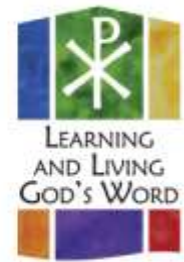


Chimes

A newsletter for the Members & Friends
of Memorial Presbyterian Church

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South Dakota – Here We Come!

The time has finally arrived for the Senior High Work Trip! There are sixteen members of Memorial Presbyterian Church – twelve youth and four adults – volunteering at the Rosebud Reservation in Mission, South Dakota during the first week in August. Please pray for the group as they travel to engage in this weeklong trip. It will be an exciting time for all as they explore the wonders of giving and receiving during this adventure (*see related article on page 2*).

Please keep these youth and leaders in your prayers: Jacob Johnson, Calvin Manuel, Phillip Boldt, Sophie Hornung, Elizabeth Braatz, Morgan Manuel, Hannah Herzog, Anna Shaffer, Lauren Tilkens, Ryan McElhaney, Brandon Tilkens, Joey Weber, Kara & Tom Manuel, Tim Shaffer, and Jill McElhaney.

Kathy's Corner

For many of our members and friends, summer is a time to slow down, breathe and look at life through a different lens. For your church staff, it is filled with preparation and long days with Vacation Bible School, the youth Mission Trip, new technology, plans for Fall programs, and catching up on what we didn't finish during the school year.

Your Pastor Nominating Committee has continued its holy work, while the Nominating Committee is discerning whom God is calling to serve as church leaders. I hope that you are listening for God's whisper to you – a call to serve, a vision you glimpse, a holy idea you want to bring to an elder, a hope for your church and world.

*Look all around you and see what is real
Hear what is true and be sure what you feel
Touch someone near you in love if you can
Give all you have and be part of God's plan.* John Fischer, 1969

A blessed August to you and yours,

Pastor Kathy



Green Theme for Upcoming Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School is coming up soon, and there is still time to register your child. Our program is *ReNew the Green VBS* and we will be learning the Parable of the Sower and all about seeds and the seed of God's love in us. VBS will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. on August 8 through 12th and is aimed at ages 3 through 4th grade. Older elementary children are encouraged to be helpers. Call Ellen Braatz at the church office, 734-1787, or send an email to christianed@athenet.net for more information.

August 14 is VBS Sunday

As ReNew VBS draws to an end, we will share the lessons and songs in worship on Sunday, August 14. Our service will be shaped by Jesus' parable of the Sower and the Seed. We will sing favorites like "Peace like a River," "This Little Light of Mine," "Oats and Peas and Barley Grow," and newer songs. ReNew VBS is about caring for creation and putting faith into action!

Sr. Highs Put the "Fun" in Fundraisers!

Silent Auction News

We feel so blessed and humbled, as our Sr. Highs raised over \$3,000 for the work trip during the silent auction! Thank you to everyone who made this possible. Joy Marie Doersch and Kara Manuel were instrumental in setting everything up. Thanks also to Linda Boldt for her behind-the-scenes help with the auction. Our hearts are overflowing with thanks to everyone who donated items and services for the event, and to our wonderful buyers!

Stockholders Fundraising

The stockholders certificate fundraising was exceptional, also, as the youth raised \$1,010 through this effort toward the work trip. Renee Boldt headed up this fundraiser. Thanks to Renee, and to all of the stockholders. All stockholders will receive a postcard from South Dakota, as well as an invitation to the Stockholders Dinner on Sunday, September 11. Look for details in the September issue of *Chimes* and save the date!

Carnival and Root Beer Float Sale

Over \$150 was raised at our Carnival and Root Beer Float sale at the Worship and Picnic in the Park on a lovely summer Sunday morning! Thanks to Greg Braatz and all of the Sr. High Youth for helping make these events possible.

Coming Up

Many of the youth will be involved with Vacation Bible School upon their return from the work trip. If anyone else would like to help with VBS, please see Ellen Braatz for more information.

New this Fall: The Sr. High Youth will be meeting every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be fellowship as well as Sunday school activities. Anyone who is in 9th-12th grade is invited to attend. Don't miss out on all the fun!



Tweens Youth Group Gearing up for Fall

Last year we started a new youth group for our Tweens (younger middle school students). The kids had a great time bonding with their church friends. The kids played games, made crafts, rang bells for the Salvation Army, baked cinnamon rolls to earn money for the Adopt-a-Family program, helped with a Halloween party for MPC's younger children and even had a "Peep" art show.

