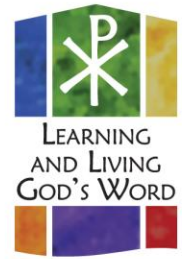


# Chimes

A newsletter for the Members & Friends  
of Memorial Presbyterian Church

April 2011



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## Holy Week 2011 Memorial Presbyterian Church



**Palm Sunday** – April 17, Worship Service at 10:00 a.m.

*Children lead us in Hosannas! Learn to fold a palm frond into a cross!  
We will journey from the palm parade to the Passion.*

**Maundy Thursday Service** – April 21 at 7:00 p.m.

*We remember the events of the Last Supper Jesus shared with his disciples the night before he was killed. Communion will be served. We will wash one another's hands as a sign of hospitality and reconciliation. Members and friends of all ages are invited. (This is a very special service to share with your children and grandchildren!) Nursery care will be provided.*



**Good Friday** – April 22

**At Memorial Presbyterian Church** *From 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. our Sanctuary will be open for prayer. There will be a station to light a candle; printed prayers will be available for your use.*

**Community Worship hosted by First Congregational Church** *at 12:10 p.m. We gather with Protestant and Catholic sisters and brothers to share worship that commemorates the day Jesus died on the cross and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The offering has been designated to Operation Starfish to help local kids with needed school supplies. (724 E. South River St.)*



**Easter Sunday** – April 24 *Celebrate the Good News of the Resurrection!*

**5:45 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service** (followed by breakfast)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**10:00 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship**

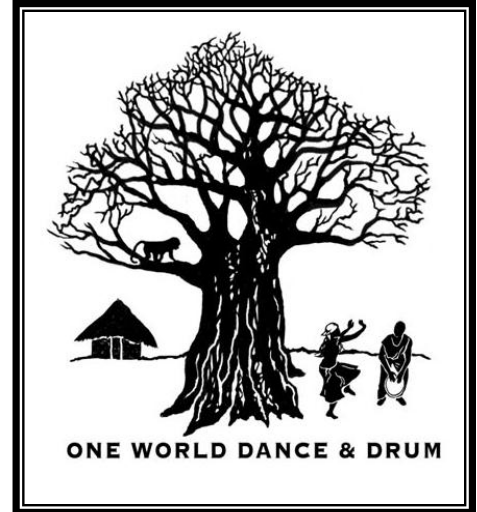
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and Festival Choir

## One World Dance and Drum Team to Perform on April 26

Sarah Lee (daughter of Lee and John Parker) and her husband, Karim Koumbassa, will offer a participatory program of Guinean drumming and dance on *Tuesday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary*. The One World Dance and Drum Team are known for their exuberant performances, bringing to life the power and magic of dance, drum and intercultural experiences for all ages. It is through this art form that they ignite awareness and provide opportunities for people to learn, grown and celebrate being alive!

This event is free and open to the community, so invite your friends and family! A freewill offering will be received in baskets at the door for Guinea Kids Education Fund, which is an education support project comprised of individuals in the United States and Guinea, West Africa who are committed to enriching the neighborhood of Enco-5 in Conakry, Guinea. Its mission is to assist and empower the community to increase the percentage of children attending and succeeding in school, and to provide the necessary funding for educational resources, school tuition, school supplies, uniforms, and shoes. To learn more about this fund, visit <http://www.guineakids.org>.

Following the performance, the Fellowship Action Group will serve refreshments in the church parlor, where you will have an opportunity to meet the performers. For more information on this exciting dance company, visit their website at [www.oneworlddance.com](http://www.oneworlddance.com).



### Wanted: Project Bridges Liaison

We are looking for a MPC-Project Bridges Liaison. The applicable dictionary definition of liaison is “communication for establishing and maintaining mutual understanding.” With understanding, mutual opportunities are discovered and difficulties that arise can be worked out. There isn’t a job description for this position like there is for a Deacon or Elder, but the duties would include:

1. Communicate the needs of MPC regarding church programs that share space with Project Bridges (PB)
2. Communicate the needs of PB to MPC regarding space shared with church programs
3. Assist in increasing the understanding among MPC members of the mission and work of PB
4. Attend the monthly PB board meeting (6:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of the month)
5. Assist PB in understanding and meeting the Sunday School room appearance standards set by the Children’s Education Action Group
6. Assist PB in communication with the Property Action Group
7. Assist PB in grant applications directly to MPC or the greater Presbyterian Church organization, with the assistance of the Mission Funding Action Group

If you are interested in serving in this capacity, contact Tom Neal, 731-7773, or call the church office, 734-1787.



