

# CHIMES

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## Living into Lent



In my own spiritual journey I increasingly find that the flow of the year runs less from Advent to Lent to Lent. The weeks leading up to Christmas are just, well, busy. With all the things that have to be done it's sometimes very difficult to tend the quiet flames of the Spirit. But the weeks before Easter are different. It's March, so there's usually not enough snow to play in and too much mud to allow for anything else. Days are getting longer, but they tend toward the grey and intemperate variety. Nature seems to be shouting out a time to turn inward, to ground yourself and be attentive to the things of the Spirit.

This year, one of the things that is guiding me into the Lenten fast is a distinction that Ed White drew when he was with us for a leadership retreat in January. It was a little exercise in which he asked those present to indicate what we thought the expectations were that we held of each other as members of this church. He encouraged us to review the list a second time, asking a slightly different question: what do you think our expectations *should* be? Comparing the two lists, Rev. White talked about how many churches these days are in the *membership* business, when it is clear from the Gospel that what Jesus was about was making *disciples*.

Membership or discipleship—what is it that we long for and seek from our faith? As I pondered Ed's point I got to thinking that there is a *lot* to commend membership, especially in this world of fractured relationships and frenetic racing just to keep your nose above water. Knowing that I *belong* somewhere is critical to my sense of purpose and well-being. I don't want to throw it out too quickly. I really do believe that one of the most important phrases in our church's mission statement is that it is as a *community* that we act as the hands and feet of Christ

in the world. In fact it is only as we are fed and grown *in community* that we finally have anything worth sharing with the world in the first place.

But if our connection to each other wilts at membership, I wonder if we have received the real gift. What's the difference? Members gather. Disciples *follow*. *Apprentice* is another way you might translate the Greek word that lies beneath our English word—one who works alongside, and in the process learns the secrets of the master. Membership in my mind connotes comfort. Discipleship suggests a focus of energy and imagination in order to allow our lives to be shaped according to the manner of the one who calls us. Disciples, in the end, have something to share with the world. Members have saved up something for themselves.

As I make my way through this Lenten season I want to ponder the true value of membership—of being one among this wonderful gathering of souls. But I want, as well, to let this distinction rattle around in my soul a bit: how can we *grow* in membership in such a way that not only our purposes, but *God's* purposes might be fulfilled in us? That, I think, is where *grace* begins: when we begin to realize that in the end it's not all for us, but we are all for God. We are blessed in order to *be* a blessing is the way Paul talks about it in Ephesians, and it's clear in that letter that you cannot have one without the other.

So, an invitation! As we make our way through this season of Lent, maybe you would like to think a bit about just what it does mean to be a member of MPC. What does it bring to your life? But then, as March winds rattle the trees, wonder if the Spirit is longing to lift you up just a little higher—inviting you, teasing you, nudging you to discipleship.

Peace!

## Leadership Retreat Provides Food for Thought

On January 25 the elders and deacons met for their annual leadership retreat, led by the Rev. Ed White from the Alban Institute. The retreat had been facilitated by the Moving Forward Task Force in order to continue conversations on their three focal areas of concern: conflict resolution, communication, and vision, and all three of those topics were addressed in various ways throughout the day.

At our regular Session meeting on February 10, the Session had an opportunity to reflect on the day, and the most important points they felt were raised over the course of the retreat. Three interrelated themes emerged.

1. Rev. White offered insights into the ways in which conflict tends to manifest itself in the life of congregations. Drawing on resources from Family and Systems theories, he urged the leaders present to consider the possibility that “every congregation needs a little conflict.” He stressed that the sentence can be read in two ways: that conflict is actually a positive thing in congregational life, but that it is helpful only insofar as it does not become the focus of a congregation’s life and energy. Avoiding conflict can lead congregations to stagnate. The session agreed that continuing to deal with the ways in which conflict manifests itself at MPC, and developing healthy ways of engaging the conflict are important to the future life of the congregation.
2. A second focus of the retreat that engaged the Session was Rev. White’s reflections on a distinction between leadership and management. Too often, he argued, church boards find themselves stuck in managing, rather than leading their congregations. Management, he said, is doing things right. Leadership is doing the right thing. The

Session in reflecting on their own style of work found the distinction helpful, and agreed that cultivating the leadership role of the Session is important to continuing to grow as a church.

