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The Maxwell Street App, available through the Apple and Google Play Stores, makes keeping up with MSPC worship, activities, and support easy.

Please note that Pastor Matt does not regularly check email on Fridays. For any pastoral care related concerns—on Fridays or any other day—he encourages you to contact him directly at 814-273-0885 by text or call.

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Cover Image

May's MIM Cover image is an acrylic painting by South African artist, Gideon Nel. "The Sower, 136 (Die Saaier, 136)", shows four scenes in Jesus's Parable of the Sower. Read more about this special piece of artwork here:



Reminder

Deadline for the June/July 2026 MIM is Monday May 18, 2026.

Please submit all articles to Hannah - Hannah@maxpres.org

May Worship

MAY 3

Youth Sunday & Communion

MAY 10

Acts 17.22-31 & John 14.51-21

MAY 17

1 Peter 4.12-14, 5.6-11 & John 17.1-11

MAY 24

Penecost Sunday

1 Corinthians 12.3b-13 & Acts 2.1-21

MAY 31

Trinity Sunday

2 Corinthians 13.11-13 & Matthew 28.16-20

Pentecost is a New Creation

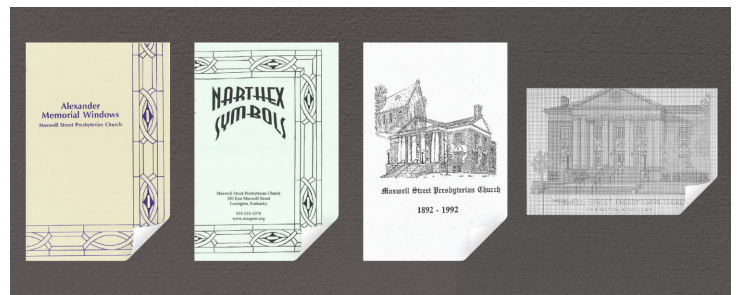
According to the Day of Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-13, God gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to empower witnesses to the resurrection. Sounds from heaven, cosmic language, the rush of a mighty ruach (wind, spirit, breath) invaded the house in which the apostles gathered, and appeared to them as a burning fire. Tongues of fire touched their nerve centers. A power — the unseen power of God — moved among them and gripped them. The Holy Spirit is unseen, like the wind, which is why the Old Testament calls it ruach YHWH, “the wind, or breath, of God” (cf. John 3:8). The Spirit is the “unseenness of God” working among us. Join us on May 24th, wear the color red, and celebrate the gift of God’s presence and power in the Holy Spirit.

Digital Maxwell In Motion

Do you want to receive Maxwell in Motion as a digital PDF rather than mailed to you? Please send an email to Kate (kate@maxpres.org).

Calling All Graduates!

Do you have a graduating senior in your family? We'd love to celebrate them! Please submit a photo and a brief paragraph including their name, where they are graduating from, and their plans after graduation. Send submissions to hannah@maxpres.org by May 18th.



Church History Resources Now Digitized!

A number of wonderful documents were written and distributed for Maxwell Street's 100th year in 1992. These documents have recently been scanned and added to the "History" page of our website including the pamphlets on the Alexander Memorial windows, the Blevins House, and the larger compilation - "History of Maxwell Street Church, 1892-1992".

Also digitized is a special crossstitch pattern of our historic church building. This file can be found on the "Groups" page under the Ministries tab or at this QRC.



Presbyterians Women's Luncheon

Saturday, May 16, 11am

First Presbyterian in Lexington is hosting a "Birthday Luncheon". It will be a nice event for fellowship and mission. Everyone is asked to bring a salad to share. Please RSVP to Tricia Milner (triciamilner@qx.net) by May 13.

FELLOWSHIP & STUDY

Matt's Midweek Discipleship Class

KERYGMA

Wednesdays at 10:30am

Kerygma is reading and discussing "Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America," an updated book by Ted V. Foote Jr. and P. Alex Thornburg. Previously called "Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt," this update provides a Presbyterian perspective on topics such as same-gender relationships, the role racism has played in the history of the church, and Christian Nationalism. Join us at 10:30 am on Wednesdays in the church library.



