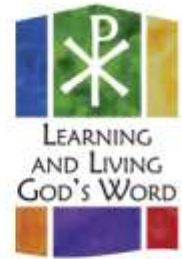


# Chimes

A newsletter for the Members & Friends  
of Memorial Presbyterian Church



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## ✦ Remembrance Sunday ✦ All Hallows Eve ✦ All Saints Day ✦



This year on October 30, MPC will be marking Remembrance Sunday in our worship. As you arrive in worship, there will be designated people who will ask you for the name(s) of *those you wish to recognize as saints in your life*. The list of names you give will be read aloud in our worship service. Before you are seated, you will be invited to go to the front of the sanctuary where you may light a candle in memory of that person or persons.

All Saints' Day is a time when looking at the good examples of those who have come before us can enable us to think beyond our limitations and to believe that we have the potential to respond to God's gracious love with active love for others and with commitment and caring and giving. I hope you will plan to be in worship on October 30<sup>th</sup> as we remember those who have helped us to learn and live faithfully. Below is biblical, historical and theological information about this celebration.

In recognition of the **Bible's use of the term "saint"** to designate all the people of God, living *and* dead, who together form the body of Christ, protestant churches often recognize all the saints – not just those who have died. Some name only those who died in the previous year, while many name living saints, too. Celebrating the full cycle of birth and death of the saints, some add the names of those born that year!

The custom of **commemorating all the martyrs** of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century.

**The Feast of All Saints** was established by Pope Gregory III in the 8<sup>th</sup> century, and soon was observed universally by the whole Church. From the beginning, this Christian feast of remembrance included a vigil, meaning that services and activities of preparation for the feast began on the night before (on the 'eve or 'mas).

**All Saints' Day/The Feast of All Saints**, celebrated in Christian calendars of Presbyterians, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Roman Catholics, Methodists and many others, is a celebration of the numerous faithful men and women of history who have died, including those recently passed away, who serve as examples to us of Christian living. All Saints' Day is November 1, but it is often celebrated on the closest Sunday by churches without mid-week services.

**In England**, this feast became known as Hallowmas, referring to the mass of All Hallow's Day. The vigil on the night before was called Hallow's Even, which was shortened to Hallowe'en. (The terms "Hallow" and "Saint" were interchangeable.)

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**In Prussia**, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, the Evangelical church created **Totenfest**, a liturgical remembrance of those who have died in the preceding year, held on the final Sunday of the church year. (Remember that the Church Year begins the first Sunday in Advent!) To be ecumenical, they moved it to All Saints' Sunday.

In the Northern hemisphere the world is entering the dark half of the year. The **ancient Celtic people** of Scotland and Ireland believed this time was a “thin space,” where heaven and earth whispered to one another across a luminous veil and those who walked before us are especially accessible in these late autumn days.

We are surrounded by a great “**cloud of witnesses**” Paul’s letter to the Hebrews (12:1) tells us. We don’t often make room for the honoring of ancestors or valuing what connection to the stories of our past might bring to us. Honoring the Communion of Saints means recognizing that the lives lived before ours matter. It means remembering that there is ancient wisdom wrought from generations of engagement and struggle with life and faith.

When we remember those who helped us to form and grow in our faith, we celebrate those whose good examples remind us of what we can be at our best. The stories of their lives remind us of who we are, what we believe, and what we can become. They remind us how closely a human being can follow the example of Jesus. They draw us forward, give us courage, strengthen us to do God’s will, and lead the way. Their good examples remind us that God reaches out to us with grace and love and care.

All Saints’ Day helps us reestablish, in faith and prayer, our links with these Christians and with the people in our lives they may represent. They have gone on before us to the nearer presence of God, but they are also connected to us. People-who-are-saints-to-us inspire us not to lose sight of the ultimate goal: Jesus’ imperative to love God with all our hearts and minds and strength, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Remembering the witness of the saints allows us to continue to hold them close and can give us strength whenever and wherever we stand. Remembering their witness can help us feel God’s comforting touch when we are discouraged or sorrowful and can help raise us up when we fall.

