

Milford Presbyterian Church

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THE MILFORD messenger

From the Pastor

JUNE 2018

We have had a lot of discussion here at church lately about our future. We've reflected on our building and its shortcomings. We've acknowledged the value of our location and the potential it holds for vital ministry in our community. We have even acquired property, a concrete and faith-filled step into the next chapter in the life of this congregation.

Having just celebrated Pentecost, I am mindful of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of the church, and it certainly feels like God's Spirit is doing something here at the church on the corner. There is activity and action—a kind of holy commotion—stirring among us and leading us to wonder what might be next. If you had asked me at this time last year where I thought we would be in a year as a church, I would never have imagined the position we now find ourselves in: poised and ready for God to do something even more unexpected and surprising.

So, as we stand ready to be used by God for the work of the kingdom in Milford, and as we think hard about

what that might mean for our ministry and our facilities, now is the time to revisit the most elemental questions of who we are as a church, and to reimagine together who we might yet become.

Later this summer—at the end of July and beginning of August—everyone will be invited to participate in focused group reflection that we are calling Reimagine the Possibilities. Together we will work to answer two very basic, very important questions: Who are we? and Where are we going?

Proverbs 29:18 states, "Where there is no vision, the people perish." A Latin American proverb puts it more colloquially: "If you don't know where you're coming from, and if you don't know where you're going, then any bus will do."

We have a very clear idea of where we're coming from—the cherishing of tradition is something we in the church are good at. We want to be sure that we know where we're going. We want to be sure we are open to new ideas, new pathways of

ministry, new avenues of faithfulness. We want to reimagine what is possible for us as a church. We want to embrace the Apostle Paul's notion that God can do "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine" (Ephesians 3:20).

In a short time, you will learn more about these conversations that we will be having. In the meantime, I want to ask you to pray. Specifically, pray that God will open our hearts and minds to a new and exciting future of ministry at the church on the corner. Pray that God will plant new seeds of creativity and commitment. And pray that God will help us to reimagine the possibilities.

In Christ,



Church Ladies Movie Club

Monday, June 4, 6:30 pm

The CLMC will meet for the last time before summer on Monday, June 4th at 6:30 PM in the Parlor. The evening's movie will be the classic *Steel Magnolias*, the delightful story of six women who experience life, love, and loss in a small Louisiana Parish.

Please join us for an evening of movie watching, refreshments, and fellowship.

RSVP when possible to Susan Linn 248-310-4493 or email at Linn465@aol.com.

Billie McLeod Memorial Service

Saturday, June 9, 11 am

Join us as we gather to remember and celebrate Billie, and to celebrate our new life in Christ.

Summer Sunday School

Begins Sunday, June 17

As is our church's tradition, all children (preschool through 5th grade) will gather together for Sunday School in the summer. We will gather in the K-2 classroom where our focus will be **Discipleship: Reflecting God's Heart in Everyday Life**. Each week will feature a central Bible story and either a video or a

hands-on craft, science experiment or game that will bring the story to life for our kids

If you are willing to volunteer to help Kelly Carey teach this summer series, please contact her at (248) 240-2101 or via email at kcarey@milfordpc.org.

Vacation Bible School

July 23-27, 6-8 pm

Planning is underway for VBS 2018! We will be taking kids on the adventure of a lifetime while on a "Rolling River Rampage." This year's program will be offered in the **evenings**, July 23-27, at Milford United Methodist Church. Families can enjoy dinner together from 5:15 - 6:00 pm. Then VBS will take place from 6:00 - 8:00 pm.

Register at milfordpc.org/vbs

We need your help to make this year's program a success. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please contact Kelly Carey at (248) 240-2101 or kcarey@milfordpc.org.



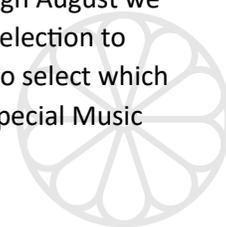
Music

Kids Bells & Westminster Handbells

Kids Bells and Westminster Handbells are now on summer hiatus. Be on the lookout for news of when the groups will start up again in late Summer. There's a place for everyone to share musically at MPC! www.milfordpc.org/connect/music

Chancel Choir

The Chancel Choir will continue to meet Wednesdays through June 13. Beginning with the service on Sunday, June 24, we would like to showcase the many musical gifts among our members. Please consider a piece of music that you could sing and/or play as a soloist or with a small group. Each Sunday through August we would like to have one Special Music selection to enhance the service. Contact Marcus to select which Sunday you would like to share your Special Music offering.



