

# CHIMES

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How do you sum up the journey we have been on? On that cold January morning when we first met,

and you shared such confidence as to call me as your pastor, no one could have imagined the ways in which this world would turn. We have walked many roads together, but now it seems, in the formulation used in the early church “best to us and to the Holy Spirit” that our paths diverge. There is no other sentiment appropriate but my deepest and most sincere appreciation to all of you who have opened your hearts, homes, and lives, and shared this journey with me. You welcomed me into hospital rooms and kitchens, shared great joys and deep sorrows, entrusted your infants to my arms as we stood at the font, and the remains of your beloved as we stood beside the grave. There is nothing any pastor has ever done to deserve such welcome—it is a gift and privilege to which I can only utter, “Thanks.”

Where this path leads for you or for me is not yet clear, and so I find myself thinking just a bit about Abraham and his brother-in-law Lot, standing out in the wilderness after having left their homes and security in response to the call of God. The whole world lay at their feet, as Abraham invited his brother-in-law to choose his best journey, while he would accept and embrace what way was left. The friendship formed along the way would never be fully left behind, but that forward path meant that their kinship would, from that time forth, be defined by its separation, as well. As I take my leave as Pastor of this congregation, I pray you all understand that I carry a deep and abiding love and concern for you, but recognize that the way this love and concern will be reflected in years to come is grounded in an equally deep and abiding respect for all who will follow. As you move through the interim time, and call another pastor that individual deserves all the support and good will that I enjoyed. It is not my place to look over anyone’s shoulder, or provide any guidance or suggestion beyond my constant prayers

for you. What I can be sure of is that whether you travel east or west, the hand of God that guided us through all these years will certainly uphold you.

You see, as Abraham stood beside Lot, and surveyed the situation any human eye would have seen limited choices, and right or wrong decisions, but we know, from the perspective of the sacred story that unfolded from that moment, that promises are sometimes disguised as wilderness, and there are times when what looks like the greenest of pastures can turn out to be a salt flat. Trusting that God *will* provide is the real challenge of not just *this* moment, but for *every* moment of our lives. Over these years there’s been great comfort in knowing that we would be there for each other, but there is a far greater comfort to be found in knowing that wherever *we* may find ourselves, all we need will be provided by the hand of a God who, first and always, loves us.

At my first church in Racine every meeting of the Session and congregational meeting ended in the same way, sharing a sliver of the Old Testament; specifically a blessing that Abraham’s grandson would one day share with his father-in-law Laban. Theirs was a complicated relationship, as Jacob had gone to his ancestral home to find a wife and had ended up in all manner of intrigue. The time had come for them to take *their* separate paths, and old Laban heaped up a mound of stones, to mark the place of their parting. We would say it together, in the words of old King James, and if I have one prayer, it is that one that Laban uttered as his son-in-law trundled off into the wilderness with two daughters and no small part of his wealth:

*May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent, one from the other.*

*Peace,*

*Pastor Chuck*

## Worship in October

### October 4 World Communion Sunday

*Psalm 26, Job 1:1, 2:1-10, Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12, Mark 10:2-16*

Throughout the world, people of faith will gather at the Lord's Table on this first Sunday of October. It is a unique opportunity to reflect on the broad arms of God's love, that encompass not only that which we know and is familiar, but the furthest reaches of this world. Our lectionary reading from the letter to the Hebrews, paired with a snippet of the story of Job, remind us that to be so chosen by God does not mean that we will always get things just as we like, but that through us the healing light of God is reflected in to the world.

### October 11

*Psalm 22:1-15, Job 23:1-9, 16-17, Hebrews 4:12-16, Mark 10:17-31*

Though we tend to carve it up into bite-sized pieces, the whole fabric of faith is full of challenges that exceed our human capacity to understand. As the Gospel lesson for this morning joins Jesus in a spirited conversation regarding what it would mean to inherit eternal life, we are reminded that it is precisely those things that constitute our security that can become roadblocks of grace. Jesus set before that young man, and before us, an *impossible* possibility. It's only by grace that any of us find our way!