The saints call us to an awareness of God’s peace that surpasses human knowing. They help keep us from presuming too much about our own strength. They teach us to trust in the One who has loved us beyond all measure.

*We remember all the saints in our prayers, and we give thanks for their lives. We find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and those known only to God. Amen.*

Blessings,  
Pastor Kathy

### Sunday Morning Schedule

**8:45 a.m.** - Adult Education and Children’s Sunday School  
(with Children’s Choirs) for ages 2 through 7th grade

**9:30 a.m.** Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Sanctuary

**10:00 a.m.** - Worship for All in Sanctuary

**11:00 a.m.** - Fellowship Time with coffee and treats – Fellowship Hall

## Peacemaking Offering on October 2



The Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Peacemaking Offering celebrated their thirtieth anniversary in 2010. The offering was organized following the adoption by the General Assembly of *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling*, which called for an emphasis on peacemaking across the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This year as we receive the Peacemaking Offering, we are reminded to remember the peacemakers of years past — in our congregation, in our presbytery, synod and the denomination as a whole.

On October 2, World Communion Sunday, MPC will dedicate our contributions to the Peacemaking Offering. Twenty-five percent of MPC's offering will go to Harmony Café in Appleton. Another 25 percent will go to synods and presbyteries for peacemaking efforts and 50 percent will go to the General Assembly's Peacemaking Program for its work across the denomination.

A Peacemaking Offering envelope is included with this newsletter. Your generous contribution to this offering will help both MPC and PC(USA) promote solutions to conflict in the Fox Cities and other areas that experience strife.

## Volunteers Needed for Presbytery Meeting

The Winnebago Presbytery will be meeting at our church on Friday, November 11, and Saturday, November 12. We will be co-hosting the meeting with the Kimberly Church. We expect that the meeting will bring more than 120 individuals to our church to receive training on a number of topics, conduct the business of the Presbytery, worship, and share meals together.

Although we will not know all of the details until later this month, we do know that we will need the congregation's assistance. We currently anticipate needing volunteers to set up and take down the meeting rooms, to prepare food, to serve meals and clean up the kitchen, and to prepare and serve communion. We are excited about co-hosting this meeting, as it will mark the conclusion of our own Jeanne Nymoen's term as Moderator of Presbytery. If you are available to help in any way on either day, please contact Linda Boldt in the church office (734-1787). The planning committee will contact you once we know the final details.

## Healthy Snacks for Edison After-School Program

The Edison After-School Program to help children with their homework has begun. The teacher in charge of this program has asked MPC to again gather snacks for the children. What child isn't hungry after school? This teacher reports that many of the children who attend the after-school program have lunch at 11:30 a.m. and, to get the most out of the help with homework, they need (and want) a healthy snack.

We will again collect healthy snacks for the children during the month of October. Desired items include juice boxes, raisins, puddings, apple sauce, cereal snacks such as Chex, crackers, animal crackers, pretzels, granola bars and dried fruit snacks. (No peanut butter at this time.) Look for the Edison collection box in the Narthex. Thank you very much.

## Donate Blood at Community Blood Center

After many years hosting an annual Blood Drive, the Deacons now encourage MPC members and friends to donate at the Community Blood Center, 4406 W. Spencer St., every two months. Give the gift of life six times a year!

## Kicking Off Stewardship!

Some of you have been wondering why you got a postcard saying that you were drafted to the MPC team. 1 Corinthians 12:27 says, “*Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.*” When you were baptized, you joined the universal church, but when you joined Memorial Presbyterian Church, you became part of our team, this expression of the body of Christ!

This Stewardship season recognizes that the gifts we have received and our ability to give are good news and can be fun! Sometimes we need a bit of coaching to push us a bit – to get us in line where we should be; to realize that each one of us is vital to the capabilities, opportunities, encouragement, possibilities, mission. Too often, we don’t think what we can do makes a difference. Sometimes we think our presence (or absence) doesn’t matter. Or that what we give is just a small amount of the whole, so it won’t affect what happens. Using the metaphor of football, our coach and assistant coach will push us to become what God wishes for us!

