

# Chimes

A newsletter for the Members & Friends  
of Memorial Presbyterian Church

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## Kathy's Corner

Continuing the study begun at our officers' leadership retreat, on the Sundays in Lent we learned about four spirituality types and came to realize that nearly half of our congregation addresses God in a logical, thinking way – while the others access God in a feeling, affective manner. (This surprised many who had thought that to be Presbyterian was to come to God through our heads.) We thought about how members of our own families have different approaches to God and realized that our diversity is not because of our members who have come from other faith traditions. **Born-and-raised (as well as newer) Presbyterians have the need to access God through different means of spirituality, so we need to be generous to allow room in our worship and educational experiences for them to be fed.**

*Why do some parts of  
worship **feel** right?  
Why do I **know** parts of  
worship are right or not?*

## Evaluation of worship experiences

Throughout this interim time, we are trying on worship elements used in Presbyterian churches. This is not in order to irritate you! Rather, I am working with the Worship Action Group to determine what fits the DNA of this congregation and what *never* to try again. (Lessons and Hymns for Sermon on the Mount did not work; sung prayers did.)

The Worship Action Group welcomes your feedback, and seeks to learn from your experiences. Members include *Elder Richard Dodge (Moderator), Shirley Collins, CeCe Shoaf, Mary Lou Opgenorth, Margaret Fulton, Matt Walsh, Arthur Steiner, and me.*

While we care about your worship experience, do know that one person's discomfort is not the reason for us to say "nevermore." Some weeks, in planning worship, we choose to honor the spiritual style of a different part of our membership. We are aware that those members who *feel* God's presence don't feel as comfortable with analytical, reasoned teaching. Those who are most comfortable with an on-time scheduled service may recognize discomfort if the choir sings another chorus of a spirited piece or if the sermon is more about feeling God's love. When there is quiet for prayer, or we talk about doing justice, this may resonate with positive feelings or make one feel excluded.

**Can you be generous to allow – maybe even welcome – opportunities for others to have their spiritual needs met? Can you be generous enough to endure occasional discomfort so we may minister to other of our members?**

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## Everything is better if you can hear it (continued from page 1)

With assistance of our Music Director, Matt Walsh, and Dan Cramer, Chair of the Property Action Group, we are using microphones in different ways and are training our worship participants to use them better. On Youth Sunday, we heard the message of each youth because they practiced how to speak clearly and at an appropriate speed for the mic. Matt has allowed us to borrow his wide-angle mic that picks up sound from many directions. The Worship Action Group is researching the possible installation of a *Hearing Loop system*, which would transmit the mic'ed sound directly and clearly into the regular hearing aids of those in attendance (no apparatus or wires required). Nancy Winslow and CeCe Shaffer visited First Presbyterian Church in Neenah and returned with excited endorsements.

## Celebrate those who are Witnesses to the Resurrection

Please join in the memorial service for Willard "Bill" Sheldon on Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m., followed by a luncheon. The memorial reception for John Haugner will take place on Saturday, May 14 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (see the "News of our Members and Friends" article on page 5).

## As we move into Easter Season

I hope you participate in worship as we celebrate new life in light and meaningful ways.

Easter blessings,  
*Pastor Kathy*



## Sr. High Youth Happenings

The Sr. High youth were busy in April, as they planned and coordinated an Easter party for the children of the church one Saturday morning. The youth put on a wonderful, fun-filled party complete with a cross hunt, singing, crafts, games, and treats. It was attended by children from the church as well as some visitors. Thanks to all the youth and leaders for putting together such an enjoyable event.

The work trip team also met with Carol Foss to discuss her work with the Native American people, learning so much, including historical events in the life of the Sioux Indians. This group also attended, along with several other members of the church, a performance at the PAC which was a dance and storytelling event about the Lakota Sioux. It was a spectacular evening.

