

Chimes

A newsletter for the Members & Friends
of Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Kathy's Corner

Summer days and nights have a different sense of time. Your activities may slow down (or speed up). You may have more choice in how you spend your time. This summer, I want to encourage you to spend some time at a computer. (Yes! I really said that!) There are some wonderful resources for you to learn about cool Presbyterian stuff, play fun games, build up our MPC community, and more.

If you are on Facebook, please type MPC APPLETON into the search, then check that you "Like" your church. This site has been used for notices and pictures, but will grow into one of MPC's means of communication!

PCUSA.ORG is our national church website. From that main page, you can share devotions, catch video of Presbyterians like you talking about our church, read the latest news releases, visit the website for the Featured Congregation, read letters from mission workers, explore church publications, learn about scholarships and a lot more.

Some of you missed **The Compassion Project's** amazing program of music, art, science and poetry at the PAC, but you can watch video of it on-line at WWW.POSTCRESCENT.COM/VIDEONETWORK/948655896001/APPLETON-COMPASSION-PROJECT-LIVE. The Compassion art work by over 10,000 local children is a must-see at the Trout Museum downtown and the Downer Commons at Lawrence University. For images and stories the kids wrote to explain compassion, go to WWW.APPLETONCOMPASSION.ORG.

Sites with Resources on Amendment 10-A: My sermon on May 15th addressed the passage of this amendment to the Book of Order of the PC(USA). It may be played on-line at [HTTP://MEMORIALPRESBYTERIANAPPLETON.ORG/](http://MEMORIALPRESBYTERIANAPPLETON.ORG/) (look under Sunday Schedule). To hear a message from Gradye Parsons, Stated Clerk PC(USA), go to WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=SCPPF0DQIUG. For a message from Cynthia Bolbach, moderator of the 219th General Assembly, visit WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/WATCH?V=LBZCQA7FME8&FEATURE=RELATED. And for vote tallies, visit [HTTP://OGA.PCUSA.ORG](http://OGA.PCUSA.ORG), WWW.GAHELP.NET, WWW.WINNEBAGOPRESBYTERY.ORG, or WWW.COVNETPRES.ORG.

Play: To increase your vocabulary (it adjusts to your level) while earning rice for the United Nations Food Program with every correct answer, go to www.freerice.com. Last but not least, go to WWW.YOUTUBE.COM and enter one of these phrases into the search box: "Extreme shepherding LED," "Stewardship funny," or "Presbyterian (church service, church, hymns, youth, choir)." Now, go outside and enjoy God's creation! It is summer, after all!

Blessings to you as you learn and live God's Word this summer.

Pastor Kathy

Sr. High Youth Happenings

The Sr. High Youth Group had a busy May that started out with a visit to Harbor House. The youth took a tour of the facility, followed by a question-and-answer session. The youth had their last official meeting of this school year with a picnic at the Braatz home on May 15 (inside, of course, because of the cold temperatures). The group also surprised Anna Shaffer by “flamingo-ing” her yard as she is recovering from knee surgery.

The Senior Highs have had a fantastic year filled with mission and great meetings, forming a tight-knit group in the process. A huge thank you to all the people who have made this year so memorable: leaders Julie Tilkens, Robyn Buss, Sarah Eggers and Crystal Lillge; meal coordinator Katherine Herzog; and Kara and Tom Manuel for all their work on the pancake breakfasts and beyond! It makes a year memorable when the youth want to attend and take part in every aspect of the youth group – not just the social events, but also events that focused on mission and helping others. The leaders have helped the youth get to that point, and they are a huge part of why SYF is what it is today. Thank you!

Looking ahead, the youth are busy planning for the Children’s Carnival that will take place at Worship & Picnic in the Park on June 12 (see articles on pages 13 and 16). The Senior High Youth will sell stock certificates on June 5. For a donation of \$20.00, you will receive a postcard from our youth while on their mission trip, a copy of their work trip journal, and an invitation to the Stockholders Dinner in late August. To date, the youth have raised \$500 for their work trip by selling stock. Thanks to all who are now “Stockholders.”

Senior High Work Trip News

Mitakuye Oyasin means “we are all related.” After attending several events relating to the Lakota Sioux Indians, I can truly say that I feel we are all related. I have seen the passion in the Native Americans’ sharing their history and watched as stories of their forefathers shone through their dancing. I am intrigued by their love of family and how honor and dignity and being humble are at the forefront of Native American virtues. The Lakota Sioux people also pride themselves in the land that God has given them. I am so anxious to share the information and insight that I have found with our youth, and am interested in what they will pick up on the work trip. It is a different and interesting culture filled with honor and respect and humility with each other, and the reservation life will be an eye-opening experience for us all.