### October 18

*Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c, Job 38:1-7, 34-41, Hebrews 5:1-10, Mark 10:35-45*

Our Sr. High youth will lead us in worship this morning, featuring an original script produced by our own Sheldon Hampton. Join us as we rejoice in the gifts and wisdom of our youth. Between services there will be a brief congregational meeting for the purpose of receiving the report of the Nominating Committee regarding their slate of candidates for Elders, Deacons, Auditors and Nominating Committee for the year to come.

### October 25

*Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22, Job 42:1-6, 10-17, Mark 10:46-52, Hebrews 7:23-28*

We will gather for a single service of worship on this, Pastor Chuck's final Sunday with us. Following Education Hour at **8:45 a.m.** we will come to the Lord's Table in worship at **10:00 a.m.** The Gospel lesson for this morning features the familiar story of Bartimeus, who cried out to Jesus along the road to Jericho. He reminds us that the healing we need is there in the touch of the savior who passes by, but it is our faith that will make us whole. It is as we put on the mind of Christ, as Paul said to the Philippians, that we find the fullness of life that God has in mind—as we pour ourselves out, that we are finally filled.



CONGREGATIONAL  
MEETING

## Annual Congregational Meeting for the Election of Officers Sunday, October 18, 2009, 9:50 a.m.

### Reception for Pastor Chuck on Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>

Please join the MPC family in celebration of Pastor Chuck's thirteen years of ministry with our congregation on **Sunday, October 25, 2009**. On that day, we will have Church School at 8:45 a.m., followed by a 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with communion. After worship, we will gather in Fellowship Hall for a potluck and program. To honor Chuck, Denise, and their family, we will be presenting them with a scrapbook with notes and photographs. Predesigned cards are available in the church office, or you may design your own, using one side of the card or sheet, no larger than 8.5" x 11" in size. In addition, we will also be presenting Pastor Chuck with a tangible gift or donation made in his name in honor of his service to our church family. If you would like to contribute toward this gift, please make a check payable to Memorial Presbyterian Church with "Pastor Chuck" noted on the memo line of the check. *We request that cards, photos, and contributions be returned to the church office no later than October 11, 2009.* We look forward to this time to show our gratitude to Pastor Chuck and to wish him and his family God's blessings.

-- Recognition Planning Committee

## Sunday School News

We had a great time on Rally Sunday, the kick-off of the Sunday School year. Over 45 children and youth watched a wonderful skit on the *Sunday School Teacher of OZ*, met their teachers and made a brick for our Yellow Brick Road quilt. Our quilters' group will be incorporating these pieces into a unique wall hanging for Fellowship Hall. It is not too late to get your child involved in our Sunday School program. New students are welcome at anytime! If your

children are grown and you miss the fun times of Sunday School, there is an opportunity to become involved as a helper. We have a very large four-year-old and Kindergarten class and the teachers could use some assistance with cutting, gluing and writing. There is a sign-up sheet outside the classroom door on the lower east side of the church. Come have fun with our children.

-- Ellen Braatz, Christian Education Director

## Weekenders Plan Fun Fall Outing

The Fellowship Action Group and the Weekenders invite you to a hay ride on Saturday, October 17. Watch the Sunday bulletin for details! The Weekenders, which is a group of parents and young children, meet on the third Saturday of every month.

Events will be listed in the *Chimes* and Sunday worship bulletin. For more information, contact the church office or Beth Podlasek, at 830-8155 or [princesspodlasek@yahoo.com](mailto:princesspodlasek@yahoo.com).

## Parents2

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

October 13 - We'll meet at the Marinans' home, 3184 Sweet Meadow Drive in De Pere.

October 27th - We'll have a Halloween Party in the Church Parlor. Watch the bulletin for more details.

## Adult Education

In response to the information gathered in the listening sessions, Adult Education will be offering more Bible studies this year, and we will welcome your input for curriculum. We have several ready sources for materials and have selected a study from Kerygma to start the year. Please join us in the Parlor on Sunday mornings as we study the Beatitudes.

### Schedule of Topics on the Beatitudes:

October 4 - The Merciful

October 11 - The Pure in Heart

October 18 - The Peacemakers

October 25 - Special Programming

November 1 - The Prophets of Righteousness

## Senior High Fellowship

The Senior Highs will be busy this month. Here's what's going on:

October 11 - After worship, we will again be participating in the CROP Walk. Please see Meeilei Chen or Pat Spindler for your envelope and information.

