



# Memorial Presbyterian Church

## Grapevine

Monthly Newsletter  
March 2010

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### *Have You Heard?*

David Pierce, Pastor

Have you heard . . . strange noises? Have you been to a worship service where our Austin Pipe Organ simply starts to make strange sounds “out of the blue?” I have. And it always seems rather spooky, if not unsettling in worship.

I remember a particular funeral service in our sanctuary. Just before the meditation was to begin, the organ “took off” on its own. Nothing you can do—just let it finish and then continue with a very important and holy time for the family. And then there was the anthem a few weeks ago during a Sunday morning worship service. Did you see Guy Lynch, our Director of Music and Arts, move from his conductor’s stand *during the middle of the choir anthem* and make his way to the organ to help Adrienne, the organist? It took both of them to get the Austin under control again . . . but on with the anthem we went! The stories are beginning to abound.

What you haven’t heard are the complaints that our organist *could* make, but *never* does. Imagine practicing all week long during evening hours at the church organ when you could be at home with your family . . . only to discover on any particular Sunday morning that the organ is not able to play the selection you have prepared. Imagine having to choose your offertory solo not based on the liturgical theme of the morning, but on what the organ will allow you to play.

Have you heard that the American Organist Guild decided to move their organ competition away from Memorial Presbyterian Church because it was considered unfair to the contestants to use our organ? Have you heard that the Annual Kent S. Dennis Organ Recital is still scheduled for Memorial, but that the guest organist will need to use a portable organ? Have you heard that the keys on our pipe organ console are so uneven that it is a very difficult instrument to play with precision? The stories continue.

What I would like for you to hear, however, is rather plain talk about our hopes for the future in terms of our need for a new organ. Because the building of a new organ will require a capital campaign and congregational support, I want to assure each of you that we will provide a clear case statement for such an important need in our worship and in our outreach to the community.

I will be sending mailings to our members and friends detailing where we are in the whole process of organizing a capital campaign, as well as how and when we will decide to “place an order” for the building of a new organ. Obviously, the Trustees and the Session will need some assurances from the congregation that there is a willingness to support a capital campaign before they agree to purchase a new organ for our beautiful sanctuary.

Someday . . . I hope . . . the strange noises will be replaced with a heavenly harmony, once again. It will take time, commitments, and faith. It will take all of us. We can do it!



## Prayers

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

Chaplain Major Timothy S. Moermond, United States Air Force;  
Lt. Col. David B. Misner, MD, United States Army; Paul Bott, National Guard  
David Johnson, National Guard; First Lt. 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; Sgt. David Buckner, 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; Ensign Maggie Holbein, United States Navy  
Chaplain – Cpt. David Kelley, United States Army Reserve

## Sympathy

Sympathy to Helen Pruyne and her family in the passing of her daughter, Joanne Schaberg, February 12, 2010.

Sympathy to the family and friends of William (Bill) Charles Schultz, February 9, 2010.

Sympathy to the family and friends of Richard Higgins, son of Sam and the late Mary Higgins, January 23, 2010.

Sympathy to Roger and Virginia Gohrband on the passing of their grandson Alex Paul Murray on January 20, 2010, in Brentwood, Tennessee. Roger and Jinny's current address is: 115 Mint Spring Circle; Brentwood, Tennessee; 37027-4996.

Sympathy to L. G. and Ruth Brown and family in the passing of their son, Loyal, January 25, in Temple, Texas.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Jan Lanigan on the celebration of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, February 8, 2010.

Congratulations to Clifford and Mildred Kline on the celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary, February 8, 2010.

Congratulations to David and Anna Meinhardt on the birth of their son William Joshua Meinhardt, December 28, 2009. Also welcoming William Joshua is his brother Reid. Grandparents include Bill and Vicki Bridge.

Congratulations to L. G. and Ruth Brown on the celebration of their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, February 12, 2010.

Congratulations to Barbara Helen Barnes and William Carl Krueger on the celebration of their wedding, February 14, 2010.

Congratulations to Bob and Patty (Greenhoe) Smith on the celebration of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, February 20, 2010.

Congratulations to Marnie Ann Morgan and David Andrew Rich on the celebration of their wedding on February 22, 2010, in the Dominican Republic. Marnie is the daughter of Jim and Judy Morgan.

Congratulations to Susan (Broekhuizen) and Jason Corbin on the birth of their daughter Sage Mallory Corbin, January 3, 2010. Grandparents are Bob and Irene Broekhuizen. Also welcoming Sage is her brother Tyler and her sister Emma.