We would like to continue the Tweens Youth Group this year, but need some leaders. The Tweens Youth Group meets on Sunday evenings, once a month, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. It is for 5th through 7th graders. If you feel that this would be a way for you to get to know some of our youth and release your inner child, contact Ellen Braatz at christianed@athenet.net or Jill McElhaney at youthmin@athenet.net.

Parents 2 Plans Picnic on the Lawn

Our young children and their parents will be having a picnic on the church lawn on Tuesday, August 9th, following Vacation Bible School that morning. All parents of young children and their kiddos are invited.

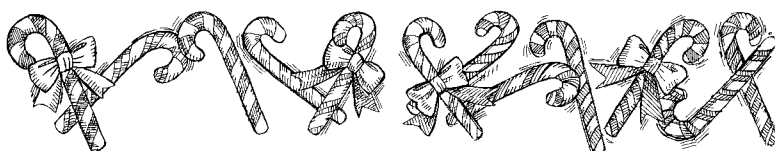
Please call Lori Cramer or the church office, 734-1787, to let us know if you will be attending so we can coordinate food. During that gathering, plans for the upcoming months will be discussed.

Christmas in July: July 17 – August 14

At MPC, Christmas in July will not be a day, it will be 29 days! And it will not be a collection of toys and games for Christmas presents. It will be a collection of socks and underwear for back-to-school kids of all ages and sizes.

We know how important it is to send kids to school with all the necessary paper/pencil/glue/scissors/etc. supplies. We want the children in our community to also go back to school with the confidence and acceptance that comes with looking and feeling their best. New clothes "from the inside out" is a part of this (especially during the years when they have to change their clothes for gym class).

All sizes are needed, from toddler through adult. Look for the box outside the office door, along with the red, white, and blue "Christmas in July" bulletin board. All donations will be given to the Community Clothes Closet for distribution.
-- Betty Lockhart, on behalf of the Christmas-in-July Team





What Makes Project Bridges Part of the Mission of the Church?

One question that comes up from time to time is, “*Why is Project Bridges considered part of the mission of the church, and not just another day care?*” This article hopes to answer this question. The information comes from reports Project Bridges makes to United Way every year. The reports were part of the documentation we received when Project Bridges applied for a Presbytery grant.

Project Bridges has long been committed to enrolling a wide representation of community families and helping those faced with barriers and challenges. Head Start runs a similar child development program, but because Head Start is limited by very strict family income guidelines, no “bridges” are created between children of different socioeconomic backgrounds. Project Bridges does work with the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Head Start program and the Appleton Area Public Schools to ensure as many children as possible receive the support needed.

Project Bridges is licensed for 80 children. In 2010, one-third of the children attended through one of their specialized programs.

1. 16 children completed the full year ESL (English Second Language) program for children 2-5
2. 18 children took part in a program for children with special needs
3. 37 families applied for the sliding fee program for families that find the expense of quality day care beyond their needs. There was space and funding for 28 of the 37.

Sixty-nine percent of Project Bridges expenses are covered by client and program fees. The rest comes from donations from a variety of sources, including the Presbytery, Memorial Presbyterian Church, and United Way. Project Bridges pays MPC \$2,125 per month for use of our building (4.5% of their expenses).

We need someone to help with this mission by serving as the Project Bridges Liaison. This person needs to be interested both in helping Project Bridges and in MPC’s Christian Education program. These two programs share space so coordination is needed for both to succeed. If you are interested in serving as the liaison or want to know more about what one does, contact Tom Neal or the church office.

Project Bridges Day Care and Preschool
is now enrolling children, ages 1 and over,
for the Fall program.

Please call or email:
(920) 739-3840
info@projectbridgesdaycare.com

Stuffed With Love

May you find daily comfort in this pillow, knowing that others care, and may you be blessed with healing and renewed strength” (created and stuffed with love by members of Memorial Presbyterian Church).