October 17 - Pizza & Practice. At 5:00 p.m., we will meet downstairs for pizza, then we will set up the sanctuary for the next day. We will be doing the full run-through of the worship service. Be there!

October 18 - We will lead the congregation in worship. Be here at 8:00 a.m. After worship we will celebrate our success by going out to lunch. Sonic -- here we come!

October 25 - Fellowship and Pancake Planning, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

## FISH

Attention all Jr. High School youth!! On Sunday, October 4, we are headed to Cavanaugh's Carriages for a Sunday afternoon hayride. Meet at the church at 1:30 p.m., when the Manuels will take us all to

Cavanaugh's. We will return to church at 4:30 p.m. for dinner. Everyone can be picked up at 6:00. The cost per person is \$7.00.

## Presbytery Fall Camp

Presbytery Fall Camp will be held from October 28-31. This year we welcome the artistic talents of Musician/Storyteller Andy Offutt Irwin. Andy will help lead us on our own journey toward learning the stories that make up our life of faith. Details on Andy can be found at [www.andyirwin.com](http://www.andyirwin.com). Come for the

music, worship, games, recreation, parties, crafts, fun, fellowship, and a special project with Habitat for Humanity. To register go to:  
[www.winnebagopresbytery.org/winnebago-presbytery-fall-camp](http://www.winnebagopresbytery.org/winnebago-presbytery-fall-camp).

## Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

We will again be participating in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, the annual Halloween campaign that empowers children in the U.S. to make a difference in the lives of their peers around the globe.

Perhaps you participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF when you were a child – it's a Halloween tradition beloved by generations. For many kids, it was their first introduction to the realities countless children endure every day as they struggle to survive in the face of disease, disasters, and other hardships. Now in its 59<sup>th</sup> year, collections from hundreds of millions of orange Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF boxes total over \$148 million to bring lifesaving relief to millions of children worldwide. Here's how you can help make Halloween count in 2009:

1. *Talk to your child about things that he or she probably takes for granted:*

- Easy access to food and clean water.
- The ability to go to school and get an education.
- Availability of medical help when it is needed.

2. *Tell your child about the lives of kids who live in other parts of the world:*

- In many parts of the world, kids drink unsafe water from a river or stream that often makes them very sick.
- Many kids have never seen a doctor or had the immunizations they need to protect against deadly diseases.
- Some kids don't learn to read or write, because they don't have access to school or must work to support their families.

3. *Learn how UNICEF helps kids around the world, such as:*

- UNICEF builds wells so kids can have access to clean water.
- UNICEF provides 56 percent of the children in developing countries with their immunizations.
- UNICEF helps build schools, train teachers and provide school supplies to kids around the world.

Please pick up your Trick-or-Treat box at church (on the table in the hallway) this October and help inspire and encourage our children to make a difference in the mission of the world.

## Christmas Already?

Starting to think about Christmas yet? We are! The Adopt-A-Family team is getting ready for another Christmas season! We are looking for help in a few areas: communication with Salvation Army, helping members sign up for gift buying, buying grocery

certificates, inventory of boxes, and delivery to Salvation Army. If you are interested in helping with this fun and rewarding project, please call the church office or contact Beth Podlasek at 830-8155 or [princesspodlasek@yahoo.com](mailto:princesspodlasek@yahoo.com).

## Fall Clean-up Day – October 24

My son-in-law, Tim, who was born and raised in England, has been living in Wisconsin for the past three years. Just this past month, he made an astounding comment: “I like the winters here – all the cold and the white snow is refreshing!” I was stunned! How could a person who grew up in a fairly temperate climate come to love our Wisconsin winters? “What I think you love, Tim, is the change of seasons,” I responded. He agreed. He’s discovered what the “frozen tundra” inhabitants have known for years -- there’s something invigorating about suffering through a cold winter, only to be greeted by the first signs of spring, and welcoming the cooler

days of fall after a hot summer. (Okay, the winters could be a bit shorter, but I digress.)