Congratulations to Stephanie Jo Schindel and Ryan Patrick Wolters on the celebration of their wedding, January 23, 2010, in the Sanctuary.

## In the News . . .

Dorothy Yates is included in a January 24, article in the *Midland Daily News* featuring local authors.

One of her books, *Salt of the Earth*, is included in the genealogy collection of the Grace A. Dow Memorial Library.

The Midland 100 Club recently provided a grant to the *Backpack Buddies* program of Midland County Emergency Food Pantry Network. Bobbie Arnold inspires the philanthropy of the Midland 100 Club. Sharon Miller and Wallace Mayton received recognition as Paul Harris Fellows by Rotary International. Both are members of the Rotary Club Midland Morning.

*Muriel Dersnah, Margaret (Dot) Ryden, and Irma Butenschoen* were among residents of King's Daughters Home honored for their January birthdays at a party given at the Home. *Dianne Granstra* offered the party program with musical selections performed by her students.

*Jim Borin* has been appointed to serve on the Council of Ambassadors of Eagle Village at the conclusion of his terms on its Board of Directors. *Wally Mayton*, Associate Pastor, presently also serves on the Council.

*Susan Putnam* and *Liz Kapla* participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> Operation Medicine Cabinet event sponsored by the Midland Area Partnership for Drug Free Youth. Both represent mentoring organizations for youth. Susan is Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan. Liz is Mentoring Coordinator for the Juvenile Care Center.

Emily King is among students named to the Fall Dean's List at Adrian College. Emily is the daughter of David and Lynne King.

Paul Gerhart has been named to the Fall Semester Dean's List at Michigan Tech University. Paul is the son of Bruce and Valerie Gerhart.

Midland United Church of Christ celebrates 50 years in mission and ministry in worship, February 14, 2010. The Reverend Roger Pancost is current Pastor.

Scott Neithamer and teammates on Midland Fusion 93 enjoyed victory in the recent Indoor Soccer Season at Genesee Field House.

Logan Dempsey received his merit badge in geology at the Court of Honor of Troop 765 of the Boy Scouts of America on February 15, 2010. Logan is the grandson of Jim and Elsie Dempsey.

Scoutmaster Mark Spence accepted a commemorative coin on behalf of the Troop in celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Presenting the coin was District Executive Director Rick Curtis.

Tyler Huntress qualified for the Division I regional meet in varsity wrestling. Tyler, a student at H. H. Dow High School, is the son of Michael Huntress and Kristie Sherrill and the grandson of Arnold and Betty Huntress.

Robert Sabourin, Organist and Choir Director at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bay City, will direct an Evensong Service for Lent on Sunday, February 21, at 4:00 p.m., at Trinity Church in Bay City. The Service will feature combined choirs from Trinity Church and St. John's Episcopal Church in Midland.

David King and Lynne King are featured in the Music Society's production Opera Cabaret, February 20-21, at Midland Center for the Arts.

Derek Herman and Alaina Richard were among the youth vocal performers at the *Taste of Diversity* event of Midland Area Partnership for Drug-Free Youth, January 18, at Midland Center for the Arts. Derek, a student at Midland High School, is the son of John and Marcelle Herman. Alaina, a student at Bullock Creek High School, is the daughter of Allen Richard and Susan Putnam.

## Directory Update

New address: Mark and Patty Siebert and family; 39 Shawnee Ridge Drive; The Woodlands, Texas 77382; phone: 281-419-5253.

New Address: Wallace H. Mayton, Jr., 6524 Fourth Street, Lubbock, Texas 79414

## **We Welcome You!!!**

Welcome to Memorial!

Our new Welcoming Ministry on Sunday mornings provides an exciting setting for expressing our gladness over the visits of neighbors and friends. With every entrance into the building, there should be several personal contacts. We believe those who visit with us are gifts. We want to make visible our open hearts to express our hospitality. We open doors. We open hearts in welcome!

During the month of March, our friends may continue participation in the ministries of the congregation. The Lenten Study Series on Wednesdays at noon and at 6:00 p.m. is an example of opportunities for learning and friendship. Holy Week will feature Palm Sunday services, a Maundy Thursday Communion Service, and Easter services on April 4. On Good Friday, we participate in noontime ecumenical services with community churches hosted by the First United Methodist Church.

Our missions include the *Blanket Plus* Offering for the mission of Church World Service. We gather health and hygiene items for Church World Service kits directed to outreach in Haiti. We grow in discipleship through the vision for global and local mission that our community friends introduce to us. We welcome friends into membership among us. We receive new members by Profession of Faith and Baptism; by Reaffirmation of Faith; or by Transfer of Letter of Membership from another congregation. Interest may be shared through the Ministry of Friendship during our worship services or by contact with the Church Office or a member of staff. Our pastors are eager to visit and enjoy conversation with prospective new members.