This prayer is included with all “stuffed with love” pillows created by a group of MPC folks, to be given to women recovering from breast cancer surgery. Many of the pillows are given to Dr. Hennie Burmas, a breast cancer surgeon with Appleton Medical Center, for distribution to her patients. Dr. Burmas writes that *“I feel privileged to give (these) pillows to breast cancer patients and explain how they were given to me. So many women have benefitted and loved them.”*

To date, 369 pillows have been distributed – to MPC members, to Dr. Burmas’ patients, and through the Cancer Navigator at St. Elizabeth Hospital. Many kind notes of thanks have been received, as well as some donations of money and materials. As we have reached out in mission to others, the community has responded in kind:

Your kindness towards strangers is a true reflection of your faith and belief in our Lord’s teachings. May the Lord bless you.

Thank you so very much for the beautiful pillow stuffed with love and prayers. I use it every day when I drive as it cushions my scar from the mastectomy when I drive. So I hold your love close to my heart. I so appreciate your support, love and prayers during such a difficult time.

Your generosity means so much to me. I have true faith that the Great Physician will guide me with wellness in my path of life. Your prayers are greatly appreciated.

Dear Good Samaritans, Thank you for the pillow Dr. Burmas gave me after surgery. I also thank you for your blessing with healing and strength. It’s nice to know others care.

This small group of pillow-makers, coordinated by Mary Francis and her sister, Beth Lofgren, meets the first Thursday of every month with the Quilting Bees in the church parlor at 1:00 p.m. to stuff and do some hand sewing. Special needs of the group include having the simple pillow cut and sewn for stuffing, which can be done at home, and/or donations of poly-fil. Many hands are needed to keep this program alive and well. Please contact me if you are interested in participating.

God’s Blessings, Mary Francis, 920-731-6837, mlfrancis47@aol.com



Share Your Bounty

Whether it be tomatoes, cucumbers, squash, peppers, onions, herbs, lettuce, spinach, or flowers – a wooden box in the narthex awaits your garden’s bounty. If you have extra garden produce, bring it in and place it in the MPC Summer Pantry box. Want some fresh produce? Take it and leave a donation. Make an offering for hunger relief – all proceeds will go to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund.

Heads or Tails?

The annual fall clean-up day started off easily enough. Windows to wash, cobwebs to clean, drains to clear, leaves and shingles to rake. Wait a minute – shingles? Either Chicken Little’s prediction was coming true, or we had a problem. Along with the many fall leaves that day was a plethora of shingles that had blown off the roof. And the day was still young.

The Property Action Group wasted no time going into action, ably led by Travis Andersen and Dan Cramer. They inspected the damage, analyzed the existing shingle structure, and called the insurance company. Steve Lockhart headed up the effort to research and contact three highly recommended roofing contractors. Many features of a new roof were carefully analyzed – ice shields or no ice shields? If yes, how many? Metal roof or asphalt shingles? What quality of shingles? Higher or lower weight? What would be the implications of our “low pitch” roof? Ken Couillard’s advice, based on his expertise as a homebuilder, was invaluable. Travis worked diligently with the insurance company to arrive at a fair settlement that all were pleased with. In the midst of this process, a water leak that was causing damage to the pipe organ was discovered. There was no time to waste – a new roof was desperately needed.



Ken Couillard and Paula Hoglund prepare for the critical coin toss that determined the shingle color for MPC’s new roof.

At a special-called meeting in July, with Steve’s thoroughly analyzed quotes, the Property Action Group unanimously and enthusiastically agreed on the contractor who they felt would do the best job at a reasonable cost. But that left one decision remaining, and the toughest of them all. *What color?* Six property members trooped out to the parking lot with samples in hand, grabbing an old shingle on the ground for comparison purposes. Green tone or brown? Speckles or solid? The decision was tough, but they finally narrowed it down to two excellent choices – three members in favor of the first selection, three members in favor of the second – a tie. The tension grew.

So, what’s an action group to do in such an impasse? Call in a mediator? No, flip a coin! Ken dug a nickel out of his pocket and Paula inspected it for its authenticity. Heads or tails? Driftwood or Weathered Wood? Flip - Weathered Wood wins! And now, after all of the hard work and study on behalf of the Property Action Group, Memorial Church can look forward to a beautiful, leak-proof roof this fall.

Many, many thanks to all on the Property Action Group who have worked on this project, and who will continue to do so until the new roof is in place: Travis Andersen (Business & Finance Ministry Elder), Dan Cramer (Chair), Ken Couillard, Paula Hoglund, Geno Johnson, Steve Lockhart, Jim Podlasek, and Mark Spindler.

