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Happy New Year!

I am not one for making New Year's resolutions. They are too easy to break before the last bowl game is over for that day. It is hard enough to keep the promises and commitments that I have already made. For example: love your neighbor as myself. Sometimes I am not that fond of my neighbor. Other times, I am not that fond of myself. See how difficult it is already?

Since my first commitment as a Christian is to love God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, I think I need to concentrate on that resolution. What does it mean to love God and neighbor as myself?

I believe that loving my primary family is a good place to begin. Ginny, Erin and Nicole deserve to have me attempt to love and care for them with my best effort. I need to think of them first and make myself available to them. Certainly, going to work and doing my job helps them in providing money to feed, clothe and entertain them.

As a mentor once taught me, his priorities are God (first), family (second) and work (third). The difficulty is in knowing which way I need to lean first. Sometimes loving God is spending time with my family. Sometimes, loving my

family involves spending time at church. Other times, doing my job honors God and my family. See how difficult it is?

All I know is that attempting to keep these priorities in order honors them and God. Sometimes I need to say to the workplace, "I need to leave and spend some time with my family." At times, Session meetings give way to a child's concert, sporting event, or honors night (even as a pastor/moderator). Sometimes, an elder or deacon or staff member needs to do the same.

At times, spending time with a family who has lost a loved one takes priority over our family. Whether you are a member, deacon, elder, or a pastor, the same may be true for you. Sometimes spending time alone with God in an easy chair, on a walk, or at the side of the bed, needs to take precedent over family or work.

God commands us to love God and neighbor as ourselves. It is not an easy resolution to make. Yet it is the most important one to make. I pray for you in the making and attempts at fulfilling New Year's resolutions. I hope you will pray for me, as well.

Pastor Baker

Happy New Year ♪ *Happy New Year* ♪ *Happy New Year*

News of Our Members and Friends

Hearty congratulations go out to Jeanne Nymoen, who was elected to serve as Vice Moderator for Winnebago Presbytery for 2010. Nice going, Jeanne!

Our sincere condolences go out to Pastor Baker and his family, on the passing of his mother, Lyla, at the age of 94. A service celebrating her life was held in Dousman, Wisconsin. Family members from all corners of the country traveled to be together for this time.

Many remember Al Wiegert, who, with his wife, Delores, moved to a retirement community in Oshkosh several years ago. We are saddened to share the news that Al passed away on December 15 after a long illness. Pastor Baker officiated at his memorial service. Our prayers go out to Delores and their family.

Camping Weekend

We are looking at putting together a camping trip sometime in mid to late July and are trying to get an idea of how many people would be interested in this. There are no set plans yet but we are thinking of going to Green Lake or one of the state parks in the area. If you are



interested, please e-mail Stacy Carson at scarson@new.rr.com or call her at 920-268-5872. Also when contacting her, please state if you will need an electric hook-up. Watch for more details coming soon!!!

Mission Mail Call

The church gets lots of mail every month with requests for donations, volunteer opportunities, or news of how our earlier donations are being used. Here is what we have received in the last month. Contact Tom Neal or the church office if you want to read about these groups and learn more.

1. Emergency Shelter Fall 2009 newsletter
2. Oikocredit News (MPC has a money market account that supports the work of this microcredit lender)
3. Chaps
4. WEMI Help for the Homeless flyer (MPC supported this campaign in 2009)
5. Warming Shelter Newsletter and a thank-you note for MPC's contribution to their capital campaign (posted 12-6)
6. Harbor House Newsletter
7. St. Joseph's Food Program biannual newsletter
8. AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin news (MPC supports with Session-designated mission giving)
9. Habitat for Humanity December 2009 news
10. Goodwill volunteer opportunities
11. NAMI Fox Valley 2010 Programs and Services
12. Tri-County Community Dental Clinic Newsletter
13. Church World Service 2009 Annual Report

14. World Ark - Heifer news magazine (MPC members gift many animals every year)

In addition we get news on how our gifts to the national church are being used:

1. Presbyterian Children's Services Newsletter
2. PC(USA) International Health and Development Newsletter
3. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance newsletter
4. Presbyterian Hunger Program news (supported by our Summer Pantry donations)
5. Presbyterian Mission Outreach opportunity in San Francisco



Welcome, New Deacons!