Please remember to pray for our work team as we reach across 700 miles to help those in need. Each day we are away look at your Mitakuye Oyasin bracelet, say a prayer, and remember that God is Good all the time. The work trip is July 30-Aug.6. Our work trip team is: Phillip Boldt, Joey Weber, Ryan McElhaney, Jacob Johnson, Calvin Manuel, Brandon Tilkens, Lauren Tilkens, Morgan Manuel, Sophie Hornung, Elizabeth Braatz, Anna Shaffer, Hannah Herzog, Tom and Kara Manuel, Tim Shaffer, and Jill McElhaney.

Upcoming Work Trip Meetings:

- **Youth Participants:** Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Youth Room. All youth going on the work trip are required to attend. We will be ordering our t-shirts, and working on committee items, planning meals, etc.
- **Parents and Youth Work Trip Meeting:** Wednesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. This will be our final meeting before our trip. We will go over emergency numbers and any last-minute details. Please plan on attending these two VERY important meetings.

-- Jill McElhaney, Interim Youth Coordinator

Vacation Bible School Set for August 8-12

Renew: Grow in faith...Have fun... Change the world! This is the theme for our Vacation Bible School program this summer. It is a great program on learning about God's creation and how we can care for it. Kids will have fun learning about how they can grow in faith and be environmentally friendly at home, in their community and in the world. The week's activities are based on Jesus' parable of the sower. We will use repurposed items for decorating, games, and crafts.



Our VBS program will be held August 8-12 from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. The program is for 3-year-olds through 6th graders. The cost is \$10 for the first child, and \$8 for additional children in the same family. Be sure to keep that week open on your schedule. Friends and neighbors are welcome, and older youth are invited to be helpers. Registration forms are available in the church office.

-- Ellen Braatz and Beth Podlasek, VBS Co-directors

Another Great Year of Sunday School!

Our children's Sunday school program finished off a great year of learning and fun with a party on May 22nd. Our two-year-olds through sixth graders studied Old Testament lessons of creation, Joseph and his brothers, Moses, Deborah, Samuel, David, and Daniel. We learned New Testament lessons of Jesus' birth, Jesus' teachings and parables, Holy Week events, and about the early believers. Our high school students used the *linc* curriculum and discussed the Bible and Christianity in light of current events. I would like to thank the teachers for their dedication to the children of our church and the parents for faithfully bringing their children to learn the Word of God. Our Sunday School program is an important part of our church vision statement of Learning and Living God's Word!

Kinderchurch

Our Kinderchurch program for children ages 3 through second grade continues year 'round. In Kinderchurch we learn about the elements of worship and how to worship, so when children are in the sanctuary, they will understand what is happening in worship and how to participate. If you have a young child, check out the Kinderchurch program. All children begin worship with their families in the sanctuary, and then leave for Kinderchurch after the scripture readings.

Parents2



Our young children and their parents will be meeting to play, laugh, and visit in local parks this summer. Our play date for Tuesday, June 14th will be in the playground area of Triangle Park in Kimberly at 10:30 a.m. In July, we will meet at City Park in Appleton at 9:30 a.m. on July 12th. We'd love to have you join us! In case of inclement weather, call 788-9965 or the church office at 734-1787 for alternate plans.

Tweens Youth Group

The Tweens finished a great first year with a party at the Braatz' house. The Tweens Program was a new fellowship group developed for our fourth through sixth graders. During the year, they had fun learning, playing and eating together. We will continue this youth program next year and bump up the ages to fifth through *seventh* graders. Look for announcements about next year's schedule in the August *Chimes*.

Free to a Good Home



We've recently gone through the library shelves and removed books that were duplicates, out-of-date, worn, or unused, in order to make room for new materials. Many of these are still very good books and would make great additions to anyone's home library. During the month of June, these books will be available in the church on a first-come, first-served basis to whomever would like them. After that, they will be donated to AAUW to raise money for their scholarship programs for young women.