## Communion Class was Educational – and Fun!

On Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, twelve children and their parents had a fun morning learning about the sacrament of communion. The highlight was baking bread. We also showed the children where and how communion is prepared, demonstrated traditional and intinction forms of communion, and what this important sacrament means to Christians. We read stories, made craft projects and ended the morning with an agape meal of bread and grape juice.

Our bread recipe was simple and the end result was very tasty! Here's the recipe, if you'd like to try it at home:

### Challah Bread

4 cups high gluten flour  
1/3 cup sugar  
1 package quick rising yeast  
1 tsp salt  
1 cup hot water  
1/4 cup oil  
One egg



In a large mixing bowl, combine the first 4 ingredients. Make a well in the center and add very hot tap water. Mix lightly, then add oil and egg. Stir until well mixed. Turn out on lightly floured surface and knead until dough is smooth. Rest 10 minutes. Shape into desired loaf. In our class, we had hearts, stars, braids, and triangles as well as round loaves! Rise in warm place until doubled in size. Bake at 350 degrees for 20-25 minutes until lightly browned and hollow-sounding when tapped. We made 4 mini loaves per recipe. If making one large loaf, baking time may need to be increased. -- *Ellen Braatz, Director of Christian Education*



## Parents 2 Plans Spring Gathering

Young children and their parents will be meeting in the church parlor on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. We'd love to have you join us! Next month, we'll begin meeting at local parks, weather permitting.

Look for notices in the Sunday bulletin or call 788-9965 or the church office at 734-1787.

## Salvation Army Donations on 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

At MPC, we are often presented with opportunities to help others. Please take the chance to help the hungry by donating as you are able to the Salvation Army on the third Sunday of every month. The third Sunday this month lands on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch for sales for canned foods, boxed goods, and paper products. Your continuing generosity is very much appreciated!

**A 6-year-old was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at a church service, "And forgive us our trash passes, as we forgive those who passed trash against us."**



## Why We Do Christian Education

In January, the Session approved my application for the Presbytery's Lay Ministry program. As part of that program I'm currently taking a class on Christian Education. A class requirement is that I actually teach a class. The Adult CE group has graciously granted me time on Sunday morning, April 10. My topic will be "Why do we do Christian Education?" We will look at why we do CE, what the Bible says about CE, and discuss the context of where we do CE (hint: it isn't only in classrooms on Sunday morning). The more that attend the better the class will be, so I hope to see you there. -- *Greg Braatz*



*Christian Education*

## Summer Camps!



Did you know that our presbytery has an association with the United Church of Christ camps? There are two camps in Wisconsin: Pilgrim Center on Green Lake and Moon Beach in northern Wisconsin. These camps offer opportunities for all ages apart from the busy-ness of the world – a place to play, relax and renew. Camp provides a time for participants to touch and experience God's goodness through the wonder and beauty of the natural world.

For more information, pick up a brochure in the church office or go online to [www.ucci.org](http://www.ucci.org). Parents and

grandparents—if you are looking for a special Easter gift for your child, consider paying for part of a week at camp. Scholarships are also available through our church and through the presbytery. See Ellen Braatz for more information.

## Vacation Bible School Set for August 8-12

As your calendars begin filling up for the summer, be sure to pencil in Vacation Bible School! This year VBS will be held the week of August 8-12. Children ages 4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend, with visitors and friends welcome! Older children and youth are encouraged to be helpers. Last summer we had 21 children and 21 helpers. Let's increase that number this summer!

The Children's Christian Education Action Group is still deciding the theme, but it is sure to be a fun-filled week of learning. If you have any questions, or are willing to help, contact Ellen Braatz, Director of Christian Education at [christianed@athenet.net](mailto:christianed@athenet.net).



