

June 2011

Interim – A Time for Faith, Hope and Trust



My name is David Robertson, though the youth in the churches I have served usually called me 'Rev. Rob.' I am comfortable with that moniker, though in somewhat formal settings, I find Pastor Robertson seems to fit well.

That is what I most hope I can be for Memorial Presbyterian Church and all who are members here, who call this their church home, or come to visit or be served here. *PASTOR* – one who seeks, in the name and spirit of Jesus Christ, to guide and encourage people to be the body of Christ in the world, to be ambassadors for Him.

This is a new time in the life of Memorial Presbyterian Church, a time of transition. I see it as a time of continued growth from strength to strength in the way you as individuals, and we as a church, demonstrate deep care for Jesus Christ and His message, show great care for this church family and for one another, and evidence a care and love that reaches out to and encompasses the hopes, hurts and needs of God's people in the world around us.

This is a tall order to be sure, but you have proven yourselves to be a Church that lives by faith, is nurtured by a steadfast hope, and is constantly encouraged by your trust in God, whom you have come to know as "Good All the Time."

I bring no program to change you, but a passion to help you continue to be the generously giving, compassionately caring, and sacrificially sharing congregation you have been and still want to be.

I count on you to help me know "how things are done at "Memorial," but also to be open to some ways of doing things you might not yet have thought of or considered.

Together we will make sure that this ship, Memorial Presbyterian Church, its crew and passengers, sails safely through the waters of transition until a new captain takes the helm for the next part of your faith journey.

Faithfully,
Interim Pastor David Robertson



Prayers

Care through Prayer for our loved ones in the Armed Forces:

Chaplain Major Timothy S. Moermond, United States Air Force; David Johnson, National Guard; Captain Mike Dumas, United States Air Force; Captain Jeffrey VanSickle, United States Army; Cadet Michael VanSickle, United States Military Academy; Major Tom Kapla, United States Army; Lieutenant Colonel Alexander Carothers, United States Air Force; Private Second Class Bryce E. Tunnell, United States Army; Col. Harry Tunnell, United States Army; Sergeant Michael Miner, United States Army; Second Lieutenant Justin Mishler, United States Army; SPC William S. Milford, United States Army; Chaplain – Major David Kelley, United States Army Reserve; Dustin Risk, United States Army

Sympathy

Sympathy to Virginia and Steve Bales and family in the passing of Virginia's uncle.

Sympathy to Dorothy Yates and family in the passing of her sister Louise "Sally" Brown, April 23, 2011, in Sarasota, Florida.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Stuart Sheldon Branson, April 21, 2011.

Sympathy to Ms. Lisa Ryan and family on the passing of her father in Auburn. Lisa serves as a teacher within the Presbyterian Parents' Cooperative Preschool.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Kimberly Billups and Michael Montague on the celebration of their wedding, April 27, 2011, in San Diego, California. The Reverend Wallace Mayton, Associate Pastor, conducted the ceremony.

Congratulations to the Reverend Katherine Randall and the Reverend Robert Klouw on the birth of their daughter Mary Carol Randall-Klouw, April 17, 2011, in Greenville, South Carolina. Also welcoming Mary Carol are siblings Gerrit, Zoe, and Blake. Grandparents are Randy and Mary Randall.

Congratulations to Audrey Harding on the celebration of her 94th birthday, May 1, 2011.

Congratulations to Greg and Samantha (Borin) McDaniel on the birth of their daughter, Elle Hannah McDaniel, May 7, 2011, in Chicago. Grandparents are Jim and Diane Borin.

Congratulations to Debra J. Bleshinski and Larry A. Pryce on the celebration of their wedding on May 7, 2011 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Linwood. The Reverend Mayton shared leadership of the Service. The groom is a member of Chapel Lane Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to Jill and Ben Rainwater on the birth of their daughter, Bailey Elizabeth, on April 22, 2011. Jill is Director of Young Life of Midland with an office within Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Congratulations to David and AnnaMaria Morgan on the celebration of their 20th wedding anniversary, May 11, 2011.