During this month, we shall receive a report from a mission trip to Uganda. The Reverend Dr. J. David Pierce, Senior Pastor, and two members of our congregation return from travel to Muko Village where they will have shared worship and friendship with our mission partners.

We are grateful for the friendship that your visit offers to us. On Sunday mornings, please visit our Hospitality Desk for information, or speak to one of the hosts who greet you. Our Church Office and staff also welcomes your visits and calls during the week. We welcome you!

### **Iraqi Presbyterian Churches**

A recent communication from the Presbyterian Iraqi Partner Network revealed that the Presbyterian churches in Iraq continue to serve their communities. The two Baghdad Arab and Assyrian churches have combined for security concerns and continue. Christmas celebrations were limited. Their new pastor is from Egypt. They are seeking support for a proposed Children's Center. The Kirkuk Presbyterian church continues with their many programs and with a growing kindergarten. The Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering in 2010 will support their purchase of an adjacent building for their growing preschool and primary school programs. The Basra Presbyterian Church struggles with many of their members emigrated or displaced to the north; their kindergarten continues to serve the community. The Mosul church is not meeting in their historic building at present due to security considerations. The leading elder was recently threatened again and he quickly fled with two daughters to Sweden, living as refugees with a relative in cramped housing.

### **Missionary Support 2009 Exceeds Pledge**

We are grateful to the congregation and friends for continuing their generous contributions for the 2009 Missionary Support to Midland County Habitat for Humanity. From May through December, 2009, offerings have totaled \$10,771.62. For the \$60,000 pledge to Midland County Habitat for Humanity for the 2009 Coleman Build, \$60,771.62 has been paid. We thank the Advance Concepts Committee of Session, the Outreach Committee of the Board of Deacons, and the Memorial and Special Gifts Committee of Session for their grant recommendations in addition to the congregational mission offerings.

## Haiti Needs Our Help!

Let's help our friends in Haiti by providing for many personal hygiene kits – two ways we can help!

1. Please bring the following items to church and we will assemble many, many kits:
  - Hand towels (approximately 16" x 28")
  - Washcloths
  - Wide-tooth combs
  - Nail clippers (no metal files or emery boards)
  - Bars of soap (bath size in wrapper)
  - Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
  - Band-aids or adhesive bandage strips
2. Donate money or a check to Memorial Presbyterian Church clearly marked  
*"for Haiti hygiene kits"*

We will continue collecting items and financial donations until March 28 (Palm Sunday). Items can be placed in resource room box and financial donations handed to the office staff.

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you

This basic need continues in Haiti and elsewhere and together we can help!



## Operation Fun Celebrates New Partner

The Board of Deacons upon recommendation of the Operation Fun Committee and the Outreach Committee has created a new partnership for the Operation Fun Summer Ministry. With consent of the Board of Deacons and the Mills Township Board of Supervisors, the North Midland Family Center is welcomed into the partnership for the mission of Operation Fun. Operation Fun is a summer day camp opportunity for children in the North Midland community. Operation Fun in 2010 and successive years will enjoy the resources of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Mills Township Board of Supervisors, and the North Midland Family Center. Benefits to the community children will include an extended summer camp experience and lengthened days of operation of the day camp. Memorial Church will continue to contribute financial resources for staffing and programming in 2010 as well as volunteer services in support of the program. Operation Fun in this new season of partnership will retain its free admission for participation and its Christian curriculum. We thank the members of the Operation Fun Committee for their vision in outreach to the children of the North Midland community. Scott Lippoldt and Barb Haines serve as Co-Chairs of the Operation Fun Committee. Judy Morgan is immediate past Committee Chair.

## Calling All Women!

All women who attend Memorial Presbyterian Church are members of Presbyterian Women. It is not something that you have to join.

A yellow brochure found in the rack near the reception desk in the Allen Street lobby lists our activities and the members of the coordinating team who oversees them.

We welcome all women to participate in Bible study, circles, sewing and knitting groups, rummage sales, Thankoffering dinners and other social events. We encourage volunteers for offices or participation on the coordinating team.

Please call Mary Sydney Matuska, 631-3688, or Ann Rothman, 835-4902 if you have questions or wish to volunteer.

### March Events of Presbyterian Women

Circle 2 – Horizons Bible Study at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 17 in the Parlor

Circle 3 – Horizons Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17 at Kings Daughters in the Activity Room.