Hopefully, each of you has been “touched” by your Deacon at some time in the past year. It may have been a card during a holiday season, or to celebrate some happy occasion in your life. It may have been a note of shared sympathy during a time of hardship or sorrow. Perhaps they assisted you with a meal or brought you flowers during a time of illness. They were there (whether you saw them or not) preparing and serving when called upon to do a funeral. Perhaps they gave you a smile and a friendly hello on a Sunday morning.

At this time of the year, we prepare to say good-bye to one group of Deacons and welcome a new group to serve a three-year term. Leaving us, with a huge

thank you for their years of service, are Scott and Cathy Kornish, Mitch Lux, Arthur Steiner, Dan Schmitz, Bob Schimmelpfenning, Helen Scott, and Ellen Wright, and our two youth Deacons, Travis Beard and Kelsey Lightfield. In their place, we welcome Sarah Beard, Pam Dodge, Sue Neal, Ted and Sharon Nelson, Mary Lou and Ken Opgenorth, Kara Manuel, Pat Spindler, and two youth Deacons, Jacob Johnson and Hannah Herzog.

Be sure to look for your Deacon and say hello. They are looking for you.

-- *Betty Lockhart*

Salvation Army

Thank you to all of you who contributed so generously last month. You helped to make Christmas meals more complete. It is now the New Year, when MPC again renews our partnership with the Salvation Army for a monthly collection of food

which helps those who are less fortunate than we are. If you would like to contribute, we suggest such items as canned cooking sauces, like spaghetti sauce, pasta sauces, etc. No glass containers, please.

Toys Needed!

As you clean out your toy shelves following Christmas, think of the church nursery. We could use some gently used toys for both our nursery and our

two and three year old classroom. We would prefer toys without batteries. Drop off any donations in Ellen Braatz' office. Thanks!

Sunday School News

Our classrooms continue to be filled with energetic children and youth, led by devoted teachers. December was filled with lessons about Advent and the birth of Jesus. Our two and three year teachers win the prize for fun crafts to go with their Bible stories. One week they made angels with sugar-coated wings! Our four year olds through second graders were treated to two skits on Advent, given by

the Junior and Senior High classes. The youth wore costumes and were very dramatic, and the children enjoyed hearing the stories of the shepherds and the wise men meeting Jesus. The youth also heard stories of Advent in their classrooms. Our third through fifth graders discussed music in the Bible and how God encourages us to have fun. Then they celebrated with a classroom party! -- *Ellen Braatz*

Thanks from the Adopt-a-Family Team!

Once again, MPC has displayed its generosity. This year, we adopted 6 families with a total of 38 people. Every family received a gift certificate for groceries in addition to the clothes, toys, and other gifts. Our smallest family was a single mother with one child who was adopted by the youth group. The largest family had 8 people! The Salvation Army always appreciates the fact that MPC adopts larger families.

We also collected many items for Toys for Tots, and had enough monetary donations to provide grocery certificates to several more families that weren't adopted! Thank you to everyone who helped make 2009 another successful year!

-- *Linda Keller, Betty Lockhart, Cori Marinan, Liz Pierce, Beth Podlasek, Pat Spindler, Kelly Truettner, Michelle Werner.*

Big Thank You!

leading to the Fellowship Hall. Good News Women initiated the Alternative Christmas project in 2002,

A big thank-you goes to the Property Action Group, Ken Couillard in particular, for building and hanging the beautiful display case for the Heifer Gift Ark Plaques. You will see it at the first landing of the west staircase

and for the past four years enough has been raised each year to qualify for a 1, 2 or 3-ark plaque. Each Gift Ark represents \$5,000 contributed to Heifer International. Over \$55,000 has been raised to date. Since 1944, Heifer has helped 7 million people in more than 125 countries. A second thank you goes to all at MPC who have helped end hunger and poverty and care for the earth. Alternative gifts may be purchased today at the Heifer table in the Narthex or anytime during the year through the office.