This change of seasons is certainly not lost on the Property Action Group. We know that we have a window of opportunity before the snow flies to rake the leaves, trim the perennials, wash the windows, and get our building and grounds ready for the winter. So, mark your calendar for Saturday, October 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon when we’ll tackle these and many other tasks. Bring your yard tools and gardening gloves, and we’ll provide the coffee and doughnuts. More people = less work = lots of fun! See you then! -- *Paula Hoglund*

### Schedule of Sunday Morning Volunteers- October 2009

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Reader	Prayer Card Readers	Kinderchurch Assistant	Coffee Servers	Comm. Servers
October 4	8:45AM	Mike & Susan Schuldes & Family	Jim Baumbach	Geri Ellsworth, Gayle Hardt, Steve Weber, Joe Weber	Barb Colson	N/A	Beth Podlasek	Darren & Shelly Peterson	Dave & Joy Marie Doersch
	11:00AM	Mitch & Lisa Lux	Tom Boldt	Mike Harer, Jackie Hoganson, Bob McMahon, Sally Mielke	Renee Boldt	N/A	N/A	N/A	Renee Boldt, Tom Boldt, Jane Stevenson, Beth Lepinski
October 11	8:45AM	Dan & Deb Schmitz & Family	Fred Burdett	Abbie Athanas, Patti Athanas, Laurie McCulloch, Betty Pontius	Judy Gaines	Joy Marie Doersch	Calvin Manuel	Kara & Tom Manuel	N/A
	11:00AM	Scott & Diane Jacobson & Family	Tom Neal	Amy Clark, Peter Clark, Sue Neal, Martha Ward	Beth Lepinski	Lynne Selle	N/A	N/A	N/A
October 18	8:45AM	Sr. Highs	Darren Peterson	Sr. Highs	Sr. High	Gayle Hardt	Heidi Wallenfang	Deacon-Helen Scott	N/A
	11:00AM	Sr. Highs	Tim Shoaf	Sr. Highs	Sr. High	Nancy Umland	N/A	N/A	N/A
October 25	10:00AM	Dave & Sue Rozmarynoski	Ken Couillard	Jonah Buss, Mason Buss, Neil Buss, Robyn Buss	Emily Guttenberg	Emily Guttenberg	Anna Shaffer	Diane & Ken Lightfield	Christine Cornell, Eric Edwards

## News of Our Members and Friends

The month of August (and early September) created several new grandparents in our congregation. Becky and Barry O'Connor became grandparents twice over in August, with the arrival of Cole Walter on August 3<sup>rd</sup> to Ben and Sara O'Connor in Cottage Grove, Minnesota, and Jack Ryan, born to Sam and Kate O'Connor on August 26 in Appleton. Henry David Boldt made an early appearance on August 21<sup>st</sup> to David and Ellen Boldt in Waunakee, and Grandma Linda couldn't be more proud. Leo and Peggy Chen produced the baby girl of the group, with little Kaitlyn's birth on September 5, making Frank and Meeilei Chen proud first-time grandparents, as well. All grandparents report that the babies are doing fine and the parents are bleary-eyed and sleep-deprived. They'd love to show you some photos!

We rejoice in the celebration of three weddings in our church family over the past few weeks. Dustin

Ogilvie and Cody Todd tied the knot on a beautiful Saturday, August 22. Dustin is the son of David and Patty Ogilvie, and grandson of Doug and Myrt Ogilvie. Thomas Knight and Gretchen Whitney were united in marriage in our sanctuary on Saturday, September 5. Tom is the son of Carol and Richard Knight, and grandson of Clayton and Adele Weber. Most recently, Megan Curran and Kevin Helf were married on Saturday, September 12. Megan is the daughter of Kelly and Sheryl Curran. We send our many congratulations and best wishes to the newlyweds and their families!

Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup> was a momentous day in the life of our congregation, as we celebrated Carol Loker's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday! May God bless you, Carol, on this wonderful milestone.

## October 2009 Mission Mail Call

It has been awhile since the last Mission Mail Call. We receive information every week on organizations we support and other organizations. If you want to learn more about any of these mission opportunities, contact Tom Neal or the church office.

