



MECHANICSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church is a marvelous mixture of God's people. We are strong and weak, sad and joyful, faithful and sinful, graced and searching, young and old, married, single, divorced and widowed. Regardless of who we are, we need one another and we need to celebrate Jesus Christ who lives within us. We're glad you're here!



July 11, 2010
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:30 AM

Gathering Around the Word
We gather knowing God is with us

If you have a prayer request you would like to share with the pastors, please fill out a card from the pew rack and hand it to the usher during the first hymn. The Prayer Chain and staff pray for those you have mentioned and others throughout the week. Please let us know of any changes.

Quiet Meditation

A time of relative quiet in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the week.

Every day do something that won't compute. Love the Lord. Love the world. Work for nothing. Love someone who does not deserve it. Plant sequoias. Be joyful though you have considered the facts.

Practice resurrection.

- Wendell Berry -

We live under the mercy. God does not treat us as alien others, lining us up so [as to] evaluate our competence or our usefulness or our worth. God rules, guides, commands, loves us as children whose destinies God carries in God's heart. The word *mercy* means that the upward look to God in the heavens does not expect God to stay in the heavens, but to come down, to enter our condition, to accomplish the vast enterprise of redemption, to fashion, in us, God's eternal salvation.

- Eugene Peterson, *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction* -

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

During this time, please take a moment to sign the pew pad and pass it along the pew, taking note of the persons sitting with you so you can greet them warmly by name.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus

Arr. H. Alexander Matthews

***Call to Worship**

Colossians 1

We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints.

We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to us.

We have not ceased praying and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will,

So that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord as we bear fruit in every good work.

Let us worship the Lord!

It is right to give the Lord our thanks and praise!

***Hymn #485**

To God Be the Glory

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***Opening Prayer**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have passed by your neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of the Christ who came to bind up the wounds of the one by the side of the road... (time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response #579**

Gloria Patri

Greatorex

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

***The Passing of God's Love and Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you... **And also with you.**

Proclaiming the Word

We experience the Word of God.

Children's Moment

Kathryn Johnston

Hymnal Supplement #26

Change My Heart, O God

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 82

p. 542

This is the Word of the Lord... **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

There is a Time (Ecclesiastes 3: 1-18)

Craig Courtney

Ruth Brommer

*****Scene 1:** They asked, "Who's my neighbor and whom should I love; for whom should I do a good deed?" Then Jesus related a story and said, "It's anyone who has a need, yes, it's anyone who has a need."

Scene 2: There was once a traveler set on by thieves who beat him and left him to die; a priest and a Levite each saw him in pain, but they turned away and walked by, yes, they turned away and walked by.

Scene 3: A certain Samaritan then came along to bind up his wounds and give aid; he took him to stay at an inn until well, and for all the service he paid, yes, for all the service he paid.

Conclusion: I know who's my neighbor and whom I should love, for whom I should do a good deed; for Jesus made clear in the story he told, it's anyone who has a need, yes, anyone who has a need.

Sermon

The High Road

Kathryn Z. Johnston

Responding to the Word

We affirm our faith and commitment to the Word of God.

***Declaration of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

Our church states its faith and bears witness to God's grace in Jesus Christ by using eleven creeds and confessions. In these confessional statements the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes and what it resolves to do. These confessional statements are subject to the authority of Jesus Christ and the Word of God.

The following is the Apostles' Creed, which in its earliest form dates back to 180 AD. The word 'catholic' refers to the entire Christian church; 'quick' means living:

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #407When a Poor One*

EL CAMINO

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering of Tithes & Gifts**Offertory***Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Arr. Richard Walters

Ruth Brommer

***Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

***Prayer of Dedication**



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Participating in Worship:

- Greeters:** Pat Heintzelman, Lisa Pepper, Karen Vandrew
- Ushers:** David Braden, Susan Miller, Chuck & Pat Schaal
- Readers:** Lynne Zerbe, Darwin Hollinger
- Nursery:** Lauren King, Pat Heintzelman, Missy & Randy Rulapaugh
- Fellowship Hour:** Rulapaugh Family
- Church to Pray for This Week:** St. Andrews

Krislund Camp – At Krislund this week from MPC will be Heather and Lauren Roach.

SOCIAL GROUP

Theology on Tap – We will be meeting at 7:30 PM at T.J. Rockwell’s on Sunday, July 25 to discuss the movie, *Toy Story 3*.

