

The Bertha E.R. Strosacker

Memorial Presbyterian Church

A House of Prayer for All People



**Great Things
Are Happening!**

The Bertha E. R. Strosacker Memorial Presbyterian Church
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July 25, 2010

We Welcome You!

We welcome our friends and neighbors to worship this morning.

10:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

11:00 a.m. following Children's Time in the Sanctuary

Children ages 3, 4, and 5 years old will go to Room 114 with Mrs. Brookens

Kindergarten through third grade will go to Room 116 with Mrs. Lewis. If you are fourth grade or older and would like to join us, you can be the helper and a positive role model.

11:45 a.m. Pick up in class room at the end of the worship service.

Fellowship:

For all ages is enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall at 12:00 noon.

Childcare:

For infants and toddlers is offered 9:00 a.m. to noon in Room 106.

To assist guests, maps of the church facility are placed at the entrances. There is a host or hostess to greet you and to provide directions from the Allen Street lobby.

We encourage our friends to accept a copy of *Great Things are Happening* and *The Grapevine* monthly newsletter. *Great Things are Happening* is enclosed in the worship guide for the 10:45 a.m. service. The *Grapevine* newsletter may be found in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and in the Allen Street Lobby. The most current news and calendar can be found on the church website at www.mempres.org.

Those interested in membership with Memorial Presbyterian Church are invited to share a note on the Ministry of Friendship in worship this morning or to speak to a Pastor or member of Staff.

The broadcast times for the 10:45 a.m. Sunday worship service is on Charter Cable Community Access MCTV Channel 99 on Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. and at 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays on Channel 97. The previous week 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service can be heard on radio WMPX-AM 1490 at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday.

Transportation to Worship Offered: Members and friends desiring transportation to the Sunday morning service are invited to call the church office at 835-6759 on weekdays. Your name and request will be recorded. On Saturday prior to the Sunday of your request, you will be contacted with confirmation of the transportation provider.

Our Church Family 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; 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; Ensign Maggie Holbein, United States Navy; Chaplain – Cpt. David Kelley, United States Army Reserve

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family and friends of Priscilla Gorman, July 15, 2010, in Novi, Michigan.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Cathy Chang and Juan Lopez on the celebration of their second wedding anniversary, July 26, 2010. They celebrate the occasion in Strasbourg, France with Juan's family. Congratulations to Sara (Furst) and Ryan Armbruster on the birth of their son Afton Xavier Armbruster, July 3, 2010, in Castle Rock, Colorado. Grandparents are Dale and Kay Furst.

Staff News

The Reverend Catherine S. Chang, Associate Pastor, enjoys family vacation through Sunday, August 1.

The Reverend Wallace H. Mayton, III, Associate Pastor, provides worship leadership at First Presbyterian Church in Beaverton this morning, Sunday, July 25.

Guy A. Lynch, Director of Worship and Arts, enjoys family vacation through Sunday, August 1.

Katie Haines, Lead Counselor for Operation Fun in 2010, leaves her position to travel to Garden City, Kansas to begin her teaching career. We appreciate her tenure of commitment to Operation Fun. Operation Fun continues through August 13.

In the News . . .

Cameron Lippoldt won the State Championship for the 13-year-old men's division at the Riverwood State Junior Golf Tournament in Mount Pleasant. *Chaz Babin* placed third in the same division. *Conor Babin* placed second in the 12-year-old men's division. Cameron is the son of *Adrienne Wiley* and *Scott Lippoldt*. Chaz and Conor are the sons of *Jeff* and *Kay Babin*.

Gray and *Jane Gorton* announce the high school graduations of two grandchildren. They are *Libby Liane Gorton*, a 2010 graduate of Midland High School, and *Alex Gray Gorton*, a 2010 graduate of DeWitt High School. Both will be enrolled at Michigan State University.

Dr. Laura Currin Salter, Ph.D., granddaughter of *Ced* and *Betty Currin* received her M.D. degree from Ring's College of University College of London, England with distinction in Special Studies, Medical Science, and Clinical Practices. Upon completion of her M.D. degree course, she begins practice at North Middlesex Hospital and professorship at University College of London. Her parents are *Glenn* and *Gail Currin*.