1. Update on the services provided by LEAVEN so far this year
2. Fall 2009 CHAPS newsletter. CHAPS is a nonprofit organization that provides horse-based therapies to children and families with emotional or behavior difficulties
3. Church World Service blankets information
4. World Ark, the Heifer Fall news magazine
5. UNICEF Fall Gift Catalog
6. Community Clothes Closet thank-you note (posted on the bulletin board)
7. Benedictine Women of Madison - invitation to the dedication of their new monastery building on November 14

8. Medical Benevolence Foundation 2009 Alternative Christmas giving
9. Best Friends of Neenah/Menasha September/Oct newsletter
10. Presbyterian Mission Connections update
11. Presbyterian World Mission - request for donations
12. Pick 'n Save "We Care" information - You can arrange for Pick 'n Save/Roundy's to donate a portion of your spending on groceries
13. PC(USA) Health and Development news
14. Homestead Solutions. This is a HUD-approved housing counseling agency
15. Housing Partnership Newsletter
16. Presbyterian Children's Services newsletter
17. Habitat for Humanity news magazine
18. AIDS Resource Center annual report.

## Inquirer Class

If you are considering membership in Memorial Presbyterian Church, or if you're just curious about this church, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about our people, programs, and activities. Offered once a month, the class alternates between two agendas, which together provide a good preparation for membership. This month's class focuses on programs and activities at Memorial

Church. Representatives from the Session and Board of Deacons will be on hand to tell you how you can get involved. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor with a simple meal. Reservations would be appreciated. Child care can be arranged, if requested ahead of time. Call the church office at 734-1787. Please indicate any food allergies. Hope to see you there!

## Stewardship 2009



*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone."* I Corinthians

12:4-7 (NRSV)

This verse is taken from one of Paul's letters to the Church of Corinth and is the foundation of the 2009 Stewardship season which will run from Sunday, September 27 to Sunday, November 22. During the season, you will be asked to reflect on the various gifts we all have to celebrate within our personal lives and the life of Memorial Presbyterian, as well as your financial commitment to work of God's church in our world.

You will receive a mailing and information that will help you reflect on your commitment to Stewardship and in the celebration of your gifts. By the mid-point of the Season, you will receive a Talent Interest profile to update. The latter part of the Season will see us celebrating our different gifts in Mission, People, Ministry and Church.

Sunday, November 22 is the week before Thanksgiving and the final Sunday of our Stewardship Season. We will celebrate our gifts and give thanks by making our financial commitments to support the outreach, programs and operating budget of MPC.

We hope that you will join us through this season and celebrate the diversity that is MPC.

~ *The Stewardship Action Group*

## New in the Library

Thanks to the support of the Children's Christian Education Action Group and its chair, Lori Cramer, we have been able to add seven new books to the church library with funds from the Library Reserve Fund. These are fun, interesting, and thought-provoking books, intended to help our children and youth learn about church and deepen their faith.

New to the Picture Book section - (These books are marked with JUV and a yellow dot on the spine.)

Four books by Mike Thaler, illustrated by Jared Lee. These delightful books are designed to introduce children to worship services and other church activities that they will hear about and come to experience as they get older.

*Easter Egg Haunt*

*Church Summer Cramp*

*Mission Trip Impossible*

*Preacher Creature Strikes on Sunday*

New to the Youth section - (These books are marked with YOUTH and a blue dot on the spine.)

Three books are recommended by Pastor Sara that use TV shows, movies, and the themes found in them to explore issues of the Christian faith. These books use the familiar (TV and movies) as a jumping-off

point to learn about the unfamiliar and profound.

*The Gospel According to the Simpsons*, by Mark Pinsky

*The Gospel According to Star Wars*, by John McDowell

*The Gospel According to Harry Potter*, by Connie Neal



By the way, the next time you're in the library, check out the card catalog which is now on computer. The icon in the center of the screen will take you to a search screen where you can type in a word, phrase, or name and find materials that correspond. Didn't find what you were looking for? Talk to Linda Boldt, who can assist you.

## Giving Back by Giving Blood! Prizes Galore!



**We want your blood!** The

Community Blood Center's bus will be in our parking lot on Saturday, November 7 for

our annual Deacon Blood Drive. The staff will be available from 8:00 until 11:00 a.m. to give us the opportunity to help save lives in the Fox River Valley. All those who are eligible, 17 years of age and up (16 yrs. old with parent's permission), in general good health, and weighing at least 110 lbs. can help ensure an adequate, safe blood supply for our community. If you are in doubt about whether or not you're eligible, please call the Center at 738-3131. Successful blood drives are so important. In

2008, 60% of the blood collected came from donations at blood drives!