CALENDAR JULY 11- 18, 2010

SUN:	8:15 AM	Spiritual Life & Stewardship Com.
	9:30 AM	Summer Worship Service
	10:45 AM	Summer Sunday School
		Youth Mission Trip to Cornwall
		Cornerstone deadline
MON:		
TUE:	8:30 AM	Happy Hikers
	12 N	Ecumenical Food Pantry
WED:		
THU:		
FRI:	6:15 AM	Men’s Bible Fellowship
SAT:	11:00 AM	Through It All, Hoss’s
SUN:		Communion
	10:45 AM	Summer Sunday School
		MPC week at Krislund

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Sunday School begins TODAY! There are two classes for adults: Pastor Kathryn Johnston will lead a class on *The Screwtape Letters* that will meet in Fellowship Hall. Dave Dinger will lead a discussion class on Christian parenting that will meet in the Conference Room. Kathy Wells will lead a broadly graded class that will be “surfing through the scriptures and surfing around the world,” that will meet in Lower Fellowship Hall. The classes will meet after morning worship, from approximately 10:45 AM until 12 noon. Please join us, even if you have not registered for a class previously.

Krislund Camp – Those planning on volunteering with our church at Krislund Camp the week of July 18-24, our time is only one week away! If you have not already done so, please fill out the volunteer application on the camp’s web site: www.krislund.org. On the home page, click on “volunteer” on the left, and the form will come up. Please note that this year for the first time, Krislund is requesting a \$50 contribution to cover food expenses for volunteers; however, this is strictly a volunteer donation. We are supposed to arrive at Krislund between 3 and 3:30 PM on July 18. Please let Kathy Wells know that you are planning on volunteering.

Vacation Bible School – will be the week of August 9-13. We still need some supplies: two-liter plastic soda bottles, and the inside cardboard tubes from paper towel rolls. Please bring these items to the church and give them either to Bob Bell or Kathy Wells.

July 11 - 17 – Youth Mission Trip to Cornwall, Ontario

Wednesday, July 28 – Tubing Down the Yellow Breeches – We will meet at church at 4:30 PM. If you can, please bring your own inner tube.

Sunday, August 1 – Mission Trip Presentation Sunday – The youth mission trip participants will be leading worship at the 9:30 AM worship service and sharing about the mission trip.

CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian Women: Bible study books on Revelation will be available following the service today in the gathering area. The cost per book is \$8.

New chairs have been purchased to replace the stacking chairs currently being used in Fellowship Hall and the Conference Room. The Property & Maintenance Committee will be taking delivery of the new chairs on or about July 23. Any member of the congregation interested in purchasing one or more of the old chairs for \$5 each should contact Ran Singiser (766-5076 or rsingiser@aol.com). Those chairs not sold to members of the congregation will be advertised for sale through various channels. We will make the chairs available to those outside the church beginning on August 2.



Operation Wildcat Project Back to School

Meeting the needs of All Students in our District

What is Operation Wildcat? The Mechanicsburg Area School District PTOs, Parent Advisory Group, and community members are working together with the school district administration and staff to pool resources to help those of our own – our local families in need – on an on-going basis.

What is Project Back to School? This summer we are collecting the items listed below in donation bins throughout our district June 21st through September 10th. Items are stored in a central storage site in the District Office Building for guidance counselors, nurses and teachers to access for distribution to students in need.

What Items are Needed?

Back to School Supplies (new):

- backpacks (age & gender neutral)
- binders - 2 inch
- book covers (age & gender neutral)
- subject dividers w/pockets
- colored pencils
- crayons (8-16 ct. packs)
- erasers (large pink)
- highlighter
- index cards
- lunch boxes
- markers (dry erase, black fine line)
- pencil boxes & cases, post-its (sm. & reg.)
- protractors
- scissors (small)
- scotch tape

Personal Items (new):

- brushes, combs & combs
- deodorant (men's & women's)
- hand sanitizers
- shampoo, conditioner
- toothbrushes
- tissues

Books (new or gently used)

All school ages

Calculators (new/gently used)

Texas Instrument 34 & 83 models

** Gift cards to Giant, Wal-Mart and Target

Where can I donate Items?

THE RECEPTACLE IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

** Gift cards should not be left in the bins but can be mailed to or dropped off at the district office c/o "Operation Wildcat", MASD, 100 E. Elmwood Ave., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

For more information on Operation Wildcat or to get involved, please visit us on the MASD district Website: www.mbgdsd.org/operationwildcat, or contact Leslie Collins at 795-7372, or mommagic@comcast.net.

