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Learning and Living God's Word

This new vision statement was recently adopted by the session at its June meeting. It is aspirational in nature. It provides us with a vision for MPC's future ministry. Through the hard work of the Visioning Task Force, congregational input and session reflection, this vision will lead us into the God's future.

As ministry teams and action groups develop their plans for the next few years, this vision statement will guide us in that task. It will be the common thread that runs through our life together. It is the clothesline on which all things can be hung. Our future programs, staffing and budgets will be shaped by it as well.

I underscored in a recent sermon, God's Word is central to who we are and what we do as Christians and Presbyterians. In order to "Live God's Word", we will need to learn what God's Word says to us as individuals and as a community of faith.

So be looking for educational opportunities for adults this fall. The new Sunday morning schedule that

begins in the fall invites all of us to learn at the same time. So parents of children and youth, join the study offered while your children learn. Empty nesters and retirees, here is your chance to learn together. Everyone else, join the fun.

The vision implies action. As James 1:22 suggests, "But be doers of the word and not merely hearers". We will need to determine together how to live that Word out into our community and our world. So look for leadership to challenge us to find old and new ways to apply our understanding of God's Word to our life.

God's Word is bigger than the written word. The gospel of John says, "The Word was with God and the Word was God," and the "Word became flesh and dwelt among us full of grace and truth." It is Christ.

The Fall is filled with promise and possibilities. Let us join together in "learning and living God's Word".

Pastor Baker

Vacation Bible School –A Journey!

During the first week of August, our fellowship hall will be transformed into an ancient Egyptian desert! Our Vacation Bible School program this year is ***Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace***. Children will learn the story of Joseph while listening to storytelling, making crafts, singing and playing "Egyptian" games. If you are at the church during the mornings of August 2-6, stop by and see the fun!



Nursery

Young children are welcome in worship at MPC, but we do have a staffed nursery during Sunday mornings. Our nursery is located in the northeast corner of the church and is staffed by two college students. We use pagers so parents can be notified if there is a concern. During the program year, the

nursery will be open by 8:45 a.m. so that parents can attend adult education or teach Sunday school and know that their child will be in good hands. The nursery remains open through the end of worship. If you have children age three and under, please put our nursery to use.

Key Club: A Great Way to Spread God's Love

As an incoming freshman to Kaukauna High School, I decided to follow my sister's footsteps and join Key Club. I had learned a bit about it, and a little bit of community service is always a good thing, right? Key Club is a member of the Circle K family and is the high school version of the adult club, Kiwanis. Worldwide Key Club accomplishes over 2 million hours of community service each year. In addition, it is a great addition to a college résumé. I found it to be so much more than that.

As part of the club, I participate in several of our favorite events that we do throughout the year, every year. Last year we organized a massive effort to locate and rake the lawns of elderly members of our community that could not do it themselves. This was an extremely rewarding experience for me, as the gratitude shown in the people's faces was better than being paid a million dollars. Another great event that our club does is host bingo night at American Grand Assisted Living one Monday per month. Talking and interacting with the people there is just as fun and

socially rewarding as hanging out with friends at school. By far my favorite event is serving breakfast at the Emergency Shelter of the Fox Cities one Sunday per month. I attended nearly every one this past school year. Several club members and I would get to the shelter by 7 a.m. and prepare a warm breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage, and hash browns. It is very fun to make, and the amount of gratefulness that is shown by the residents is overwhelming. Last year was the club's 10th year of service at the shelter and we were recognized by the organization as the Youth Service Group of the Year, which is outstanding to know that we made enough of a difference to be noticed.

The club accomplishes some great things in the community, and hopes to continue to do so. Another exciting year of service awaits, and as Vice-President for next year, I hope to get as much out of it as I can!

-- *Jacob Johnson, Youth Deacon*

Welcoming Walls

Greetings and welcome to all our visitors and friends!



We hope you find our fellowship to be a welcoming community in which to grow in and live out your faith. To help you learn more about us, we have created a three-part orientation program called Welcoming Walls. Each month, there is an

opportunity to participate in at least two of these programs. Persons who complete the series are encouraged to consider becoming members of Memorial. Below is the schedule of upcoming programs. If you would like to participate in any of these events, please contact Linda Boldt in the church office at 734-1787 or laymin@athenet.net.

Welcoming Wall- The Tour- Sunday, August 15th at 11:00AM. Join us following the postlude for a 15-minute explanation of the symbolism behind our architecture and furnishings

Welcoming Walls- Programs at Memorial- Thursday, August 19th at 6:30PM in the Church Parlor. Join us for a light supper with our lay leaders who will talk about the programs and activities we offer and how you might get involved.

