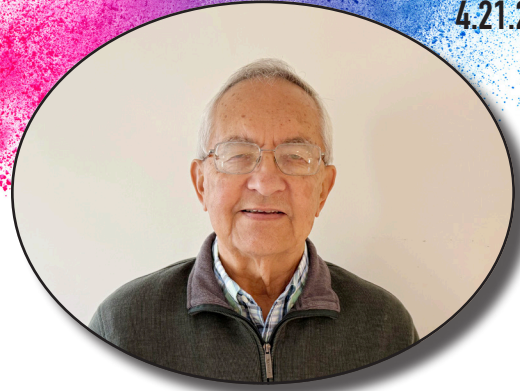


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## Lasting Legacy

MPC's Reaching Out for Justice and Peace workgroup is excited to offer you a special presentation with the founder of Midland's The Legacy Center for Community Success, Dick Dolinski. "A Framework for Youth Success" meets on Saturday, April 27 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 53. Dick will challenge us with a discussion about the determinants for youth success that evolved from his research, including a model of four key elements. He will also provide suggestions on programs and policy changes that are necessary to implement this model. Dick's passion for caring about young people's education stems from his disagreement with school systems habitually receiving all of the criticism for a child's shortcomings. He says, "If you want to know the source of any problem, don't just look at it where you are – go upstream." We look forward to his insightful and inspirational talk.

Dick was born and raised in Detroit and graduated from the University of Detroit with a degree in physical organic chemistry. He enjoyed his 32-year career with The Dow Chemical Company in the US and Asia in research and corporate management. His passion for helping others led to his involvement with several nonprofits, including many that MPC has ties with, like ACT Uganda's TEACH team that improved a Muko high school. Dick is also helping Rieek Nyoach establish the US arm of his nonprofit agency that offers education to those in the Kenyan refugee camp he lived in as a teen. You may recall Rieek's story in last year's summer issue of *Illumination*.

ROJP sponsors topical events like this one and others like the Christmas "Alternative Gifts" Fair and Presbyterian Coffee Project. The workgroup meets monthly to discuss issues that are relevant to our local, national, and global neighbors. If you have an interest in equality, race, religion, poverty, peace efforts, homelessness, food insecurity, refugees, asylum seekers, environmental causes, and more, new people are warmly welcomed to join. For more information, contact ROJP chair Mary Ann Gilbert at 989-859-7324 or maryanngilbert@chartermi.net.

A graphic with a purple and teal background. On the left, it says "Game Night! Friday, April 26 6:30-8:30 p.m. Parlor". On the right, there is a purple speech bubble containing a logo of a plant in a circle and the text "MPC CONNECTING PEOPLE TO PEOPLE" and "God Renewing Our WOMEN". Below the text is a checkered board with several red and yellow circular pieces.

## Events

Sunday, April 21 • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

**Worship Services**

Sunday, April 21 • 12:00 noon

**VBS Volunteer Training:** Meet in the Parlor for snacks, overview, and sneak peek at the special week.

Wednesday, April 24 • 10:00–11:00 a.m.

**Health Talk:** Come to Mayton Hall for a free breakfast and health discussion. RSVP to moffice@glhcu.com.

Friday, April 26 • 6:30–8:30 p.m.

**God Renewing Our Women – Game Night:** Women are invited to a fun game night in the Parlor.

Saturday, April 27 • 10:00–11:30 a.m.

**A Framework for Youth Success:** Meet in Room 53 to hear from Dick Dolinski of The Legacy Center.

### Saturday, April 27

**Walk MS Midland:** Reaching Out Locally and many MPC members support this National Multiple Sclerosis Society fund-raiser, and you're invited to participate. For more info, visit [www.walkms.org](http://www.walkms.org) or contact Helen at [mshemyers@outlook.com](mailto:mshemyers@outlook.com).