Thursday Bible Study meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. in room 208.

Sewing, Quilting and Sharing Group will meet Wednesday, March 24 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in room 55.

Knitting, Crocheting and Sharing Group meets weekly on Mondays from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. in room 58-60.

## Kitchen in Use

On Sunday afternoon, February 14, volunteer *Bigs* and their *Little*s from Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan gathered in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen for a special community project. Supervised by BBBS staff member *Juan Lopez* and volunteer kitchen coordinator *Mary Ann Gilbert*, the children and adults created a feast of dessert items to donate to *The World's Greatest Dessert Party* of the Literacy Council of Midland County. The planned menu was delicious! The event was held at Dow Diamond on February 16. *Susan Putnam* is the Executive Director of Big Brothers Big Sisters in the Heart of Michigan. *Allen Richard* is the Executive Director of the Literacy Council of Midland County. *Sally Bowen* and *Ashley Bromley* serve on the Board of Directors of the Literacy Council.

## Friday Voyagers



On Friday, March 12 in Fellowship Hall, the Voyagers will hear Betty Chenoweth and Lynn Gibbs talk about and show pictures of the Galapagos Islands. The evening will begin with a social gathering at 5:30 p.m. followed by a potluck dinner. Those who attend are asked to bring food to share, their own table service, \$1 per person and items for the H.E.L.P. Food Pantry.

Skippers for the March meeting are Gloria Manary and Vicky Bowes. Committee members are Ruth Cobler, Eleanor Kramer, Charlotte McDaniel, Barbara and Jim Ostler, and Joan and Joe Rogers.

Voyagers is a fellowship of couples and singles and is open to all. Contact the skippers for more information.

## Greenhoe Library

Winter is playing with us, cold one day and snowy and "warm" the next with melting here and there. The days are getting longer but it isn't much fun to be out in the cold and melting snow or in the rain during a thaw. It is always time to come in and enjoy a book from the Greenhoe Library. We are open when the church is which makes it easy to stop in and pick out a book. The carts in the hall are for taking out too and there are many good books there. Come and see what we have.



### **Eastside Soup Kitchen Mark you Calendar**

On the third Wednesday of each month we leave the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. for the Eastside Soup Kitchen in Saginaw. We return at approximately 1:00 p.m.  
Wednesday, March 17 - 8:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### **Thanks for H.E.L.P.**

Memorial Presbyterian Church and our volunteers have the opportunity five days a week to provide more than food when clients come to our church's H.E.L.P. Food Pantry.

Sometimes it is best to let a message be passed along as received, the following maybe one of those cases:

*To those who have given time and contributions to the food pantry –  
I never thought that I would be on the “needing” end of this service, but here I find myself going through one of God’s tests for me. It has been difficult to remain positive during this time. The other day I stepped into the food pantry to discover overwhelming generosity and kind, non-judging people there more than willing to help me out. I am overflowing with emotion and grateful that I live in a community like this, which is so willing to take care of those who are needing. I cannot even begin to express how much this means to me and my family. I hope that someday soon I will be past this “test” from God and will be able to return the kindness that has been shown to me. Thank you so much. I never understood how much giving a little meant until now that I’ve found myself needing help. This is a lesson I will never forget . . . perhaps part of God’s plan?*

### **Scout Sunday Recognizes Anniversary**

We celebrated Scout Sunday on Sunday, February 7, 2010 during 10:45 a.m. worship. Troop 765 of the Boy Scouts of America has been active in the Midland community since 1922. We are grateful for the leadership of Scoutmaster Mark Spence and a dedicated Troop Committee for their volunteer ministry among youth. This year's celebration of Scout Sunday included acknowledgement of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America in 2010. The processional into worship on February 7 featured the American and the Christian flags given to the church as a memorial to Robert (Bob) Bott by his family. These flags are permanently placed on the stage of Room 116, used for Children's Ministry.

### **Alma College Announces New President**

The Alma College Board of Trustees has announced the appointment of Dr. Jeff Abernathy at the 13<sup>th</sup> President of Alma College, effective June 1, 2010. Dr. Abernathy currently holds the position of Vice-President and Dean at Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois. Alma College celebrates its mission *to prepare graduates who think critically, serve generously, lead purposefully and live responsibly as stewards of the world they bequeath to future generations.*

## Campus News

The congregation and friends are invited to the campus of Alma College for these special events. They are:

*The Alma College Dance Company Spring Concert*, Friday, March 26 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, March 27 at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, March 28 at 8:00 p.m.