Stewardship Update

Our financial update for the period between January through April, 2011 is as follows:

| <u>Year-to-Date Contributions</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>Actual</u> | <u>Difference</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Pledge/Plate Giving | \$175,094 | \$155,947 | (\$19,147) |
| Snow Removal Expenses | \$ 8,000 | \$ 9,725 | \$ 1,725 |

As you can see, we are a bit behind in giving as of April 30, 2011. Our snow removal expense is already over this winter's budget amount and we expect invoices for \$5,000 - \$7,000 more for the upcoming winter. We realize everyone is trying to do their best and we want to make sure you know that no matter what your circumstances, we are thankful for your joyful generosity and commitment to MPC. Please remember to keep up on your pledge over the summer – you may get a vacation but your church continues its ministry year 'round. If you need to "catch up" on your giving, please feel free to do that. If you did not complete a pledge card for 2011, please stop by the Narthex, where you will find additional information and pledge cards. Simply pray about it, complete it, and drop it into the collection plate. Thanks so much!

-- Your Stewardship Team

Summer Adult Education Opportunity Are You Interested?



These are difficult days in our world's history. Billions of people are poor; millions go hungry or thirsty every day. Disease claims thousands of lives daily. But we have been given an opportunity to make a big difference. We are created by a great God to do great works. He invites us to rock the world with hope. Infiltrate all corners with God's love and life. So, how do we live in such a way that the world will be glad we did?

This Adult Education opportunity will use Max Lucado's *Outlive Your Life* program to discover how you can outlive your life, not just in heaven but here on earth. You'll begin by following the real-life stories of people like you who are making an impact in their communities and around the world. Then you'll have the chance to begin your own journey of change. The *Outlive Your Life* 4-session program will take you through daily readings, reflections, and action plans so that each day you'll take another step toward making your time, your skills, and your passions all add up to something bigger than you.

Sound like something you'd like to explore? Put your contact information on the *Outlive Your Life* sign-up sheet in the Narthex. We'll gather small groups based on compatible meetings times/dates.

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU to the 2010-2011 Teachers!

Thank you to all our teachers who devoted their time to teaching our children and youth, and are helping us meet our vision statement of Learning and Living God's Word!



- Ages 2-3 class: Bibi Hesselman, Lori Cramer and Kara Schneider, with helpers Emily Cone and Lindsay Mulholland
- Age 4 through Kindergarten class: Joe Pierce and Tammy Johnson
- 1st/2nd grade class: Dianne Smart and Meelei Chen
- 3rd/4th grade class: Tracy Zuege, Diane Jacobson and Blen Gee
- 5th/6th grade class: Jill McElhaney, Renee Boldt and Beth Podlasek
- Senior High class: Jon McElhaney, Patti Athanas, and Joy Marie & David Doersch

Sunday Morning Schedule “Tweaks” Coming This Fall

In an effort to create a Sunday Morning schedule that allows us to focus on activities that are consistent with our vision statement of “Learning and Living God’s Word,” we will be making a few minor adjustments to the Sunday morning schedule.

- The Education time will still start at 8:45 a.m., but will be extended by 15 minutes, resulting in an ending time of 9:45 a.m.
- Children’s choirs will practice during the Education time
- Worship will remain at 10:00 a.m.
- Fellowship time will follow worship

These slight modifications will provide more time for our important educational programs as well as allow a time where all people, including visitors and worship leaders, can gather together for fellowship. We will start this new schedule beginning on Rally Sunday, Sept. 11.



On Pentecost, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit as the bringer of new life. Because of the Spirit’s coming, we no longer need to settle for business as usual but can know the transforming and creative love of God that makes the

impossible possible. The Pentecost offering is one of the four annual church-wide Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Through Pentecost Offerings, we bring God’s transforming love to children at risk. We help guide and nurture the faith of Presbyterian young people. We call forth a new generation of church leadership through the PC(USA) Young Adult Volunteer program.

Forty percent of the offering stays in our own congregation to support children-at-risk ministries, and the MPC youth have selected the **Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Cities** for their recipient this year. This year’s theme, “*So I Send You*” (John 20:21), reminds us that as Jesus was sent by God to heal a hurting world, we, too, are called to that same task. We are called to act on the basis of faith. Through gifts to the Pentecost Offering, we act to make tangible, positive changes in our community, our church, and our world. An offering envelope is enclosed with this newsletter, and the offering will be dedicated on Sunday, June 5th. Thank you for your support of this important offering.



LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL SERIES

Memorial Presbyterian Church is proud to be one of the host churches for the ever-popular Lunchtime Organ Recital Series, now in its 16th season! All recitals are free of charge and begin at 12:15 p.m. except for Friday, July 15th. Make plans to attend any of the following recitals!