3. The third focus that captivated the session revolved around the importance of a clear sense of mission and purpose in a thriving congregation. Borrowing from the world of business, he suggested there are two questions that lie at the core of any conversation about the church: “What business are you in?” and “how’s business?” Rev. White suggested through an exercise on what we understand the expectations of membership are in our church that often in churches the answer to the first question is “membership.” He went on to speak of congregations that are claiming “discipleship” as the primary purpose of the church, and the transformational quality of that self-understanding. The Session was struck by the extent to which, when questioned, the images of discipleship resonated with our dreams and hopes for the church, and agreed that it would be good for us to continue to explore the ways in which “discipleship” conveys something very important about the way that each of us is called to participate in the life of the church.

The Session agreed to make each of these insights a central topic for our conversation in the months to come. We discussed, as well, the importance of engaging the broader congregation in these congregations. As the Moving Forward Task Force moves on with its work, we hope that there will be opportunities to share these and more of the insights we are gathering with the whole church.

**Remember!** Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 8. Turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

## Worship in March

The long days of March take us through the season of Lent this year, the five weeks of preparation for the wonder and mystery of our Lord's Passion. This year our Lenten journey will be shaped in part by the work of the Moving Forward Task Force, and their initiative to invite reflection on what it means to *be* the church of Jesus Christ. During each soup supper a different aspect of the identity of the church will be explored, beginning with its roots in scripture and concluding with a look at MPC, our hopes, dreams, and promise. In our Sunday morning worship we will have an opportunity to reflect on those themes in the context of worship:

**March 1, 2009**                      **First Sunday in Lent**  
*Psalm 51:1-17, Genesis 9:8-17, 1 Peter 3:18-22,*  
*Mark 1:9-15*

The clouds parted, and the rainbow emerged, and with it God spoke a promise to Noah that sets the identity of the church: we are those who are *being* saved! As we gather at the Lord's Table on this first Sunday of Lent, we will reflect on what it means, that though we are not yet there, we are called together to taste God's saving love.

**March 8, 2009**                      **Second Sunday in Lent**  
*Psalm 22:23-31, Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Romans*  
*4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38*

The Rev. Scott Anderson of the Wisconsin Conference of Churches will be joining us this Sunday both in worship and for our soup supper to discuss his own study of "emergent churches" – congregations that have found new ways of being church in a changing world. Our scripture from Genesis reminds us of Abraham, who was called out of the comfort of his home and people to forge a new people of God. Often, God's call demands that we leave comfort behind.

**March 15, 2009**                      **Third Sunday in Lent**  
*Psalm 19, Exodus 20:1-17, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25,*  
*John 2:13-22*

The theme for this Sunday is an exploration of our Presbyterian heritage—the "trunk" of the tree of our tradition. The roots of Presbyterianism both in Scotland and in the US are drawn deep in the soil of dissent and challenge for the worldly orders. The lesson from the Gospel stands to the side as Jesus forms a whip and clears the temple of its merchants and money changers, in order to reclaim it as a sanctuary and place of worship. Christianity is lived at the boundary where God's justice and love touch this world.

**March 22, 2009**                      **Fourth Sunday in Lent**  
*Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, Numbers 21:4-9, Ephesians*  
*2:1-10, John 3:14-21*

Pastor Sara will lead us in worship on this fourth Sunday of Lent. The focus for the Sunday is to explore the place of MPC within the streams of contemporary Presbyterianism. Who are we? What role do we play in this broader tradition? We ask all our questions in the light of Paul's powerful reminder to the Christians of Ephesus, that we are saved by grace through faith, "and this is not your own doing!"

**March 29, 2009**                      **Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
*Psalm 51:1-12, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Hebrews 5:5-10,*  
*John 12:20-33*

On this fifth and final Sunday of Lent, we will work to bring the pieces of this Lenten journey together. What have we learned about ourselves? What are the ways in which our past and present inform and shape our future? In the Gospel lesson, as Jesus approaches the inevitable cross, he reminded his followers that unless a grain of wheat dies and falls into the ground it cannot bear the fruit it was intended to grow. Are there ways in which we must die to ourselves in order to truly live to God?