Words & Wine

Friday, May 1, at 6:30pm

Words & Wine Book Group will meet Friday, May 1, to discuss the book "The Many Lives of Mama Love: A Memoir of Lying, Stealing, Writing, and Healing" by Lara Love Hardin. We will meet again on June 5th to discuss the book, "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. *Questions? Contact Lauren Falco (laurenfalco@yahoo.com).*

Stitchmates

Saturday, May 9, 12:00pm

Saturday, May 23, 12:00pm

We meet twice a month on Saturday in the Church Library to work on our current fiber arts projects including knitting, crochet, quilting, and other hand sewing crafts. Bring the projects you are working on and enjoy this time of fellowship! *Questions? Contact Elise (elisekalika56@gmail.com).*

Young Adult Group

Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00pm

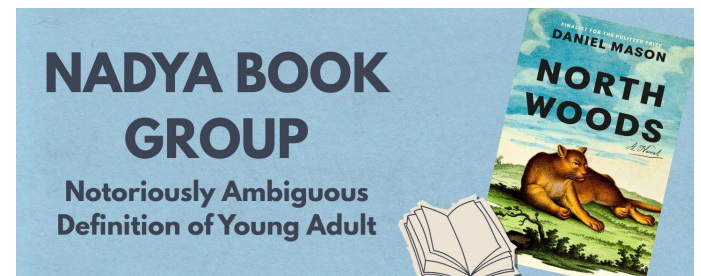
The Young Adults will meet at Wednesday, May 13th at 7pm at Emma & Nick's home. You can RSVP, get the address, or ask any other questions to Emma (ehs1031@gmail.com) or 256-585-8077. MSPC Young Adults are a group of 22-to-40ish-year-olds who gather monthly for fellowship and discussions about faith. All are welcome!



3rd Space Sunday

Sunday, May 17, 9:30am

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!



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

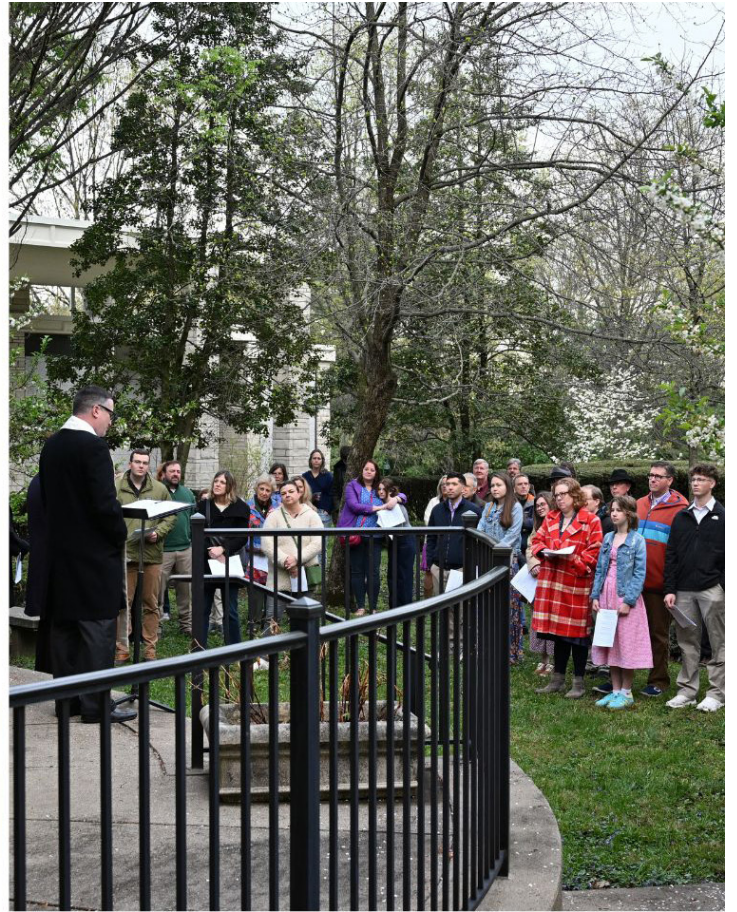
Date TBD

N.A.D.Y.A. Book Group - Our next book is the fiction work North Woods "A sweeping novel about a single house in the woods of New England, told through the lives of those who inhabit it across the centuries—a daring, moving tale of memory and fate from the Pulitzer Prize finalist and author of The Piano Tuner and The Winter Soldier", Daniel Mason. If you have questions or to request the meeting address, please contact Jason (jasonmckinleywilliams@gmail.com).