*The Alma College Kiltie Wind Ensemble Annual Concert*, Thursday, April 1, at 8:00 p.m.

All performances are held in Presbyterian Hall of the Remick Heritage Center on campus. Reserved seating is \$10 for adults; \$5 for seniors; and free for children and youth. For ticket information, call the Heritage Center Box Office, 989-463-7304.

## The 2010 Women (Men Also Welcome) in Transition Conference

Persons seeking career assistance through additional education or certification are invited to register for the Women (or Men) in Transition Conference 2010, *Opening Doors through Education*. The Conference will be held at Delta College, April 17, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Workshops, presentations, and resources will be offered as counsel for choosing a career path, seeking educational funding, training in computer use, and facing other challenges encountered in the work place. *Ann Ward* represents the American Association of University Women, Midland Branch, on the Steering Committee for the event. For information, contact Teresa Borowski, 989-793-0494 or *Ann Ward*, 989-835-3624, or access registration form at [transitionconf2010@gmail.com](mailto:transitionconf2010@gmail.com).

## Board of Deacons Elects Officers

The Board of Deacons elected officers for 2010 at its meeting on February 9, 2010. They are:

Martin Severance, Moderator (second term)

Barbara Barnes, Vice-Moderator (second term)

Secretary, (unfilled)

Barbara Barnes continues her ministry as Chairperson of the Congregational Care Committee. Paula Bennett serves as Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. Andy Thompson continues his ministry as Chairperson of the Outreach Committee. Karen Boeke, ex-officio, will continue her ministry as Funeral Meal Coordinator on behalf of the Hospitality Committee.

## Holy Week:

### Lenten Series:



Wednesdays, March 10, 17 and 24; Please note: No series on March 3

11:30 a.m. Brown Bag Lunch

12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lenten Series

OR

6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall

**Palm Sunday**, March 28

**Maundy Thursday**, April 1 Service at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

**Good Friday**, April 2 at Noon at the First United Methodist Church, Larkin Street

### Easter Sunday

April 4 Worship Services at 9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

**Easter Egg Hunt** at 10:15 a.m.



## Easter Lily Delivery

The Board of Deacons welcomes all members of the congregation to help us deliver Easter Lilies to Memorial Presbyterian Church friends after the late Easter service on April 4th. If you can help, please sign the Easter Lily delivery sheet on the announcement pillar in the Allen St. lobby and meet us at the foot of the sanctuary steps after the service to receive your assignments and lilies. Questions should be addressed to Karen Sheppard, phone 839-6620 or [shepmsu@chartermi.net](mailto:shepmsu@chartermi.net) . Thank you for your help!



## Easter Lilies

If you wish to honor or remember an individual, you may do so by enclosing a donation and filling out the form below, **which must be returned to the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 25.** As in the past, lilies will be delivered to friends in the congregation.

**Donor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Individual(s) in memory of those who have died:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Individual(s) in honor of those still living:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Contribution: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to MPC-Easter Lily and return this form to the church office by 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 25. Thank you!**



**Sunday, March 14  
at 2:00 a.m.**



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**Thought of the Month**

*For this is the message that you have heard from  
the beginning, that we should love one another.*