### Congregational Meeting on March 1

On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:45 a.m. there will be a Special Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons.

## Thanks!

Well, we've done it again. The outpouring of snacks for Edison School Homework Club was overwhelming. We have enough to supply them with delicious and healthy snacks for the rest of the year!

The teacher-leader reports that the children look forward to what the snack will be today! Many thanks for your generosity. This activity was sponsored by the Mission Outreach Action Group.

## Fellowship Opportunities for March 2009 – and beyond...

The third and final (for this year) Fellowship Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. If you haven't signed up yet, but would be interested in participating, please contact Nancy Umland as soon as possible. If you would be interested in a "kid-friendly" Fellowship Dinner Group for this date, let Nancy know and we will combine couples with children as one group. This could possibly be hosted at MPC in the parlor if someone's home is not "workable".

Young adults – save the date of Saturday, April 25, 2009 for a potluck dinner to be held in the MPC parlor. For people with small children, we will be

partnering with the Senior High Youth to provide childcare in exchange for a donation for their summer work trip. Watch Sunday bulletins and the April chimes for more details.

The Fellowship Action Group will be meeting at MPC on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to brainstorm ideas for Fellowship activities in for the coming months and next year. We would like to plan some events that can be included when the calendar for the coming church year is developed. If you have some ideas for activities that you would like to see, come join us!

## What's in a word?

As the Stewardship Action Group began looking at alternate giving means for our church, we met with M&I Bank and learned of their automatic funds transfer program designed for churches. M&I's program is called "E-Tithing" and we began calling our program that same name in the early stages.

With time, questions came about and we realized that there was some confusion caused by the name of the program. To tithe is to give 10% of your income. While we won't argue if you wish give 10%, our main intent is to provide a means by which members can electronically transfer their pledge contributions each month...whatever the percentage or amount.

To that end, we have renamed MPC's program "E-Giving" to more accurately reflect our goal.

We have had about 25 families express an interest in this program. They have been provided with the necessary paperwork and we are anticipating our first transactions to begin March 20.

The E-Giving program is an ongoing program. Even though the initial transfers will begin on March 20, you can join at any time during the year. If you have not signed up and are interested in learning more or joining, please contact the church office.

Lisa Lux & Emily Guttenberg  
Stewardship Action Group

## Sunday School News

During the Lenten Event, families assembled rough crosses (which were very kindly crafted by Ken Couillard - THANK YOU). Each week the children will add a symbol of Easter, and by Easter Sunday

will have a 3-D collage to decorate their room. If you don't have any young children, find one on Sunday morning and ask them about their cross and some of the symbols that adorn it.

## Communion Class

Pastor Sara and Ellen Braatz are planning a class to teach our children about communion. Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> will be "Learn About Communion at MPC" for ages two through fifth grade. The Kinderchurch topic will be communion. During Sunday school, children ages four through fifth grade will meet in the Kinderchurch room and learn about why we celebrate communion, when Jesus celebrated the first communion, and what it means to Christians today. It will be a hands-on class with an art activity to

reinforce the concept of communion and even bread making! The two and three year class will meet in their classroom and have a simple lesson on communion, complete with a craft and a visit to the sanctuary. Make sure your children join us for this day of learning and fun. When we celebrate communion on April 5<sup>th</sup>, the children will have a better understanding of this important part of worship.

## Easter Party

The Junior High Fellowship group is hosting an Easter Party for the children of MPC on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. This event is geared for preschoolers (with a parent) and early elementary children. The youth are planning

lots of fun activities for the children, including an egg hunt! Please reply to Renee Boldt at [r.boldt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.boldt@sbcglobal.net) if you will attending so we make sure we have plenty of supplies.

## Warming Shelter Volunteers receive another thank you

"To all the wonderful volunteers who assisted with the Warming Shelter held at Trinity last week:

Thank you - thank you for such superb service. Your meals were great and your capable hands in the kitchen were great also. Together we eased the burden of homelessness for a few if even for a short time. Your time, contributions and service are deeply appreciated!"