In October, each member of the household will receive a pledge card (confirmed youth and children, too!) to make a commitment for 2012 to the ministry of MPC. We ask you to pledge your best for our MPC Team, so that we can be healthy and ready to welcome our new pastor sometime this year!

**Pledges will returned and dedicated on Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** – a day to wear your favorite team jersey to church. Once our pledge cards make it through the goal posts, we will have a short congregational meeting and then head to the tailgating party to celebrate post-game.

**We are all on the same team and every person is vitally important to the team, so don’t let us down—be there!!**



### Congregational Meeting Set for October 23

At its regular September business meeting, the Session voted to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, October 23, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. (immediately following the worship service) to: 1) Act on the recommendation of the Nominating Committee to elect elders, deacons, auditors and nominating committee; 2) Vote on proposed revision of the church by-laws (see article below); and 3) Conduct any other business that shall appropriately be brought before the body.

Copies of the proposed by-laws are available in the church office, and can also be mailed or emailed to you upon request. Just call the church office at 734-1787, or send an email to [mpc@athenet.net](mailto:mpc@athenet.net).

### By-Laws Revisions

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has just adopted a major revision of the Form of Government section of the Book of Order, our constitution. Instead of one huge, complicated section detailing hundreds of regulations on how we conduct business, we now have a section entitled, Foundations of Presbyterian Polity, which preserves the fundamental principles and theology behind Presbyterianism, and a shorter, more flexible Form of Government section. The new Form of Government outlines some of the procedures that all churches in the denomination will follow, but allows local churches to determine many practices for themselves. *(continued on page 5)*



## By-Laws Revisions *(continued from page 4)*

A committee, appointed by Session, worked throughout the summer to revise MPC's by-laws to reflect the provisions of the new Book of Order and to include some of our recently adopted practices - such as having youth elders and deacons and allowing two people to share one deacon position. In addition, a manual of operations has been created which pulls together in one place all of the procedures and policies that Session has adopted. This manual includes documents such as the Safe Church Policy, the Building Use Policy, Guidelines for Fundraising Events, and so forth. The completed manual and the proposed revisions to the by-laws were presented for comment to the Session at the September meeting. Now, because the by-laws are a document of the congregation, the congregation has to vote to accept the revised bylaws.

This vote will take place during the Congregational Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m. There will be an opportunity for questions and comments during the adult education class that morning at 8:45 a.m. in the Parlor. Copies of the proposed by-laws revisions are available in the church office. They can also be mailed or emailed to you upon request. Contact us at 734-1787 or [mpc@athenet.net](mailto:mpc@athenet.net).

## Learn about MPC Community Gardening Proposal on Nov. 6

**Mark Sunday, November 6 on your calendar!** That's the day that the adult education session (8:45 a.m. in the church parlor) will present a stimulating conversation on possible directions for a Community Gardening Partnership Project. Session solicited a proposal from a Vision Team and Greg Braatz, Kevin Loomans, Carol Bloemer, Andy Ogilvie and Connie Olson came dressed as farmers and shared their growing sense that people in our community need to learn basic skills for self-sufficiency such as how to grow, harvest, preserve and prepare their own food.



The multi-faceted vision has many places where we may start:

- 🌱 Provide support to current Community Gardens and build relationships with folks outside our church family (i.e. build harvest benches and raised beds; raise funds for a rototiller or water hookup).
- 🌱 Learn and teach cultivation as we garden an MPC garden plot at one of the community sites.
- 🌱 Learn about food supply and the need for good food for people.
- 🌱 Learn and take action to care for soil.
- 🌱 Promote healthy food consumption as an alternative to a growing obesity epidemic.
- 🌱 Learn and teach food preservation.
- 🌱 Worship in the garden at planting and harvest; meditate and pull weeds
- 🌱 Learn and teach stewardship of God's creation

We will discuss how this project may help us *learn and live (and grow) God's word*. It can teach us to be good stewards for God's creation. It can be another effective way to feed the hungry. It can be a way for us to support others as they garden to support their families and the community.