1 John 3:11

# KIDS' CORNER

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## EVENTS

**March 3**

Parent2Parent  
Cherub Choir

**March 7**

Bible BLAST

Cherub Choir sings at 10:45 service

**March 10**

Parent2Parent  
Lenten Series  
Cherub Choir

**March 12**

Family Fellowship

**March 14**

Daylight Saving Time begins

Bible BLAST

Movin' Up trip to Kokomo's

**March 17**

Parent2Parent  
Lenten Series  
Cherub Choir

**March 21**

Bible BLAST

**March 24**

Parent2Parent  
Lenten Series  
Cherub Choir

**March 28**

Palm Sunday

Bible BLAST Celebration Sunday

**March 31**

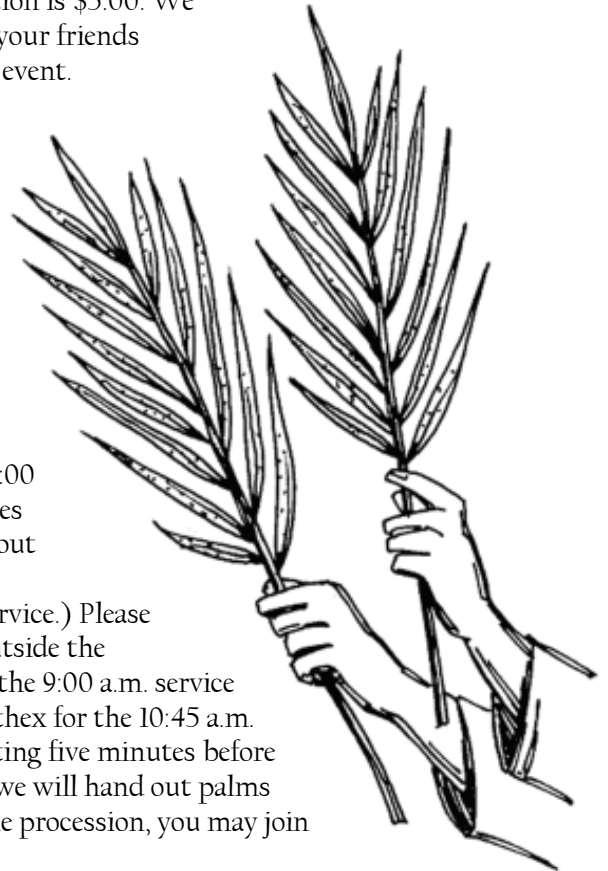
Parent2Parent

## Movin' Up: Kokomo's

It's the time of year when we're starting to go stir-crazy and need to do something out of the ordinary. Kokomo's is the place! Join us for arcade games, challenge your friends to laser tag, chow down on pizza and ice cream, and have lots of plain ol' fun. We will leave from the Allen Street lobby at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. Parents will pick up in the church parking lot at 2:45 p.m. You are welcome to bring a friend. RSVP by Wednesday, March 10 so we have plenty of transportation. The suggested donation is \$5.00. We hope to see you and your friends and this anticipated event.

## Palm Sunday, March 28

Children are invited to process into the 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. services with palms and cut-out flowers. (They may participate in one service.) Please meet in the lobby outside the Assembly Room for the 9:00 a.m. service and meet in the Narthex for the 10:45 a.m. service. Plan on meeting five minutes before each service begins; we will hand out palms and flowers. After the procession, you may join your families.



**Please contact us with suggestions, questions, comments, or RSVP's.**

**Diana Brookens • 839-9001 x207 • dianab@mempres.org**

**Wendy Lewis • 839-9001 x207 • wendyl@mempres.org**

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Madeline Jones	3/1
Joshua Snow	3/3
Katherine Potts	3/15
Sophie Roeder	3/16
Kate Reeves	3/19
Hannah Smith	3/23
Aubrey Chambers	3/30

*If your child has a birthday this month and is not on this list, please call to register them.*

## Parent2Parent Moves to Wednesdays

Same time, same place, different day. *Parent2Parent will meet on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays starting in March.* Please join us in Room 58/60 on Wednesday mornings from 9:00 to 11:00. This is a great fellowship and resource group for connecting with other parents or caregivers who have children age three and younger. Childcare and snacks are provided. Please contact Beth Haller at molzahnb@msu.edu with any questions.



## Vacation Bible School • June 21-25

The suspense is mounting for the theme of VBS 2010. Here's a quick overview:

- Baobab Blast is based on Psalm 50:1, "From the East to the West, the powerful Lord God has been calling together everyone on earth." Set under the giant African Baobab tree, children explore their faith and build relationships.
- Galactic Blast has the overall theme from Psalm 150:6, "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord." This is an outer space adventure that incorporates environmental "green" tips for students to try at home.
- Hero Headquarters theme is that children meet five unlikely Bible heroes whose small acts were used by God to have a great impact. The children will discover they too, with God's help, can be heroes where they live.
- High Seas Expedition is a high seas adventure on a Biblical quest with sea-worthy learning centers.

They all sound amazing but the VBS planning committee could only choose one. Which one is it? Check Great Things Are Happening for the big reveal!

## Bible BLAST: Road Trip – Resurrection to Pentecost

Our Easter Bible BLAST rotation features the Apostles' Creed. With maps pointing the way; The Jerusalem Tours will take the children on a road trip through Holy Week. They will visit the tomb, walk the road to Emmaus, and explore the Doubting Thomas Exhibit. Then they will stay over in Galilee to hear Jesus' Great Commission and bus down to the Mount of Olives to witness his Ascension. It'll be fun using rhythm instruments to learn the Apostles' Creed as a statement of their faith. Finally, we'll arrive back in Jerusalem to witness the Holy Spirit at the Festival of the Pentecost.

The cost of trip? FREE to all who believe! All this traveling will take place on March 7, 14, 21, and end with Celebration Sunday, March 28. Bible BLAST is for children ages three through fifth grade. We meet on Sundays from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. in Room 116.