The Community Blood Center is an independent, locally focused, not-for-profit organization headquartered here in Appleton. They have been providing blood to area patients since 1955 and are committed to providing the highest quality blood products and professional blood services at the lowest practical cost to the hospitals and patients they serve. Local hospitals rely on the Community Blood Center to ensure that they receive a steady, ample supply of blood for patients in need. This year's Deacon Blood Drive will again offer a raffle for all who donate. You will have a chance to win one of four semi-valuable prizes! Please call Janie Stevenson, 734-0863, or Dan Schmitz, 733-3265, to set up your appointment for your donation and *all the cookies you can eat!*

## Peacemaking Offering Dedicated on October 4

Please notice the beautiful poster in the hall when entering the front of the sanctuary. It is very colorful and displays families, children, animals, and a man watering the roots of a tree, with quotes of scripture from Psalms 85: 9-14. *"Justice and peace shall kiss – truth shall spring out of the earth – justice shall look down from the heavens – kindness and truth shall meet."* You can see all of this happening in the poster.

We are celebrating World Communion Sunday and we will dedicate our Peacemaking Offering on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Our congregation has been a very giving family when it comes to the Peacemaking Offering and the belief of justice and peace. These are two big words. We want to help the people in need and we and everyone would like to see world peace. A Peacemaking Offering envelope is enclosed with this *Chimes* issue.

Twenty-five percent of this offering can be spent locally. Mission Funding Action Group researched a new program called Voices of Men. These Fox Valley men are dedicated to preventing abuse of girls and women through education, role modeling, and mentoring of boys and men. They will be holding a

community kick-off in January. Please generously consider your contribution to the Peacemaking offering to support this effort and others worldwide.



Loving God, we long for a world at peace,  
a world free from violence and war,  
a world free from hunger and poverty,  
a world free from injustice and oppression.

In Jesus Christ, you show us a force more powerful  
than evil, sin and death.

You show us the power of love and truth  
To bring about personal transformation  
and change.

Help us to embrace Jesus' way of nonviolence.  
Stir us from our comfort and complacency.

Inspire us with prophetic vision.

Instill in us a passion for the possible.

Give us courage to speak truth to power.

Help us heal the wounds of our broken world.

Amen

*God bless you all, Pat Spindler*

## Hands and Feet of God

Many, many dedicated members of MPC have been hard at work making improvements to the church and preparing for the beginning of the new church school year.

Over the last several weeks, members of Session have been going through old minutes and papers related to their ministries going back to the 1970s and beyond, deciding what needs to be saved and what can be shredded. All Session and Trustee minutes, annual meeting proceedings, Sunday bulletins, issues of church newsletters, directories, as well as the last five years of committee minutes, plus anything else the elders felt were important are now neatly filed in the File Room. The rest is on its way to the shredding service.

Up in the church library, Mark Jordan has installed the computer containing the computerized card catalog. The beauty of the digital catalog is that it makes adding and removing materials to and from the collection much simpler and faster. Best of all, the catalog is user-friendly and searchable by author, title, or keyword or phrase.

Down the street, in Lawrence University's new Warch Campus Center, entering freshmen were

greeted by Renee Boldt and Tracey Hornung and invited to make Memorial their church home-away-from-home. Names of interested students were referred to our music director, Michelle Marr, and all students will be sent electronic copies of the *Chimes* newsletter and invitations to special events, like the Pancake Breakfasts.

Back in the Sanctuary, the congregation was treated to a wonderfully entertaining Rally Sunday skit - "The Sunday School Teacher of Oz". Our talented thespians, including Hope Atwater, Phillip Boldt, Renee Boldt, Ellen Braatz, Blen Ann Gee, Jacob Johnson, Ryan McElhaney, Beth Podlasek, and Lauren Tilkens, helped all of us learn a valuable lesson - that there's no place like Sunday School to learn about Jesus and our Christian faith, to realize the importance of loving and caring for everyone and everything in God's creation, and to find the courage to live out the values taught to us in the Bible, all of which leads us "home" and closer to God.

To these and all the others I'm sure I've forgotten to mention, thank you for your dedication and devotion to the life and ministry of Memorial Presbyterian Church in Appleton, Wisconsin. You are the Hands and Feet of God.