Currently, Jack Voight, Mike Harer, Tom Neal, Jim Bowman and Patti Athanas are the action group to focus our first steps to implement the Community Garden Partnership Project. Connie Olson (from the vision team) and Jack Harris (coordinator of the community garden at First Congregational United Church of Christ) are advising the group. On November 6, join them in the parlor at 8:45 a.m. to learn about this compelling project.



## Stockholders Dinner

The Senior High Youth have jumped into Fall with both feet with the Stockholders Dinner on Sunday, September 11. Over 70 people were in attendance, and a great presentation from the worktrippers was put on. Thanks to all who made this night exceptional! Mary Johnson headed up the meal, and all the parents donated food and beverages. The adult leaders and youth who gave their time and talents are to be commended.

## Youth Cookout

Several youth and adults enjoyed a cookout at the Braatz home on Saturday, September 16 to have some fun, enjoy great food, and begin planning for the year. The weather was perfect for campfire fun, games, and laughs to cap off a great night. Thanks to Greg and Ellen Braatz for hosting this event.

## Parking Lot Fundraiser

Patti Athanas and Greg Braatz took charge of the Octoberfest Parking Lot fundraiser on Saturday, September 24. As of this writing, we do not yet have final totals, but we will let you know how much the youth raised for next year's work trip. Thanks to everyone who helped out!

The *Green Church* Bible Study for the Senior Highs began on September 25. Greg Braatz and Patti Athanas will continue to lead the group and will be teaching about how to help our church become more "green."

## Events Coming Up in October

October 2 - The Senior Youth Fellowship (SYF) will meet from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at church. We will be planning the Trick or Trunk party for the church, and also some "green" events.

October 9: CROP WALK! All SYF will meet in the Youth Room right after church at 11:15 a.m. We will have a pizza lunch and a few games before we start the walk at 1:00 p.m.

October 15-16: "We're Going GREEN" Lock-In!

- Bring a friend (but they must like green); wear something green; and bring a green snack
- Bring \$ because it's green (\$10 for bowling and \$5 for pizza)
- Bring something Packers-related to wear to church on Sunday

Meet at church at 6:30 p.m., when we will head to Munchies Pizza for dinner, then back to church for games, 9:30 off to Galactic Bowling, back for a bonfire and then movies and chat time and hopefully some sleeping! In the morning we will attend church all together at 10:00 in our Packers attire. RSVP to Kara by October 7<sup>th</sup>, kmanuel@tds.net. Let's make this a BIG night full of GREEN!!

October 23: Trick or Trunk - The party will begin at 5:30 p.m. Come help us celebrate and don't forget to decorate your trunks! (*see article on page 7*)

October 30: All Hallows' Eve Fun, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. in the Youth Room



## Youth Camp Features Storyteller & Artist

All youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Wisconsin Lions' Camp in Rosholt on October 27-30. Storyteller Dan LeMonnier and artist Shari LeMonnier will lead a variety of fun programs throughout the weekend. Contact the Presbytery of Winnebago office, 734-3598, if you would more information about this weekend. Our confirmation classes have attended in the past and have had a great time. Any youth through high school are welcome to join in the fun!

The details and registration information can be found on the [www.winnebagopresbytery.org](http://www.winnebagopresbytery.org). Download copies, print copies, share them with your friends, and most importantly, complete and return them! Registrations are due *before October 14*. The cost is still only \$125! Scholarships may be available through the Presbytery Office. Contact Jill McElhanehy at 734-1787 or [youthmin@athenet.net](mailto:youthmin@athenet.net) for more information.

## Trick or Trunk Party – Back by Popular Demand!

Come one, come all to the second annual *Trick or Trunk Party* on Sunday, October 23! We want everyone to be involved with this spooky event. Please decorate your car, van, or truck for the party. A contest will be held for the best decorated trunk (or truck bed). We ask that you bring treats to distribute to the kids from the trunk. We will have games and art projects for the children, so don't miss out on this eerie evening. The party starts at 5:30 p.m. and will conclude around 6:30 p.m. Contact Jill McElhanehy at 734-1787 or [youthmin@athenet.net](mailto:youthmin@athenet.net) if you have any questions.