PHOTOS

Easter Season Celebrations

A very special "thank you" to Rich Copley and Jonah Falco for capturing these wonderful photos of our Congregation throughout the Lenten Season.



SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

The April 13th meeting focused on Confirmation, with the 2026 Confirmation Class sharing their personal statements about faith with the Elders in small groups. The class included students Daniel Bruno, Juni Bullock, Quinn Linscott, Theo Meads, Liam O'Carra, and Owen Pickett, who discussed what being part of the church community meant to them. After the small-group discussions, the elders voted to receive the confirmation candidates into church membership.

The meeting also covered various administrative matters, including approval of an anti-racism policy, personnel updates, and plans for an upcoming staff appreciation event on May 3rd, following worship. Additional topics included permission for youth to serve communion on Youth Sunday in May and the approval of a wedding ceremony for Andrew Thibadeau and Mason Ballard. The session concluded with prayer and sharing of joys and concerns among the attendees.

Per Capita Sunday

Sunday, May 17

Per Capita Sunday is coming! On May 17, we will celebrate Per Capita Sunday with yummy cookies home-made by your Budget & 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 \$17,302 that is distributed to the presbytery, synod and General Assembly. That comes to \$41 per member. With your contribution of \$41 per member of your household, you can help defray these costs.

You can make that payment at any time through check or online. Paying now or up until May 18 will merit you a special treat from the Budget & Stewardship Committee.



Please Welcome our Confirmation Class of 2026

Liam O'Carra, Theo Meads, Daniel Bruno, Junie Bullock, & Quinn Linscott

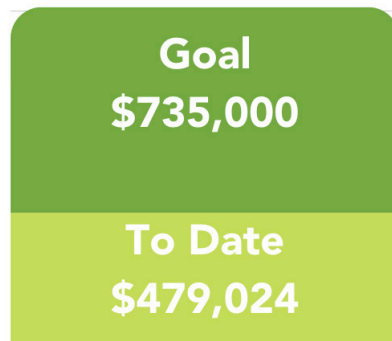
FINANCIAL INFO

Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church March 2026 Income and Expense Statement

	Current Period	Year to Date	Year to Date Budget	YTD Budget Difference	Annual Budget
INCOME					
Pledges	\$66,450.54	\$203,475.29	\$172,500.00	\$30,975.29	\$535,000.00
Congregational Giving	7,666.73	14,659.55	8,680.00	5,979.55	35,000.00
Loose Offering	620.00	1,539.00	1,150.00	389.00	5,000.00
Other Designated Gifts	300.00	380.00	999.00	(619.00)	4,000.00
Per Capita Donation	200.00	685.00	920.00	(235.00)	5,500.00
Grant Income	0.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Ky Campus Ministry Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,000.00
Interest Income	436.85	1,207.91	750.00	457.91	3,000.00
PNC CD interest	223.13	742.54	999.99	(257.45)	4,000.00
Subtotal Interest Income	659.98	1,950.45	1,749.99	200.46	7,000.00
Rentals	3,059.48	8,869.09	6,249.99	2,619.10	25,000.00
Coupons for Missions	219.17	219.17	250.00	(30.83)	1,000.00
Spec Offering for Hunger	2,970.55	6,055.13	5,000.01	1,055.12	20,000.00
Spec Off for Assistance	40.86	122.06	0.00	122.06	2,500.00
Other Income	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
TOTAL INCOME	82,187.31	247,954.74	207,498.99	40,455.75	662,006.00
EXPENSES					
Mission & Benevolences	3,920.31	6,431.18	9,624.99	3,193.81	41,500.00
Payroll Expenses	33,019.61	115,543.54	118,603.29	3,059.75	440,968.00
Church Programs	1,143.20	5,782.28	7,169.12	1,386.84	22,750.00
Utilities & Maintenance	15,424.97	37,447.88	30,789.12	(6,658.76)	109,395.00
Operating Expenses	2,452.38	8,489.97	11,405.26	2,915.29	44,550.00
Worship And Fellowship	421.98	1,068.05	2,042.87	974.82	7,050.00
Presbytery Support/Per Capita	4,325.49	4,325.49	4,325.49	0.00	17,302.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	60,707.94	179,088.39	183,960.14	4,871.75	683,515.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$21,479.37	\$68,866.35	\$23,538.85	\$45,327.50	(\$21,509.00)