Looking forward to May, the Sr. High Youth will be meeting on May 1 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for *Funtastic Sunday!* Come and find out what the fun is all about! They are also planning to meet on May 15 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. for a great time. Flamingos, anyone?? On Sunday, May 22 the youth will be helping with the Silent Auction (see following article). Please come out and support the youth of the church. It will be a great night!

-- *Jill McElhaney, Interim Youth Coordinator*

## Silent Auction and Stock Sale to Benefit Sr. High Work Trip

It is that time again to help support the Sr. High as they travel to the Rosebud Reservation in Mission, South Dakota! You have two fun opportunities to help in this effort.

The Senior High Youth's Silent Auction, scheduled for Sunday, May 22, is just around the corner. Dozens of MPC's friends and family members have been working feverishly putting together items on which each of you will be given the opportunity to bid. Bidding opens that evening at 5:00 p.m. and will continue for roughly 45 minutes prior to a potluck dinner. The potluck dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., with the bidding continuing until 6:15 p.m.

You are each encouraged to continue to work on item(s) for the silent auction. The Sr. Highs will be collecting those items in their meeting room during the fellowship time on May 1, 8 and 15. If a weekday drop-off is more convenient for you, feel free to bring your donation into the church office, Monday - Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The youth ask that all donations be turned in to church by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 16. If you have questions please contact Kara Manuel at 733-8183 or Joy Marie Doersch at 687-0395.

Silent auctions in the past have always been evenings of great fun at MPC and the Silent Auction of 2011 promises to follow in that same pattern. Hope to see you there!

In addition to the auction, the stock sale will begin May 1 and stocks will be available to purchase on that day as well as May 8, and June 5. As a stock holder you will receive a stock certificate, a postcard from South Dakota, a "Stockholders Report," and an invitation to attend the Stockholders Dinner and Presentation in August. Stocks are sold for a \$20.00 donation. Look for the table in the narthex beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> -- don't miss out and thank you for your support of the Sr. Highs!

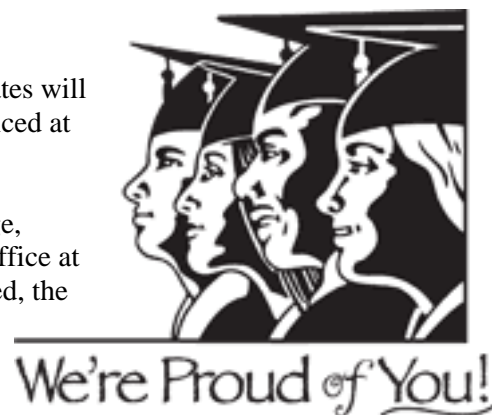


## Graduate Recognition

It's not too late to let us know about a graduate in your family! 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 5.

If you have a student graduating from high school, technical school, college, graduate school, professional program, or the like, 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. Please be sure to get the information to us by Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

*Congratulations to all of our graduates!*



## Help for the Homeless Donations top \$191,000!



**HELP  
HOMELESS**

*MPC's Help for the Homeless donation box was overflowing by the end of March. Thank you to all who helped to fill it. MPC's participation helped to make this a very successful year for this campaign. From the WEMI/WEMY news release:*

WEMI & WEMY Christian Family Radio are pleased to announce that more than \$191,000 worth of personal hygiene items and cleaning products have been collected and donated to 45 local crisis and homeless agencies through their 19th annual Help for the Homeless Campaign.

With more than 550 area businesses, schools, and churches serving as collection sites in the Fox Cities, Green Bay, Oshkosh, Fond du Lac, and Manitowoc, the communities worked together with area homeless coalition agencies to stock their shelves for the coming year. All of the donations remained in the communities where they were given.