Congratulations to Amanda Pilar and Andrew Smith on the celebration of their wedding, May 21, 2011, in the Sanctuary.

Congratulations to John Goss and Amy Cross on the birth of their daughter Nevaeh Denise Alaina Goss, May 16, 2011. Grandparents are Ed and Ruth Goss. Also welcoming her birth is her sister Destiny.

In the News

Alaina Richard has been inducted into the National Honor Society at Bullock Creek High School. She is the daughter of Allen Richard and Susan Putnam.

Thomas Church, a candidate for the degree of Master of Public Policy, was selected to speak at the commencement program of the Pepperdine University School of Public Policy on April 15, 2011.

During his graduate school career, he was also inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, the National Honor Society of Public Affairs and Administration. Tom is the son of John B. and Carol Church and the grandson of Hannah Baker Church.

Juan Lopez and St. John's Episcopal Church members Lowell Youngquist and Jerry Moeggenberg will travel Saturday, May 14 and return Friday, May 20 for a follow-up visit to San Pedro Martir, Veracruz, Mexico. Through Living Waters for the World, they will maintain a water purification system for the village. Juan will serve as translator.

Nicholas Oriedo was inducted into the National Honor Society at H. H. Dow High School. He is the son of Dr. Vincent Oriedo.

Dalton J. Allan, son of David and Tracey Allan, was honored by the Midland Section of the American Chemical Society for his participation in the U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad.

Robert J. Belfit, Jr. and *Peter J. Moehs* received 60-year and 50-year membership certificates from the American Chemical Society at a Banquet sponsored by the Midland Section of ACS.

Hadley Camp, *Brynn Rohde*, and *Mattison Perry* were among the winners in the *Midland Daily News* 2011 DRAW AN AD contest. Hadley is the daughter of Nancy and Dave Camp and the granddaughter of Betty Keil. Brynn is the daughter of Emily and Kyle Clayton. Mattison is the daughter of Chuck Perry and Marnie and Benjamin Archangeli and the granddaughter of Kay and Dale Furst.

Susie Polito appeared in the cast of *The Sugar Bean Sisters*, a production of Center Stage Theater at Midland Center for the Arts, May 8 and May 12-14.

Susan (Bradford) Dusseau received the 2011 Charles J. Strosacker Award of United Way of Midland County. Susan, Executive Director of Cancer Services, is the daughter of Ed Bradford.

Tyler Huntress, *Justin Huntress*, *Scott Kendall*, *Megan Brubaker*, and *Martha Neubauer* were recognized at the 2011 Scholarship Honors Banquet sponsored by the Midland Kiwanis Club. Tyler, Justin, and Scott are members of the Class of 2011 of H. H. Dow High School. Tyler and Justin are the sons of Michael Huntress and Kristie Sherrell and the grandsons of Arnie and Betty Huntress. Scott is the son of Chuck and Allison Kendall and the grandson of Jim and Tooney Kendall. Megan and Martha are members of the Class of 2011 of Midland High School. Megan is the daughter of Eric and Heather Brubaker. Martha is the daughter of Jerry and Mary Neubauer.

Mike and *Tina Hoy* and *Michelle* and *Justin Baker* are featured in the United Way Community Thank-You Video presented at the *Stars of the Community* event on May 4, 2011. They are volunteers and participants in Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan. *Susan Putnam* serves as Executive Director of the agency.

The Board of Deacons through its Outreach Committee sponsored a benefit chair for the CHAIR-ITY AUCTION of Midland Area Homes on May 19. *Brian* and *Susie Kruse* serve on the Board of Directors of Midland Area Homes.

Tyler Huntress has been named Saginaw Valley League Scholar Athlete from H. H. Dow High School. He is the son of Kristie Sherrell and Michael Huntress and the grandson of Arnie and Betty Huntress.