Science, Technology and the Christian Faith

Did you know that there is a Presbyterian Association on Science, Technology, and the Christian Faith? If science, technology and faith interest you, check out materials and engage in the conversation at:

- ➔ <http://www.pastcf.org/>
- ➔ “Open Group” on Facebook (just search under the group’s name and click your choice to join) with discussion of matters scientific and faith related.
- ➔ <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/theologyandworship/science/> links to statements on evolution and end of life issues, as well as several organizations considering faith and science together.



A Garden of Music

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

- Matthew 13:23

This passage from the Gospel of Matthew is one of my favorite passages. The image of seeds being spread around onto the soil and then left to grow provides a great image of our faith. God has sown seeds for us, and we get the chance to nurture the seed and help it grow.

I like to think that the music at MPC is just like the seeds that have been spread to grow and create something wonderful. We have been blessed with so many seed varieties at Memorial – the Bell and Chancel Choirs, Children’s Choirs, and the Bucket Band, to name just a few. Each group does something different, but they are all there for the same purpose: to guide our hearts and minds, through music, to give glory to God. We, as the congregation, are the “good soil” that the seeds of music fall upon. It takes each and every one of us to feed the music at our church to make it grow and live. Even if you feel you can’t participate by singing or ringing in one of the choirs, you are still a vital part of the growing process of our ministries. We need you to sing with us on the hymns and responses, to give a pat on the back to the people who do sing or ring, or even pray for the many ministries that we do provide.

As I have been preparing for the big “rally” of the choirs this fall, I have learned a lot about Memorial’s past. It is because of many people who have sown the seed of music that Memorial has such a great music program today. There have been countless hours of work put in by volunteers to see that the church has what it needs to have great music. Not only have people given of their time, but they have also shown financial support of the music here. It is because of all of this support, both past and present, that my call to Memorial is such a great one. I refer to my being at Memorial as a call because I feel that God has “called” me to service as a musician. It is a great privilege for me to be able to spend this time with you to grow and flourish.

As July ends and August begins, I want to invite everyone to try out one of our many seed packets that we have at Memorial. The choirs do not have auditions, and you don’t have to be an opera singer to sing in the chancel choir, or know how to ring a bell to ding-a-ling with us in the Bell Choir. There is no music reading ability required; we can teach you that. I only ask that you come when you can to help us praise God through music. It is my hope that I can combine my excitement and love for music and the spoken word with the excitement that is already beginning to blossom at Memorial, and that together we can create something beautiful. See you in the choir loft!

To God Alone be the Glory, Matthew

With Thanks



My family and I deeply appreciate all the prayers and condolences extended to us during my father’s recent illness and death. During those difficult days of keeping vigil, the knowledge that Dad was being carried from this life to the next surrounded and supported on the wings of your prayers gave us great comfort and peace about his passing. - *Linda Boldt*

Indicators of Active Membership

If someone were to look at your life, would they be able to tell that you were a Christian and a member of a faith community?

These questions have been on the minds of Session members over the last several months. The newly amended Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (USA) strongly encourages each member to review and evaluate their participation in the worship and service of the church on a regular basis. It lists eleven characteristics that distinguish an active member. After much reflection, Session has adopted a set of specific recommendations to inform themselves as well as others on what being active entails. As we approach the beginning of a new program year, the Session would like all members and potential members to consider how they are demonstrating, or might like to demonstrate, their membership.

Over three issues of this newsletter, we will enumerate these recommendations. In addition, the whole set of recommendations will be the subject of an adult education class on Sunday, September 18th at 8:45 a.m. For now, please read and prayerfully reflect on the following section from the new Book of Order. If you would like to talk further about what faithful membership means, please call Linda Boldt at 734-1787. We'll find a time, perhaps over a cup of coffee, to discuss your thoughts and questions.

G-1.0304 The Ministry of Members

Membership in the Church of Jesus Christ is a joy and a privilege. It is also a commitment to participate in Christ's mission. A faithful member bears witness to God's love and grace and promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ's Church. Such involvement includes:

- proclaiming the good news in word and deed,
- taking part in the common life and worship of a congregation,
- lifting one another up in prayer, mutual concern, and active support,
- studying Scripture and the issues of Christian faith and life,
- supporting the ministry of the church through the giving of money, time, and talents,
- demonstrating a new quality of life within 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,
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment,
- participating in the governing responsibilities of the church,
- reviewing and evaluating regularly the integrity of one's membership, and considering ways in which one's participation in the worship and service of the church may be increased and made more meaningful.