## Salvation Army Collection

We are bombarded with the news of hungry people the world over. That means here in Appleton, too. Let's take the easy steps to end hunger here. Our monthly collection of food and paper products for the Salvation Army continues to be a tiny but worthwhile step in helping the hungry here at home. The collection is taken **the third Sunday of every month**. So the next time you are grocery shopping, add to your list food for the men, women and children of our community. Bring your donation to the church and add it to the pile in the narthex. The food and paper goods will be blessed during the service and the Salvation Army will pick it up the very next day.

## Fall Clean-up Day – October 29



Grab your rakes and gardening gloves and join in on the ever-popular clean-up day, hosted by the fearless members of the Property Action Group! We will all gather on Saturday, October 29\* at 8:00 a.m. to begin the morning's activities. "Many hands make light work" is the operative phrase of the day – the more people, the sooner we'll have the church cleaned up and ready for the long winter ahead. Questions? Contact the church office at 734-1787.

*\*In the unlikely event of rain, we will meet the following Saturday, November 5.*

## Seven Deadly Words

### **“Churches should not be involved in politics.”**

I’ve thought long and hard about how best to explain my understanding of the Presbyterian Church’s stand on whether churches should be involved in politics. I’m now convinced that the answer is a definite “Yes and No.”

Let’s start with “Yes.” The founders of the Presbyterian Church in the young United States, like John Witherspoon, were well acquainted with the sorry chapters in European history when the church and the state were too closely allied. They were painfully aware of how non-adherence to the official “state religion” was used as an excuse to coerce people to adopt the official religion or suffer discrimination or outright persecution. The Spanish Inquisition and the persecution of the Huguenots - our Presbyterian ancestors - are two examples that come to mind. They were equally aware of attempts by civil authorities to force the Church to endorse their political policies or personal behavior. King Henry VIII, for example, broke away from the Roman Catholic Church over a dispute about his marriages and made himself the head of the Church of England.

In light of this knowledge, the founders of the Presbyterian Church in the United States included Thomas Jefferson’s notion of “a wall of separation between church and state” in their Historic Principles of Church Order, adopted in 1797, and still upheld in our newly-revised Presbyterian Book of Order:

“God alone is Lord of the conscience and hath left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are in anything contrary to his Word, or beside it, in matters of faith or worship.”

“Therefore we consider the rights of private judgment, in all matters that respect religion, as universal and unalienable: We do not even wish to see any religious constitution aided by the civil power, further than may be necessary for protection and security, and at the same time, be equal and common to all others.” Chapter F-3.0101

This principle was reaffirmed in the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when the Presbyterian Church adopted the 1934 Declaration of Barmen as one of the creeds in our Book of Confessions. Written in response to Adolf Hitler’s demand that churches sanction the policies of his regime, including racial purity, and declare themselves loyal to the State, of which he was the head, the Declaration of Barmen boldly asserts that the Church’s first and only allegiance is to Jesus Christ:

“Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death.”

This cherished historic principle explains why, whenever there is a case involving separation of church and state before the United States Supreme Court, you are very likely to find an *amicus brief* in favor of maintaining that wall of separation filed by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). So, in light of this long and consistent tradition, it is true that the Presbyterians believe in maintaining clear boundaries between the church and civil governments. It is also true that it is a violation of a church’s non-profit tax status to officially endorse a particular political candidate or to tell its members how to vote.

And yet, “No.”

