



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 4, 2010
14th 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.

It is God Who Holds the Nations

Fred Pratt Green, 1976

*It is God who holds the nations in the hollow of his hand;
It is God whose light is shining in the darkness of the land;
It is God who builds his city on the Rock and not on sand: The living God be praised!*

*It is God whose purpose summons us to use the present hour;
Who recalls us to our senses when a nation's life turns sour;
In the discipline of freedom we shall know his saving power: The loving God be praised!*

*When a thankful nation, looking back, has cause to celebrate
Those who win our admiration by their service to the State;
When self-giving is a measure of the greatness of the great: The loving God be praised!*

*God reminds us every sunrise that the world is ours on leave-
For the sake of life tomorrow may our love for it increase;
May all races live together, share its riches, be at peace: The loving God be praised!*

ENTER TO WORSHIP – DEPART TO SERVE

Welcome & Concerns of the Church

*During this time, please take a moment to **put on the name tag distributed with your bulletin** and sign the pew pad and pass it along the pew. Please take note of the persons sitting with you so you can greet them warmly by name.*

Prelude

Song for the Nations

arr. Mark Hayes

***Call to Worship**

The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain majesties.

God's word of grace fills the spacious skies.

The amber waves of grain remind us of God's abundant care.

Above the fruited plain is God's eternal joy in anyone who turns from sin and follows the path of truth.

In every nation, in every heart, God is working for good.

Let our songs rise, and let God's praise be heard from sea to shining sea.

***Hymn #464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

***Opening Prayer**

***Prayer of Confession**

Peter Marshall

O God we need your help to do something about the world's true problems – the problem of lying, which is called propaganda; the problem of selfishness, which is called self-interest; the problem of greed, which is often called profit; the problem of lust masquerading as love; the problem of materialism, the hook which is baited with security.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for the spiritual understanding which is better than political wisdom, that we may see our problems for what they are. This we ask in Jesus' name... (time of silent confession)

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response #579**

*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

Mary Speedy

Hymnal Supplement #5

Christ Beside Me

BUNESSAN

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

Psalm 125

p. 572

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

Anthem

Finale Medley (Give thanks, We are His People, Lord's Prayer)

Women's Ensemble

Hymn Introduction

Hymn #561

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

AMERICA

Hymn Introduction

Hymn #289

O God of Every Nation

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Second Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

p. 201

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

Meditation

Freedom

Myrtle E. McCall

Responding to the Word

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

***Declaration of Faith**

The Confession of 1967, 9.45

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 an excerpt from the Confession of 1967 which was written as a response to the challenges of a modern world and culture. It is built around a single passage of Scripture, "In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself" (2 Cor. 5:19).

God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace... Although nations may serve God's purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.

***Hymn #293**

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

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

He is Exalted

arr. Mark Hayes

***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 #564**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

***Charge & Benediction**

***Response**

*Go with God, go with God,
As you leave this place, go with God.
God will direct your way, God will light ev'ry day,
As you leave this place, go with God. (repeat)*

***Postlude**

*America, the Beautiful
The God of Abraham Praise*

**Samuel A. Ward
Gordon Young**

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

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 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!

The flowers are placed to the glory of God in memory of wife and mother Diane L. Schreffler from David, Brian and Eric Schreffler; in honor of Janet Meredith's birthday by her children and grandchildren.

The white rose on the communion table is placed in memory of Elder Melody A. Porter, who joined the church triumphant June 28, 2010. Our sympathy is extended to her mother Miriam, brother Robert A., Jr. and his family, and to her friends. Melody joined Mechanicsburg Presbyterian Church April 10, 1968 and has served as an Elder, Deacon, Chancel Choir Member, Nominating Committee chair, C. E. and Mission Committees, teacher of Bible Study Plus and Adult Topics Class planning committee.