*"This campaign, hands down, impacted so many – was made possible by so many – it was truly a community effort of monumental proportions. It was hard to leave when we finished sorting and loading up our vehicles; one felt as though they were witness to something bigger than any of us, something sacred. When we arrived at the shelter to unload the donations, both staff and residents were struck by the generosity of this community. 'Might we need to build some more shelves?' noted one onlooker; 'we might' came the awestruck reply." - Laura Erickson COTS Inc.*

New features of the campaign this year were Brown County United Way's partnership with the Brown County Homeless and Housing Coalition to promote the event in the Green Bay area, and the new Fox Cities Diaper Bank, which will receive a matching donation of 10,000 diapers through Kimberly-Clark's Huggies® Every Little Bottom campaign. More than 14,000 diapers were donated in the Fox Cities area.

WEMI & WEMY Christian Family Radio wishes to thank all participating collection sites as well as the hundreds of volunteers and area businesses who donated their time, trucks, staff, printing presses, boxes, sanctuaries and gymnasiums – all of the campaign needs were met with breathtaking generosity. Thank you Northeast Wisconsin!

A slide show of the collected goods being sorted is available at:

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?fbid=10150520859680538&id=616835537&aid=63>

## Teacher Appreciation Dinner

The Children's Christian Education Action Group will be hosting a thank-you dinner for our children's Sunday School teachers on Sunday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. All Sunday morning teachers are invited to attend and celebrate a great year of education! R.S.V.P. to Ellen Braatz at [christianed@athenet.net](mailto:christianed@athenet.net).



## News of Our Members and Friends

The Memorial Church family mourns the loss this past month of two very dear friends - John Haugner and Willard "Bill" Sheldon, and we send our many prayers of condolence and comfort to their families.

John Haugner, who passed away on Thursday, March 31, was a member of MPC for over 50 years, applying his financial expertise on church committees such as investment, special gifts and stewardship, and serving as an elder and a deacon over the years. Certainly many members, when they think of John, remember his great love for music, his resonant bass voice in the choir, and his love of all things theatrical. To celebrate John's life, the Haugner Family will host a reception on Saturday, May 14 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Bill Sheldon passed away peacefully on Thursday, April 14 at the age of 96. Bill served his church faithfully as an elder and clerk of session over the years, always remembering with fondness his Scottish heritage. He and his wife, Betty, were also enthusiastic supporters of American Field Service, opening their home to many foreign students over the years. A service celebrating his long, productive life will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 1:00 p.m. followed by a luncheon.



### May Sunday Morning Volunteer Schedule

Date	Time of Service	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Scripture Reader	Kinderchurch Assistants	Coffee Servers
May 1, 2011	10:00 AM	Emily Guttenberg Kerry Guttenberg	Sharon McElrath	Isaac Doersch Joy Marie Doersch Jeanne Nymoan Jane Stevenson	Valerie Bayer	Joy Kennedy	Ellen Wright
May 8, 2011	10:00AM	Terri Lukashewich Mike Lukashewich	Mark Spindler	Gayle Hardt Ann Kleman Walt Klemen Pat Spindler	Ryan Mc Elhaney	Lori Cramer	Sarah Beard Dolly Manning
May 15, 2011	10:00AM	Barb Leslie Stu Leslie	Bob McMahon	Connie Trettin Christine Cornell Eric Edwards Mike Harer	Barb Colson	Gayle Hardt TBD	Deacons - Sarah Beard Natalie Bowman
May 22, 2011	10:00AM	Dorothy Lindgren Len Lindgren	Tim Shoaf	Beth Abbott-Wilson Laurie McCulloch Lynne Selle Nancy Winslow	Christine Cornell	Abbie Athanas Patti Athanas	Dan Schmitz Deb Schmitz
May 29, 2011	10:00AM	Lisa Lux Mitch Lux	Tom Neal	Sue Neal Fred Umland Marty Ward Norm Colson	Emily Guttenberg	Carol Bloemer Sophie Hornung	Ann Smith Mark Smith