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| Wednesday, June 1 st | 1st Congregational Church 724 E. South River Street, Appleton | Nancy Siebecker |
| Wednesday, June 8 th | St. Mary's Catholic Church 528 Second Street, MENASHA | Rollie Hebler |
| Wednesday, June 15 th | First United Methodist Church 200 N. Drew Street, Appleton | Michael Stefanek |

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| Wednesday, June 22nd | Memorial Presbyterian Church 803 E. College Avenue, Appleton | Dr. Naomi Rowley |
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| Wednesday, June 29 th | Faith Lutheran Church 601 E. Glendale Avenue, Appleton | Paul Heiser |
| Monday, July 4 th | Trinity Lutheran Church 209 S. Allen St., Appleton | Frank Rippl |
| Wednesday, July 6 th | First Congregational Church 724 E. South River Street, Appleton | David Bohn |
| Wednesday, July 13 th | St. Mary's Catholic Church 528 Second Street, MENASHA | Dr. Sarah Kraaz |
| Friday, July 15 th 7:00 p.m. | First Presbyterian Church 200 Church Street, NEENAH | Heather & Mark Paisar |
| Wednesday, July 20 th | All Saints Episcopal Church 400 E. College Ave., Appleton | Joanne Peterson |
| Wednesday, July 27 th | St. Bernard's Catholic Church 1617 W. Pine Street, Appleton | Frank Rippl & Don VerKuilen |
| Wednesday, August 3 rd | Holy Cross Catholic Church 309 Desnoyer Street, KAUKAUNA | Jeff Verkuilen |
| Wednesday, August 10 th | St. Joseph Catholic Church 404 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton | John Skidmore |
| Wednesday, August 17 th | First English Lutheran Church 326 E. North Street, Appleton | Blake Doss |
| Wednesday, August 24 th | St. Joseph's Catholic Church 404 W. Lawrence Street, Appleton | Dr. Derek Nickels |
| Thursday, August 25 th | First Presbyterian Church 200 Church Street, NEENAH | Donald VerKuilen |
| Wednesday, August 31 st | St Paul Lutheran Church 200 N. Commercial Street, NEENAH | Ralph & Marillyn Freeman |
| Thursday, Sept. 1 st | Zion Lutheran Church 912 North Oneida Street, Appleton | Daniel Schwandt |

Blizzard (and other emergencies) Policy

An article about snow? In June? (Doesn't sound so crazy this year, does it?) Anyway, the blizzard in December led to the cancellation of Sunday worship for the first time in living memory. That experience made us realize that we had no contingency plans for cancelling church due to inclement weather or emergency situations. To address that need, the Session has adopted the following policy, which will be posted on the church web site and included in future printings of the church directory.

MPC Church Cancellation Policy *In Case of Inclement Weather or Emergency Situations*

Memorial Presbyterian Church encourages individuals and families to rely on their own best judgment when conditions such as inclement weather, dangerous road conditions, or other emergency situations might put their health and safety at risk by attending church services or church-related events.

Events for Children and Youth during the week will be cancelled whenever the Appleton schools are closed.

Meetings or Other Events, with the exception of Sunday morning education classes and worship services, will be cancelled at the discretion of the leader in charge of the event. The leader, with assistance from the office staff, will notify participants.

Sunday Morning Christian Education Classes and Worship Services will be cancelled at the determination of the Pastor in consultation with the Elder for the Worship Action Group. The decision will be made by 6:30 a.m. that morning and communicated to the congregation as quickly as possible through a variety of communication channels.

Please consult any of the following after 7:30 a.m.:

- 1) The church web site, www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org
- 2) The church answering machine, (920) 734-1787
- 3) Local TV and radio stations: **WFRV-TV-Channel 5; WLUK-TV-Channel 11; WBAY-Channel 2; WECB-FM(104.3), or WHBY-AM(1150).**
- 3) The church Facebook page, **MPC Appleton.**



REMEMBER, USE YOUR BEST JUDGMENT!!

U.S. Spring Storms 2011

Tornadoes ripped through more United States in May, including Joplin, Missouri, Oklahoma City and Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since spring began, there have already been 18 federally declared major disasters in 14 states due to severe storms, tornadoes, or flooding. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) National Response Team (NRT) members have been requested in Missouri and, as of this writing, are en route to the affected area.

There is a need for *future* Volunteer Teams to help with clean-up and rebuilding. Contact the church office if you are interested. Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing support this and other disasters immediately when they occur. Additional financial gifts to *World Disaster Relief and Recovery* or *US Disaster Response* may be directed through MPC by noting on your check which disaster program you wish credited.

