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THE MILFORD messenger

From the Pastor

OCTOBER 2018

A short time ago, I marked my 35th birthday. While I have yet to make it over any hills (though the grey at my temples begs to differ), I can't help but feel that my relationship with time is shifting. Just the other day, I was driving somewhere with my two younger kids in the car, and Emmi asked when her half birthday would be. Her question made me realize that this momentous day had just passed unnoticed two days prior. Needless to say, she was thrilled to know that she is now four *and-a-half*! "I already feel stronger," she said in response.

So perhaps I blame my children—they grow and change before my eyes, making me more sensitive than ever to the passing of years, months, weeks, and sometimes, even days.

But I think the church is also to blame. The more time I spend in the church, the more I realize that it occupies a very unique space in contemporary society. Life moves fast these days and we get caught up in the motion, orienting ourselves toward the next task, the next event, the next season, the next technology, the next, the next, the next (and so on). To call someone "forward-thinking" is high praise; to call them "backwards" is to invite a bloody nose.

In our current climate, we could be forgiven for thinking that time has only one dimension: the future. But we in the church know this isn't so. The church is one of the few institutions in society today that strives to occupy a difficult middle ground between both past and future, between tradition and change, between preservation and innovation, between memory and vision.

If we are honest, we must acknowledge that the church (writ large) regularly loses its balance and lunges for the safety net of nostalgia and "what has always worked." The body of Christ is more likely to be accused of being backwards than forward-thinking. We have a reputation for being change-averse (and for the most part, this reputation is well-deserved).

Be that as it may, the fact of the matter is that we try—we struggle, we work—to hold that tension. And we do it for good reason. The church's tradition is an absolute treasure: a rich source of wisdom, thought, and inspiration. Our tradition keeps us rooted, it gives shape to our identity, and it grants weight to our mission. The church's tradition is valuable and worth preserving. But that is not the church's only task. The church must

also look ahead and willingly move into the future as God calls. This requires agility, risk, and a willingness to embrace change.

When the church is at its best, it answers God's call and takes bold steps forward, never forgetting who it is and where it has come from. Rather than being a monument to a bygone era, the church becomes an instrument in the hands of the living God, doing the everyday work of God's kingdom.

This season in the life of our church is the perfect opportunity for us to step out onto that tightrope without fear, grateful for all that has come before us and confident of what God can still do through us (Hebrews 12:1-2). I am excited to see how God will use this church in Milford and beyond in the weeks, months, and years to come.

In Christ,



Youth

Updated Youth Room

When was the last time you visited the Youth Room? Stop by sometime. It's the room behind the fellowship hall stage curtain. Thanks to Jamie Carey and McNabb Flooring for the new carpet! Thanks to Lisa at Czopski's for letting us have the flatscreen that came from "Klancy's". Thanks to Leslie Nave for working on the window treatments. And thanks to all of you who, over the years, have contributed to the Youth Fund... allowing us to purchase some new furniture and lamps.

Sunday Evening Dinners

Did you know that the Youth gather for dinner on Sunday nights before their Youth Group programming begins? Families of the Youth and other MPC adults volunteer to prepare a meal for between 10 and 20 people. It's a wonderful way for our Youth to share a meal together before our fun evening games and activities. This Fall, we are still seeking volunteers to prepare a Youth dinner on 10/28 and 11/11. If you are interested, please contact Marcus asap. Receipts for all meal expenses can be submitted for reimbursement.

Special Thank You!

Special Thanks to Maureen and Bruce Bonhard for hosting a Fall Youth kickoff party at their home in early September. There were 15 Youth who took over their home for dinner, and a friendly competition including croquet, volleyball, ping-pong, kubb, s'mores at a bonfire, and snake-wrangling (ask Fiona about the snakes).

30 - Hour Famine

Our Youth are already excited about participating in a 30-Hour Famine later this Fall. Funds raised will help support hungry and hurting children who are being assisted by Key of Hope

Mark Your Calendars

30-Hour Famine

November 17 & 18

Spring Hill Winter Retreat

February 22-24

Presbyterian Youth Triennium

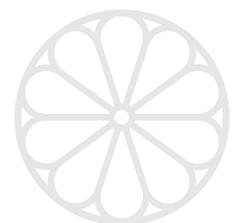
July 16-20, 2019

From the Treasurer

April 1, 2018 - August 31, 2018

Actual

INCOME	\$141,533
ORDINARY EXPENSES	<u>\$150,162</u>
SUBTOTAL	<u>(\$8,629)</u>
EXTRAORDINARY EXPENSES CONSULTING	(\$23,112)
NET LOSS	<u>(\$ 31,741)</u>



Music

I'm sad to announce that Kim Ewald has stepped down from directing our MPC children's music groups as of late September. For many years, Kim has shared God's love through her musical talent, enthusiasm and passion to the lives of many MPC kids. Thank you, Kim for all you've given to the music ministry at MPC!