News of Our Members and Friends

During these bright days of summer, we are mindful that many in our midst have been experiencing a time of grief and sadness. We are sorry to share the news that one of our long-time members, Kay Schneider, passed away after a lengthy illness. She and her husband, Ben, had recently moved to New Hampshire to be closer to their family. Carolyn Chapman, a friend of MPC for many years, also passed away after a long illness.

Several of our members and friends are grieving the loss of dear loved ones and celebrating their birth into eternal life. We extend our condolences to Kim

Gilbride, Fred Umland, Laura Bromley, and Kerry Guttenberg on the passing of their fathers; to Maggie Tornio, whose grandmother passed away, and to Sara Ver Burg, on the loss of her grandfather. Our many prayers of comfort and healing go out to these families.

With joy we report the births of Aubrey Van Camp on April 22 to Casey and Cory Van Camp, and Sean Carl Cone on July 2 to Emily and Don Cone. We send our hearty congratulations to these young families. Also best wishes go out to Matthew Walsh and Steffanie Forster, who were united in marriage on Saturday, June 19th. Congratulations to all!!

Senior High Work Trip



The Senior Highs wish to thank the whole congregation for their generous and enthusiastic support for their work trip to Rockford, Illinois. Before expenses, they raised \$1,500 on the stock sale alone.

While in Rockford, the group laid laminate flooring, broke up a concrete driveway, and put up drywall for two families in need. The youth and their leaders will be hosting a Stockholders Dinner for their investors on Sunday, August 29th, when they will talk about their experiences.

Shareholders Dinner

Investors in the Senior High Work Trip to Rockford, IL, are cordially invited to be the guest of the Senior High Youth and their leaders on Sunday, August 29th at 5:00PM in Fellowship Hall. You will be treated to

dinner, plus a program presented by the youth describing their experiences. Invitations will be mailed shortly and reservations are appreciated.

Parents Groups

Our parents groups are planning fun, interesting play dates for August, and they would like YOU to join them. If you have questions or need directions, or, if

you would like to receive notifications of their upcoming events via Facebook, please contact Beth Podlasek or Lori Cramer.

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Tuesday, Aug. 10 9:30AM Telulah Park. A Birthday party for everyone!

Tuesday, Aug. 24 9:30AM Cramer Home. A "Back to School" party.
Contact Lori Cramer or the church office for details.

The Weekenders

Saturday, Aug. 21st 10:00AM We are having a picnic at High Cliff.
Contact Beth Podlasek for location and what to bring

Introducing...

Phillip Boldt is passionate about golfing and playing basketball. At James Madison Middle School, he enjoyed history, math, science, and tech. ed. classes. He listens to all kinds of music, loves to travel, is learning to speak French, skis, reads historic fiction, and works on Sudoku puzzles. He is proficient at making video and PowerPoint presentations and would enjoy acting, public speaking or working on a theater tech crew. He describes himself as a person who gets things done and does things well. Phillip looks forward to participating in Senior High youth group and going on work trips.

Jonah Buss is fun to be around. He likes to keep moving and enjoys all kinds of sports, including basketball, golfing, rollerblading soccer, volleyball, boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding- you name it. At home, he is a real handyman and enjoys carpentry, painting, doing metalwork, and doing yard work. Other interests include playing cribbage, reading about the Holocaust, playing video games and going to movies. He is thinking about a career involving technology. He is looking forward to participating in the Sr. High Youth program and their work trips.

Isaac Doersch is caring, friendly, and cheerful. He enjoys singing, listening to Christian music, and is learning to play the piano. For sport, he likes baseball, basketball, biking, bowling, fishing horseback riding, running, soccer, swimming, tennis, and volleyball. He would enjoy acting in a play or being part of the technical crew. At school, he enjoys math and comm. arts classes. He likes baking cookies, playing cards, making models, and playing video games. Isaac is looking forward to participating in the Sr. High youth group and summer work trips.

Sophie Hornung is a very imaginative young woman, with a wide-range of interests including martial arts, especially Jiu Jitsu, Japanese-style cartoons, science fiction, cats, knitting, crafts, and on-line creative writing networks. Sophie enjoys running, downhill skiing, ice hockey, swimming, and volleyball. She is learning Spanish and Chinese. She plays the violin and enjoys painting, lettering, drawing wolves, and making pottery. She is considering a career as a police officer. She looks forward to participating in the Sr. High youth group and their work trips.

Chris Kloehn is outgoing, active, and has a gift for being able to diffuse a tense situation. He enjoys traveling, caring for animals, magic, reading mysteries, and photography. For sport he enjoys baseball, biking, boating, golfing, rock climbing, waterskiing, and martial arts, as well as camping, fishing, and hunting. Chris has an interest in computer repair and programming and web page creation. Chris sings and likes all types of music. He would also enjoy public speaking, acting, and working on tech crew. He, too, looks forward to participating in Senior High youth group.