## Deacons Make a Difference

Deacon Mary Francis is “paying it forward.” Mary became a deacon after receiving support as a newcomer at Memorial Presbyterian Church from her neighborhood deacon. Care and support for Mary continued through her own serious illness and the passing of a close family relative. So, Mary is giving back.



The *Book of Order* describes the office of deacon as set forth in Scripture, as one of “sympathy, witness and service after the example of Jesus Christ.” Continuing, “It is the duty of deacons, first of all, to minister to those who are in need, to the sick, friendless, and to any who may be in distress, both within and beyond the community of faith.”

Retired deacon Betty Lockhart recalls supporting fellow MPC members and their families. As Deacon Funeral Coordinator for the church, Betty was instrumental in easing the difficult experience of making gathering and reception plans for families planning a funeral. She produced another positive impact when she visited an MPC neighborhood member who was shy and lonely. Through in-person and telephone visits and lunches, a trusting friendship was formed which continues today.

Christine Cornell feels her “deacon mindset” enabled her to participate in giving meaningful support to a hospice program recipient family. The family had previously been members at Memorial but had been attending another church. At the request of the family, an MPC pastoral visit was made, and continuing support was given by Christine and the church during their family member’s last days. Through this care and support, the family re-connected with Memorial Church and remains active.

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is Deacon Sunday at MPC. Look for deacon nametags as you encounter greeters, ushers, communion servers and others participating in the service. Each deacon serves a “neighborhood” of church members. At the Fellowship Hour on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, there will be an opportunity to learn the number of your neighborhood, who your deacon is, and to talk with him or her during the fellowship hour. – *Deacon Martha Ward*



## Easter Party for Kids

***Come One, Come All!*** All children of the church and friends are welcome to join the Sr. High Youth Group on Saturday, April 16 for an Easter Party. There will be an Easter egg hunt, games, stories, and crafts for young children from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. RSVP to the church office, 734-1787, so we know how many children to expect.

## 2011 Lenten Devotional Booklet – MPC Style

The collection of thoughtful daily devotions, written by members of Memorial Church, has been a wonderful source of inspiration and learning in March. Look for the April booklet (with the yellow cover) in either the narthex or on the MPC website, [www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org](http://www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org) to continue your devotions through the Lenten season.

## Sr. High Youth Happenings

The Sr. High Youth Fellowship had a very busy March. They started out by helping serve folks at the Emergency Shelter on March 5. They then went out for pizza and played laser tag. On March 6 after Sunday School, they served meals at the Salvation Army. Thanks go out to Morgan and Calvin Manuel, Hannah Herzog, Phillip Boldt, Ryan and Connor McElhaney, Joey Weber, Jacob Johnson, Lauren Tilkens, Elizabeth Braatz, Anna Shaffer, along with the adult leaders: Tom and Kara Manuel, Greg Braatz, Sarah Eggers, and Jon McElhaney.

On March 20 the youth watched a movie called *To Save a Life* about bullying and teen suicide. Laurie McCulloch helped lead a discussion after.

The Sr. High work trip logo was created by our own resident artist, *Elizabeth Braatz!!!!* Thanks, Elizabeth, for sharing your talents with us. The youth have been busy selling fundraiser bracelets, and as of March 15 over 105 bracelets have been purchased for a profit of approximately \$400.00. If you haven't bought a bracelet yet, join in supporting the Sr. High work trip. Bracelets can be purchased after church or in the office.

Looking ahead, the youth will be meeting on Sunday, April 3 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. to prepare for and plan the Children's Easter party taking place on April 16 (see article on page 5). After hearing a speaker from Harbor House in September and collecting items for the facility, the youth are now are planning a field trip there to see how where their items went, and to learn more about this important community agency..



Work trip logo designed by Elizabeth Braatz. Look for this image as the work trip to South Dakota nears.

On April 18, the Sr. High youth and parents will be attending the Lakota Sioux Dance Theatre at the PAC. It will be a night of dancing, storytelling and learning about the Lakota Sioux people, and a great opportunity for us to learn about the people we will be serving during our work trip in July.

