



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 25, 2010
17th 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 pass it to the center aisle where an usher will collect it 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.

Q. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

-- The Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 1

[The following is part of a letter C. S. Lewis wrote to his father in Ireland (his mother died when he was small). Lewis was in a London hospital recovering from wounds received during World War I. His father never came to visit him.]

"Wherever I am I know that you will come and see me. You know I have some difficulty in talking of the greatest things; it is the fault of our generation and of the English schools. But at least you will believe that I was never before so eager to cling to every bit of our old home life and to see you. I know I have often been far from what I should be in my relation to you, and have undervalued an affection and generosity which an experience of 'other people's parents' has shown me in a new light. But, please God, I shall do better in the future. Come and see me, I am homesick, that is the long and the short of it."

-- Letters of C. S. Lewis, June 20, 1918

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.

Choral Prelude

If You Search with All Your Heart (Jeremiah 29:11-14)
Amy Yovanovich

Craig Courtney

*Call to Worship

Let us worship God who is rich in mercy,
Who makes us alive when we are dead,
Who gives new life out of God's great love for us:
Let us worship God.

*Hymn #47

O Sing to the Lord

CANTAD AL SENOR

*Opening Prayer

*Prayer of Confession

O Lord, compassionate beyond measure, merciful beyond belief, we have been in the far country, lost in our sin, distant from you, seemingly beyond your reach. Yet something is calling us back. Somehow, we hope to return to you. We're just not sure about the details. Yet before we can work out what to say, you are running to us. Before we can voice our confession, your arms are around us, welcoming us home. Your forgiveness astounds us. Help us to believe that it is so, for the sake of Jesus Christ ... (time of silent confession)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Hymn #355

*Hear the good news of salvation, Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love You! Jesus Christ, You save from sin!
How I love You! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.*

*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

Sharon Chizar

Hymnal Supplement #11

Great Is the Lord

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Luke 15:11-24

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

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Special Music

Reach Out Your Hand, Lord

Rolla Lehman

If I raise my fist to heaven, will you listen Lord, do You listen?
If I fall on my knees and pray, will You help me find the way?
Even when I question all I hear, when I lose faith will You stay near?
Reach out your hand, Lord. And save what's left of me.
When shadows fill my day, so dark I cannot see.
I seek a place within your grace or I am lost.
I owe the cost that Jesus paid for me.

If I whisper in the darkness, will You hear me, Lord, do You hear me?
If I praise Your name in all things, will You save me from what life brings?
Even when I struggle, when I'm weak, when I don't listen, will You still speak?
Reach out your hand, Lord, and save what's left of me.
When shadows fill my day, so dark I cannot see.
I seek a place within your grace or I am lost.
I owe the cost that Jesus paid for me.

No matter how many times I question Your love, You never stop loving me from above.
When shadows fill my day, so dark I cannot see.
I seek a place within your grace or I am lost.
I owe the cost (am I worth the cost?) that Jesus paid for me.

Second Lesson

Philippians 2:1-16

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

Sermon

Proud

Stephen Choi

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 #280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

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

Deep River

arr. Moses Hogan

*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

Bearing & Following the Word

We declare the Word of God throughout the week.

*Hymn

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

Walter Pelz

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
Here you heard my dear Son's story, Here you touched him, saw his glory,
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.*

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you, Here his tender comfort stilled you;
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

*I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace,
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace,
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother;
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.*

*Charge & Benediction

*Response

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

Dale Wood

*Postlude

Voluntary on Beach Spring

Dale Wood

*** Please greet one another in Christ's name ***

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VISITORS: Welcome! There is a table located in the back of the Sanctuary with more information about MPC and someone to answer your questions. Fair trade coffee and snacks are served after worship in the Gathering Area just outside the Sanctuary doors. This is also where you will find the restrooms, including baby changing stations. We're glad you're here! Children's worship kits are located in the back of the Sanctuary. Worship aids are available from the ushers. (Please remember to turn off the audio receivers after use.) Thank you!

Returning this morning, Ms. Amy Yovanovich will share her wonderful voice with us. Amy is well known throughout the area and beyond as a world class vocalist. Amy sings with the PA Academy of Music Opera Theatre Workshop and performs with the Lancaster and Harrisburg Opera Companies. She was the recipient of the prestigious Oxnard Gold Medal in 1998 and won first place in the American Traditions Competition. Recently she performed at the Forum with two other outstanding sopranos in a program entitled *The Three Sopranos*.

Participating in Worship:

- Greeters:** Linda & Larry Davis
- Ushers:** Karen & Mike Zang; Kay & Dick McDonald
- Reader:** Montienne Trouton
- Nursery:** Corinne Flemming, Lesley Winfield, Holly Fawber, Jenna Singiser
- Fellowship Hour:** Marianna Heeter
- Church to Pray for This Week:** Lost Creek Presbyterian Church, McAlisterville, Pa.

The flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Delores Fickes; in gratitude for our wonderful church staff by Joan and Al Maybee.