Camping, Charcoal and Coppertone

Those are all summer memories. I still love the smell of Coppertone tanning lotion—reminds me of our wonderful parks within ten minutes of our downtown. We are so fortunate to have Proud Lake with the Huron River flowing through our Village. Next we have Camp Dearborn and then everyone's "Go To" park: Kensington. Did you know there actually was a town called Kent? Yup there really was. I spent all my life enjoying all of these three. I will give you a little history and trivia on each of these. The Huron River flows through all three Parks and into Island Lake State Park and beyond.

Let's start with the closest, Camp Dearborn. Now this used to be the "Jewel" of parks back in the day. It started in 1948 and was and still is owned by the City of Dearborn. Mayor Orville Hubbard thought that Camp Dearborn would be a home away from home for his residents. Sorry.. he was famous for not playing nice. CD had everything: metal paddleboats that burned your legs, pony rides, kayak and canoe rentals, campgrounds and the famous "Tent City" which is still there today. Families from all over the United States would have their special week every year with their special tent. You had to swim quite a ways to the rubber rafts with diving boards. Back then they had people who were called lifeguards on duty all the time. Remember them? The Canteen had dances every night and lots of fights started with the Dearborn and Milford guys. It went down hill for many years but a new Manager took over after a hundred years and is trying to bring it back. Bonus: Milford Seniors gets free annual passes. Life-long Milford resident, family friend and MPC member Herb Hollingdale would always be at the ticket booth with a big smile and his great laugh. I think I need my Camp Dearborn fix real soon.

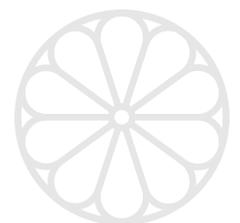
Right down Milford Road about three miles is the most famous: Kensington Metropark. The Park opened in 1947 and we should thank the Lord every day for what we have in our own backyard. Growing up there were two beaches open for swimming: Maple and Martindale Beach—that's how many people came there to swim and sunbathe. Eventually, Maple was only used for events. Last year they tore down the famous Canteen where I would get my hot dogs and ice cream. I can still smell the grilled hot dogs and Coppertone grilling the bodies on the beach. Today they have so much to do there it's hard to describe it all. Here's a smidgen of what they have to offer: Nature Center where you have cute birds land on your palms to eat your peanuts, swimming and a water park, excellent Children's Farm, paddleboat and boat rental complete

dragon and swan paddleboats, an 8-mile paved winding path around the park, boat launches and Marinas, an Early American Village complete with Early American people, and a beautiful, twenty-seven hole disc golf course (where you might find Pastor Bryant in the early morning). Don't forget the forever famous Dairy Queen at the front entrance. Again, if you are a Senior you get a \$14 discount off your annual pass—worth every last penny. I walk, hike, bike, bird watch (the Eagles are my favorite) and kayak there all the time. There is always something to do any time of year. Just think about all those people who have to fight weekend traffic to enjoy one day at our pristine park. We can ride our bikes to it anytime. Lucky, lucky us!

Last is Proud Lake Recreation Area. This park can stand on its own. Not only does the Huron River flow through it, but it also boasts 4,700 acres of dirt trails running through swampy marshes, dark woods and open meadows. You can get lost out there even with designated signs (just ask Sandi Muirhead). Here you can walk your dogs and never see anyone on a trail. The Wixom fishing site is about the only safe place to swim—sandy bottom and shallow enough for those youngsters. Canoeing and kayaking are fan favorites. If you head towards town you could paddle all the way to Lake Erie. It is exactly 100 miles from my house to Lake Erie. The Park had places to rent for the weekends or a whole week. A beautiful camp grounds is off Glengary Road. If you want a more peaceful hike I say head there. Also I have discovered two places where beaver have taken down trees on the River. Some say there are no beaver around, but I beg to differ. I have two walking sticks completely stripped of bark with teeth marks to proof it. A "P" on your license plate tabs costs you \$10 and you're in for the year.

So get out and enjoy one of Milford's amazing Parks this summer. There is something for everyone. And when you go tell them "Sandi Sent Me"!!!! And then wait for the "Strange Looks!! "

Sandi Muirhead
MPC Historian



Community Notes

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Kim Seagraves, Larry and Pat Teal, Tammy Baker, Christopher Cooper, Alana Hoeft, Janette Gabel, David & Barb Burtch, Liam Klagges, Bill & Linda Baden, Joy Ballard, Steve Baker, Sean McMullen, Jim Burley, Marty Martin, Sam Carollo, Chrissi & Jerry Emerick, Beaman Smith, Chris Beebee, Marie Webster, Tom Reynolds, Roger Voorheis, Barbara Good, George Wootton, Mary Weisheit, Jim Morrow, Mary Lou Gharrity, Pat Oman, Larry Cepuran, David Renny, Dorothy Bonnell-Tracy, Eddie Bahan, Chelsea Heron, Tom Neff, Irene John, Adam LaPratt, Ted Rancont and all military personnel of our congregation.