## What's So Funny About Holy Humor Sunday?

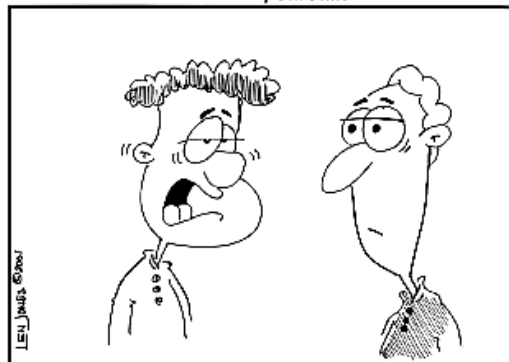
*Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. -- I Cor. 3:18-19*

On May 1, the Sunday after Easter, we will enjoy Holy Humor Sunday! Because Jesus got-one-over-on-death, we celebrate the wonderful outrage of the Resurrection with joy, humor, singing, and being "Fools for Christ."

"Holy Humor Sunday," or "Bright Sunday" was drawn to national attention by Harvey Cox in his book, *The Feast of Fools*, and popularized by Cal Samra through his newsletter, the "Joyful Noiseletter." For centuries in Eastern Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant countries, the week following Easter, including the Sunday after Easter, was observed by the faithful as "days of joy and laughter" with parties and picnics to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. Churchgoers and pastors played practical jokes on each other, drenched each other with water, told jokes, sang and danced. "The custom was rooted in the musings of early church theologians that God played a practical joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. *Risus paschalis* – the "Easter laugh," is what the early theologians called it.

So on this Sunday, while we will retain our liturgical order, the tunes to which we will sing the Psalms will be familiar, secular tunes. Bring your friends and family for this joyous service, celebrating the good news of the resurrection!

**ALTAR EGO** by Len Jones



"I was just fine with the concept of sharing my faith until Pastor said we actually had to talk to people."

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## Sole Burner Race to Pass MPC on May 7

From approximately 8:45 – 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7, runners participating in the Sole Burner Race will be passing Memorial Church. During that brief period of time, you will find it difficult to cross College Avenue from the north to access the church. While this may be a bit inconvenient, it will all benefit a great cause, as this race raises tens of thousands of dollars every year to benefit the American Cancer Society. So, if you're planning to stop at the church on that day, please plan accordingly. Thanks!

## 2011-2012 Calendar Dates Due

The 2011-2012 Master Calendar is currently being developed. While we understand that a church calendar is always a work in progress, it helps to develop a basic calendar upon which to schedule activities throughout the year. If you plan to use the church building for your meeting, please get your dates to the church office by *Wednesday, May 11 at 9:00 a.m.*

## Salvation Army Collection

Someone said, "Sharing brings joy to others, to God, and to us." Let's all fill a bag with groceries for the Salvation Army this month. The collection date is May 15.



## Parents 2

Now that it's finally warm and sunny outside, our young children and their parents will be meeting to play, laugh, and talk in local parks. Our play date for Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, will be in the playground area of Memorial Park at 9:30 a.m. We'd love to have you join us! In case of inclement weather, call 788-9965 or the church office at 734-1787.

## Last Day of Sunday School

The last day of children's Sunday School is May 22. We will wrap up the year with a morning of celebration. We will play games, eat snacks and have a quiz show based on the *Spark* Bible learning we have done this year. See you there!

## Tweens Youth Group

Only one more Tween meeting left in this school year! Tweens will meet on May 15<sup>th</sup> for an end of the year picnic and games. Location to be determined – watch for more information coming soon. Ellen Braatz and Jill McElhaneay have had a fun time leading this group. We have decorated shoes, gone ice skating, watched a movie, hosted a Halloween party, made a “peep” show and had a great time getting to know our church family.



## A Deacon's Message

Our Deacon Sunday is over, but our work is never done. As long as there are Deacons, our work will continue. I like to think that all people are the church, and the children are the pulse that keeps us going.