Stuffed with Love

“Stuffed with Love” is our newest craft outreach program. Begun in the Fall of 2009, it involves the creation of mastectomy pillows, an idea suggested by Mary Francis’ sister, a breast cancer survivor. To date, more than 50 pillows have been sewn and donated to a surgeon on staff at AMC Hospital and Encircle Health Center who treats breast cancer patients. All persons involved in this project and those who are interested in becoming involved are

encouraged to gather on the first Thursday of the month at 1:00 p.m. to sew, stuff, and dedicate these pillows.

The Quilting Bees meet at the same time, which will add to the fellowship and fun of this important ministry. Hope to see you then!

- Linda Boldt, Coordinator of Lay Ministry

Lectionary for January

January 3, 2010

Second Sunday of Christmas

Psalm 147:12-20, Jeremiah 31:7-14, John 1 :(1-9) 10-18, Ephesians 1:3-14

January 10, 2010

First Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of the Lord

Psalm 29, Isaiah 43:1-7, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22



January 17, 2010

Second Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 36:5-10, Isaiah 62:1-5, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11

January 24, 2010

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 19, Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21

January 31, 2010

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

Psalm 71:1-6, Jeremiah 1:4-10, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30

Every Sunday is Nametag Sunday!

It happens to the best of us. You're sitting in the pew, and happen to glance up to see a person slipping into the seat just down the row. Hmm...he looks familiar. Have you met her before? Or is this a visitor? Let's help solve this recurring dilemma by wearing our nametags – every Sunday! This will help not only Pastor Baker and his family learn all of our many names, but it will also help us throughout the year to get to know each other and to better identify those who are visiting. If you can't find your nametag on the kiosk, just write your name down on the sheet provided, and a shiny new nametag will be waiting for you next Sunday.

A Wonderful Christmas at MPC

We just got home from church. It is Cantata Sunday. What a wonderful celebration! Len Lindgren told me in no uncertain terms that a thank-you for those involved in the Cantata better be in the *Chimes*. Here it is, Len, and I agree 100% with you! The orchestra members were great and the voices were exceptional. And I heard every word read...*bravo!*

Beth Lepinski had asked me for some help in the SERRV Shop. I enjoyed listening to the conversations...the well wishing and the discussions about travel and holiday plans. The college students, home for break, got hugs and lots of questions about school. We also had many visitors at the shop from the orchestra members and friends and family here for the Cantata. And I got to meet Erin, Pastor Baker's daughter, who made it to the Fox Cities to be with her family in their new home.

Earlier in December, I attended the "hanging of the greens" (notice I said "attended," as there was no work done on my part). Arthur makes it all come together and the sanctuary is just beautiful. There is definitely more involved than I ever considered! People were walking on the lights above the cross – never did figure out what they were doing. I know we all thank Arthur, but somehow it doesn't ever seem

like it's enough. He puts so much of himself in everything he does. We are so blessed!

Speaking of blessings, Matthew put together our Christmas Hymn Sing...what fun! Thank you, Matthew. I enjoyed all of your poems, your added commentary and I, along with several others, never realized that the Twelve Days of Christmas were after Christmas. Of course that makes so much sense.

The season actually started for me in November, with the Alternative Gift Sunday along with the Senior High Pancake Breakfast. I hope we do that again. The Bead for Life jewelry was a nice accompaniment to our regular mission efforts. Heifer was helped along this year as Elizabeth Braatz related the story of Noah's Ark during the Children's Sermon, encouraging the children to add their quarters to the Peace Pipe. Thanks, Elizabeth! With the Mitten Tree hung, Adopt-a-Family put to bed, and Heifer having another banner year, we have definitely been preparing the way for our Lord's birth at MPC. Thank you, everyone. Happy New Year and wishing you wonderful (12) Days of Christmas!

~ Carol Bloemer

Session Celebrates

Session celebrated some pretty special gifts at the December meeting. These gifts have names – Jim Baumbach, Lori Cramer, Emily Guttenberg, and Mark Spindler. These four leaders have completed three years of service to the congregation of MPC. Quinn Shaffer, Youth Elder, was not able to attend the meeting. Quinn has done a great job sharing the needs and interests of the Senior Highs during this past year.