– Jill McElhaney, Interim Youth Coordinator

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



More than sixty years ago, in response to the devastation of World War II, a Saturday evening nationwide radio broadcast asked Americans to give generously the next morning to their churches. A remarkable variety of national leaders and celebrities gave their efforts to the broadcast and more than 75,000 churches responded. The offering was held again the next year and every year since then.

The offering's mission has grown from simply emergency relief and rebuilding after disasters such as wars, earthquakes and floods to addressing many kinds of human suffering, from the sudden to the chronic. The offering is used to fund the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund, which was instrumental in providing immediate relief to the areas devastated by the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan (see article on page 7).

Look for your offering envelope in this issue of *Chimes*. We will return these offerings on Palm Sunday, April 17, and Easter Sunday, April 24. Place them in the cooler with the fish banks. Fish banks, giving calendars, puzzles, stories, and coloring sheets are in the Narthex. Please give generously. – Natalie Bowman



# PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE.

## PDA Responds to Devastation in Japan

*“When they call to me, I will answer them.” (Ps. 91:15)*

When news first broke on the 8.9 magnitude earthquake in Japan and the ensuing tsunamis across the Pacific rim, many asked, “What can I do?” If you have contributed in the past to our One Great Hour of Sharing offering, you have already done quite a bit! As of this writing, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), has already sent \$100,000 from the One Great Hour of Sharing offering to provide immediate relief, and has also maintained contact with presbyteries in Japan to offer assistance and to monitor the welfare of missionaries in the area. This well-organized effort works cooperatively with our ecumenical and mission partners to respond efficiently to those in desperate need.

**Stand in the GAP:** What else can we do? Cynthia Bolbach, General Assembly Moderator as well as our national church leaders urge us to do three things to help the disaster survivors and to help the PC(USA) in its response:

- **GIVE.** Your generous contributions through the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and special designated giving provide the resources to assist with immediate emergency needs, clean-up provisions, long-term and unmet needs, and spiritual/emotional counseling. If you would like to specifically designate your gift to this effort, write a check payable to Memorial Presbyterian Church with “Japan Earthquake and Tsunami” written in the memo portion of your check, and place in the offering plate or mail to the church.
- **ACT.** Stay informed and share information about the need with others. Sign up to receive PDA Rapid Information Network (<http://gamc.pcusa.org/subscriptions/lists/pda-rapid-information-network>) email notices to alert you of additional needs.
- **PRAY.** Please pray for those victims and their families who are seeking emergency shelter and safety, those seeking information about the security of their loved ones, and those who are working to rescue survivors and offer assistance. Please also pray for the civic and national leaders, and faith communities in Japan that offer hope in a seemingly hopeless time.

The magnitude of this kind of tragedy is difficult to grasp. Yet, our faith leads us to affirm that in even greater measure is the presence of God in the midst of the devastation.



## Congratulations, Ellen and Dolly!



## Reading Program

The Volunteer Center of East Central Wisconsin recently honored a special group of volunteers who manage the United for Reading Success tutoring program at schools throughout the area. Two of these hard-working volunteers are MPC members Ellen Wright, Site Volunteer Coordinator at Columbus Elementary School, and Dolly Manning, Site Volunteer Coordinator at Badger Elementary School. Congratulations to both women for providing invaluable assistance in this vital program!

## Parking at Memorial Church

Our parking problems were somewhat eased by the Common Council's decision to allow parking on College Avenue for now, but they certainly weren't solved. The Session is aware of at least three households who have tried, on various Sunday mornings, to find parking, only to give up and go home. These were individuals who needed to park in the parking lot, due to age or mobility issues.

Session is creating a Parking Action Group to address our ongoing parking needs. As part of their work, this group will explore and compare all possible options; investigate how we might work collaboratively with Lawrence University and the surrounding neighborhood; and recommend a series of contingency plans, so that Session can act quickly when an opportunity arises.

YOU can help our older or less mobile members in several ways:

1. Park on College Avenue or the surrounding side streets whenever possible.
2. Carpool.
3. Have one adult escort small children into the building while the other adult parks the car.
4. Bring the whole family in one car.
5. Offer a ride to an older or less mobile member.
6. Bike or walk to church.