New Wineskins Update

Thank you so much to everyone who has submitted pledges and payments to the New Wineskins Capital Campaign. See the chart for the latest update. If you have questions, please contact Kate in the church office (859-255-1074) or kate@maxpres.org.



	March & thru 4/15	Year-to-Date
Burnamwood	\$20	\$20
CRCKY		\$1,000
E7	\$727.57	\$737.14
Joy Offering		\$50
OGHS	\$1,957.07	\$2,181
PDA (Presb Disaster Asst)	\$50	\$150
Peacemaking		\$20
UKIRK		\$1,403.88
Youth	\$20	\$40
	\$2,775	\$5,602

CHILDREN'S NEWS

May Birthdays

Clara Cooper (May 14)

Gus Nickou (May 31)

Important Dates

May 3 - Youth Sunday

May 17 - Last Day of Sunday School & End of Year Picnic

May 30 - GeNext Mystery Trip

June 21 - Pops on the Playground

Sunday School Celebration at the Park!

Sunday, May 17th, after worship

Join us for a special celebration of the last day of Sunday School with a picnic at Woodland Park! Bring your energy, and your smiles for a fun-filled day with games and food as we wrap up the Sunday School year together. Please RSVP to Michelle Jones (michelle.jones@maxpres.org)

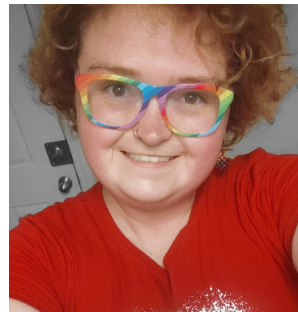
Meet Our Sunday Morning Nursery Staff



Caroline Copley Wood

Caroline (she/her) is a board-certified music therapist. She has been a part of the Maxwell Street community since childhood & began helping in the nursery as soon as she was old enough. She has always loved

working with children and is so happy to continue caring for the littlest members of the MSPC community.



Elliott Buckner

Elliott (they/them) has been a childcare worker at Maxwell Street since they moved to KY in fall of 2020. They will begin their PhD studies in Sociology at UK in Fall 2026. They have a background in music

education and have been a childcare provider for 15+ years. Elliott is fluent in ASL and has experience working with disabled children with various

YOUTH NEWS

May Birthdays

Jerrod Croley (May 17)

Kiersten Kercksmar (May 18)

IMPORTANT DATES

May 3 - Youth Sunday & Youth Group

May 10 - NO Youth Group

May 17 - Youth Group

May 24 - Youth Group

May 31 - End of Year Party

July 5-12 - ASP Youth Mission Trip to Letcher Co., Kentucky

Summer Camp at Burnamwood!

Registration is now open for Camp at Burnamwood! Camp Burnamwood is located on a 500-acre stretch of land nestled between the foothills of Central Appalachia and the Kentucky Bluegrass. Register at www.burnamwood.net/programs/summer-camp

3rd – 5th Grade: June 8-10, 2026

Cost: \$270

Middle School Conference: June 10-13, 2026

Cost: \$320

High School Conference: June 15-20, 2026

Cost: \$420

End of Year Party Sunday, May , 2024

Come on out to Shilito Park for BBQ, games, and fun to celebrate the end of the school year.

SOCIAL JUSTICE



Pride Month at Maxwell St.

PRIDE month is going to look a little different at Maxwell Street this year! We look forward to celebrating and supporting our LGBTQIA+ Community in late May, throughout June, and even into September, and we could use some help from volunteers and congregation members.