John Calvin took the Bible, both the Old and the New Testaments, very seriously and was well acquainted with the Matthew story of the Judgment of the Nations, where Christ welcomes into his kingdom those who had given food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothing to the naked, care for the sick, and friendship to the imprisoned as if they were doing those things for Him. (Matthew 25:31-46) Calvin would also have been very aware of the words of God as proclaimed by the prophet, Amos: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.” (Amos 5:24)

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Calvin fervently believed that our faith should instruct our actions in both our private and public lives. Starting from his belief that our salvation is a generous and undeserved gift from God, Calvin was convinced that we should live lives of gratitude and obedience to Jesus Christ. The prophet Micah wrote, “He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” James, in his epistle, writes, “But be doers of the Word and not merely hearers,” and “So faith by itself, if it has not works, is dead.” Calvin himself had many run-ins with the civil authorities of Geneva, because of his firm belief that the church’s duty was to remind those in power of their responsibility to do what God requires.

This principle of putting faith into action was included in another one of the Historic Principles of the Church and also reaffirmed in the newly revised Book of Order. It reads: “On the contrary, we are persuaded that there is an inseparable connection between faith and practice, truth and duty. Otherwise it would be of no consequence either to discover truth or to embrace it.” Book of Order, F-3.0104.

Finally, the Book of Order describes the Calling of the Church this way:

“The Church is sent to be Christ’s faithful evangelist: making disciples of all nations in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; sharing with others a deep life of worship, prayer, fellowship, and service; and participating in God’s mission to care for the needs of the sick, poor, and lonely; to free people from sin, suffering, and oppression; and to establish Christ’s just, loving, and peaceable rule in the world.” Book of Order, F-1.0302d

Presbyterians have been leaders in many campaigns for social justice issues, including the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s, and are at the forefront in responding to disasters, such as the earthquake in Haiti, the famine in the Horn of Africa, and hurricane damage from Katrina and Irene. The denomination continues to wrestle with issues such as human rights, peace in the Middle East, and immigration, among others. Clearly, then, Presbyterians have consistently put their faith to work to act and advocate on behalf of those for whom we are commanded to care. This advocacy is both scriptural and legal.

So, if the statement “Churches should not be involved in politics” is both true and false, what makes it one of the Seven Deadly Words? It is deadly whenever it is used:

- to silence a point of view that is contrary to our own;
- to discourage the church from speaking out on issues that are controversial; or,
- to excuse the church when it fails to speak or act on behalf of the poor, the sick, the hungry, the disadvantaged, or the oppressed.

The framers of the original constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America were well aware of how contentious politics and political arguments could be. Their words are as instructive today as they were when they were adopted in 1797. They serve as a reminder that people can disagree on issues and still be faithful Christians:

“...we also believe that there are truths and forms with respect to which men of good characters and principles may differ. And in all these we think it the duty both of private Christians and societies to exercise mutual forbearance toward each other.” Book of Order F-3.0105

May it be so.

-- *Linda Boldt, Lay Ministry Coordinator*

## Indicators of Active Membership, Part III: Team MPC

The Session has been wrestling with the question of what active membership looks like for over a year now and has come up with a set of recommendations and suggestions – not requirements – as examples of active participation. We will be presenting and discussing these examples during a two-part **adult education class at 8:45 a.m. on Sundays, November 13 and 20**. As preparation for that discussion, let me offer some of my own reflections.

By far, the most-often heard question in every discussion of this topic is always some form of “*Are you going to kick (me, him, her, so-and-so) out of the church?*” It’s a troubling question, for many reasons. First of all, people don’t get kicked out of Memorial. From time to time, we ask those who have shown no interest in the church over a number of years and for whom we have no explanation for their absence, what they want to do about their membership. Do they want to reconnect? transfer? drop out? what?

This discerning process does not involve the elderly, ill, physically or otherwise challenged, or college-aged members. Nor does it involve anyone known to us as being unable to participate for whatever reason but still connected to us in heart or in spirit. Nor is it based on the size of any monetary contribution.

Secondly, it should be understood that active participation is not a prerequisite for receiving pastoral care from the pastor or deacons. No family is ever turned away when there is a death in the family, regardless of their church membership. Baptisms and weddings are performed with the approval of Session, based on the recommendation of the pastor. This recommendation is made after one or more counseling sessions with the couple/parents and membership status is but one of many factors considered.