New Members Welcomed



The Session at a special meeting on Sunday, April 17, received into full membership two friends of the congregation. They are: William Clarence Letts, Jr. and Angela Joy Letts; 210 South 8 Mile Road; Midland, Michigan 48640; 989-708-4479

Bill celebrates his membership by Profession of Faith and Baptism. Angela celebrates her membership by Reaffirmation of Faith. She was confirmed as a youth in the Roman Catholic faith. They enjoy their son Micah William Letts, whose birthday is October 1, 2009. Bill is the son of William (Willie) and Karen Letts. Willie is retired from the Memorial Presbyterian Church and his position on our custodial staff. Angela is employed by PetsMart. Bill is a Team Leader for CME Mitsuba. They look forward to Micah's involvement in children's programs and attendance within the Presbyterian Parents' Cooperative Preschool. Please welcome Bill, Angela, and Micah. They were introduced to the congregation Sunday, May 1.

2011 Youth Service Award

The J. Gordon Sears Memorial Award is a tribute to one youth in the current graduating class with exceptional experience in volunteer service within the church. The 2011 Award recipient is Dalton Allan. Dalton gives his time and talent weekly to the audio-visual ministry for the 9:00 a.m. worship service in the Assembly Room. He is a member of the Class of 2011 at Saginaw Academy of Arts and Sciences. He plans to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is the son of Tracey and David Allan. Previous recipients of the Award are Emily King (2009) and Alex Perry (2010).

Mission Award Recipients 2011

The Youth Ministry Team of the Session sponsors a Spring Mission Trip annually as an experience of faith, witness, and outreach. The 2011 project was located in Chicago, Illinois. The John Alan Oriel Memorial Award recognizes leadership among the youth participating. The 2011 Award recipients are Courtney Cannon and Nick Oriedo. Their names will be added to the plaque located in the lower hallway of the Sanctuary building. Courtney is the daughter of Dann and Janet Cannon and the granddaughter of Janet Lang. Nick is the son of Dr. Vincent Oriedo.

Benevolence Continues

The Board of Deacons through its Outreach Committee provides a grant in 2011 to Success by Six: Imagination Library, a program of the Midland County Educational Service Agency. This is one of several local benevolences supported through the annual giving of the congregation.

Presbyterian Women

Circles, Bible Study, sewing/quilting group and knitting/crocheting groups will not meet during June, July and August. Have a great summer. We will resume in September. Watch the August Grapevine and Great Things during June for the date of the Horizon Bible Study Overview.

Rummage Sale Update: This is a big **THANK YOU** to all of you who helped us have another successful sale. The total for this sale was \$4,157.93. Once again we had a small trash pile and clean-up went quickly, so thank you for continuing to carefully sort at home. The proceeds from this sale and the Thankoffering dinners help to support many worth causes. A complete list of these can be found in the annual report. The winner of the drawing for the quilt that was displayed behind the sign-up poster was Jean Kellom. Congratulations Jean! The dates of the next sale are October 2 through October 5. Mark your calendars. Anyone interested in joining the rummage sale team should call Ann Rothman (835-4902).

Thank You Again!
Rummage Sale Team

2011 Scholarship Awards Announced

The Scholarship Committee of the Session reports award recipients in the Class of 2011. They are:

The Charlotte B. Currie Memorial Scholarship

- Kathryn Hall, H. H. Dow High School
- Ashley Bartosek, Bullock Creek High School
- Rosalie Groendal, Bullock Creek High School
- Danielle Cowles, Bullock Creek High School
- Beccalynne Gray, Bullock Creek High School
- *Scott Neithamer, H. H. Dow High School

The Laurie Ann Karpiuk-Dickerson Memorial Scholarship

- *Kelsey Smith, H. H. Dow High School

The Dale Thomas Dean Memorial Scholarship

- Marissa Hartwig, Midland High School

The Beth Ann Hodges Memorial Scholarship

- Shannon Fick, Midland High School

The Operation Fun Anniversary Scholarship in Memory of Marilyn Joy Hoshaw

- David Devore, Jr., Midland High School

The Mark Sheldon Putnam Memorial Scholarship

- *Katie Brinklow, Mt. Zion High School, Decatur, Illinois

*Members of Memorial Presbyterian Church

The 2011 Scholarship Committee was composed of one representative from each of the three governing boards of the congregation and six representatives from the community. Four of the five Midland County high schools enjoyed representation.