Greenhoe Library



Many library visitors enjoy the books we have about the Amish. Their life is so different from ours but we all believe in the same God. Join a young widow, Sadie, as she faces a lonely life without her husband and with no children to care for. The story takes place in winter and Beth Wiseman helps you feel the cold and what it is like to live without a phone or electricity in the house or a car when an emergency happens. Read about Sarah in *Plain Promise* available on the cart in the hall.

Library Work day: Tuesday, July 27 at 9:30 a.m. in the Library.

Tiger Fans - Trip to Comerica Park

Our annual outing to a Tiger game at Comerica Park is Friday, August 6. The bus will depart from the Memorial Presbyterian Church parking lot at 3:45 p.m. The cost is \$63 per person. If you have questions, please call Mary Ann Gilbert at 835-7065 or Linda Lauderbach at 631-9886.



Please call the church at 835-6759 to make your reservation. Invitations have gone out to Chapel Lane and Westminster in Bay City this week, so call NOW!

We have only a few seats left on the bus.

Youth Ministry

Youth Group Board Games will be meeting this Tuesday, July 27th at 1:00 p.m. in the Small Dining Room and continue to meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays until Labor Day.

The **Young Adult Summer Gathering** will be meeting on Thursday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m.

Café Montreat is open again. Please come and enjoy coffee and espresso prepared by our youth.

If there are any questions or comments in regards to any of the youth events please feel free to contact Patrick Kirts at patrickk@mempres.org or at 989-506-6661.

Start Your Ovens!!!



Memorial Presbyterian Church is providing lunch for the Dow Habitat Build on August 9th. We need cookies for 150 workers. If you can help by baking some cookies, please bring them to the church before August 9th and place them in the freezer in the main kitchen. Please mark them for Habitat. Thank you for your help. If you have questions please call Nancy Kuper at 835-9505.

Church Provides Hospitality

Memorial Presbyterian Church welcomes Presbyterian youth and adults traveling to Isle Royale for an overnight and orientation. The trip is sponsored by the Presbytery of Lake Huron. The Reverend Dale Swihart, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Fenton, serves as Coordinator for the annual summer trip. Patrick J. Kirts, Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministry, contributed to the arrangements for the overnight stay.

Safe Child Policy:

Revision at June Session Meeting

Here at Memorial Presbyterian Church, the church staff and volunteers take seriously the need to create a safe and secure environment for our children and youth ministries. All employees and volunteers with children and youth ministries are required to read the Safe Child policy and submit applications. All youth, who are 17 and younger, must fill out personal information forms. Adults, who are 18 years old and older, must submit appropriate paperwork for a criminal background check.

During the June Session meeting, the elders and pastors affirmed our existing Safe Child policy, with two major revisions. First, Session added staff members who can receive information about suspected abuse or inappropriate behavior. Now staff members include the Co-Directors of Children's Ministry and the Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministries. Second, Session assigned the Christian Education Committee to review this policy. This committee consists of Associate Pastor, Co-Directors of Children's Ministry, Director of Young Adult and Youth Ministries, and chairs of the Children, Youth and Adult ministry teams. Every three years this committee will review the policy and submit their recommendations to Session.

Hospitality Extended

We welcome friends and representatives of the Presbyterian Church in South Korea as part of a delegation visiting the Presbytery of Lake Huron. Among our guests in worship this morning are YoungHwan Kim (“Young”) and SeokJun Ko (“Ko”), who are being hosted by Allan and Linda Fowler. Young and Ko have recently returned from their experience at the Presbyterian Youth Triennium at Purdue University. We welcome our friends!

Two-Coins-A-Meal

Today is the day to make some NOISE with our noisy offering!!!! Let's make this a day that really counts in our fight against poverty. Through our prayers and noisy offering we can provide more than just a nutritious meal for a hungry child. We can provide a child hope for the future. Offerings will be taking during the 9:00 a.m. service and during Children's time at the 10:45 a.m. service. Thank you for your prayers and coins.



Monday, July 26: MPC vs. Eagle Ridge Church of God

7:30 p.m. Emerson Park Field 2

Monday, August 2: MPC vs. Zion Beaver Church

7:30 p.m. Emerson Park Field 2