Third, and most important, the question, “*Are you going to kick (me, him, her, so-and-so) out of the church?*” is troubling because it’s the wrong question to be asking. The better question is “What can I do to make MPC the most vibrant, faithful, effective instrument of God’s love possible?”

Of course, attending worship and donating money are the most common ways of supporting and strengthening the church, but they aren’t the only ways. Here are a few ideas to consider:

- Do you and your older children stay connected with your church family through *Chimes* and the church web site? These are excellent resources for discovering upcoming activities and ways to be involved. Does the church have current contact information for you and your college-aged children?
- Do you or someone you know need a call or visit? Don’t be shy about asking the church for help or letting us know about a member in need. Maybe you could be one of those who visit, lend a hand, or keep that person in your prayers.
- Do you like to sing or make music? Consider joining the choir or the bell choir. These musical groups are great fun and add so much to our worship experience.
- Perhaps you are not always able to make it on a Sunday morning. Could you participate in a group or activity that meets at a different time? The Thursday Morning study group, the Tuesday morning Good News Women, the Thursday morning All Things Considered groups, the Quilting Bees, the Comfort Pillow Makers, and the Basketball team are all part of the life and ministry of MPC and are always looking for new faces.
- Could you be part of an action group or work on a special project? Mission Outreach Action Group invites one person from a month to visit a meeting to learn what they’re all about. Could that person be you? Memorial prepares occasional meals at the Salvation Army, the Emergency Shelter, and the Warming Shelter. Is that something that you could help with?

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- We have collections of food, clothing, and other basic necessities throughout the year. Could you contribute to one of those drives? Our Mitten Tree and Adopt-a-Family projects are coming up soon. Can you lend a hand with those projects?
- Could you participate in the Prayer Chain and keep members of the congregation in your thoughts and prayers? Could you make praying for the church and its continued health a daily habit?

Imagine a day when all the members of “TEAM MPC” are actively participating in our common life and ministry in one way or another. Imagine what a difference it would make in the life of the church, in the life of the larger community, and in the life of each of our members!! Imagine and then share your dreams when we meet in November. Be a part of the conversation!!

--Linda Boldt, Coordinator of Lay Ministry

## News of Our Members

The Session voted to grant letters of transfer to Margaret and Scott Tornio to Christ the King Lutheran Church in Combined Locks and to Karl Ver Burg to Covenant Christian Reformed Church in Appleton, Wisconsin. These members were sent with our love and good wishes as they travel on their faith journey with other Christian fellowships.

The Session also voted to receive Matthew and Steffanie Walsh into membership. Matt and Steffanie will be publicly welcomed on October 9<sup>th</sup>, along with their children, Hayleigh and Gabriel. Matthew, of course, is our Music Director and Organist. Steffanie has already joined the Bell Choir and volunteered to serve as an usher. We welcome this young family into our Memorial community.

We are pleased to announce that Jessica Desens gave birth to Ella Janice on Wednesday, September 14. Ella arrived a little earlier than expected, weighing just over six pounds, but mother and baby are doing very well. Many congratulations to all, especially big sister Aria and grandma Marie Desens, and welcome, little Ella!

## Hands and Feet of God

Mitakuye Oyasin - We are all related. This was the theme of the Senior High’s work trip to the Rosebud Reservation in Mission, South Dakota, where they worked with the Tree of Life Ministry, helping the people of the Lakota Sioux tribe. Scraping and painting a deck and a railing, digging postholes and constructing a chain link fence, moving rocks, packing food packages, replacing a window and door, and rebuilding a wall were all part of the work experience. Becoming familiar with the history, traditions, the land, the living conditions, the games, the crafts, and the spirituality of the Lakota people, were all part of the learning and growing experience.

Such an experience is gift to the people served and often a life-changing moment for those who serve. It is also a labor of love, especially for the leaders. Months of planning, days of driving, and a week or more of vacation time, are required for a trip of this sort. It takes an especially patient, caring, energetic, and committed person of great faith to assume leadership and responsibility for the welfare of a group of enthusiastic young people twenty-four hours a day for a week, living and working in less than ideal circumstances.