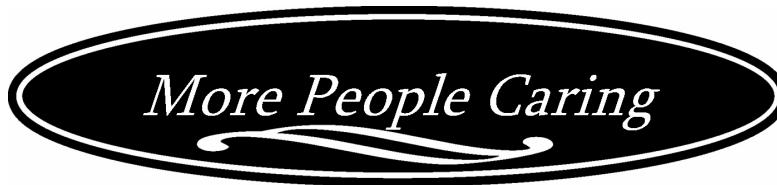
KNOWN TO BE HOSPITALIZED

- Mary Bressler – Holy Spirit 828 MIC
- Betty Flaig - Hawaiian Isles RV Resort #193B, 4137 Poli Poli Court, Ruskin, FL 33570-3665
- Susanne Fink – Harrisburg 275
- Charlotte Ramage – Golden Living Center #1325
- Dale Zirkle – Holy Spirit Heart Center 268

HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL

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Participating in Worship:

Greeters: Faye Atchison, Pauline & Tom Pyke
Ushers: Pat & Gary Heintzeman, Craig Fawber, Dick McDonald
Reader: John Jaminet
Nursery: Katie Chase, Keni Melphis, Susan & Jason Albert
Fellowship Hour: Barbara Bell
Church to Pray for This Week: Christ Presbyterian Church, Lebanon, PA

CALENDAR JULY 4 - 11, 2010

SUN:	9:30 AM	Summer Worship Service
MON:		Church Office Closed
	11:45 AM	Downtown Daily Bread
TUE:	8:30 AM	Happy Hikers
WED:	9:30 AM	Staff Meeting & Lunch
THU:	7 PM	Adult Topics Committee, CR
FRI:	6:15 AM	Men's Bible Fellowship
SAT:		
SUN:		Newsletter Deadline
	8:15 AM	Spiritual Life & Stewardship Com.
	10:45 AM	Summer Sunday School
SUN-SAT:		Youth Mission Trip, Ontario, Canada



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.

Summer Sunday School – There will be five sessions of Summer Sunday School at MPC: July 11, 18, 25 and August 1 and 8 at 10:45 AM. Pastor Kathryn Johnston will lead a class on *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Dave Dinger will lead a class on Christian parenting. Kathy Wells will teach a "broadly graded" children's class, surfing through the scriptures and surfing around the world to our mission sites. Child care can be provided for those under the age of two if requested. Please fill out the registration form below today.

2010 Summer Sunday School Registration

YES, I am interested in the following class:

- The Screwtape Letters* Christian Parenting
- Children's Class, Surfing Through the Scriptures
- Yes, I would like child care

Name (s) _____
E-mail _____

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Topics Planning Meeting – There will be a planning meeting for this fall's Adult Topics classes on Thursday, July 8, at 7 PM at the church. Anyone interested in helping to plan classes for the fall is invited to attend. If you have suggestions for topics that interest you, please see either Pastor McCall or Kathy Wells.

Children's Summer Sunday School Class – For children planning on attending the summer Sunday School class, please bring an extra beach towel if you have one that you can leave for the entire five weeks while we "surf" through the scriptures!! If you do not have an extra one, there will be some available for you to use.

Krislund Camp – Those planning on volunteering with our church at Krislund Camp the week of July 18 - 24, our time is only two weeks 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 voluntary donation. Please let Kathy Wells know that you are planning on volunteering.

CHURCH NEWS

Presbyterian Women: The study books on Revelation have arrived. They will be available in the Gathering Area following the 9:30 service on July 11 and 18. The cost for each book is \$8. If you can't pick your book up on either date, please contact Pat Heintzelman at 766-2001.

PW circles begin their new study year on Tuesday, September 7.

Financial Statements for the second quarter are available in the Gathering Area. Please pick up your statement to save on the expense of mailing them.

Needed: Volunteer delivery persons for Mechanicsburg Meals on Wheels, especially on Wednesdays. You may volunteer for one or more times a month; time involved is approximately from 10:30 AM - 12 Noon. If interested, please call Norma White (766-6914) or Andrea Singiser (766-5076).



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 & combos
- 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.