From Trinity Lutheran Warming Shelter Volunteers

## If These Walls Could Talk...

The worship space of a church says a lot about the beliefs and traditions of that congregation. The architecture, art, and furnishings are all chosen with great care to enhance the congregation's worship experience and symbolize those values which the members hold most dear.



Beginning on Sunday, March 8, immediately following the postlude, we will be offering a monthly 15-20 minute introduction to Memorial Church using our worship space as a teaching tool. This is a great opportunity for visitors as well as members to learn more about our church. As part of this presentation, information about how to become a member will be available to anyone who is interested.

Shirley Jacobi used to say that whenever she found something good, she always wanted to share it. If you've been thinking about sharing your church home with others, consider inviting a friend to church on the second Sundays of the month and listen to what the walls have to tell you. Questions? Contact Linda Boldt in the church office, 734-1787.

## From the Deacons...

My name is Stuart Leslie, Deacon for the #14 neighborhood. My wife, Barbara, and I share this office. We joined Memorial Presbyterian Church about four years ago. Since our daughter, Ellen Braatz, and her family are members it was a natural choice. I have been a Deacon, Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, and Sunday School teacher in many Presbyterian churches throughout the country. We lived in Oak Park and Barrington, Illinois; Wilmington, Delaware; Sugar Land, Texas; New Bern, North Carolina; and finally Appleton. I was also in charge of the Ft. Bend Food Pantry in Texas after I retired. This was a volunteer job until we moved to North Carolina. After I left they found it

necessary to hire a full-time paid manager. I have also been involved with the Boy Scouts, the church baseball teams and Presbyterian men's groups. We are enjoying our turn as Deacons at MPC and hope we are a help to our Neighborhood Deacon Team.



As you know, the main role of a deacon is to help in the life of the church. Let us know any time that we can be of help in this role – we are at your service.

## Parents2 Play Dates

Red was the color of the day when the Parents2 parents and children gathered in their most festive Valentine attire and shared playtime, a story, and discovered how to make heart-shaped mini-pizzas.

In March we will be meeting at the Building for Kids, otherwise known as the Children's Museum, on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The museum opens at 10:00a.m. On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we've been invited to an Easter Party for young children, hosted by the Jr.

High youth. The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. On Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we'll gather at 10:00 a.m. at Barnes and Noble for story time.

We invite all young children and their parents to join our play dates, which are typically held the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays of the month from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. or thereabouts. New faces are always welcome! Come when you can; leave when you must. Hope to see you soon!

## Weekender Play Dates

All families with young children who want to get out and play on Saturday mornings are welcome to participate in The Weekenders. Enjoy the fun of making new friends and doing things with other families.

Our play date for March is Saturday, March 7 – Meet at 10:00 a.m. at Wild Air Play Zone, W3223

Springfield Drive in Appleton. We will meet inside, in the Air Junior play area. On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we've been invited to an Easter Party for young children, hosted by the Jr. High youth. The fun begins at 9:30 a.m. If you have suggestions for future activities, call or speak to Beth Podlasek.

## Readers Theatre

The Readers Theatre is open to all who are interested in this new venture. Our newly formed group is beginning to read and perform a variety of materials for our own entertainment. Where that might lead is still unknown, but the possibilities are endless. For now the goal is to have fun and develop friendships.

The group is meeting twice a month on the first Fridays and third Mondays of the month at 6:30 p.m.,

in the church library. The March meetings will be on Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Anyone who is interested is welcome to participate. You only need to bring a pencil, a highlighter, and ideas of plays, books, or stories you'd like to perform. Questions? Call Linda Boldt in the church office at 734-1787 or talk to Sheldon Hampton. See you there!

## Mislaid, Forgotten, or Adopted?

The church library has gone digital! The card catalog is now in a compute database which should be searchable very soon. As part of that conversion, we “walked” the shelves, meaning we cross-checked the books on the card catalog list with the books actually on the shelves. Not surprising, several books were absent, which leads to the next questions: “Are the borrowers still reading them? Did the borrowers forget to return them or mislay them? Or, did the borrowers enjoy them so much or just get so used to having them around, that they were sort of “adopted” into the household?”

