletin Announcements**: Please forward bulletin announcements to office@maxwellmc.org by Wednesday. The bulletin is posted on the church's website <https://www.maxwellmc.org> under the bulletins tab.
- **Fellowship Sign-up**: Please be sure to sign up to bring refreshments for fellowship time.
- **February 2**: Ad Council meeting following worship.
- **February 9, 5 :15 – 7:00 pm**: Youth Group at the church.
- **February 9**: Rob Bacon's birthday.
- **February 14 @ 6:00 pm (Friday)**: Valentine's Day Dinner, see details on flyer on sanctuary table.
- **February 23**: TBD Youth Group
- **February 26 @ 9 am**: Sewing Group

Church Tidbit from the September 2007 History Book:

February 1986: Church bowling party. Prizes given were:

- (1) Baby Ruth to the youngest Bree Wehrman.
- (2) One Hundred Grand for the highest score to R.A. & Mike Caraway.
- (3) Butterfinger to Cindy Welch for the most gutter balls.
- (4) Power House to Mike Caraway for the hardest ball.
- (5) Twin Bing to Scott Caraway and Bryce Caple for the most strikes in a row.
- (6) Whoopers to Mark Travis for the biggest shoes.
- (7) Snickers to Ryan Travis for the most unusual style.
- (8) Slo Poke to Cari Wehrman for the slowest ball.
- (9) Skittles to Scott Caraway for the worst control.
- (10) Bonkers to R.A. Caraway for strikes in the 10th frame.
- (11) Whachamacallit to Sherry Welch for picking up a split.