Michael Lukashewich loves basketball. He also likes just about anything that gets him outside- backpacking, boating, camping fishing, golfing, hiking, snowboarding, waterskiing- especially in Colorado. At home, he enjoys mystery and suspense novels, learning Spanish, listening to country music, playing the piano and upright bass, and repairing electronic devices. Michael enjoys math and history classes at school. Michael describes himself as an open-minded, easy to get along with person. He is looking forward to the Senior High youth group activities.

Morgan Manuel is enthusiastic about life and eager help others. She enjoys art and design, but also has an interest in government and politics. Morgan likes to sing, bake, care for animals, play games with her family, sew, scrapbook, bead, travel, take photos, and stay in touch with friends. She also loves biking, boating, camping, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, swimming, fishing, running, skiing, and soccer. She collects dolls and cat figures and enjoys mysteries. Morgan is eager to get involved in the youth group, the work trips, and several of our mission projects.

Lauren Tilkens loves children and can see herself as a teacher someday. Right now, she is at Riverview Middle School, where she enjoys science. Lauren is learning Spanish, reads realistic fiction, likes baking, and keeps in touch with her friends via Facebook. She enjoys dancing, basketball, running, swimming, volleyball, and going camping. Her other interests include traveling, scrapbooking, and doing beading projects. She loves helping others and planning social events, so she is eagerly looking forward to participating in the Senior High youth group.

What Does Membership Mean?

“But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers”- James 1:22

The Book of Order defines an active member of a particular church as someone who has been baptized, professed faith in Christ, been received into membership, accepts the Presbyterian form of government, and actively participates in the work and worship of the church. *Active* participation is defined as including

- proclaiming the good news,
- taking part in the common life and worship of the church,
- praying and studying Scriptures and the faith of the Christian Church,
- supporting the work of the Church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the Church,
- demonstrating a new quality of life with and through the Church,

- responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others,
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life, and
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

The Session has challenged us to be Learning and Living God’s Word. They have also directed the Clerk to begin a process of reviewing our membership rolls to determine who can be counted among our *active* members.

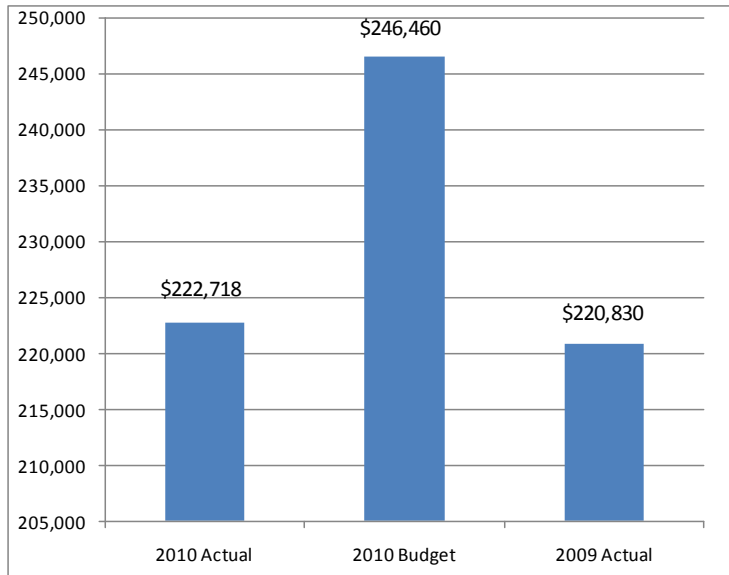
If you would like to become more *active* in learning and living God’s Word, please let me know. I would love to have the opportunity to chat with you about ways you might be a “do-er” AND a “hear-er” of the Word. Call me in the church office at 734-1787.