You can also follow updates from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda>.



Summer Worship Schedule
(May 29 – September 4)
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
 11:00 a.m. Fellowship

June & July Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

| Date | Time of Service | Greeters | Head Usher | General Ushers | Scripture Reader | Kinderchurch Assistants | Lemonade Hosts |
|---|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| June 5, 2011 | 10:00AM | Florence Miller Pam Mompier | Les Angell | Renee Boldt Tom Boldt Tracey Hornung Jane Slater | Joy Marie Doersch | Dolly Manning Richard Dodge | Jim Tilkens Julie Tilkens |
| June 12, 2011 Worship in the Park | 10:00AM | Sarah Beard Eloise Blair | Jim Bowman | Jonah Buss Mason Buss Neil Buss Robyn Buss | Phillip Boldt | N/A N/A | N/A N/A |
| June 19, 2011 | 10:00AM | Joe and Liz Pierce & family | Jim Baumbach | Abbie Athanas Patti Athanas Ken Couillard Valerie Bayer | Mary Lou Oppenorth | Julie Tilkens Lauren Tilkens | Deacons- Eric Edwards Ken Lightfield |
| June 26, 2011 | 10:00AM | Ann Smith Mark Smith | Dave Mayefske | Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish Diane Lightfield Ken Lightfield | Jeanne Mayefske | Aimee Kornish | Jack Voight Marty Voight |
| July 3, 2011 | 10:00AM | Carol Foss Kim Gilbride | Richard Dodge | Pam Dodge Linda Boldt Casey Van Camp Cory Van Camp | Kathy Privatt | Elizabeth or Lili Braatz | Judy Phillips Greg Braatz |
| July 10, 2011 | 10:00AM | Mary Francis | Les Angell | Kelsey Nelson Ted Nelson Kara Schneider Tom Schneider | Elizabeth Braatz | Carol Bloemer | Laurie McCulloch Ellen Wright |
| July 17, 2011 | 10:00AM | Michael Lukashewich Terri Lukashewich | Sharon McElrath | Isaac & Joy Marie Doersch Dave Doersch Jeanne Nymen Jane Stevenson | Tom Neal | Dolly Manning | Deacons- Morgan Manuel Peg Manuel |
| July 24, 2011 | 10:00AM | Barb Leslie Stu Leslie | Mark Spindler | Gayle Hardt Connor McElhane Jon McElhane Pat Spindler | Harriet Robson | Ryan McElhane | Dan Schmitz Deb Schmitz |
| July 31, 2011 | 10:00AM | Geri Elsworth Kathryn Herzog | Bob McMahon | Christine Cornell Eric Edwards Mike Harer Jerry Saxton | Beth Podlasek | Lori Cramer | Jim Tilkens Julie Tilkens |



News of Our Members and Friends

Our church family mourns the passing of several long-time members of Memorial Church. Mary Powers, age 88, passed away on May 4th at Brewster Village after a long illness. Private services will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska, and memorials may be directed to MPC for the Homebound Ministries Reserve Fund, which was begun in 2007 in memory of Mary's husband, Lloyd. Mary was quite active in the church, most notably as the Church Treasurer for many years. In our May 22nd worship service, we remembered the lives of both John Haugner and Mary Powers, celebrating that they are now witnesses to the resurrection.

Alvera Raab, age 92, passed away suddenly on May 10th. Alvera taught elementary school in the Appleton Area School District for many years, and in retirement volunteered countless hours to her church, serving as a "church mouse" with her good friend, LaRae Patterson, as well as working on numerous bulletin and newsletter crews. The service celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 18 at Wichmann Funeral Home Tri-County Chapel, 3212 S. Oneida Street in Menasha, with Pastor Kathy officiating. Friends may call directly at the funeral home on that day from 10:00 a.m. until the time of services. Memorials may be directed to the American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice.

We received news that Margarita ("Peg") Oliver passed away in Texas in May. Peg began her very active involvement in the church when she became a member in 1946, joining her husband, Fred, who became a member in the 1930s. From then until the early 1980s, when they moved to Texas, they raised eight children and Peg enthusiastically became involved with Presbyterian Women, taught Sunday School for many different age groups, served on Fellowship Committee and Worship Committee, and directed the children's "Celebrate Choir." In addition, in 1970, during MPC's centennial celebration, Peg chaired the "Op Art" exhibit, featuring the works of artist Keith Green. A service for Peg will be held at MPC on Saturday, June 11 at 4:00 p.m., with Pastor Kathy officiating.