### Sunday, April 28

**Worship Services • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
**Confirmation Class Reception • 12:00 noon**

### Sunday, April 28 • 9:30–10:30 & 12:00–12:30

**Presbyterian Coffee Project:** Stop by the lobby to purchase Equal Exchange coffee bags, tea boxes, chocolate bars, cocoa mix, and olive oil. Cash only.

### Register by May 1

**Saturday, June 8 • 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.**

**Cedar Point:** Students in grades 5–12 and college are invited to a fun day at Cedar Point. Transportation, food, and drinks are included. Register on Realm.

### Sunday, May 5 • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

**Worship Services**

### Sunday, May 5 • 12:00 noon

**Moving Up – Craft Day:** Fourth-graders and fifth-graders have lunch together then craft sea-themed items for themselves and VBS. For details, contact Kindra at [children@mempres.org](mailto:children@mempres.org).

### May 5–9

**PW Rummage Prep & Sale:** Please sign up in the lobby to help. One volunteer will win a lap quilt by Ann Rothman. All proceeds benefit PW missions.

*Ingathering: Sunday, May 5 • 12:00–5:00*

*Sorting: Monday, May 6 • 9:00–5:00*

*Opening Day: Tuesday, May 7 • 12:00–7:00*

*Half-Price: Wednesday, May 8 • 12:00–6:00*

*\$2 Bag • Thursday, May 9 • 9:00–12:00*

### Monday, May 6 • 7:30 p.m.

**PW Horizons Bible Study**

### Saturday, May 11

**10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Car Wash:** Pull up to the Rodd Street drive and pay-what-you-can to aid our Youth Ministry's Montreat conference participants.

**12:00–4:00 p.m. Crawfish Boil:** Rain or shine, meet on the back lawn for crawfish, hot dogs, music, activities, and more. Please sign up in the lobby to help. For more info, contact [daveliz3@chartermi.net](mailto:daveliz3@chartermi.net).

**4:00 p.m. Vespers – Detroit Handbell Ensemble:** DHE celebrates its 30th anniversary with "My Favorite Things" featuring original compositions, popular picks, and Motown magic. This free concert takes place in the Sanctuary.

**Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
**Worship Services**

### Wednesday, May 15 • 9:30 a.m.

**Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study**

### Sunday, May 19

**Worship Services • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.**  
**Baccalaureate Reception • 12:00 noon**

### Wednesday, May 22 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Home to Stay "Welcome Home" Luncheon:** In 1969, MPC and nine other churches created the nonprofit Home to Stay (formerly Midland Area Homes) whose mission is to prevent and combat homelessness. We are invited to a free luncheon at the country club. RSVP to [info@myhometostay.org](mailto:info@myhometostay.org).

### Wednesday, May 22 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

**Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:** Enjoy dinner guest speaker, and awards ceremony. Contact Kindra at [children@mempres.org](mailto:children@mempres.org) for details.

## Regular Events

### Sunday

**9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • Worship**  
**9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • Children's Sunday School**  
**9:45 a.m. • Adult Bible Study** in the Colonial Room  
**12:00 noon • Middle School Youth Group**  
**5:00 p.m. • High School Youth Group**

### Monday

**1:30 p.m. • PW Knitting & Crocheting Group**  
**5:30 p.m. • Covenant Ringers**

### Tuesday

**6:00 p.m. • Bells of Praise**

### Wednesday

**6:00–6:30 p.m. • Joyful Noise**  
**6:30–7:30 p.m. • Middle School Lighthouse**  
**6:35–7:15 p.m. • Kingdom Kids**  
**7:00 p.m. • Adult Bible Study**  
**7:30–8:00 p.m. • Middle School Music**  
**7:30–8:30 p.m. • High School Lighthouse**

### Thursday

**9:30 a.m. • Women's Bible Study**  
**7:00 p.m. • Chancel Choir**

### Ongoing

**HELP Food Pantry:** pudding, gelatin, bags  
**Art in the Library:** Memorial Presbyterian Preschool  
**VBS Registration:** [www.mempres.org/vbs](http://www.mempres.org/vbs)  
**Midtown Mission Garden:** eggshells, coffee grounds