~Linda Boldt, Coordinator of Lay Ministry

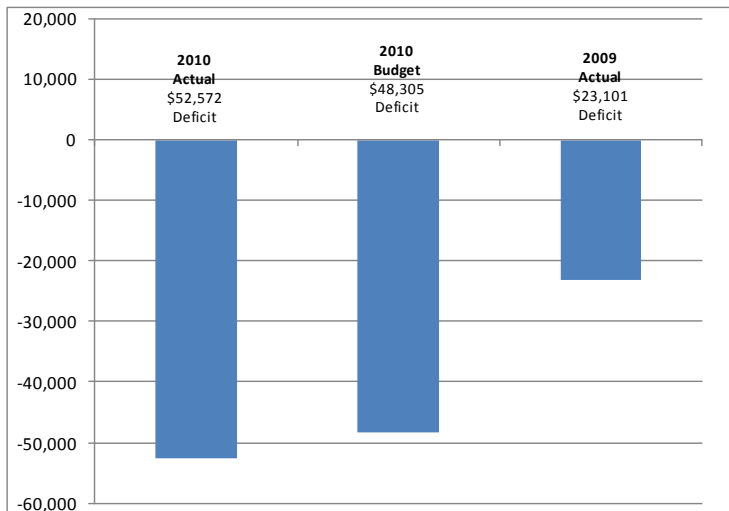
August 2010 Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Reader	Kinderchurch Assistant	Lemonade Servers
Aug. 1	10:00 AM	Kathy Roberts & Kay Roberts	Sally Mielke	Geri Ellsworth, Joy Marie Doersch, Dave Doersch, Jane Slater	Beth Lepinski	Jill McElhaney	Barb & Stu Leslie, Greg Braatz
Aug. 8	10:00 AM	Helen Becker & Alvera Raab	Jim Baumbach	Jackie Hoganson, Joy Kennedy, Valerie Bayer, Ken Couillard	Richard Dodge	Morgan Manuel	Jim & Beth Podlasek
Aug. 15	10:00 AM	Tracey Hornung & Family	Tim Shoaf	Christine Cornell, Eric Edwards, Jeanne Nymoen, Nancy Winslow	Laurie McCulloch	Jane Stevenson	Deacons-Carol Foss Ted & Sharon Nelson
Aug 22	10:00 AM	Josh & Stacy Carson	Tom Neal	Tim Shaffer, Connie Trettin, Fred Umland, Marty Ward	Nancy Umland	Lori Cramer	Jeff & Kathy Privatt
Aug. 29	10:00 AM	Valerie Bayer & Mary Francis	Mark Smith	Ryan McElhaney, Jerry Saxton, Ann Smith	Linda Boldt	Sarah Beard	Dan Schmitz & Jill McElhaney

A Moment for Money



**Total Revenue Received
January 1 through
June 30, 2010**



**Total Revenue Received
over Expenses
January 1 through
June 30, 2010**

As the above charts indicate, 2010 is significantly under budget, and much lower than 2009. MPC needs your financial support in order to carry on the Mission, Education, Personnel and Member Nurture & Development that we, as the body of Christ in Appleton, Wisconsin, have committed to. Please do your part, and if you are able, prayerfully consider how you can financially support the work of the church. Feel free to call Kevin Loomans at 739-3417 with any questions, or to find out additional ways you can help during these challenging economic times.

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MPC Calendar For daily calendar updates, go to www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org and click on "MPC Calendar" Aug 2010 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:00 am Worship Communion	VBS 9:00-11:30 am 7 pm - Fellowship AG	VBS 9:00-11:30 am 6:30am - Good News 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - PB Staff Mtg 6:30pm - Children's CE	VBS 9:00-11:30 am 12:30pm - Watercolor Class 7pm - Sr. Hi Harmony Cafe	VBS 9:00-11:30 am 6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Quilting Bees 1pm - Stuffed With Love	VBS 9:00-11:30 am 6:30pm - VBS Program	
10:00 am Worship 6:30pm - Parent Mtg (4-6)	7pm - Memb Renewal AG	6:30am - Good News 9:30am - Parents 2 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - MND Team-L 6:30pm - Elder Teams 7:15pm - Session Mtg	12:30pm - Watercolor Class 7pm - Sr. Hi Harmony Cafe	6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Property AG		7pm - Cleveland @ GB
10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Welcoming Walls Salvation Army Collection	8 am - CROP Walk 9 am - Chimes Deadline 7 pm - Mission Outreach AG 7 pm - Worship AG	6:30am - Good News 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Youth AG 7pm - Deacons Mtg	12:30pm - Watercolor Class 7pm - Sr. Hi Harmony Cafe	6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Prayer Shawls 1pm - Quilting Bees 6pm - Wedding Rehearsal 6:30pm - Welcoming Walls	Wedding	10 am - Weekenders 9pm - GB @ Seattle
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Christmas in July!



July has come and gone, but MPC will have *Christmas in July* until August 15th! The Adopt-a-Family team is collecting back-to-school socks and underwear for the Community Clothes Closet. There should be lots of sales going on these days, so pick up an item or several, look for the box near the church office, and drop off your purchases. The Clothes Closet is in special need of boys' boxer shorts, size 5-18, and short crew socks for boys and girls. Remember, too, that teens are still kids, and most of them probably wear adult sizes.

-- Betty Lockhart, Adopt-a-Family Team