## Lenten Lecture Series

Please join Dr. Pierce on March 10, 17, and 24 for Lenten Series: "What Difference Does It Make?". The Wednesday afternoon get-togethers are from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon (sack lunch) with the talk from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m., and the Wednesday evening opportunity meets from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Childcare is available at all gatherings. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and prepare our hearts and minds for this Holy season.

## Cherub Choir

The Cherub Choir will bless us with their angelic voices on Sunday, March 7 at the 10:45 a.m. service.

## Family Fellowship

Make sure you come to Family Fellowship on Friday, March 12. We will enjoy Chinese food and fellowship at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor. The adults will remain in the Parlor while the children do fun St. Patrick's Day activities in Rooms 114 and 116. The fun ends at 8:00 p.m. RSVP to Wendy or Diana.



# March 2010 Calendar

Monday, March 01, 2010

			<b>Great Things Articles due by NOON!</b>	
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 765	Boy Scout Room
Tuesday, March 02, 2010	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	Social Concerns Committee	Fellowship Hall
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Membership Committee	Small Dining Room
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Property Committee	Fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Board of Trustees	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60
Wednesday, March 03, 2010	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Parent2Parent	Room 58-60, Nursery
	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 109, 155 and 208
	4:30 PM	6:00 PM	Personnel Committee	Room 201
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Christian Education Council	Room 205
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Worship & Arts for All Committee Night	Room 107
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	All Committee Night	Churchwide
Thursday, March 04, 2010	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Bible Study	Room 208
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Confirmation Discussion	Office Conference Room
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Assembly Room
	7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208
Friday, March 05, 2010	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kennett Study Group	Room 107
	6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Presbyterian Parent Cooperative Preschool (PPCP) Potluck	Assembly Room
Saturday, March 06, 2010			No Scheduled Activities	
Sunday, March 07, 2010	8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Education)	Parlor
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Bible Blast	Room 116
	9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Scripture Today (Adult Education)	Room 205
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Education)	Room 107
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Talk (Adult Education)	Room 201
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Jr. High Youth Education (grades 6-8)	Room 58-60
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Education	Room 53
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Children's Worship	Rooms 114, 116
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Room 58-60
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Presbyterian 101 Class	Small Dining Room
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Westminster Choir	Room 208
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Presbyterian Youth Connection	Room 53
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	The Unit	Room 208
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Member's Home

Monday, March 08, 2010

			<b>Great Things Articles due at NOON!</b>	
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 765	Boy Scout Room
Tuesday, March 09, 2010	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Bells for Fun	Room 155
	12:30 PM	2:00 PM	Social Concerns Committee	Small Dining Room
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise	Room 155
	6:15 PM	8:00 PM	Congregational Care Committee	Small Dining Room
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Deacon's Outreach	Room 107
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
	7:30 PM	9:00 PM	Board of Deacons	Fellowship Hall
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60
Wednesday, March 10, 2010	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Parent2Parent	Room 58-60; Nursery
	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Library Board Meeting	Fellowship Hall
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Fellowship Hall
	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 109, 155 and 208
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Fellowship Hall
	6:30 PM	9:00 PM	ACT Board Meeting	Parlor; Room 53
Thursday, March 11, 2010	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Bible Study	Room 208
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Assembly Room
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Thursday Night Live	Room 58-60
	7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208
Friday, March 12, 2010	1:00 PM	3:00 PM	Church Women United Board Meeting	Room 55
	1:00 PM	9:00 PM	Friday Night Voyagers Set-Up	Fellowship Hall
	5:30 PM	9:00 PM	Friday Night Voyagers Social Hour and Meeting	fellowship Hall
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Family Fellowship	Parlor
Saturday, March 13, 2010			No Scheduled Activities	
Sunday, March 14, 2010			<b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b>	
	8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Education)	Parlor
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Bible Blast	Room 116
	9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Scripture Today (Adult Education)	Room 205
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Education)	Room 107
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Talk (Adult Education)	Room 201
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Jr. High Youth Education (grades 6-8)	Room 58-60
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Education	Room 53
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Children's Worship	Room 114, 116
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	2:45 PM	Movin' Up Heading to Kokomo's	Room 116
	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Room 58-60
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Presbyterian 101 Class	Small Dining Room
	2:00 PM	4:00 PM	SAS	Off-Site
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Westminster Choir	Room 208
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Presbyterian Youth Connection	Room 53
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	The Unit	Room 208
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Member's Home