Qi Gong Exercise Class Offered

Qi Gong, a gentle, joyful exercise, is offered in the church parlor on summer Thursday mornings at 10:15 a.m. Join instructor Erica as we slowly move with our breath in dance-like motions. The goal of Qi Gong (shee gong) is to balance your energy to promote physical and mental well-being.

Qi Gong is a holistic therapy that utilizes the body and mind and spirit. The exercises may be done standing or seated and each student is encouraged to rest if tired.

Join us!



Hands and Feet of God

I have been remiss in not recognizing a group of devoted members who have been working especially hard on our behalf for the past several years. I'm speaking of the Personnel Action Group. Now, in the spirit of full disclosure, I admit that recognizing these devoted members may seem self-serving, since my performance review is coming up, but I didn't want to put this off any longer.

I don't have any first-hand knowledge of their dealings with the other staff, of course, and I am always excused from Session deliberations when personnel matters are discussed, but my observation is that these servant leaders are some of the most hard-working, caring, and fair-minded people in the congregation. I know they do their utmost to support and encourage the staff, even going so far as to put on a gourmet dinner for the whole staff at least once a year. They are responsive to staff members' concerns and work diligently to make sure expectations and working conditions provide us with an environment in which to do meaningful, rewarding work successfully. Above all, they steadfastly honor their responsibility to keep their dealings with staff members confidential.

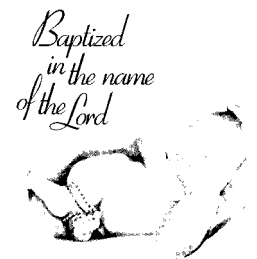
Of course, things don't always go smoothly. In those situations, their process of resolving issues appears to me to be quite thorough and deliberate and motivated by a real desire to find the best possible solution for all parties involved. Knowing the folks serving on the action group and their desire to be faithful Christians, I imagine much time is spent prayerfully listening to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. So, no matter what the outcome, I am confident that they have all done their best to be caring, respectful, and fair.

The Personnel Action Group may have one of the more challenging ministries within the church, but I believe they try their best to act with wisdom, compassion, and courage. For their continued devotion to this important ministry and to our congregation, we thank them and salute them for being the Hands and Feet of God.

-- Linda Boldt, Lay Ministry Coordinator

News of Our Members and Friends

Our church family rejoices in the baptism of little Olivia Anne Kent, daughter of Stephanie (Milis) and Tony Kent on Sunday, July 17. Olivia was born on Tuesday, May 31. Welcome, Olivia, and congratulations to parents, grandparents, and all of Olivia's family on her arrival!



Our many best wishes go out to Hailey Kornish and Joseph Schwobe, who were united in marriage on a lovely summer day on Saturday, June 4. Hailey is the daughter of Scott and Cathy Kornish. Wedding bells and music pealed for joy with the marriage of Noah Harmon and Allison Rice, who tied the knot at MPC on Saturday, June 25. Congratulations, newlyweds!

Seven Deadly Words

Let's get the youth to do that.

Sound familiar? In all the years that I was teaching the 7th-8th grade or high school church school classes, advising the Junior or Senior High youth fellowships, or planning and participating in summer youth work trips, this was the one comment that really bugged me.

To be fair, much of youth ministry goes on during the weekends, Sunday evenings, after school, outside of the church building, and sometimes out of state. On Sunday mornings, while the rest of the congregation is at worship, they may be helping out in Kinderchurch or preparing a meal at the Salvation Army. If you are reading this article between July 30th and August 6th, our youth are, at this very moment, participating in a week-long work trip to Mission, South Dakota, where they are working with Lakota Sioux Native Americans on the Rosebud Reservation. So, our youth are already doing a lot; but it may not be obvious to someone who doesn't have a young person currently in the program.

But, what makes this comment one of the Seven Deadly Words is not the lack of awareness of what the youth are already doing. It's the fact that all too often, the comment is actually the tell-tale sign of our enthusiasm, or lack thereof, for the task in question. When I first started in my position of Lay Ministry Coordinator, I came across a poster entitled, "The Seven Deadly Sins of Directing Volunteers." I still have it sitting on my desk. The Number One sin on that list is asking a volunteer to do a job that you wouldn't do yourself.