We thank the families who in trust established scholarship funds to the glory of God and in loving remembrance.



Ring Scholarship Provides Recognition

The Cynthia Christine Ring Memorial Scholarship Award provides tribute to one member of the congregation in the current graduating class. The 2011 Award is directed to Megan Brubaker. Megan is a member of the Class of 2011 at Midland High School. She will attend Hope College. She is the daughter of Eric and Heather Brubaker.

We offer her our expression of congratulations. The scholarship is made possible through the generosity in remembrance of the Ring family.

Memorial Trust Offers Grants

The Winston Family Memorial Trust awards, a one-time annual college scholarship award to members of the congregation enrolled in a college or university affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. Recipients in 2011-2012 will be:

- Scott Neithamer, Alma College
- Alix Shea, Alma College
- Lauren Haines, Alma College
- Tara Rashid, Alma College
- Rebecca Roper, College of Wooster
- Kelsey Neithamer, Rhodes College

We congratulate them and their families.

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Confirmation Sunday: Confirmation Sunday is June 6. Please come and support our confirmation class by attending the services and congratulating them. They worked very hard this year and have grown a lot both individually and as a group.

Summer Events: Be sure to watch for information about summer events to be planned. There is talk of having some summer events for the youth but nothing is set in stone. Please watch the Great Things, email announcements or text announcements that will be sent out when events are planned.

Cedar Point Trip: The much anticipated trip has come. How does an all day trip to Cedar Point on Wednesday, June 16th sound? If you are interested and are in grades 6-12 here is what you need to have turned in to be able to go. Your payment of \$65 per person and your medical information form if you have not turned one in. The cost covers your transportation, entrance ticket, one meal and drinks. There is a limited amount of space so please get your payment in. It is first come, first serve. There are no reserving seats. We are planning to leave from church at 7:00 a.m. and return by 11:00 p.m. that night. Registration deadline is Tuesday, June 1. If there are parents or adults that would like to go as well please contact Patrick.

Young Adult Summer Gathering: If you are in college or a young adult, please come join us for a time of fun and fellowship. We will meet on Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. in the Allen Street Lobby. We will decide what we want to do for the night.

If you have questions please contact Patrick Kirts at patrickk@mempres.org or 989-506-6661.

Children's Ministry

2-Coins-a-Meal: Let's make some noise! The 2-Coins-a-Meal collection will take place on Sunday, June 26. We thank you in advance!

Worship Workshop



Fun with Worship Words

See how many of these you know!

<i>Altar</i>	Where communion is celebrated, but Reformed churches (like ours) don't have one!
<i>Ambulatory</i>	Passageway behind the chancel
<i>Chalice</i>	Large cup used by minister during communion
<i>Chancel</i>	Raised area for worship leaders
<i>Choir</i>	The collection of singers; the area where they sit is also called the choir
<i>Crossing</i>	The point where the main aisle intersects the transverse aisle
<i>Crucifer</i>	The staff with the cross mounted on top
<i>Litany</i>	A reading during worship, aloud, in which the leader alternates with the congregation
<i>Liturgy</i>	The elements and movements as described in our worship guide
<i>Nave</i>	The part of the sanctuary that isn't the chancel or transept
<i>Paten</i>	The plate for the loaf of bread, broken by the minister at communion

Eastside Soup Kitchen - Saginaw

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Memorial Presbyterian Church volunteers to help at the soup kitchen on the third Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to help please contact Nancy Richey at 835-7058. During the summer months we leave the church at 9:30 a.m. for Saginaw and return approximately at 1:00 p.m.

Going Green

Because of budget constraints and the desire to "go green," the Communications Committee has determined to streamline the delivery of the monthly *Grapevine* newsletter. Beginning in July, *Grapevine* will be delivered either via the U.S. Postal Service or by email.