New Opportunity

Do you play bass, guitar, drums, or keyboard? Would you like to jam with others as we learn some of the top contemporary Christian hits? See Marcus to get more info on this new group .

Singsation

Sunday, October 14, 4pm

SINGSATION will take place in our sanctuary on Sunday, October 14 at 4PM. MPC's Chancel Choir will host other area music groups in this collaborative program. Choirs will sing for and with one another. A special guest conductor, Yael Front, from the Cincinnati Chamber Opera, will lead a special workshop for all participating singers the day before the concert. Please invite all of your

friends to attend this special free concert! If you know a local business that might like to support SINGSATION with a \$100 ad sponsorship in the performance's program and on our website, please contact Marcus .

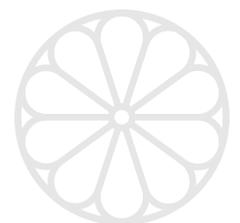
Christmas Cantata

Friday, December 14, 7pm

The Chancel Choir has already begun preparing for this year's Christmas Cantata! Mark your calendars for this seasonal event: Friday, December 14, 7PM and Sunday, December 16, 4PM.

Westminster Handbells

Westminster Handbells is always seeking ringers to join its ranks. There are spots on both the "regular" and the "substitute" list. No previous ringing experience is needed. Training will be provided! See Marilyn Burklund or Jennifer Ginther for more details.



Young & Fun

A fellowship group for those who are pretty fun and kinda young—those who have (or could have) school-aged kids.

Upcoming Events

Guys' Brewery Night

Friday, October 5, 7 pm. This is the first of a monthly brew tour for the Y&F men. Come enjoy good beer and great friends. This month we're meeting at the Drafting Table Brewing Company in Wixom .

Family Orchard Outing

Sunday, October 7, after worship. We will head to Spicer Orchards in Fenton for an afternoon together. We will picnic lunch, let the kids play, pick apples, and eat donuts. It will be a busy place on a beautiful fall afternoon, so let Kristen Anderson (kristen.r.anderson@gmail.com) know if your family will be joining us.

Bowl Painting Party

Sunday, October 7, after worship

Come paint a bowl in support of the annual fundraiser for Community Sharing. All materials will be provided .

CPR/AED Class

Thursday, October 11, 6:30 pm

There will be a CPR/AED class at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, October 11 at MPC. There is a charge of \$30. Ushers are strongly urged to attend and the charge will be waived for them. Please call the church office, 248-684-2805, by October 4 to register.

New Member Class

Sunday, October 14 & 21, after worship

Our fall new member class is now forming. If you're interested in becoming a member or learning more, sign up at milfordpc.org/membership.

Parent's Day to Shop

Saturday, December 8

Keep the date! On December 8 from 10am-2pm, drop off your kids while you get some Christmas shopping done. Infants through 5th grade are welcome to join us at church for fun, games, and the opportunity to make Christmas presents for Mom and Dad. Please send a sack lunch for each child. **NO PEANUT BUTTER** sandwiches, cookies, or snacks. We'll supply drinks and a snack. A volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted.

MPC Ladies Movie Club XII

The CLMC will meet at 6:30 PM in the Parlor on the dates listed below.

Please join us for great movie watching, refreshments, and fellowship.

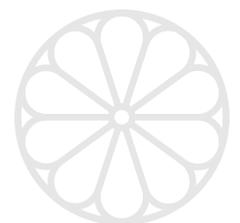
Contact Susan Linn at 248-310-4493

or SLinn465@aol.com for any questions or concerns.

2018/2019 Movie Selection

October 01	War Room
December 10	The Christmas Candle
February 04	God's Not Dead 2
April 01	Saving Sarah Cain
June 03	Somewhere in Time

A flyer of the 2018/2019 movie selections will be posted on the bulletin board outside Fellowship Hall.