In planning an event, study, program, or whatever, some key questions that need to be asked are:

- What do you hope to accomplish through this project?
 - Does this project further the vision of the church to be "Learning and Living God's Word?"
 - What tasks will require volunteer time and labor?
 - How many volunteers, how much time, and what kinds of talents will be needed?
 - What training, supplies, and money will be needed?
- and most importantly,
- Would you be willing to give of your own time and effort to do these tasks?

If the answer to the last question is "no," then maybe you and your action group need to rethink the project. We at Memorial have a long history of wanting to "do it all." While this is certainly an admirable ambition, as a congregation of around 400 members, we cannot do everything all at once.

Let this month's Deadly Words be the "smell test" that lets you know which projects might be better attempted at a later time. In the meantime, throw yourselves into the ministries, projects, and activities that really capture your imaginations. Need help finding those ministries? Call me. Together we'll find that place where your unique gifts can make the most impact in the ministry of Memorial Church.

-- Linda Boldt, 734-1787



Sunday Morning Volunteers Gearing up for Busy Fall

Work has begun on the September through December volunteer schedule for greeters, readers, ushers, coffee hosts, Kinderchurch aides, communion preparers and servers, and offering counters. We LOVE our volunteers and hope that you all know that your willingness to serve the ministry of welcome and worship are very important to the life of Memorial.

If you are not one of our Sunday Morning volunteers, but would be willing to consider one of these ministries, please call the church office at 734-1787. During the school year, we try to maintain 14 teams for each task, so that each team only serves once every 2 ½ months. New volunteers are teamed up with experienced volunteers. We are always looking for new volunteers!

-Sharon McElrath, Ann Smith, Cathy Kornish, and Linda Boldt, ex officio



August Sunday Morning Volunteers

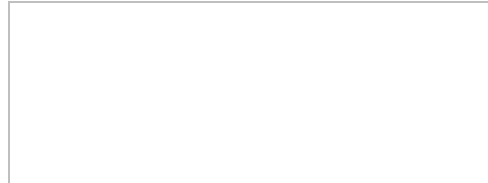
**10:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Fellowship**

Date	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Scripture Reader	Kinderchurch Assistants	Coffee Servers	Communion Preparers	Communion Servers
Aug 7	Jackie Hoganson Connie Olson	Tim Shoaf	Morgan Manuel Tom Manuel Christine Cornell Eric Edwards	Beth Lepinski	Abbie Athanas Patti Athanas	Rosemary Fraser Scott Fraser	Christine Cornell Lori Cramer	Christine Cornell Shirley Collins Steve Weber Lori Cramer
Aug 14	Dave & Sue Rozmarynoski	Mark Smith	Beth Abbott-Wilson Fred Umland Ann Smith Ellen Wright	Curtis Dahlen	Carol Foss	Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish	N/A	N/A
Aug 21	Dan Schmitz Deb Schmitz	Richard Dodge	Norm Colson Sue Neal Jacob Johnson Martha Ward	Nancy Umland	Pat Spindler	Deacon Sue Neal	N/A	N/A
Aug 28	Sarah Beard Eloise Blair	Jim Bowman	Jonah Buss Mason Buss Neil Buss Robyn Buss	Peg Manuel	Connie Olson	Jeff Privatt Kathy Privatt	N/A	N/A

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There's Music Aplenty this Month!

Sing Your Favorite Hymns – 9:45 a.m.

Every Sunday in August, come to the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. for 15 minutes of singing hymns that you “call out.” Our Organist/Music Director, Matt Walsh, is looking forward to fielding your requests. Enjoy 15 minutes of favorite hymns as we sing together before worship begins at 10:00 a.m. Look for bookmarks in the hymnals, so you can find and mark your favorite hymn!

Come-As-You-Are-Choir

There are two more Sundays this summer – August 7 and August 21 – to join Matt Walsh and others at 9:15 a.m. to rehearse a hymn/anthem, and then sing it for the 10:00 a.m. worship that day. No robes. No fuss. Just an opportunity to sing!

Welcoming Walls

There's no better time to learn about Memorial Church than on a Sunday morning when the building is abuzz with church school activity, mission project preparations, music, worship, and time for fellowship. Our Welcoming Walls program will be offered at 8:45 a.m. on the first Sunday of every month to take advantage of these unique opportunities for learning about the church and its ministry. The program includes a tour of the building and a brief orientation to our beliefs and programs. If you've ever visited or wondered about us, we'd love to tell you more!!