Of course, there will also be copies that can be picked up in the Allen Street lobby and at other locations throughout the church. We encourage each household to consider receiving *Grapevine* by email. In doing so, you will receive a link to our website on which *Grapevine* is posted.

To sign up for this service, please send your up-to-date email address to yvonneb@mempres.org. Thank you so very much for your cooperation.

Communications Committee



Change in PCUSA Constitution

Through vote of a majority of presbyteries in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., an amendment to the Book of Order has been approved, as recommended by the 2010 General Assembly. The amendment removes the restriction on ordination requiring celibacy among unmarried clergy. Local congregations and individual presbyteries are now open to call as led into ordination persons regardless of sexual orientation. The decision on ordination is retained by the presbyteries.

We join other denominational leaders in prayers for wisdom as dialogue continues within our churches and presbyteries. We continue our community mission as a *House of Prayer for All People*.

In Appreciation

As the school year draws to a close at Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool, we would like to thank both the congregation and the staff of MPC for the tremendous support that has been given to our preschoolers this year. Whether you participated in a fundraiser, assisted with our events, or just stopped into the classrooms to watch the children in action, we thank you. It has been an exciting year for the children and a very rewarding one for the parents. As the children head into their summer vacation, they take with them an increased self-esteem, better-developed social skills, brighter minds, and many new friendships. If you or someone you know is looking for a preschool home where the emphasis is on a nurturing learning environment, please contact Jennifer Shephard at cjshephard97@yahoo.com or 989-708-1156. Thank you!

Social Concerns Committee

Dialing 211 assists homeless and others in our area.

Did you Know? Dialing 211 is a free, confidential service. Anyone looking for information to help with human service problems can dial 211 or 835-2211 and receive guidance and support from highly trained Referral Specialists. Referrals are made 24/7 to state aid, food pantry, clothing, shelters, utility assistance and housing support at churches, etc. Midland, Gladwin, Clare, Isabella and Gratiot Counties are currently serviced in our area by dialing 211. Expansion is being planned for other areas of the state in the near future.

Sue Asher reports transportation is a huge issue as people seek services in many different places and look for work opportunities. She identifies three major issues: affordable available housing, substance abuse and mental illness.

Good Friday Community Offering

The offering for the Good Friday Community Service hosted by First United Methodist Church was \$857.78. The total has been divided among the Salvation Army, Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network, and Midland Area Homes.

Exhibit Supported

The Memorial and Special Gifts Committee provided a gift to the Midland Center for the Arts designated to the Midland County Historical Society exhibit, *VOICES: Extraordinary Women of Midland County*. A letter from Michael D. Hayes, MCFTA President; Gary F. Skory, MCHS Director; and Tina S. Van Dam, VOICES Exhibit Chair commend:

On behalf of the Midland County Historical Society, we would like to thank you for the recent donation. This contribution has been allocated for support of the upcoming history exhibit featuring women of Midland County. The Midland County Historical Society sincerely appreciates your financial support, as well as your dedicated interest in our facilities at Heritage Park where the story of Midland County is told. This donation helps provide the necessary funds to allow us to display and interpret the various aspects of our local and regional history. During the past year we have had a continuous flow of visitors to Heritage Park to view the galleries, to take part in the many special events we offer, and to tour with school and scout groups.

The *VOICES* exhibit is currently open at the Doan History Center in Heritage Park. The gift was offered in honor of the women who have provided leadership to the mission of the First Presbyterian Church and the Bertha E.R. Strosacker Memorial Presbyterian Church in its history in Midland County, 1867 to the present.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2011



Shake It up Café:

Jesus has called us to “Shake Up” our lives and become his followers. The Bible gives us the recipe: be ready for God’s call, give happily to God and others, believe

fully in Jesus as God’s Son, remember Jesus’ life and teachings, and celebrate God forever. Join us as we “Shake it Up” and encourage all involved to follow God’s recipe for our lives! Fill out a registration form in the Allen Street Lobby or pull one from the website. We will look forward to seeing you Monday, June 20 through Friday, June 24.