We were very saddened to learn of the passing of Peggy Boldt Anderson, daughter of O.C. and Pat Boldt, and younger sister of Tom Boldt, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Peggy grew up in MPC, and was confirmed in the church as a teenager in 1969. Peggy's youth involvement included serving as a member of the Worship Committee and as moderator of the Sr. High Youth Group. Her courage in the face of her illness serves as an inspiration to us all.

Our many condolences and prayers go out to all the family members and friends of these dear folks who are now, truly, witnesses to the resurrection.



The Lord is my light and my salvation;
Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalm 27:1

Congratulations, Graduates!



We are so proud of the accomplishments of the following students in our MPC family who are graduating this year. Congratulations and best of luck in the future to all of you!

High School Graduates

Brynn Burghardt
Connor McElhaney
Kelsey Nelson

High School Attended

Appleton East
Kaukauna
Kimberly

Future Plans

FVTC (Health Careers area)
Univ. of Wis.-Stevens Point
Univ. of Wis.-Stevens Point

Other Graduates

Brock Burghardt

School Attended

U. of Wis.-Milwaukee
ITT Technical College
U. of Minn.-Twin Cities

Degree/Future Plans

BS in Atmospheric Science, with a Minor in Mathematics
BS- IT Security
MS-Architecture. Employed with Firm Ground Architects and Engineers
BS- Industrial Engineering. Employed with Whirlpool in St. Joseph, MI
BA- Philosophy. Graduate school at Univ. of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
Juris Doctor
MS in Forensic Science. Employed as a Deputy Coroner in Manitowoc, WI
Juris Doctor
BS- Process Engineer and Paper Science. Employed with Verso Paper in Quinnesec, MI
BS- Nursing

Mitchell Harer

Purdue University

Justin Lillge

U. of Wis. - Madison

Luke Mayefske

Michigan State Univ.,
College of Law

Christie Probasco

U. of Florida-Gainesville

Chad Schimmelpfenning

Thomas M. Cooley
Law School

Nathan Schimmelpfenning

U. of Wis.- Stevens Point

Erin Umland

U. of Wis.- Madison

If you have a graduate whom you would like to have recognized, please let us know so we can include them in an upcoming issue of *Chimes*.

MPC Scholarships Awarded for 2011-2012!

Our many congratulations also go out to the MPC College Scholarship Recipients:

Presbyterian College Scholarship: Margaret Schaffer at Carroll University

Huss Family Memorial Scholarship: Connor McElhaney at UW-Stevens Point

Ellmaker Scholarship for Theological Studies: Greg Braatz at University of Dubuque Seminary



Hands and Feet of God

With warm, sunny weather and long hours of daylight comes the opportunity for many of us to step back from all our commitments for a moment and catch our breath. Not that things stop in the summer - the Pastor Nominating Committee will continue working diligently; the office staff will be busy working on projects that have been on the back burner and gearing up for Fall programming; members will still receive care and support from our deacons and interim pastor; yard work and outdoor maintenance will need attention; plans for Adult Education will take shape; the Senior High work trip to the Rosebud Reservation and Vacation Bible School will take place; and worship will be held each Sunday, with lemonade to follow. These are just a few of the activities that will fill our days as a church family over the summer months. Still, many action groups and programs will take a short break from their normal meeting and activity routines. Work and school commitments will slow down just a bit and, hopefully, there will be a little time available for restorative recreation.

To all our volunteers, to all the action group members who serve so faithfully, to the deacons who provide so much care, and to the elders who have been working so hard to address the many issues facing the church and realize our vision of "Learning and Living God's Word," we say blessings to you and thank you for being the Hands and Feet of God. We also pray that you and your families will find ways to relax and reflect, so that you can return from your break re-invigorated and ready to continue to serve the people with "energy, intelligence, imagination, and love."

Deacon Notes

The Book of Order describes "...the Office of Deacon as one of sympathy, witness, and service after the example of Jesus Christ. Persons of spiritual character, honest repute, of exemplary lives, brotherly and sisterly love, warm sympathies, and sound judgment should be chosen for this office." *Book of Order, G-6.0401*

This definition sounds almost unattainable. I would use words like motivated, humbled, inspired, helpful, brave, fun, vulnerable, concerned, calm, challenged, reverent, and sympathetic to describe our current Board of Deacons. Together, we are a dedicated team and we serve our congregation in many ways.