LexPride Festival

Saturday, May 30

It is time to start signing up to volunteer at our PRIDE table this year! We have a couple of options for volunteering including loading our supplies up at MSPC, unloading our supplies at PRIDE, volunteering to bring cut flowers from your garden to be given away at PRIDE, tabling at the event to hand out cut flowers, wildflower seeds, and popsicles, and cleaning up/returning our supplies to church. Please follow this link at this QRC to start signing up! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Helen Richardson at richelenson@gmail.com or use this QRC to sign up for a shift at Pride!



Pride Bookmarks for MSPC's Sanctuary

A couple years ago, the Worship and Social Justice Committee responded to an idea from Jody, and we made bookmarks for every pew explaining our affirming and welcoming stance for LGBTQIA+ folks. People have loved these bookmarks and taken them home (which is great!). If you are interested in working with our committee to replenish our supply in MSPC's pews before the month of June, please let Helen know at richelenson@gmail.com.

LGBTQIA+ Theologians Spotlight Announcements

This June, we are spotlighting the ways queer Christians and the theology they make teach us about God's work in the world and the teachings of Jesus Christ. We have four Sundays in June, and three volunteers from the Social Justice Committee to make these announcements. If you would like to join us, we could use a couple more folks to speak from the pulpit, showing the vast diversity of the people of God.

Supporting Our Trans Community

Last year a team from our Social Justice Committee created a great resource for folks to learn more about ways to support and love our trans community, including context around pronoun usage, some helpful terms, and more information on PCUSA's involvement in the affirmation for trans rights. To view this resource and learn more, scan this QRC.



More Light Presbyterians

More Light Presbyterians are dedicated to allowing the full participation of LGBTQIA+ people in life, ministry, and witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in society. You are welcome here, and you are loved. We seek to serve Christian communities and center God's abundance in all we do and all we are.

MISSION

Clothing Closet Update

The social work department has been putting in a lot of effort to add another day for the clothing closet. Ashlee is excited to share that we will be open on the **first Thursday from 4:00pm - 5:00pm** and the **second Wednesday from 10:00am - 11:00am each month**. If you're searching for a volunteer opportunity that only takes about 2 hours of your Thursday, feel free to contact Ashlee (ashlee@maxpres.org). She'll be in the clothing room every Thursday from 10:00am - 12:00pm.

Random Acts of Kindness

During the month of May, the Mission Committee will be collecting new or gently used luggage, backpacks, duffle bags, children's suitcases and new or gently used clean children's blankets. Please bring these donations to the church office for the distribution to agencies who place children in the foster care system. Something the children can pack their belongings in helps to make their move to their next home a little less disruptive. Please read the following note that I received from Don Pratt who is our contact person for this project.



"While single parenting 65 foster girls and boys over 32 years, I saw children coming to their next foster home carrying their clothes in garbage bags. Thus I began collecting luggage for kids. For twenty plus years, I have collected and distributed tens of thousands of pieces of luggage, duffle bags, backpacks and carry bags, almost all used but in good condition, across Kentucky to 118 of 120 counties and occasionally to tornado and flood victims. I put

smaller luggage inside the bigger ones so I can take more to the places I find to deliver. When I have a carload, I call state and private agencies that serve foster kids across Kentucky until I find one that will take accept them."

Save Your Caps & Pop Tabs

The summer is a great time to start collecting your pop tabs and bottle caps! Saving your pop tabs and plastic bottle caps helps to support a number of local organizations. The Tices are always collecting plastic bottle caps and Hannah Allen (MSPC Communications Director) collects pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House on behalf of the Henry Clay High School Key Club. Items can be dropped off in the church office at any time.

Reforest The Bluegrass

Members of our congregation met to celebrate Reforest the Bluegrass at Coldstream Park on April 18th. Together they helped plant native tree seedlings. Since 1999, more than 18,000 volunteers have planted over 200,000 native trees as part of this program!



THANK YOU'S

Thank you to Lucy Ernst for decorating the flower cross and palm arrangement at Easter.