VBS Decorating: Teachers, leaders and all who want to join the fun can help us Sunday, June 19 following the 10:45 a.m. service as we decorate the Sanctuary and centers. Teachers can decorate your classrooms beginning the week of June 13.

VBS Volunteer Meeting: Come and learn how we plan to “Shake it Up.” Please join us on Sunday, June 5 at 10:00 a.m. or following the 10:45 a.m. service in room 116. At the meeting you can pick up your assignments and schedules. We will discuss all the important points of the upcoming week. We will also be reviewing our Safe Child Policy for those who have already filled it out, or having you fill one out. If you cannot make this important date please let Diana or Wendy know ASAP so we can schedule a time that works for you. We appreciate your commitment to community outreach and VBS 2011!

Highlights of Adult Ministry 2010-2011

Here is a sampling of Adult Ministry highlights from this past program year. Hopefully you participated in some of these opportunities. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for the upcoming year? Share them with any of the Adult Ministry Team members Dave Molzahn (chair), Mary Ann Gilbert, George Gillette, Randi Kawakita, John Smith, or the Reverend Cathy Chang.

September 2010:

Sampler Sunday invited people to learn about all types of Sunday and weekday classes, in addition to Christ Care small groups, Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible study and Thursday Men's Bible Study.

October - November 2010:

Short-term classes "**Conversations with David**" explored PC(USA) issues relating to Middle East peace, marriage/civil unions, new form of government, homosexuality and the Bible. "**Food for Thought**" explored relationship between food and faith, involving special insights from Daniel and Lucy Waechter Webb.

December 2010:

Advent Series "Songs in Waiting" featured artwork and interviews with Daniel Bonnell, artist whose work was commissioned for a book of the same title by Paul-Gordon Chandler.

January - February 2011:

Parent-to-Parent re-introduced as an informal discussion group for parents to share their stories and support one another.

BibleStudy@MPC introduced participants to a new Bible study format using Facebook.

March - April 2011:

Lenten Series "Living the Questions" engaged people to discuss Lenten themes like violence and the cross and evil/suffering, through DVD-based curriculum with the same name.

April 2011:

Passover Seder and Maundy Thursday

worship service in collaboration with the Worship and Arts Committee. Multi-generational exploration of Passover and its connection to the last supper, enhanced by a delicious family meal.

Thank you to Barbara Barnes Krueger and Mary Ann Gilbert (Contemporary Issues), Sam Choo (The Present Word), Mark Maxwell (Scripture Today), in addition to Carole Smith (Abiding in Christ and Following Jesus). Thank you to John Roper for leading discussions of "Heresies (I've known and loved)" and the two-part "Introduction to the Koran."

Special thanks to various church members Steve Block, Jim Dempsey, George Gillette, Scott and Barb Haines, and Randi Kawakita who served as facilitators for classes and opportunities. We're grateful for your servant leadership through which many church members and friends have learned and grown together in faith.



We Welcome You!

Evangelism is hospitality at its finest! We offer the good news of God's love with our words and our actions. Our welcome to visitors and friends gives evidence of our faith and our commitment to service. We hope friends will become engaged in the life of Memorial Church through friendships developed in worship, outreach, education, or recreation.

Our welcome includes an invitation to membership within the church. Membership is celebrated through Profession of Faith and Baptism, through Reaffirmation of Faith, or through Transfer of Letter of Membership from another congregation. Interest in membership may be expressed through the Ministry of Friendship in worship or through contact with a Pastor, member of staff, or the Church Office.

Included in our program of *evangelism* in the month of June are:

- Vacation Bible School Ministry for Children;
- Pentecost, the birthday of the Church;
- Baccalaureate Ministry in Worship for High School Graduates in the Class of 2011;
- Confirmation Ministry in Worship for youth completing the 2011 Confirmation Class;
- Welcome to Interim Pastor, the Reverend Dr. David Robertson, in worship and a Reception;
- Town Meeting to celebrate progress on the renovation of the Sanctuary Chancel in preparation for the new organ;
- Operation Fun Season with North Midland Family Center and Mills Township Board of Supervisors; and,
- Election of our Pastor Nominating Committee in a Congregational Meeting.