If you would like to try a new ministry and feel it is a good fit for you, consider joining our team in the fall when the Nominating Committee begins its work for 2012!

-- Deacon Sue Neal

Christmas in July - COMING SOON!

Back by popular demand, it's MPC's second annual "Christmas in July!" In case you missed it last year, this is an extension of our Adopt-a-Family program. "Christmas in July" collects socks and underwear for back-to-school. It will happen mid-July through mid-August, and all clothing collected will be delivered to the Community Clothes Closet. More information will be forthcoming (but you can start watching for sales now).

Questions can be directed to Beth Podlasek, Betty Lockhart, Cori Marinan, Linda Keller, or Pat Spindler.





Seven Deadly Words

“How come nobody told me about that?”

The church has a responsibility to communicate with its members as effectively as possible. Although there are occasions and circumstances that require discretion and confidentiality, by and large, the church wants and needs to broadcast as loudly and joyfully as possible the Good News of the gospel and how that is being taught and lived out at Memorial. As a fellowship of faith, we want to demonstrate our love and support for one another by celebrating the milestones and sharing the burdens that concern our members.

The Session and its action groups try hard to get the word out about the vision, programs, policies, schedules, and financial health of the congregation as well as its stand on important issues, plans for upcoming activities, and especially, news of important happenings in the lives of our members. This information is shared through a variety of media outlets, including announcements during Sunday morning worship services; the monthly newsletter, *Chimes*; the web page, www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org, our Facebook page, MPC Appleton; emails; and all-church mailings. We may not always communicate as well as we should, but the effort is certainly there.

Here's where you come in. Communication is a two-way street. We know what we, as a church, have tried to communicate, but we are often unsure about what has been received or even if it has been received. We know all too well that we are living in an “information age,” where we are constantly being inundated with news, ideas, opinions, advertisements, financial data, gossip, and on and on. It's enough to make your head spin. This is why all of us “tune out” from time to time, just to get some relief from the constant bombardment. Still, it is important to stay connected, particularly to the community of faith that can provide so much of the emotional and spiritual support we all need.

You can do your part by-

- keeping the church office current on your land line and cellular telephone numbers, as well as your street and email addresses;
- keeping current on church news by reading the letters, emails, web page postings, and newsletters that are sent to you;
- responding to email and telephone messages when requested;
- letting the action groups, elders, or staff members know when you have a question or concern; and especially,
- notifying the church when you or someone in your family or circle of friends has a death or illness or change in life circumstance that might benefit from the prayers of the congregation and the pastoral care of the deacons and pastor.

As a church family, we are better able to minister to each other and serve our Lord Jesus Christ effectively when we share and receive information about ourselves and our church regularly and generously. Keep in touch!

-- Linda Boldt





Worship in the Park and Carnival

Sunday, June 12 - Pentecost Sunday

Rain or shine, join us for our annual **Worship in the Park** which will be held this year at Pierce Park, 1035 West Prospect Avenue, Appleton. We'll gather for worship in the pavilion at 10:00 a.m. Following worship, we will share a potluck meal. Sub sandwiches and lemonade will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to share and their own table service. And...wear RED in celebration of Pentecost Sunday! You may sit at picnic tables for worship or bring a lawn chair.

Right after worship and the picnic, the Senior High Youth invite all the young people and the young-at-heart to participate in **The Greatest Carnival on Earth**. The Sr. High Youth are excited to host games, a piñata, face painting, a tie dyeing t-shirt station, a hula hoop contest and more. For \$5.00 you can participate in a fun-filled afternoon. (Please bring an old t-shirt, pillowcase, handkerchief, socks, or any other item to tie-dye.) Not only will it be lots of fun, the carnival will help the Senior High Youth raise funds for their work trip in July to South Dakota.

Come join us for worship, fellowship, and fun!



MPC at the Timber Rattlers Game

Saturday, July 16

Take me out to the ball game! MPC is going to the baseball game at Fox Cities Stadium to see the Timber Rattlers take on the South Bend Silver Hawks. We'll meet for tailgating at 4:30 p.m. The Fellowship Action Group will provide hot dogs, buns and condiments. Bring a dish to share, your own table service, and a lawn chair for the tailgating time. The game starts at 6:35 p.m. and will be followed by fireworks!