## Fellowship Dinner for Parents of Young Children

Moms and dads need a night of adult fellowship once in awhile, but it's not always easy to get a sitter and get away. On Saturday, November 14, we'll be meeting at church for an adults-only potluck! We have babysitters arranged, so you don't have to call around to find someone who's available! The parents

can gather and enjoy great food and conversation and the kids will be served pizza and get their playtime in, too. RSVP to Hope Atwater by November 8. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex in late October. Hope you can come!!!

## *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!*

The Appleton East Patriot Players will present the story of Joseph and his coat of many colors in early November. The Fellowship Action Group will have

more information on a date and time, so watch your Sunday bulletin for more details!

## Project Promise celebrates Faith to Face Poverty Week October Oct. 9-15, 2009

Sign up today for a Poverty Simulation! It's a no-charge, life-changing event that will help you understand the realities faced by low-income people. There's one on Oct. 9 from 2-5 pm at the Family Resource Center (1165 Appleton Rd, Menasha) and

one on Oct. 15 from 5:30-8:30 pm at Fox Valley Technical College (1825 N. Bluemound Dr., Appleton--Entrance 10). To sign up, contact Andrew Konkel at [akonkel@capmail.org](mailto:akonkel@capmail.org) or 920-968-6365, ext. 6565.

## Healthy Congregations and Your Opportunity

A letter was sent to every member of Memorial Presbyterian Church a few weeks ago to invite everyone to take part in one or hopefully all of the five Healthy Congregations workshops being held on Sunday evenings during the months of September, October, and November. These workshops were recommended by the Moving Forward Task Force in an effort to improve the systemic issues that have been impairing the growth of the church community at MPC.

There has been some confusion and assumptions over the reason these workshops will be held. Most likely this misunderstanding has sprung from the timing of the workshops in relation to the mutual recommendation to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Pastor Chuck and MPC.

The group that attended the September 20th workshop learned that the name “Healthy Congregations” is just a name. It does not indicate “illness”. This program offers what the Moving Forward Task Force was asked to deliver to the members of MPC to develop skills to address the systemic issues identified in the 2007 MPC survey and listening sessions. Some of the communication goals include skills to foster open and honest discussions, skills in managing conflict in a positive manner and using these skills to strengthen our

relationships with each other. With a congregation the size and diversity of MPC, the goal is not to avoid conflicting opinions but rather to enhance personal growth by hearing and being heard in an open and respectful way.

**What can I do?** As a deacon and member of MPC, I strongly encourage you to attend one or more of the Healthy Congregations workshops. The workshops are designed to be started and completed during that Sunday’s session. While there is benefit to attending more than one session, each session is completed in its entirety on that Sunday. These will be held on Sunday evenings from 5:00 to 8:00, childcare will be provided to those who need this to participate and as an added bonus a light dinner will be provided including sandwiches and refreshments sponsored by the various MPC ministry leadership groups. These workshops are an opportunity for you to be heard and to hear others at MPC, an opportunity to begin to resolve any past or current conflicts you may have, and most importantly an opportunity to begin the process of unification toward the common goal of creating the new future for MPC as a vibrant and growing community of faith.

Together, we are stronger!!  
Jon McElhaney, Deacon

### Healthy Congregations Schedule

You are invited! Those of you who couldn’t attend the first session – you were missed! Every session is self contained so when you can join us you will start at the same place as the rest of us. Those who attended have been asked to share any ideas and add to the Healthy Congregations bulletin board at the church’s back door. Comment sheets are available at the bulletin board and at the Narthex display. Stop and read what others are saying.

The dates are **October 4, October 18, November 1, and November 15.** The workshops are scheduled from 5-8pm with a light dinner provided during a short break. Child care will be provided. It is a great opportunity to get to know one another better and share our share ideas of what we want for MPC. Just sign up on the sheet provided in the Narthex.



### MPC Church History

Calling all history buffs! We have boxes of photos, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, and other materials dating back decades in the life of Memorial Church. We are looking to form a task force of 3-5 people, working at their own pace, who would be willing to

sift through this potentially historic memorabilia and organize it so it can be preserved and enjoyed by future generations. If this sounds like a project you’d be interested in, please contact Linda Boldt in the church office, 734-1787.