Last month on Deacon Sunday, I had the pleasure of reading a book, doing an art project and talking to the children attending Kinderchurch. We talked about the word “deacon” and what deacons do at our church. I read a book about a five-year-old girl who learns about doing random acts of kindness, and how rewarding it can be to do nice things for people when they're not expecting it, just to make someone feel better or brighten up someone's day.

The little girl in the book made muffins and “happy cards” and gave them away to others to brighten their day. So, just like her, the children made “happy cards.” My five-year-old granddaughter and I had baked muffins the day before, so we gave each child one of them to enjoy. Before the children left Kinderchurch, I gave them another muffin along with their “happy cards,” and asked them to give them to someone else so that, just like the little girl in the book, they would be doing random acts of kindness for others. I asked them to try to do something nice for someone every day.

What does this have to do with you? You guessed it! You don't have to be a deacon to do nice things for other people. So, I encourage you to do a random act of kindness every day, even if just smiling at someone when they least expect it. As a deacon, we try to be present in times of joy, sadness and sickness, but being a deacon is so much more than that – it is rewarding to each of us in a special way.

-- Marie Desens, Deacon

## Follow the Yellow Brick Road To Our New Pastor

*An Update from the Pastor Nominating Committee*

Our Church Information Form was uploaded to the online database through the Presbytery in Louisville. We have received and reviewed our first batch of Personal Information Forms (PIFs) and have a short list of candidates. We have been working with the Presbytery on doing reference checks. We hope to begin interviewing candidates in late April/early May.

### Frequently Asked Questions:

*Can I see the Church Information Form?*

Now that the Church Information Form (CIF) has been accepted, members of the congregation can have access to the CIF that was approved. If you would like to see a copy, please contact Crystal.

*I know someone who would be a great fit for this position. What can I do?*

You can have the person self-refer. That means that they may send their PIF directly to us. We will not be able to discuss any progress made on that referral.

### What's Next?

The PNC will continue to meet regularly to discuss potential candidates, do reference checks, and conduct initial interviews.

When we feel we have an exceptionally strong candidate, we hope to meet for a face-to-face interview and/or church visit.

Please know that we must maintain strict confidentiality during this phase, as many of the candidates are still currently in pastoral positions and we do not want to jeopardize their position.

*Stay informed on our progress through the Chimes, Sunday Bulletins, and the Bulletin Board inside the back door of the church. As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact any of the PNC members. Thank you for your continued prayers and support.*



### Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Members

Crystal Lillge – Chair

Kerry Guttenberg – Co-chair

Scott Kornish

Len Lindgren

Jacob Johnson

Mary Lou Opgenorth

Mark Spindler

Renee Boldt

Diane Lightfield



## Hands and Feet of God

Many hands and feet were at work this past month, caring for the church and its members. The church school children made sparkly cards with heartfelt Easter greetings for our homebound members. In turn, the youth organized an Easter party for the church school children. Laurie McCulloch and Carol Foss led discussions with the youth about suicide prevention and Native American culture. Cece Shoaf made liturgical stoles to coordinate with the new MPC logo as well as a cover for the piano in the church parlor. Joy Marie Doersch and Sarah Beard cleaned out the refrigerators. Joy Marie also set up times for communion visits to some of our homebound members. Ken Couillard and Steve Lockhart made repairs to the dishwasher. Project Bridges painted the Fellowship Hall and the east hallway, while Walt Kleman and his grandson painted the west hallway. James DuBose and his friend, Ivan Jones, cleaned the sanctuary windows and dusted every surface in the narthex, including the surface of the faceted glass windows. Many of you also cared for each other by parking down the street, so that those with mobility challenges could use the parking lot.

In these and in many other ways, we demonstrated our love for this church and for each other. To all those I have named and to all those who have acted quietly and anonymously, we salute you and thank you for being the Hands and Feet of God.