Monday, March 15, 2010

			<b>Great Things Articles due NOON!</b>	
			<b>Grapevine Articles are due today by 4:30 p.m.!</b>	
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 765	Boy Scout Room



Tuesday, March 16, 2010	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	Welcome Ministry Meeting	Office Conference Room
	2:30 PM	3:30 PM	Communications Sub Committee	Room 107
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Investment Committee	Room 107
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60
Wednesday, March 17, 2010	8:45 AM	1:00 PM	Eastside Soup Kitchen	Saginaw
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Parent2Parent	Room 58-60, Nursery
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Circle 2	Parlor
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Fellowship Hall
	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 109, 155 and 208
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	Session Finance Committee	Small Dining Room
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Circle 3	King's Daughters
Thursday, March 18, 2010	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Bible Study	Room 208
	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kiwanis	Room 55
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Assembly Room
	7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208
Friday, March 19, 2010	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Kennett Study Group	Room 107
Saturday, March 20, 2010			No Scheduled Activities	
Sunday, March 21, 2010	8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Education)	Parlor
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Bible Blast	Room 116
	9:45 AM	12:30 PM	Fellowship and Coffee	Fellowship Hall
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Scripture Today (Adult Education)	Room 205
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Education)	Room 107
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Talk (Adult Education)	Room 201
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Jr. High Youth Education (grades 6-8)	Room 58-60
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Education	Room 53
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Children's Worship	Rooms 114, 116
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	12:00 PM	2:00 PM	Confirmation Class	Room 58-60
	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	Presbyterian 101 Class	Small Dining Room
	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	Westminster Choir	Room 208
	5:00 PM	7:00 PM	Presbyterian Youth Connection	Room 53
	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	The Unit	Room 208
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Member's Home
Monday, March 22, 2010			<b>Great Things Articles due by NOON!</b>	
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Midland High Singers	Sanctuary, Room 208
Tuesday, March 23, 2010	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 765	Boy Scout Room
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
	7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Midland Meistersingers Program	Sanctuary, Room 208
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60
Wednesday, March 24, 2010	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	Presbyterian Women Sewing, Quilting and Sharing Group	Room 55
	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	Parent2Parent	Room 58-60, Nursery
	11:30 AM	1:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Fellowship Hall
	12:00 PM	3:00 PM	Midland County Food Pantry Giveaway	Coleman Wesleyan Church
	12:45 PM	2:00 PM	Messengers of Note	Room 208
	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	Children's Cherub Choir	Rooms 109, 155 and 208
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Lenten Series Study	Fellowship Hall
	7:00 PM	9:00 PM	Session	Fellowship Hall
Thursday, March 25, 2010	6:30 AM	8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Room 58-60
	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Presbyterian Women Bible Study	Room 208
	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Confirmation Discussion	Office Conference Room
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	9am Worship Team	Assembly Room
	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	Thursday Night Live	Room 58-60
	7:15 PM	9:15 PM	Chancel Choir	Room 208
Friday, March 26, 2010			No Scheduled Activities	
Saturday, March 27, 2010	8:00 AM	11:00 PM	MPC Sr. High Mission trip to Tennessee	Tennessee
Sunday, March 28, 2010			<b>Palm Sunday &amp; Communion Sunday</b>	
	8:00 AM	8:45 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	Worship Service	Assembly Room
	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	Contemporary Issues (Adult Education)	Parlor
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Bible Blast	Room 116
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Scripture Today (Adult Education)	Room 205
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	The Present Word (Adult Education)	Room 107
	9:45 AM	10:30 AM	Coffee Talk (Adult Education)	Room 201
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Jr. High Youth Education (grades 6-8)	Room 58-60
	10:00 AM	10:30 AM	Youth Education	Room 53
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Children's Worship	Rooms 114, 116
	10:45 AM	12:00 PM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
	6:30 PM	8:00 PM	Bible Study and ChristCare	Member's Home
Monday, March 29, 2010			<b>Great Things Articles due by NOON!</b>	
	1:30 PM	3:00 PM	Presbyterian Women Knitting and Crocheting	Room 58-60
	5:15 PM	6:45 PM	Covenant Ringers	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Boy Scout Troop 765	Boy Scout Room
Tuesday, March 30, 2010	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	Library Work	Greenhoe Library
	10:00 AM	11:30 AM	Worship Team	Office Conference Room
	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	All Staff	Room 107
	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	Bells of Praise	Room 155
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	AA	Room 54
	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Ala Teen	Room 58-60
	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	Al Anon	Room 58-60
Wednesday, March 31, 2010			No Scheduled Activities	