A Look Back

Antiques Roadshow 101

Another item on the bucket list ticked off! The famous PBS show “Antiques Roadshow” visited Rochester’s 1920s Mansion Meadow Brook Hall (owned by Matilda Dodge Wilson) one sunny day last June. This is the first time ARS exclusively used historic landmarks in all of their 22 seasons. Others were in Florida, Oklahoma, Kentucky and California.

Sixty-five world known appraisers appraised over six thousand items in twenty categories. The 110 volunteers and many crew members picked up the rest of the slack. How did I get to the ARS, you ask? My history friend Sue had been lucky enough to conjure tickets for the ARS in Southfield and Pittsburgh, and she worked a show at Cobo Hall five years ago. She knew when to apply for the volunteer positions and let me know when to apply. Another friend also got in.

I will give you the “short” version of how the ARS really is done.

First. You can’t just get tickets by applying online—oh no, no, no! You go online and apply and hope one lucky day you see an e-mail saying you were picked from a lottery for two tickets to the ARS. There were a record-breaking 19,000 people who applied for a pair of tickets. I talked to some who donated \$500 to PBS for the honor of a ticket.

If you are fortunate enough to win a pair of tickets, you are then given instructions regarding what to bring, what will happen, and to bring two items for appraisal. But, like everything else, people don’t read or listen. I saw many people coming in with whole collections of stuff (I guess they “didn’t get the memo”).

As volunteers, we had an orientation the night before the event, and we were assigned to teams. The next morning, my friend Sue and I were the first in the parking lot and first in line (at 5 am) for a gourmet buffet breakfast and later a lunch prepared by the Master Chefs of Meadow Brook. My team leader made sure we had drinks and snacks throughout the day. Our day started at 5:45 and ended at 7 in the evening. We received a hat, polo shirt, and name tag with ARS on it. We also got to bring two items to appraise. I took my Barbie dolls (worth about

\$100 each).

Now back to the ARS.

God was with us that day—the weather turned out to be perfect. If it had rained, I can’t imagine the results—volunteers and guests alike would have been in the elements with no protection. Appraisers only had small tents and some store-bought umbrellas. Usually these shows are held in big convention centers.

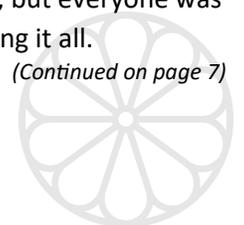
Now the procedure for the day. Guests arrived at a certain parking lot, hauling their wares—big or small (no wagons or carts allowed)—to a pick-up spot where a big touring bus comes to pick them up. Wait #1. Next, they haul their priceless antiques up the bus stairs. Some items had broken by the time they arrived to me. No volunteer was allowed to help at anytime whatsoever. I get it—who wanted to be the one to break Grandma Ethel’s precious antique serving bowl? They were on their own.

They were then driven to the courtyard where there was a security line to go through. Wait #2. After that, they were put in snake like lines for crowd control. Wait #3. The crowd is getting restless and excited by now!

They then directed them to me, the first person they see in front of Meadow Brook Hall at the triage. I guided them to an appraiser to get their category tickets. Wait #4. There were eight of them and they were very efficient. A guest would unwrap their two items and they were given the appropriate category ticket (e.g., toy, watch, etc.). I worked at that for about three hours.

Next, I scooted over about 50 yards in front the Mansion for my next duty. After visitors got their category tickets they came to us and we would walk with them through the stone walled fence and wooden gate onto the stunning Meadow Brook grounds. This is where the famous appraisers from ARS were under tents awaiting their arrival, hoping to find that one priceless heirloom that was hidden in Uncle Milton’s attic. We helped them to their first tent and then we told them where to go for the next appraisal. Wait #5. Lines were long, but everyone was so nice and just excited to be experiencing it all.

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Community Notes

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Kim Seagraves, Larry and Pat Teal, Tammy Baker, Christopher Cooper, Alana Hoef, Janette Gabel, David & Barb Burtch, Liam Klagges, Bill & Linda Baden, Joy Ballard, Steve Baker, Sean McMullen, Jim Burley, Marty Martin, Chrissi & Jerry Emerick, Beaman Smith, Chris Beebee, Marie Webster, Tom Reynolds, Roger Voorheis, Barbara Good, George Wootton, Jim Morrow, Mary Lou Gharrity, Pat Oman, Larry Cepuran, David Renny, Dorothy Bonnell-Tracy, Eddie Bahan, Chelsea Heron,

Tom Neff, Adam LaPratt, Ted Rancont Joanne Hansen, Dave Matejko, Ted Byrne, Gail Stith and all military personnel of our congregation.