## SUMMARY FINANCIAL REPORT

Year-to-Date August 2009

	August Actual	August Budget	Difference	Year-to-Date through August 2009		
				Actual	Budget	Difference
<b>SUMMARY OF INCOME</b>						
Contributions	\$33,397	\$33,799	(\$402)	\$229,572	\$270,395	(\$40,823)
Pre-paid Pledges (Received in 2008 for 2009)	\$3,911	\$3,911	(\$0)	\$31,286	\$31,287	(\$0)
Plate Offering	\$483	\$300	\$183	\$1,774	\$2,400	(\$626)
Youth Offering	\$8	\$25	(\$17)	\$66	\$200	(\$134)
Building Use	\$1,825	\$1,617	\$208	\$16,310	\$12,933	\$3,377
Special Offerings	\$0	\$834	(\$834)	\$5,352	\$6,667	(\$1,315)
Flowers	\$115	\$250	(\$135)	\$1,621	\$2,000	(\$379)
Fellowship Program Income	\$95	\$33	\$62	\$171	\$267	(\$96)
Other Operating Income	\$87	\$42	\$45	\$265	\$333	(\$69)
Conditional Revenue for Reserve Fund and	\$0	\$2,500	(\$2,500)	\$0	\$20,000	(\$20,000)
Local & Global Mission						
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$39,920</b>	<b>\$43,311</b>	<b>(\$3,391)</b>	<b>\$286,417</b>	<b>\$346,482</b>	<b>(\$60,065)</b>
<b>SUMMARY OF EXPENSES</b>						
Pastor	\$7,875	\$7,933	(\$58)	\$63,489	\$63,471	\$18
Associate Pastor	\$5,262	\$5,329	(\$67)	\$42,424	\$42,627	(\$203)
Administrative Staff	\$6,767	\$7,208	(\$441)	\$54,954	\$57,655	(\$2,701)
Worship Staff and Materials	\$2,270	\$3,308	(\$1,038)	\$21,998	\$26,471	(\$4,474)
Office Operations	\$845	\$909	(\$64)	\$5,261	\$7,267	(\$2,005)
Property and Custodial Staff	\$9,745	\$8,660	\$1,085	\$72,866	\$69,267	\$3,598
Other Congregational Programs	\$1,056	\$1,807	(\$751)	\$8,436	\$14,467	(\$6,031)
Presbytery Program*	\$3,667	\$4,774	(\$1,107)	\$42,617	\$38,189	\$4,428
Mission Support	\$0	\$3,383	(\$3,383)	\$5,952	\$27,067	(\$21,115)
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$37,487</b>	<b>\$43,311</b>	<b>(\$5,824)</b>	<b>\$317,997</b>	<b>\$346,482</b>	<b>(\$28,485)</b>
Gain or (Loss)	\$2,433	\$0	\$2,433	(\$31,580)	\$0	(\$31,580)

\*Note: Per capita (under Presbytery Program) is paid once a year in March.

### Within These Welcoming Walls



Our sanctuary and our beautiful windows provide a wonderful space for worship and welcome. The architecture, art, and furnishings speak to the beliefs and practices that the congregation of Memorial Presbyterian Church holds most dear. On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, we will be offering a 15-20 minute tour. Visitors and members alike are invited to meet in the sanctuary immediately following the postlude. Look for Linda Boldt, in the purple hat, and find out what our walls would say if they could talk. Questions? Contact Linda Boldt in the church office, 734-1787.

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## **CROP Walk**

**Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty**  
Sunday, October 11, 2009  
12:30 p.m. Registration - 1:00 p.m. Walk

This year's annual Fox Cities CROP Walk is scheduled for Sunday, October 11. To support this great effort, pick up an envelope from Meeilei Chen, Pat Spindler or the church office and start getting pledges from church members, relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. Join hundreds of walkers from organizations and churches throughout the Fox Valley community to help millions of people in the world who live in poverty. Registration is at 12:30 p.m., and the Walk starts promptly at 1:00 p.m. It starts right here at MPC parking lot. Bring the top sheet from the envelope to the registration and turn in your pledges to Meeilei Chen no later than November 1st. Together, we can make a difference!