Such are the adults who accompanied the youth on their work trip this summer. Kara Manuel, aka “Morning Pep”, Jill McElhaney aka “Organized One”, and Tom Manuel and Tim Shaffer, “Brothers of GREAT Carpentry” were wonderful leaders. By word and deed, they taught our youth how to live God’s Word with hard work, perseverance, and good cheer. We applaud their leadership and honor them as this month’s Hands and Feet of God.



October is "Shalom Month" and each Sunday morning at 8:45 a.m., the Adult Education class will focus on wholeness, health, and reaching out to the broader community. The schedule for the month is as follows:

October 2	Welcoming Walls Music for Peace & Justice	Linda Boldt Matt Walsh	Library Sanctuary
October 9	Spiritual But Not Religious	TBA	Parlor
October 16	Peace in the Community	Emergency Shelter	Parlor
October 23	By-Laws Shalom (see p. 4)	Q &A led by Linda Boldt	Parlor
October 30	Making Peace with Your Body	Kathy Privatt	Parlor

*Looking ahead to November...*

November 6	Community Gardening (see article on page 5)
November 13 & 20	Indicators of Active Membership (see article on pages 10-11)

Hope to see you there!

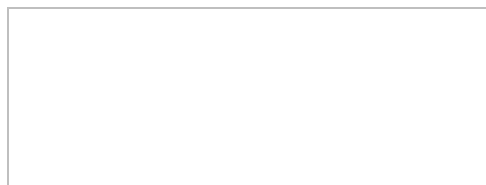
### October Sunday Morning Volunteers

Date	Greeters	Head Usher	General Ushers	Scripture Reader	Kinderchurch Assistants	Coffee Servers	Communion Preparers	Communion Servers
Oct 2	Eloise Blair Sonja Song	Jim Bowman	Jonah/Mason Buss Neil Buss Morgan Manuel Tom Manuel	Margaret Fulton	Aimee Kornish Anna Shaffer	Jeff Privatt Kathy Privatt	Sharon McElrath Rita Oestreich	Walt Kleman Scott Kornish Rita Oestreich Harriet Robson
Oct 9	Doug Ogilvie Myrt Ogilvie	Jim Baumbach	Abbie Athanas Patti Athanas Ellen Wright Ken Couillard	Ryan McElhane	Hannah Herzog	Christine Cornell Eric Edwards	N/A	N/A
Oct 16	Geri Ellsworth Bea Hanna	Fred Burdett	Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish Diane Lightfield Ken Lightfield	Tom Neal	Julie Tilkens Lauren Tilkens	Pam Dodge Marty Ward	N/A	N/A
Oct 23	Carol Foss Kim Gilbride	Richard Dodge	Pam Dodge Lynn Mulholland Jerry Saxton TBD	Gayle Hardt	Jonah Buss Ryan McElhane	Cathy Kornish Scott Kornish	N/A	N/A
Oct 30	Mary Francis Alice Baumbach	John Hill	Sharon Nelson Ted Nelson Kara Schneider Tom Schneider	Beth Lepinski	Calvin Manuel Morgan Manuel	Laurie McCulloch Ellen Wright	N/A	N/A

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### It's Time for the CROP Walk!



Did you know that hunger kills more people annually than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined? Get your walking shoes ready and join hundreds of walkers from the Fox Cities to end hunger. Last year the Fox Cities CROP Walk raised over \$32,000. 25% of the total is given to Salvation Army in Appleton, Neenah-Menasha Red Cross, Loaves and Fishes in Kaukauna, and St. Joseph's Food Program. Over 30 walkers from MPC participated in the Walk and raised over \$2,000!

Date: Sunday, October 9  
Time: Registration is at 12:30; Walk starts at 1:00 p.m.  
Where: Memorial Presbyterian Church  
Corner of College & Meade, Appleton

**To register, contact Meeilei Chen at 739-7518 for a packet.**

You may walk 1, 3, or 6 miles. Come join the fun and let's END HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME.

You may also donate online at: <http://www.churchworldservice.org/goto/mpc> and make your donation to the team or the individual walker.