## Making God's House a Home

The Sunday morning adult Christian education class has been learning how to provide care and support for those members who have not been seen for a while. From looking at what defines an inactive member to looking at the church from the inactive member's perspective to finding the words to say in chance encounters, the focus has been making God's House a welcoming and loving home for everyone.

The lessons are important for everyone in the church to learn. When applied, these principles will strengthen the bonds throughout the entire congregation.

The Membership Renewal Action Group is planning to host a celebration of the completion of the class and initiate a conversation about next steps on Sunday, May 22nd. Come prepared to celebrate and reflect!!





## Seven Deadly Words

I didn't get to vote on that!! Decisions made in a Presbyterian church of our size are rarely made quickly or unilaterally. Issues and suggestions typically go to the appropriate action group, where information is gathered, concerned parties are consulted, and all options and their ramifications are weighed. When the action group is satisfied that all pertinent questions have been satisfactorily addressed, they will take a vote either to make a decision or to make a recommendation to Session. If referred to Session, the elders will hear the action group's recommendation, ask questions, and then either ask for more information or take a vote. So you see, by the time a decision is made, many people have had input and several have had the opportunity to vote.

But notice that not everyone in the congregation has voted. Why is that? To answer that, you need to understand the government of Memorial Presbyterian Church. Being Presbyterian, we are not governed by a Head of State or a Pope who have the final say in all matters. Nor are we a Committee of the Whole, where each person is polled on every decision. Nor are we a representative democracy of the type where each elected officer is accountable to a particular constituency and responsible for seeing that their particular interests are advanced. Instead, we are a representative democracy governed by Elders, nominated by a committee who saw in them gifts of talents, experience, and wisdom; elected by the congregation who affirmed their leadership abilities; and directed at their ordination not to do the popular thing nor to do the will of the people they represent, but rather, to do the Will of God as they, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, understand God's Will to be.

Session, that is, the council of currently serving elders, is the body with final authority to make most of the decisions concerning the church, its finances, its lay staff, and its programs, including hiring of staff, caring for church property, choosing Church School curriculum, setting the annual budget, and approving expenditures from the reserve and endowment funds. Session also approves requests for membership and oversees the membership rolls.

On the other hand, the congregation holds the authority to make some very key decisions. The congregation votes on whether to issue a call to a pastoral candidate and annually votes on the "terms of call," that is, the pastor's salary and benefits package. Only the congregation can amend the by-laws of the corporation. And of course, it is the congregation that elects Elders, Deacons, Auditors, and members of the Nominating Committee.

If you want to be part of the decision-making process at Memorial, then I encourage you to participate in congregational meetings, volunteer to serve on an action group that oversees an area of ministry that speaks to you, and if approached by the Nominating Committee, give serious and prayerful consideration to their call to service.



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For daily calendar updates, go to [www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org](http://www.memorialpresbyterianappleton.org) and click on "MPC Calendar"

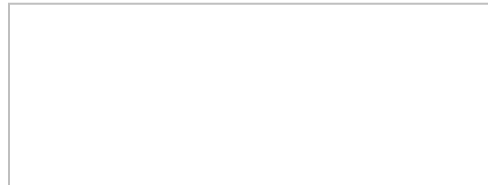
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**Beginning Sunday, May 29**  
10:00 a.m. service  
11:00 a.m. Lemonade & Fellowship  
on the Porch (weather permitting)

### **Welcoming Walls is Moving!**

Our orientation classes for folks wishing to learn more about Memorial are moving to 8:45 a.m. on the first Sunday of each month in the church library. The classes will alternate between two topics: one will feature a tour of the sanctuary, the symbolism of its windows, and a discussion about Presbyterian beliefs, and the other will include a tour of the building to see firsthand the programs and activities offered at Memorial. Both classes will conclude at Fellowship Hour, so newcomers can meet some of our current members. No reservations are necessary; just look for the lady in the purple hat in the northwest corner of the main floor.