Thank you to all who sponsored the Easter flowers.

Thank you to those who sponsored flowers for the worship services: Doug & Elise Kalika and Matt McMahan & Tish Platt.

Thank you to our acolytes during March worship services: Lily Murphy, AJ Rose Schwake, Clara & Eli Cooper, Laurel Bullock, Liam Gardner.

Thank you to those who participated in the worship services: Rev. Dr. Kristy Ehlert, Janet Lump, Helen Richardson, Andrew Thibaudeau, Elizabeth Varney, Rob Wethington, Marty Keith, Jude Burnett.

Thank you to all of our deacons who made the Palm Sunday Brunch so much fun. A special thank you goes to Anna Wethington for flipping pancakes this year.

Thank you to the trustees for their hard work with the elevator project and preparations made for CRCKY to move into the first floor of Blevins.

Thank you to those who made sandwiches for the Hope Mobile in April: Linda Ensminger, Joe & Sandy Kyle, Leigh Buckley, Ray & Denise Reynolds, Harry & Rowena Johnson.

Thank you to those who packed backpacks for Maxwell Elementary in April: Pam Boldt, Toni & Tom Carter, Katie Thrailkill, and Leigh Buckley.

Thank you to Laura Zolman for coordinating the volunteers for Thursday Night Meals.

Thank you to Janice for making Easter treats for our neighborhood friends.

Thank you to Bob Stadelman and Hallie Gay Bagley for donating kitchen supplies to re-supply our mission area in Blevins and to our neighborhood friends.

Thank you to all those who volunteered at Thursday Night Meals in January: Kathy Riley, Wes Summers, Bonnie Eads, John Evans, Carolyn Sayre, Leigh Buckley, Jeff, Kristy & Eddie Ehlert, Bob Rabel, Rich Copley, Bill Handley, Katie & Barry Whaley, Clay Noonan, Sandy McGee, Susan Mossman and MSPC youth.

Thank you to Glean KY for donating fresh lettuce and strawberries for the Thursday meal.

Thank you to the Transylvania Pike Fraternity and alumni for making gift bags and helping at the April 23rd community meal.

Thank you to those who volunteered with the clothing closet: Jody Lambert and Annie Quarrels.

Thank you to those who continue to donate clothing and household items to the church clothing closet. Thank you to those who served punch following the worship services in April: Sara Baird and family, Susan Liddle & Mark Summers, Mary & Warren Waxham.

Thank you to the ushers in April: Katie Whaley, Katherine Bullock, Lauren Feltner, Anna Wethington, Matt McMahan.

Thank you to the Bell Choir for providing beautiful music for worship: Mary Jo Dendy, Sandy Gaunce, Robin Morrill, Janet Lump, Lucy Schapman, Jean Harper, Will Jones, Debi MacQuown, Jay McNamee, Lauren Falco, Megan Hensley, Marty Keith, Larry MacQuown.

Thank you to the choir for providing beautiful music for the worship services: Kristen Meniers, Jackie DeCroo, Susan Liddle, Jean Harper, Cindi Kuper, Linda Ensminger, Janet Kalika, Lucy Schapman, Susan Carey, Dorothy Tice, Iris Dooling, Gretchen Bishay, Lydia Ruffin, Will Jones, Lucy Schapman, Jay McNamee, Lauren Falco, Stan Brunn, Loren Tice, Doug Kalika, Jim Olive.

Thank you to the musicians who played for Easter worship: Julia Stowell, Jacob Wilson, Will Hatten, Tamara Gipson.

Thank you to our tech crew: Jonah Falco, Rich Copley, Jim Lump, Bill Smith, Jay Vessels.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Congratulations To...

... Jonah Andreatta and Noah Lohmueller who were married March 28th (in Palo Alto, CA).

... Claire Cason and Kyle Gossett who were married March 28 at Maxwell Street.

... Maya Keith and Rohan Thompson who were married on April 11th in Chattanooga, TN.

... Chelsea & Keegan Landaverde on the birth of their second daughter, Michelle, who was born in late April. Congratulations to grandparents Debra Anderson and Bill Cooper.



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