Thanks for your help!



## Property Clean-up Day Set for April 30

As this issue goes to press, the snow is melting and weather predictions are using words such as "rain" and "up into the 60s." We haven't heard those words in a long time! If predictions are correct, that can only mean that there will be lots of clean-up work to do from the long winter. So dig out those long-lost gardening gloves and grab some rakes for our annual spring cleaning, scheduled for Saturday, April 30 from 8:00 – 11:30 a.m. It's a great way to catch up with your MPC friends while you spruce up the church. Of course we'll have donuts!



## Hands and Feet of God

A simple request turned into an amazing opportunity for spiritual growth and sharing at Memorial. The Worship Action Group, chaired by Richard Dodge, wanted to make a daily devotional guide available for members as they journeyed through the Lenten season. Rather than buy professionally written materials, they went to each action group, study group, and activity asking for volunteers. Each volunteer was given a sheet listing the scripture lessons for a particular day and instructions for writing their devotion.

The result was an amazing collection of very thoughtful, heartfelt, and inspiring meditations. Using poems, photographs, original artwork, hymns, and creative writing, members reflected on the scripture lessons and what they meant to their lives. Many of the writers reported that the exercise was both challenging and rewarding. Readers of the devotions have reported being impressed and inspired by the meaningful reflections of their friends and grateful that they accepted the challenge to share their faith in this very public way.

Among the marks of faithful membership in a Presbyterian Church are “proclaiming the good news” and “praying and studying Scripture and the faith of the Christian Church.” I think we can say with certainty that these members demonstrated both of these marks of membership and showed themselves to be the “Hands and Feet of God.” For that, we congratulate and thank them.



## News of Our Members and Friends

Our many sympathies and prayers go out to the family of Griff Howell, on his passing on Sunday, February 27, after a long illness. A Celebration and Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on March 3, officiated by Rev. Kathy Keener-Han. Griff generously gave his time and talents to the church, serving on the Session, Evangelism Committee, Pastor Nominating Committee, and singing in the Chancel Choir.

He is dearly missed by Lois and their loving family – Kevin and Holly Howell, Julie and Todd Pyszora, Kyle and Kelley (Hoey) Howell, and Bryan & Mindy Howell; and their seven grandchildren: Matthew and Katie Howell, Emily and Rachel Pyszora, Ryan and Ayden Hoey-Howell, and Lexi Howell. Please keep them all in your prayers during this time.

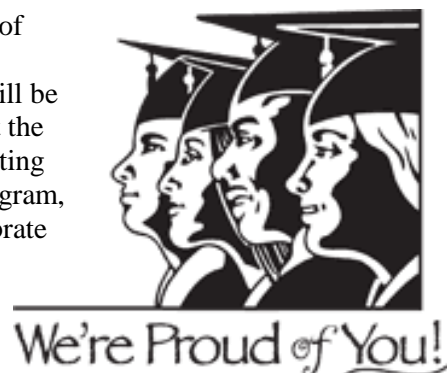
## A Note of Thanks

“Words cannot describe the gratitude my family has for the loving way you embraced our entire family over the past weeks. You so kindly took care of so many things for us and helped us celebrate my dad’s life. Thank you! As I reflect over the activities of the past week, although heart-wrenching at times, it was a wonderful tribute to my dad and pulled our family even closer together. Please extend our thanks to everyone who helped to make my dad’s service so special. Thank you all for your many kindnesses.” – *From Julie Pyszora and the entire family of Griff Howell*



## Graduate Recognition

Calling all proud parents, aunts, uncles, and grandparents!! In the June issue of *Chimes*, we will be recognizing all the students in the MPC family who are graduating or who have graduated since last year. In addition, all graduates will be recognized and the recipients of our church scholarships will be announced at the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, June 5th. If you have a student graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate school, professional program, or the like, we would very much appreciate knowing about it, so we can celebrate their accomplishments as a church family.



Please call the church office at 734-1787 and tell us the name of your student, the school he or she attended, the degree earned, and any future plans, if known. In order to make the *Chimes* deadline, please be sure to get the information to us by Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your help in honoring our graduates!