Please look around your home and see if there are any MPC library books that could be returned. If you

have a book that you aren’t finished reading, or, if you need someone to pick it up, please let the church office know. Those borrowers that we don’t hear from soon will receive reminder notes. Thanks for your help.

It would be a great help to the functioning of our library if we had someone to keep track of our books and to make reminders when necessary. If you are able to lend a hand, that is, if you think serving as the church librarian might be something you’d be interested in doing, please contact Linda Boldt, 734-1787.

## Hands and Feet of God

Those Property guys are at it again! As with a house that has entered its middle age, our church building has reached an age where many of the fixtures and structural elements that were installed when the building was first constructed, now have to be replaced. During February, the Property Action Group identified two such projects and donated their time and labor to do the work. Ken Couillard and Steve Lockhart took on the stairwells in the northeast and



northwest corners of the building. The treads were cracked and breaking off, posing a safety hazard. On hands and knees, Ken and Steve tore out and replaced each one. For the upstairs lavatories, Mark Spindler and Dan Cramer hauled in handicap-accessible toilets to replace the old 5-gallon flush commodes.

Thanks, Property guys, you’re the best!

## News of Our Members and Friends

We are deeply saddened to share the news of two losses within our church family. On January 27, Betty Prosser passed away peacefully, surrounded by her family. So many people remember Betty, who has been a member (and neighbor) of MPC for over 60 years, for her deep faith, love of music and community involvement. Many in the neighborhood also have fond memories of her walking her dogs throughout the neighborhood. A memorial service celebrating Betty’s life was held on Saturday, February 21 at the church. We extend our deepest condolences to her sons, David T. Prosser, Jr., of Madison, and Hugh Prosser and his fiancée Kelly Grapentine of Appleton, two grandsons, Ian Prosser and Barry Prosser, along with many relatives and friends.

Our many sympathies are extended to Fred Burdett, whose wife, Carol Meyer, passed away unexpectedly

on Wednesday, February 11. For many years, Carol was involved with the Appleton Junior Women’s Club, Appleton Women’s Club, Chalice Circle King’s Daughters, Faith Lutheran Church Choir Member, and Chaminade Chorus. A memorial service was held for her at Faith Lutheran Church, where she was a long-time member. We will continue to keep these families in our thoughts and prayers as they grieve for their loved ones.

Many congratulations go out to Cori and Kerry Marinan, who welcomed Finn Michael to their family on Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>. Finn was definitely a “keeper,” weighing in at 10 lbs. 6 oz., and 22” long. And he’ll be sure to get lots of attention from his two big sisters, Aoife and Meara!

## Hands and Feet of God

Ed White, the consultant from the Alban Institute who led the Leadership Retreat for Elders and Deacons in January, told a story that really stuck with me. It seems that a congregation called a young, inexperienced minister to be its pastor. People from other churches in the town were puzzled over the choice of someone so “green”. “How do you know he’ll be any good?” a friend asked a member of Session. “He already has everything he needs for the job,” the elder replied. “He has faith, energy, and a passion for ministry. As for the rest, well, we know he’ll be good, because we’ll make him good.”

The Moving Forward Task Force has the same confidence in Memorial as that congregation had in its new pastor. They have been hard at work helping us imagine a bright future. They have led us on a

scavenger hunt to teach us how to find the information we need; invited us to step into the future with our own festively decorated shoes; posed thought-provoking questions to get us thinking about the next chapter of our life together; and, through our Lenten Soup Suppers, are offering a study on what it means to be a Presbyterian Church. Their belief that we have within us everything we need to step into a bright, new day is affirming and energizing.

I hope each and every one of you will take the time to personally thank the members of the Moving Forward Task Force – Carol Bloemer, Greg Braatz, Tracey Hornung, Kevin Loomans, Lisa Lux, Laurie McCulloch, Jeanne Nymoen, and Dave Ogilvie – for pointing us in the direction of the new dawn. They are ministering to us as the Hands and Feet of God.