In the past, Pastor Chuck did a wonderful presentation to thank the outgoing elders. This year the other Session members and the staff shared their thanks, accolades and special memories. Some of the comments...

Jim Baumbach has been a leader in our church forever (not that you are old, Jim) but his advocacy and his comments would always bring our discussion back on track – reminding us of the why we are here.

Lori's dedication to Children's Christian Education, and the Parents 2 group was lifted up. Lori served in a quiet, reserved way, working tirelessly to help Ellen Braatz to staff the nursery, set-up classrooms, get supplies for the teachers, and also working with Ellen to develop a process to screen volunteers to provide a safe children's program. Emily shared her gifts to lead the Stewardship Campaign and mentor newer Session members, providing encouragement and serving as a role model not only in leading but in living her faith.

Mark has been seen in every nook and cranny of our building, checking out what is and is not working. The Property Action Group has had to prioritize projects, working on some of themselves, and holding contractors to their word – all to keep our building running well, cool in summer and warm in winter and keeping expenses down. Our many thanks to these four special people who served so graciously.

Schedule of Sunday Morning Volunteers

January 2010

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Reader	Prayer Card Readers	Kinderchurch Assistant	Coffee Servers	Comm. Servers
January 3, 2010	8:45AM	Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish	Jim Baumbach	Abbie Athanas Patti Athanas Valerie Bayer Ken Couillard	Greg Braatz	N/A	Emmie Woodford	Barb Colson Norm Colson	Linda Boldt Tracey Hornung
	11:00AM	Barry O'Connor Becky O'Connor	Bob McMahon	Laurie McCulloch Marie Desens Lynne Selle Mike Harer	Jane Slater	N/A	N/A	N/A	Lisa Lux Mitch Lux John Melke Sally Melke
January 10, 2010	8:45AM	Kara Manuel Tom Manuel and Family	Jim Bowman	Jonah Buss Mason Buss Neil Buss Robyn Buss	Bob Woodford	Richard Dodge	Emmie Woodford Ellen Wright	Jeff Privatt Kathy Privatt	N/A
	11:00AM	George Frye Laura Frye	Tim Shoaf	Beth Abbott-Wilson Laurie McCulloch Lynne Selle Nancy Winslow	Beth Lepinski	Beth Lepinski	N/A	N/A	N/A
January 17, 2010	8:45AM	Bill Beard Sarah Beard and Family	Fred Burdett	Heidi and Tyler Wallenfang Mike Zuege Tracy Zuege	Ryan McElhane	Paula Hogle	Helen Scott	Jon McElhane	N/A
	11:00AM	Diane Jacobson Scott Jacobson and Family	Tom Neal	O. C. Boldt Sue Neal Fred Umland Marty Ward	Sally Melke	Tom Neal	N/A	N/A	N/A
January 24, 2010	8:45AM	Laura Jordan Mark Jordan and Family	Richard Dodge	Pam Dodge Lynn Mulholland Mike Schuldes Sharon Schuldes	Peg Manuel	Laurie McCulloch	Carol Bloemer	Kara Manuel Tom Manuel	N/A
	11:00AM	Ann Smith Mark Smith	Les Angell	Renee Boldt Tom Boldt George Frye Laura Frye	Margaret Fulton	Lynne Selle	N/A	N/A	N/A
January 31, 2010	8:45AM	John Lukashewich Terri Lukashewich and Family	Sharon McElrath	Dave Doersch Tom McElrath Jeanne Nymoen Jane Stevenson	Eloise Blair	Jane Stevenson	Scott Kornish	Joy Marie Doersch Dave Doersch	N/A
	11:00AM	Fred Umland Nancy Umland	David Mayefsky	Kim Gilbride Sean Gilbride Casey Van Camp Cory Van Camp	Jeanne Mayefsky	Nancy Umland	N/A	N/A	N/A