We celebrate the proclamation of God's love through activities and events that fulfill our welcome invitation.

Thank you for offering us the opportunity to enjoy your friendship. We welcome you!



Tuesday, June 14, 2011

MPC YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY NEWS

JUNE 2011

Current Month and Future Month Events

Sunday June 5th

Baccalaureate
Sunday

Sunday June 12th

Confirmation
Sunday

Mon June 13th

Cedar Point Trip
7 am-11 pm

Tue June 14th

Board Games
1-5 pm

Thur June 16th

Board Games
1-5 pm

Tue June 21st

Board Games
1-5 pm

Thur June 23rd

Board Games
1-5 pm

Tue June 28th

Board Games
1-5 pm

Thur June 30th

Board Games
1-5 pm

Tue July 5th

Board Games
1-5 pm

Thur July 7th

Board Games
1-5 pm

Special Sundays in June

Please come support the Seniors by attending the 10:45 am service on Sunday June 5th.

Please support this year's confirmands by attending Confirmation Sunday on Sunday June 12th.



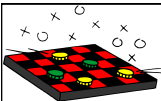
Montreat

We have just under 38 days until we depart for Montreat. This time will pass very fast if we are not careful. Based on the payment schedule that was established back in September, the next payment is due on Monday May 8th for \$100. This is the last and final payment.

There is a Montreat meeting for youth, parents and chaperones on Sunday June 12th at 4 pm. The meeting is to provide information on our trip to Montreat in July. If you are not able to attend please contact Patrick prior to the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Patrick Kirts.

Cedar Point Trip

So the long awaited trip has been scheduled. We will be going to Cedar Point on Monday June 13, 2011. We will be leaving at 7 am and returning at 11 pm. The cost for the trip will be \$65, which includes transportation, gate ticket, one meal voucher, and drink wristband. The deadline is Sunday June 5, 2011. Payment and the Medical Health Form is what need to be turned in to sign up for the trip. If you have any questions please contact Patrick Kirts.



Summer Activities

Summer is only a few months away. This means sun, games, and friends. Like last year, we will run Game afternoon on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1-5 pm starting on Tuesday June 14.

If there are other ideas that you might have please be sure to contact Patrick at patrickk@mempres.org

Vacation Bible School

Volunteers are needed to help make Vacation Bible School run smoothly. If you are available June 20-24 then please be sure to pick up a volunteer form located on the Allen Street Lobby desk. This is a great opportunity to hang out with friends and have all kinds of fun. This year's theme is "Shake it Up Café: Where Kids Carry Out God's Recipe."

Announcements

Please check the Great Things for any new events that get planned between publications of the Grapevine. There might come a time where an event like a lock-in or off site trip might be scheduled. If this does happen, please know that these events will be published in the Great Things for at least two weeks prior to the actual event.

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New Faces of Muko HOPE



Aidah Kyomugisha



Bridget Ahimbisibwe



Charity Atukunda



Gift Ainembabazi



Honorata Ruhangarilo

ACT WELCOMES NEW ORPHANS

Act recently welcomed 11 more children into their Muko HOPE Orphan Kinship Care Program making their total number 70. Even though these children are being cared for by guardians in Muko, these 11 children are desperately in need of sponsors here in the U.S. to provide a loving relationship and monetary support for their education and basic needs. Often, their guardian is an aged grandparent or older sibling who is unable to work and has no source of income. Sponsorship costs \$40.00 per month and can be shared by more than one family.

Please consider joining our extended Muko HOPE family and become part of this vital Christian ministry.

**For more information, please contact
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Markline Niwahereza



Onex Niwahereza



Samson Muhereza



Francis Girukwayo



Rachael Musimenta



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