Service persons of our congregation:

- Sgt. Maj. M.A. McClenahan
- AP2 Kevin Warford
- Cpl. Rebecca Whitworth
- Senior Chief Renata Wilcox Adams

Please call the church office if you wish to renew or add someone to our Prayer List.

Building Updates

milfordpc.org/building

Visit this page on our website to get the latest information about our efforts to improve our facilities.

Everyone Eats

Wednesday, June 27

Summer is upon us and we invite you to sign up to join us as we prepare and serve lunch for the clients at “Everyone Eats” at Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. We will need helpers to travel with us on the fourth Wednesday of each month (June 27, July 25, and August 22). We meet at the church between 9:00-9:15 am to load food and then carpool down to “Everyone Eats.” We will also need 14 dozen cookies for each of these dates. Sign-up sheets are on the church office windows. Please select a date or two to help out. Remember many hands make less work for all. If you have questions contact Virginia Mantela at vae.piemaker@gmail.com or 810-388-8168.

Youth

Takeover

GET READY! The MPC Youth are taking over the Sunday, June 17 service. Come to worship that morning prepared for something a bit unique and exciting! Help us celebrate Fathers Day during this special service.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our five newest MPC members! These Youth have completed 2018 Confirmation:

Natalie Carey
Kristen Schang
Nathan Schang
Fletcher Smith
Ella Warzecha

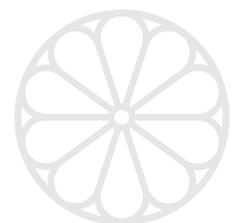
Upcoming Events

All MS and HS Youth at MPC are encouraged to join the remaining Spring Youth Group evenings June 3 and 10 (6-8PM). We'll enjoy a meal together and finalize plans for the Youth Takeover Service, which will happen **June 17**. Other dates to keep in mind:

Saturday, June 16, 9-11AM... Run-through of the Youth Takeover Service

Saturday, July 21... Michigan's Adventure trip

Sunday, Aug 5... Greenfield Village/Henry Ford trip



This 'n' That

Chancel Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for the chancel in honor or memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event, forms are located in the narthex. You can also complete the form online at milfordpc.org/forms.

Izzard Memorial Garden

Niches are available for members and their immediate family in the Izzard Memorial Garden. If you are interested in more information, contact Hanne Bishop (248-882-4415 | hanneloreetb@gmail.com).

Retirement Giving Option

If you must take a “Required Minimum Distribution” (RMD) from your retirement plan, you might want to consider making a “Qualified Charitable Contribution” directly from the plan. With the tax change this year, it may be more advantageous than in the past. **Check with your tax preparer.**

Thank You!

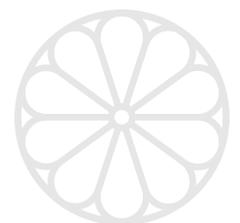
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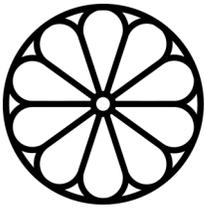
Thank you to Mike Nave, Leslie Nave, Chuck Cardinale, Dianna Speier, Dan Lafferty, Gayle Lafferty, Cheryl Perrine, Tom Combs, Carol Smith, Bob Parrett, Debi Parrett, Jon McLeod and Sandi Muirhead for helping to serve lunch for “Everyone Eats” at Spirit of Hope Church on Wednesday, May 23rd. Clients were served open faced sloppy joes, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, cookies, and punch. Thank you to Ginny O’Brien for ordering and picking up food and Dianna Speier, Ginny O’Brien and Judy Nelson for the cookies.

Thanks and blessings,
Virginia Mantela

Special thanks to all who celebrated MUSIC SUNDAY on May 20. Thanks to Milford UMC for loaning their red “pentecost” robes. Congratulations to John Staricha for having completed 20 YEARS singing with the MPC Chancel Choir! Thanks to Marilyn Burklund and Kim Ewald for the many hours/years they have dedicated to volunteering as leaders of our music ensembles. And this year, a special thank you to Jennifer Ginther to being a sub director as needed! We are so blessed with so many gifted people at MPC!

Marcus





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“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news!”

Isaiah 52:7

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Dates to Remember

June 9

Memorial Service for Billie McLeod, 11 am

June 10

Graduate Recognition

June 17

Father's Day

Youth Takeover Service