Service persons of our congregation:

- Sgt. Maj. M.A. McClenahan
- AP2 Kevin Warford
- Cpl. Rebecca Whitworth

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

Get Involved

Everyone Eats Needs You

We invite you to join us as we prepare and serve lunch to clients at "Everyone Eats" at Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. We need helpers to travel with us the fourth Wednesday of each month (October 24th & 31st, November 21st & 28th, and December 19th & 26th). We meet at the church at 9:00 am to load the food and then car-pool to Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. For each of these dates, we also need 14 dozen cookies. 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 .

"Socktober"

During the month of October we will be collecting socks for the clients at "Everyone Eats". As the weather gets colder, men, women, and children will need warm socks. We will place a tub in Fellowship Hall to collect them and will deliver them to "Everyone Eats" on October 31.

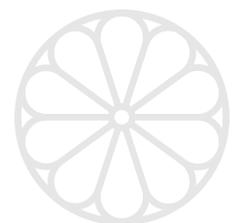
"Together in Service" Ingathering

Items Due October 7

The women of Milford Presbyterian Church join together with women from Presbyterian churches through the Presbytery of Detroit to gather clothing and other needed items for over 30 agencies within the Presbytery that help poor children and families. Please check the bulletin board along the hall going into Fellowship Hall, take a balloon, purchase the item, tape the balloon to the item, and place it in the bin in Fellowship Hall.

Meals on Wheels

We are looking to add one driver to our amazing group of volunteer Meals on Wheels drivers. If you would like to join us, please call or email Kathy Donn at kathledon@aol.com or 248-245-8037. Thank you for your consideration.



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After their appraisals, they were welcome to walk and view the beautiful gardens outside of the house. At the end you could hit the famous Feedback Booth. This is where you can talk about what you brought and if it was worth a lot or a dud or reproduction. It's an ARS fan favorite! Oh yeah...Wait #6.

During the day, appraisers would walk by and say thank you for helping. I told them "Thank You! I would have paid YOU to do this!" After it was over all the appraisers came up to talk to my team. I recognized a lot of them, but the most famous was appraiser Nicholas Lowry from New York City. He is known for his flamboyant vintage checkered suits and bow ties.

I got to watch a lot of guests being taped with their chosen unusual items which might make it on the show. I met a man who will certainly be on the show who had a black painted touring box that read "The Temptations" on it—it was worth about \$3,000. The most expensive item there (I took the owners to their appropriate tent) was.... Sorry, you're going to have watch the show!

The 23rd season kicks off in January 2019 on Channel 56 and three episodes will be taped from the Meadow Brook site. I hear there will be a party for the volunteers somewhere before the show airs.

Of all the people there, I knew just two people. It was so much fun to talk history for a whole day with people who

love history like me. We were all walking around in an Antique Dream World. We had tired aching feet after fourteen hours, but it was worth every sore toe. Like I said, I would have paid them to do that. I will let you know when it airs.

Restrooms: looooooong Wait #7.

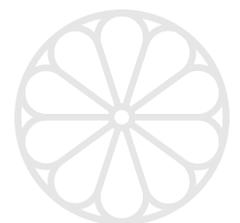
Sandi Muirhead
MPC Historian (and World Traveler)

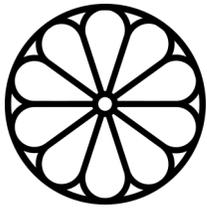
Thank You!

Everyone Eats Thank You

On Wednesday, September 26 we served a lunch of macaroni and cheese with bacon bits, pickle slices, olives, roll & butter, grapes, punch and cookies to 107 clients at the Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. Many thanks to Mike Nave, Leslie Nave, Tom Combs, Carol Smith, Bob Parrett, Debi Parrett, Betsy Cardinale, Chuck Cardinale, Gayle Lafferty, Dan Lafferty, and Sandy Muirhead for their volunteer service.

Thanks and blessings,
Virginia Mantela





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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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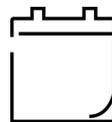
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