The white rose is placed in memory of Charlotte J. Ramage who joined the Church Triumphant July 17, 2010. Charlotte became an affiliate member of MPC June 24, 2002. She served as an Elder and Deacon at Mt. Carmel First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Carmel, PA. Our sympathy is extended to her family.

CALENDAR JULY 25 – AUGUST 1, 2010

SUN:	10:45 AM 7:30 PM	Summer Sunday School Theology on Tap, TJ Rockwell
MON:		
TUE:	8:30 AM 7 PM	Adopt-A-Highway Book Club
WED:	4:30 PM	PYC Tubing
THU:		
FRI:	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
SAT:		
SUN:	9:30 AM 10:45 AM	Mission Trip Sunday Summer Sunday School

Pastor Kathryn is out of the office on vacation and will return Wednesday, August 4.

KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

- Elizabeth Walters – Messiah Village, Wagner 21
- Dale Zirkle – Holy Spirit 364

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

- Betty Flaig – Hawaiian Isles RV Resort #193B
4137 Poli Poli Ct., Ruskin, FL 33570-3665
- Flo Yawger – Country Meadows 306

The Zirkle family would like to thank our church family for the outpouring of love and prayers they have received during Dale's recent hospitalization.

My thanks to Myrtle for her prayers and phone calls, to the Deacons and other members of the congregation for their prayers, cards and calls during my recent illness. I appreciate your concern and get-well wishes.
-- Jane Follweiler

4 Winds Saxophone Quartet
ANNUAL LAWN CONCERT
 TONIGHT @ 7 PM
 719 McCormick Road, Mechanicsburg, PA
 (Bring a lawn chair)
 Rain Date - Sunday, August 1, 2010

PRESBYTERIAN **YOUTH** CONNECTIONS

Sunday, August 1 – Mission Trip Presentation Sunday – The youth mission trip participants will help lead worship at the 9:30 AM worship service.

Thursday, August 5 – Dorney Park & Wildwater Kingdom – We will meet at church at 8:30 AM to go to Dorney Park in Allentown. We should be back by 8 PM. The cost for admission is \$25. If you are plan-ning to go, contact Pastor Stephen by Sunday, August 1.

Monday, August 16 – Downtown Daily Bread – We will meet at church at 11:30 AM and will return by 2:30 PM. If you are interested in going, please contact Pastor Stephen.

CHURCH NEWS

New chairs have been purchased to replace the stacking chairs currently being used in Fellowship Hall and the Conference Room. If you are interested in purchasing the old chairs at \$5 each, contact Ran Singiser (766-5076 or rsingiser@aol.com). Chairs not sold by August 2 will be advertised for sale.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Summer Sunday School continues this morning, with two classes for adults: *The Screwtape Letters* class in Fellowship Hall and Dave Dinger's class on Christian parenting meeting in the Conference Room. The children's class will meet in Lower Fellowship Hall. Please join us, even if you have not registered for a class previously.

Vacation Bible School will be the week of August 9-13. Supplies needed are two-liter plastic soda bottles. Please bring them to church and give them to Bob Bell or Kathy Wells. A registration form for VBS is included in this morning's bulletin.

MISSION

Giant Gift Cards – Orders will be taken next Sunday, August 1, for Giant gift cards. If you want to place a standing order, or change your existing standing order, you may do so next week. The 5% proceeds from the sale of these gift cards will go to support the 2011 adult mission trip.

Cumberland Vista (CROSS) needs your help. Each week Oak Grove donates a variety of fresh produce to our friends at Cumberland Vista. The food that is donated helps Cumberland Vista save on grocery bills, but preparing it is more than the small staff can handle. Help is needed peeling, slicing and dicing this bounty to freeze for future use. If you can spare 1-2 hours on a Wednesday morning and would like to help, or if you would be able to take food home to work on, please call Luanne (432-2822) to make arrangements. This does not have to be a weekly commitment. One-time-only volunteers are also appreciated.

SOCIAL GROUP

Adopt-A-Highway pickup is scheduled Tuesday, July 27. Meet at the church at 8:30 AM. We need at least eight people. Please contact the Sharers (761-2518 or lshare@verizon.net) if you can help.

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

Married with Children Picnic and Pool Party - Join us on Saturday, August 14, at 2 PM at 85 Honey Road, Dillsburg. There will be games, swimming and lots to eat. Bring a covered dish and a drink to share. RSVP to Bob and Barb Bell (350-4962 or wwolfey@aol.com).



PEACH FESTIVAL

Saturday, August 28th

4 - 7 PM

Fellowship Hall

Fresh Peaches & Ice Cream

Chicken Corn Soup

Beef/Pork Barbecues

Hot Dogs

Peach Pies & Other Desserts

Pre-order Soup: August 15 & 22

Assist with preparing corn on
Wednesday, August 25 @ 10 AM





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.mbgd.org/operationwildcat, or contact Leslie Collins at 795-7372, or mommagic@comcast.net.