## Mission Mail

This past month we have received the following mission-related mail. Let Tom Neal know if you are interested in one of the following:

1. Peace Notes (Winter 2008) - Published by the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program
2. LEAVEN Annual Meeting invitation, March 4, 2009 (posted on bulletin board 2-15-2009)
3. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Thank-you note (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)
4. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance – Information on Family Week 2009 - Rebuilding in the Gulf Coast
5. Thank-you note for helping to sponsor the Martin Luther King celebration (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)
6. Heifer International thank-you note (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)
7. Hungry Hearts, Special Edition - Published by the Office of Spiritual Formation PC(USA) (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)
8. Bread for the World - January 2009 newsletter
9. UNICEF thank-you note (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)
10. Warming Shelter thank-you note (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)
11. Salvation Army thank-you note (posted on the bulletin board 2-15-2009)

## Lenten Soup Suppers

The Elders and Deacons invite you to make participation in our Soup Suppers a part of your Lenten spiritual journey. These simple meals, hosted by the ministry teams and board of deacons, will be held on the five Sunday evenings of Lent, in Fellowship Hall, at 5:00 p.m. The hosts will provide soup, bread, and beverages. You are asked to bring a plate of fruit or vegetables or a tray of cheese and crackers. Following supper, the Moving Forward Task Force will lead a study on what it means to be a Presbyterian Church. Come and join your church family for fellowship and reflection. You might be surprised at what you learn.

Hosting Schedule for Soup Suppers:

**Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>** – Mission and Outreach ministry team and action groups

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Board of Deacons

**Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>** – Business and Finance ministry team and action groups

**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Membership Nurture and Development ministry team and action groups

**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Worship and Education ministry team and action groups

## Stewardship Update

**Don't forget to complete your pledge cards and return them to the office!**

We have received pledges from 153 giving units/families in the congregation. These pledges have helped us reach approximately 73% of our goal of \$500,000. It is through our gifts that MPC continues the stewardship of God's work within and beyond our church walls. If you can't find your card, just call the church office for a new one.

### Sunday Morning Volunteers - March 2009

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Reader	Prayer Card Reader	Kinderchurch Asst	Coffee Servers
March 1	8:45AM	The Dave & Joy Marie Doersch Family	Kevin Loomans	Aaron Loomans, Pat Spindler, Len Lindgren, Dorothy Lindgren	Christine Cornell	N/A	Gayle Hardt	Jerry Saxton & Ellen Wright
	11:00AM	The Dave & Joy Marie Doersch Family	Sharon McElrath	Casey Van Camp, Cory Van Camp, Tim Shaffer, Quinn Shaffer	Lowell Peterson	N/A	N/A	N/A
March 8	8:45AM	Andy and Connie Ogilvie	Meeilei Chen	Jim Bowman, Georgia Strickler, Tracy Zuege, Mike Zuege	Rachel Johnson	Jim Bowman	Jacob Johnson	Dan and Deb Schmitz
	11:00AM	O. C. and Pat Boldt	Tim Shoaf	Diane Jacobson, Scott Jacobson, George Frye, Laura Frye	Jan Stanton	Kevin Loomans	N/A	N/A
March 15	8:45AM	Joy Kennedy & Kathy Roberts	Fred Burdett	Barb Couillard, Ken Couillard, Gayle Hardt, Mike Harer	Richard Dodge	Joy Marie Doersch	Diane Lightfield	Deacons
	11:00AM	Tim Shoaf & Jane Slater	David Mayefske	Marty Ward, Les Angell, John Mielke, Sally Mielke	Harriet Robson	TBD	N/A	N/A
March 22	8:45AM	Florence Miller & Pam Mompier	Richard Dodge	Ted Nelson, Kelsey Nelson, Patti Athanas, Abbie Athanas	Judy Gaines	Emily Guttenberg	Calvin Manuel	Tom and Renee Boldt
	11:00AM	Kim & Sean Gilbride	Sharon McElrath	Beth Abbott-Wilson, Jackie Hoganson, Bob McMahon, Jerry Saxton	Leota Ester	TBD	N/A	N/A
March 29	8:45AM	The Tom and Kara Manuel Family	Jim Baumbach	Jonah Buss, Neal Buss, Robyn Buss, Laurie McCulloch	Joy Marie Doersch	Gayle Hardt	Rachel Johnson	Randy and Susan Welk
	11:00AM	Geri Ellsworth & Nancy Winslow	O. C. Boldt	Lynne Selle, Tim Shoaf, Nancy Winslow, Ellen Wright	Tom Neal	Nancy Umland	N/A	N/A