## April Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Scripture Reader	Kinderchurch Assistants	Coffee Servers
April 3, 2011 Deacon Sunday	10:00AM	Sarah Beard Pam Dodge	Dave Doersch	Mary Francis Stacy Carson Ken Lightfield Martha Ward	Eric Edwards Joy Marie Doersch	Hannah Herzog Kathryn Herzog	D & JM Doersch T & S Nelson
April 10, 2011	10:00AM	Eloise Blair Joy Kennedy	Jim Bowman	Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish Diane Lightfield Ken Lightfield	Peg Manuel	Julie Tilkens Lauren Tilkens	Lisa Lux Mitch Lux
April 17, 2011 Palm Sunday	10:00AM	Carol Foss Kim Gilbride	Richard Dodge	Pam Dodge Lynn Mulholland Michael Schuldes Susan Schuldes	Renee Boldt	Jonah Buss Ryan McElhane	Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish
April 21, 2011 Maundy Thurs. Communion	7:00PM	TBD	Jim Baumbach	Abbie Athanas Patti Athanas Valerie Bayer Ken Couillard	TBD	N/A	N/A
April 24, 2011 Easter Sunday	5:45AM Sunrise	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
	10:00AM Celebration Worship	Mary Francis Alice Baumbach	John Hill	Kelsey Nelson Ted Nelson Kara Schneider Tom Schneider	Jim Bowman	Calvin Manuel Morgan Manuel	Kara Manuel Tom Manuel

## Who – and What – is ESTHER?

ESTHER, a grassroots and non-profit organization in the Fox Valley, began with a small group of interested religious and lay leaders back in 2002. It held its first Covenanting Event in November 2004 with 6 congregations, and has since grown to include 22 congregations in the Fox Valley and 6 congregations in Oshkosh.



As an interfaith social-justice organization, ESTHER brings together communities of faith to identify and act on issues of injustice, such as affordable housing and transportation. One upcoming forum will focus on the issue of immigration. “The Faces of Immigration” will be held on Wednesday, April 6 in conjunction with the Fox Cities Book Festival, and will feature three panelists, all of whom will share his or her personal story. This will be followed by a conversation about *The Devil’s Highway*, one of the books all Appleton area folks are being asked to read for the Festival. The event will be held at the Appleton Public Library, Lower Level Meeting Room C, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. All are invited.

If you are interested in the issue of transportation, ESTHER's task force on this subject meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at First English Lutheran Church, 326 E. North St., Appleton. For more information on these and all of ESTHER’s efforts, visit their website at <http://esther-foxvalley.org>.

## MPC Staff Updates

The Session is happy to announce that Matt Walsh has agreed to accept the position of Director of Music and Organist for MPC. This is no longer an Interim position. Matt, we thank you for your musical talent, your unfailing patience and your sincere commitment to worshipping God through music. We look forward to your continued guidance in our musical ministry.

We are also happy to announce that Jill McElhaney has agreed to continue as our Interim Director of Youth Ministry through the end of 2011. The position was originally planned to end after the Youth Mission Trip in July, with the thought that a permanent staff position would be created for the education ministry. Our 2011 budget shortfall and pastor search process have led us to the decision to continue with the interim staffing for now. Jill, your energy, heart for the youth of the church, and unfailing support for our volunteer youth leaders are an inspiration.

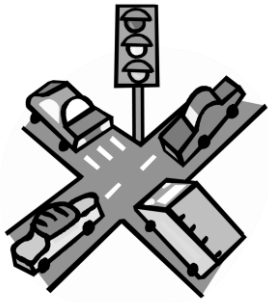
Please take this opportunity to thank Matt and Jill, and also our other staff for their hard work, dedication, and love for MPC.

## Scholarships Available for MPC Students

Applications are still being accepted for the three MPC college scholarships. 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 will display participation in MPC activities, academic achievement, and community involvement. The scholarship application forms are available on [www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org](http://www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org), or call the church office at 734-1787. All application materials and documents are due in the church office by **April 29, 2011**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kara Schneider, Chair of the Scholarship Action Group, at 277-6388.