Cost for each ticket is \$8.00. Bring your whole family for fun fellowship time and a T-Rats game besides! Sign up in the Narthex. Questions? Contact Nancy Umland 725-5492 or njumland@new.rr.com

Summer “Come-as-you-are” Choir

Join Matt Walsh, Music Director, and others at 9:15 a.m. on the following Sundays 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!

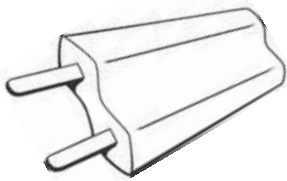
June 26 - July 10 - July 24 - August 7 - August 21

New Children’s Cart!

During the summer, look for a rolling cart in the narthex. It will be stocked with the children’s worship bags and some children’s church library books. We will have a summer reading program for kids, right here at MPC! If your child reads 10 books, he or she will get a little prize. Check out a book, read it and fill out the form. See Ellen Braatz, Christian Education Director, for your prize!



Popsicle Sunday!



Kids of all ages: be sure to stay after worship on Sunday, July 17th for *Popsicle Sunday*. Enjoy an icy cold treat on the front porch during lemonade time.

Salvation Army Collection Third Sunday of the Month

Our monthly collection of food for the Salvation Army is our way to help “stamp out hunger.” The need for food is great and we aim to help out! Month after month you fill sacks with everything from cereal to peanut butter, from canned fruits to canned dinners. June 19th and July 17th are our next collection dates. Let’s continue to do our best to stamp out hunger in the Fox Valley.



A little boy in church for the first time watched as the ushers passed around the offering plates. When they came near his pew, the boy said loudly, "Don't pay for me, Daddy. I'm under five!"

Walt Kleman “Retires” from Property Action Group

“Say, can I see that paint file?”

It’s a question I could always count on when Walt Kleman came into the office with his ever-present smile. Walt was the quintessential watchdog on all things paint-related, from preparing surfaces, to procedures and brushes, selection of paint quality and type, and for the difficult decisions on colors. If there is a wall in the church building that he hasn’t painted, we certainly don’t know about it!

For over 40 years, Walt has been a faithful member of the Property Action Group (once known as the Property Committee), sharing his expertise on not only painting, but gardening and other general maintenance know-how. In April, he announced to the Property Action Group that he has made the decision to retire. To celebrate his work and thank him for all he has done to make our building and grounds a beautiful place for worship and fellowship, the Property Action Group presented him with the “Golden Paintbrush Award” at a dinner meeting at Good Company in May.



Walt Kleman (left, shown with Steve Lockhart), enjoys his “Golden Paintbrush Award” and shares stories of over 40 years serving on the Property Action Group.

During our celebration dinner, Walt shared several funny stories from his years of service. One memory that really sticks out in his mind was a painting project years ago in the downstairs kitchen. Toward the end day, when the project was almost complete, two men walked into the kitchen asking if there was anything they could do to help. The only thing left to be done was to paint way underneath the dishwasher, a very hard-to-reach area filled with pipes to complicate the task. But the two men were good-natured about it, got down on their hands and knees and completed the job. Who were these two men? “O.C. Boldt and Pastor Gary Schwab,” Walt recalls with a laugh, “and they were able to stand up and walk around after it was all done, too!”



Does Walt have any advice for any newcomer to the Property team? “Just be willing to volunteer and work with the team,” he suggested. “It’s a great group of people!”

Congratulations, Walt, and thank you from all of us here at Memorial Church!

By the way, I use the term “retirement” loosely. At the end of May, I called him and asked if he could serve in an advisory capacity for a little gardening project for Project Bridges Daycare. He readily agreed.

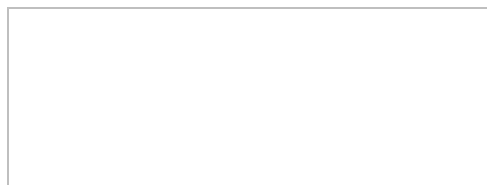
Retirement, indeed!

-- Paula Hoglund, Office Manager

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The Greatest Carnival on Earth!

Popcorn, peanuts, Cracker Jacks---Calling all children young and young at heart to our first **Carnival in the Park!** Join us right after the Pierce Park worship and potluck picnic on June 12 for a funtabulous time! (See article on page 13.) There will be games, piñata, face painting, tie-dye t-shirt station, and more. For \$5.00 you will experience the thrill of a lifetime (well, we'll try). It will be a fun-filled afternoon so bring your friends, too. (Please bring an old t-shirt, handkerchief, socks, pillow case or any other item you would like to tie-dye.)