## Help for the Homeless Drive - March 7-31

MPC is participating in the 17th Help for the Homeless Drive. At least 33 area crisis agencies and shelters will receive donations of toiletries and cleaning products through WEMI & WEMY Christian Family Radio's *Help for the Homeless* campaign March 7-31.

Though *Help for the Homeless* works with 33 agencies through the Northeast WI area, the donations stay in the area where they are donated. The items that you donate will be taken to B.A.B.E.S. Respite and Counseling, Candlelight Vision Corp., CAP Services, Cerebral Palsy of Mideast, COTS Transitional Shelters for Men and Women, Emergency Shelter of the Fox Valley, Fox Cities Community Health Clinic, Harbor House, Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities, LEAVEN, Mother & Unborn Baby Care, and The Salvation Army. Many of these are organizations that MPC has already deemed worthy and have been supporting. With these donations they can dedicate their limited financial resources to providing qualified personnel, safe

housing, nutritious food, education, and counseling to those they serve.

**What do they need?** *NEW* cleaning and personal care items such as laundry soap, hair and dental care products, bathroom tissue, diapers & baby care, deodorant, paper towels, garbage bags, and cleaning supplies.

*"We were overwhelmed at the generosity of the community. The really cool thing is that the volume of this donation helps us with administrative costs. It saves us many hours of asking and coordinating other organizations, schools, etc. to do a drive for us. That way the hours can be spent on larger projects. Most importantly, it allows us to spend more money on direct financial assistance for those in need with basics such as housing, utilities and transportation."*  
-2008, Julie Coenen, Leaven

**When and where?** Bring your donations during March. There will be a receptacle in the Narthex labeled *Help for the Homeless*.

## One Great Hour of Sharing

Another opportunity to support those who are homeless and hungry will occur on Easter, April 12th, as MPC will be participating in the annual One Great Hour of Sharing.



Where does the money go? The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated One Great Hour of Sharing gifts, while the Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.

Watch for your envelope in the April edition of *Chimes*.

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## College Scholarships Available from MPC

Memorial Presbyterian Church has three scholarships available for MPC members: the Huss Family Memorial Scholarship (for entering college freshmen); Presbyterian College Scholarship; and the Ellmaker Scholarship. The *Huss Family Memorial Scholarship* is designed for MPC members entering their freshman year at an accredited college or university. The *Presbyterian College Scholarship* is for any MPC member who is or will be a student at a Presbyterian college. The *Ellmaker Scholarship* is for MPC members enrolled in a seminary program. Recipients of these scholarships will display participation in MPC activities, academic achievement and community involvement.

A complete description of each scholarship, as well as an application form, can be found on the church website at [www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org](http://www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org) after March 1<sup>st</sup>. You may also call the church office at 734-1787. All application forms and supporting materials must be completed and received by April 30. Call the church office (734-1787) if you would like additional information.

# March 2009

For daily calendar updates, go to [www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org](http://www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org) and click on "MPC Calendar"