## Get Your Motor Runnin'!

The Fellowship Action Group is once again planning the MPC Road Rally. It will be part road rally, part digital scavenger hunt and part "Amazing Race." The participants will be divided into groups that will follow directions from the church to a final destination. Along the way you will have to answer some questions, take some pictures, and complete some tasks. It is not a race. The winning teams will be determined by how well they complete the tasks and answer the questions.

When everyone arrives at the final destination you will have a chance to review your experiences and share a meal. We would ask that each individual/couple bring a dish to share. The action group will see that the food is transported to our final destination. Beverages will be provided. This great adventure will start at the church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 30. We would ask that if you have a digital camera that you bring it with you. If you have any questions, please contact Fred or Nancy Umland at 725-5492. Watch for a sign-up sheet coming soon to the narthex. Hope to see you there!



## What's up at MPC?

**MPC Newsletter Deadline** - The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month. If you have any information or articles you would like to add to the newsletter, please email it to the church office at [mpc@athenet.net](mailto:mpc@athenet.net).

**Weekly Sermons** - Weekly sermons may be heard online on the church's website or may be requested on CD format. They are mailed to at-home members at their request. Extra copies can be requested from the church office.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available on Sundays for those with hearing impairments; please contact an usher for assistance.

**Large-print** bulletins are available from the ushers for all worship services, and include the hymns for the service.

## MPC Sunday Schedule

8:30 – 11:15 am Nursery Care

8:45 am Christian Education for all ages  
(including adults!)

9:30 Fellowship (lower level) &  
Choir Rehearsals

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
10:15 a.m. Kinderchurch

**Join us this Sunday!**

## Register Now for Synod School

Don't delay -- now is the time to think about your family vacation plans. Of course, we want those considerations to include Synod School in Storm Lake, Iowa. Brochures are on the table outside the church office. Please note that there are various scholarships available from both the Presbytery and the Synod. Ken and I submitted our registration yesterday and there were three classes that were already closed!

So, do you want to study the Bible? Do you want to do something physical? (Think belly dancing and yoga.) Do you want to explore a serious issue? How about theological reflection? Are you interested in planning or leading, or do you just love worship and music? How about great fellowship, new friends, a children's program for all ages, and a week of delicious meals?

There is something for everyone at Synod School held at Buena Vista University. If you need additional information, call Ken and Mary Lou Opgenorth at 739-3005. We'd love to have a large contingent from MPC! –  
*Mary Lou Opgenorth*

### Making God's House a Home

You're in the grocery store and you come face to face with someone you haven't seen in church in a long while. You miss their friendship and their presence in the life of the church, but you're in a quandary. How do you let them know that they're missed without embarrassing them? How do you encourage them to come back to church without alienating them?



What to do??? What to say???

During April and May, the Adult Education Action Group, in conjunction with the Member Renewal Action Group, will be conducting a class entitled, "Caring for Inactive Members: Making God's House a Home." Every concerned member is invited and encouraged to attend. Through a series of non-threatening, caring lessons and exercises, we will learn what to do and what to say to reach out to those we are missing.

The class is being held at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you cannot attend all the classes, attend those that you can. The class is free; however, registration is requested, so that we can order materials for you. An additional resource, *Reopening the Back Door: Answers to Questions about Ministering to Inactive Members*, can be ordered when you register, for a fee of \$12.00.

Complete the registration form below and return it to the church office at 803 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911 as soon as possible. Or, call the church office at 734-1787.

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[ ] YES! I want to join the other two dozen people taking part in the course, *Caring for Inactive Members: How to Make God's House a Home*.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Seven Deadly Words

“I’ll wait until the new pastor comes.” These words reflect a common sentiment during a time of change. Anxiety over the unknown, hurt over past events, and wariness over decisions being made all lend to the desire to wait until the dust settles before returning to worship and participation in the life and ministry of the church. Yet, as safe as this approach may seem, it can be problematic to the church, to the new pastor, and especially, to those who wait.