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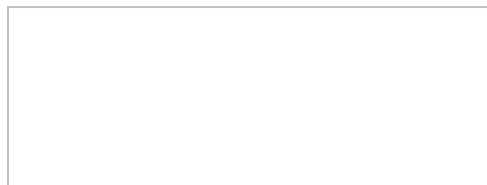
MPC Calendar For daily calendar updates, go to www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org and click on "MPC Calendar" Jan 2010 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 10:00 am Worship 12pm - Seattle @ GB	28 7pm - Knitty Bittys	29 6:30am - Good News Women 10am - Staff Meeting	30 7pm - Holiday Concert	31 New Year's Eve 6:30am - All Things Cons	1 New Year's Day	2 4:30pm - Emer Shelter (Sr. Hi)
3 8:45 & 11 Reg Schedule Communion 3:15pm - GB @ Arizona 6:30pm - Jr. High FISH	4 Classes Resume 7pm - Fellowship AG	5 6:30am - Good News Women 10am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Children's CE 6:30pm - Elder Training 7pm - Chaminade 7pm - Worship AG	6 6:15pm - Spiritual Quest 7pm - Chancel Choir	7 6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Quilting Bees 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Property AG 7:15pm - Chaminade Bells	8 9am - Women's Bible Study	9
10 +Deacons ++Elders 8:45 & 11 Reg Schedule Ordination/Installation 2pm - Sr. High Sheddng	11 7pm - Memb Renewal AG	12 6:30am - Good News Women 9:30am - Parents 2 10am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Elder Teams 7pm - Chaminade 7:15pm - Session Mtg	13 6:15pm - Spiritual Quest 7pm - Chancel Choir	14 6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 6pm - Bell Choir 6pm - Visioning Group 7:15pm - Chaminade Bells	15 9am - Chimes Deadline	16 10am - Weekenders
17 8:45 & 11 Reg Schedule 9:50 & 12 Welcoming Walls Salvation Army Collection SQ visit Alliance	18 Week of Prayer 9:30am - PB Ct-Sing-P 7pm - Mission Funding	19 Week of Prayer 6:30am - Good News Women 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - PB Staff Mtg FH 7pm - Chaminade 7pm - Deacons Mtg	20 Week of Prayer 6:15pm - Spiritual Quest 7pm - Chancel Choir	21 Week of Prayer 6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Prayer Stawls 1pm - Quilting Bees 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Inquirers Class 7:15pm - Chaminade Bells	22 E PM No School M/S No School Week of Prayer 9am - Women's Bible Study	23 5:30pm - Fell Dinner #2
24 8:45 & 11 Reg Schedule 6:30pm - Sr. High Fell	25 K/PPK AM No School 7pm - Knitty Bittys	26 6:30am - Good News Women 9:30am - Parents 2 10am - Staff Meeting 5:45pm - Personnel AG 6pm - PB Board Mtg-PR 6:30pm - Adult E& AG 7pm - Chaminade	27 6:30pm - Youth Unity 7pm - Chancel Choir	28 6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 6pm - Bell Choir 7:15pm - Chaminade Bells	29 10am - CPM Meeting	30
31 8:45 & 11 Reg Schedule Annual Meeting	1 7pm - Fellowship AG	2 6:30am - Good News Women 10am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Children's CE 7pm - Chaminade 7pm - Worship AG	3 6:15pm - Spiritual Quest 7pm - Chancel Choir	4 6:30am - All Things Cons 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Quilting Bees 6pm - Bell Choir 6:30pm - Property AG 7:15pm - Chaminade Bells	5 9am - Women's Bible Study	6 9am - Leadership Retreat

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Within These Welcoming Walls

The architecture, art, and furnishings of our sanctuary speak to the beliefs and practices that this congregation holds most dear. Immediately following the postlude of each service on Sunday, January 17th, we will be offering a 15-minute tour of Memorial Church. Look for Linda Boldt, the lady in the purple hat, following worship and find out what our walls would say if they could talk.



Inquirer Class

Like to learn more about Memorial Presbyterian Church? Our Inquirers Class is offered once a month, alternating between Presbyterian beliefs and programs offered at Memorial. This month's class, focusing on our programs, will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 21st, in the Parlor. Meet some of our Elders and Deacons over a simple meal and conversation. Call the church office at 734-1787 to make reservations for dinner, request child care, or indicate any food allergies. Hope to see you there!