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>8:45 &amp; 11 Reg Schedule*</p> <p>Communion*</p> <p>9:45am - Cong Mtg</p> <p>9:50am - Adult Ed</p> <p>5pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>6pm - Sr Hi Fell</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:30pm - Moving Fwd TF</p> <p>7pm - Fellowship AG</p> <p>6:30am - Gd Nws Women</p> <p>10am - Parents 2</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Children's CE</p> <p>7pm - Worship AG</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p> <p>6:30pm - Property AG</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Prayer Shawls</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p>	<p>6</p> <p>6:30pm - Readers Theatre</p> <p>9am - Housing Part Work Day</p> <p>12pm - Housing Part AG</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9am - 30-hour Famine</p> <p>10am - Weekenders</p> <p>4:30pm - Emerg Shelter</p>
<p>8</p> <p>8:45 &amp; 11 Reg Schedule*</p> <p>Daylight Saving Begins</p> <p>SQ Church Visit</p> <p>9:50am - Adult Ed</p> <p>9:50am - Parents &amp; Tots</p> <p>12pm - Intro to MPC</p> <p>5pm - Jr Hi Fell</p> <p>5pm - Soup Supper</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7pm - Memb Renewal AG</p> <p>6:30am - Gd Nws Women</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6:30pm - Elder Teams</p> <p>7:15pm - Session Mtg</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>12</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Prayer Shawls</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9am - Housing Part Work Day</p> <p>12pm - Housing Part AG</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15</p> <p>8:45 &amp; 11 Reg Schedule*</p> <p>Salvation Army Coll.</p> <p>8:45am - Children Sing</p> <p>9:50am - Adult Ed</p> <p>5pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>5pm - Sr Hi Fell</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9am - Chimes Deadline</p> <p>9:30am - PB Ctr Sing-P</p> <p>6:30pm - Moving Fwd TF</p> <p>6:30pm - Readers Theatre</p> <p>7pm - Mission Funding</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Prayer Shawls</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Prayer Shawls</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p>	<p>20</p> <p>5:30pm - Fell Dinner</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>8:45 &amp; 11 Reg Schedule*</p> <p>9:50am - Adult Ed</p> <p>5pm - Jr Hi Fell</p> <p>5pm - Soup Supper</p>	<p>23</p> <p>7pm - Knitty Bittys</p> <p>6:30pm - Moving Fwd TF</p> <p>6:30am - Gd Nws Women</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>5:45pm - Personnel AG</p> <p>6:30pm - Adult Ed AG</p>	<p>24</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p> <p>E/M/PM No Class</p> <p>9:30am - Kids' Easter Ply</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>8:45 &amp; 11 Reg Schedule*</p> <p>9:50am - Adult Ed</p> <p>5pm - Soup Supper</p> <p>5pm - Sr Hi Fell</p>	<p>30</p> <p>6:30pm - Moving Fwd TF</p> <p>6:30am - Gd Nws Women</p> <p>10am - Parents2</p> <p>10am - Staff Meeting</p> <p>6pm - PB Board Mtg-FFR</p> <p>6:30pm - Children's CE</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p> <p>6:30pm - Property AG</p>	<p>1</p> <p>6pm - Bell Choir</p> <p>6:15pm - Spiritual Quest</p> <p>7:30pm - Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p> <p>6:30pm - Property AG</p>	<p>2</p> <p>S-Evening Conferences</p> <p>6:30am - All Things Cons</p> <p>9am - Bible Study</p> <p>1pm - Quilting Bees</p> <p>6:30pm - Property AG</p>	<p>3</p> <p>E/M/S-No School</p> <p>6:30pm - Readers Theatre</p>	<p>4</p>

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### Schedule of 2009 Lent and Easter Services

Memorial Presbyterian Church \* Appleton, WI

*Ash Wednesday Communion Worship Service*  
February 25, 7:00 p.m.

*Sunday Mornings*

Worship Services - 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Nursery Care provided at both services  
Christian Education for all ages - 9:45 a.m.

*Sunday Evening Soup Suppers & Adult Education*

A light, Lenten dinner followed by Adult Education led by the  
Moving Forward Task Force  
March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29  
5:00 p.m., downstairs in Fellowship Hall  
Please bring fruit, vegetables, or cheese & crackers to share.  
Soup, bread, and beverages will be provided.

*Palm Sunday Worship Services*

Sunday, April 5, 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Maundy Thursday Communion Worship Service*

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

*Ecumenical Good Friday Service*

Friday, April 10, 12:00 p.m.  
Location to be determined.

*Easter Sunday Services*

Sunday, April 12  
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service  
8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Festival Worship Services  
Nursery Care provided; No Kinderchurch or Church School