Some people will wait until a new pastor arrives, thinking that the pastor will give the church a new direction. Maybe that’s true somewhere, but not at MPC. The Pastor Nominating Committee is not looking for a pastor who will give us a new direction or a new vision. We already know who we are and where we want to go. The Pastor Nominating Committee is looking for a pastor who will work with us in “Learning and Living God’s Word.” If you like that vision, then you don’t need to wait to join your church family in moving in that direction.

Some people will wait until a new pastor arrives, hoping that that individual will be the one, wise, and holy person who can know them, care for them, nurture their souls, and help them weather life’s problems in a way that no one else can. Unfortunately, that hope only results in disappointment, for no one person can do all and be all for us. Only God can and God is available to us anytime, through prayer, through scripture, and through the love and encouragement of your church family. If you want care and encouragement, you don’t need to wait any longer to receive it or to give it to others.

Some people will wait until a new pastor arrives thinking that then everything will settle down and be definite and stable. That’s hardly likely. If there’s one thing for sure about a Presbyterian church, it’s that we are “reformed and always reforming.” We will always be furthering the work of the church in creative new ways. What is also certain is that all pastors leave. No matter how wonderful, how caring, how happy to be at Memorial he or she may be, sooner or later, the pastor will leave. What does remain is the congregation. If there is anything of value to you in the people, the friendships, the common history, and the shared ministry of Memorial, then you don’t need to wait any longer to enjoy them.

And finally, some people will wait until a new pastor arrives only to find that when they re-engage, not only the pastor, but the congregation, the programs, and the ways members interact with each other have changed. These folks often feel like strangers in their own church – out of place and left behind. It is an uncomfortable place to be, not knowing what’s going on and not having been part of the decision-making process. So friends, the future is now. If you want to be part of the preparations for a new pastor, if you want to be part of the ongoing story of the Presbyterian Church in Appleton, then don’t wait any longer! Come, be a part of the life, ministry and worship of Memorial!



# APRIL 2011

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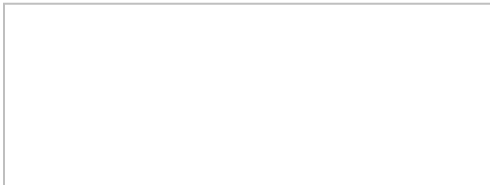
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 08:45am Sun. School 09:30am Fell. & Choir 10:00am Worship 5:30pm - Soup Supper	28 7pm - Worship AG	29 6:30am - GNW 10am - Staff Meeting	30 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	31 6:30am - ATC 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Quilting Bees	1	2
3 08:45am Sun. School 09:30am Fell. & Choir 10:00am Worship Communion Deacon Sunday 5pm - Sr. High Group 5:30pm - Soup Supper	4 7pm - Fellowship AG	5 6:30am - GNW 10am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Children's CE	6 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	7 6:30am - ATC 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Pillow Group 1pm - Quilting Bees 6:30pm - Property AG	8	9
10 08:45am Sun. School 08:45am Welcome 09:30am Fell. & Choir 10:00am Worship 5:30pm - Soup Supper 6pm - Work Trip Mta	11 7pm - Memb Renewal	12 6:30am - GNW 9:30am - Parents 2 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Elder Teams 7:15pm - Session	13 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	14 6:30am - ATC 9am - Bible Study	15 9am - Chimes Deadline	16 10am - Easter Party
17 08:45 am Sunday 09:30am Fell. & Choir 10:00am Worship Palm Sunday Salv Army Coll 5pm - Sr. Highs 5pm - Tweens	18 7pm - Mission Outreach	19 6:30am - GNW 10am - Staff Meeting 6pm - Youth AG 7pm - Deacons	20 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	21 6:30am - ATC 9am - Bible Study 1pm - Prayer Shawls 1pm - Quilting Bees 7pm - Maundy Thu Svc	22 7:30am-7:30pm Prayer 12:10pm - Good Fri Svc	23
24 05:45am Sunrise Svc 10:00am Easter Svc	25 7pm - Worship AG	26 6:30am - GNW 10am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Personnel AG 7pm - Guinean Program	27 6:30pm - Adult Ed AG 7:30pm - Chancel Choir	28 6:30am - ATC 9am - Bible Study 6:30pm - Welcome	29	30 8am - Clean-up Day 2pm - Road Rally

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In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

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