

# Milford Presbyterian Church

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## THE MILFORD messenger

### From the Pastor

NOVEMBER 2018

When Jerusalem was destroyed by the Babylonians in the 6th century BC, many residents were led away from their homeland to live as exiles in Babylon. Many more remained in their ancestral homeland, which had been brought to ruin by the armies of Nebuchadnezzar. What they all shared—both those who were taken to live in a foreign land and those who were left behind to pick up the pieces of their lives—was the feeling that all hope was lost.

But in the span of just a few generations, everything changed. The Babylonians were conquered by the Persians, and the Persian king returned the Jews to their home, allowed them to resume the practice of their religion, and permitted them to rebuild the wall around the city of Jerusalem—the first step to securing their future in that place. For this despairing people, hope was renewed and restored, and when they saw the bright future that lay ahead of them, they said to each other, “Let’s rise up and build.”

There is no doubt that this is a challenging time to be the church. Society as a whole is less accommodating to the practice of religion and less interested in what

the various religious institutions have to say about matters of public concern. We are certainly not facing persecution in the United States, but we are living in a kind of exile. It is easy to lament the way things are and feel that hope is lost.

But this is also an exciting time to be the church. The rapid changes taking place around us do not need to spell the church’s doom—the world has always been changing, and the church has endured. This is an exciting time to be the church because God is calling us to new methods of ministry and to creative engagement with our community. This is the perfect time to open our eyes to the future into which God is calling us, to see the amazing things that God is capable of doing among us and through us, and to rise up together in faithfulness to the call of God.

The *Rise Up* campaign, which by now you have heard some about, is going to be our primary focus this month. *Rise Up* is about a lot more than raising funds to make important improvements to our building. *Rise Up* is about our congregation coming together in prayer and eager anticipation for what God is doing in

our life together. It is about joining with others in giving sacrificially to ensure vibrant ministry at the church on the corner for many decades to come. It is about making a lasting impact for the kingdom of God in Milford.

In the weeks to come, there will be informational gatherings and a church-wide celebration. We will pray and study together with the help of a daily devotional guide. In worship, we will celebrate what God has done for us and what God continues to do through us. And we will commit ourselves to the future of this church. I hope you will avail yourself of every opportunity to be a part of what God is doing, and I pray that we might begin to expect God to do something here that far exceeds even our wildest dreams.

In Christ,



# Youth

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## Updated Youth Room

Have you seen the Youth Room lately? Stop by and check it out (behind the stage in Fellowship Hall). Thanks to Leslie Nave for adding curtains to the space.

## Sunday Evening Dinners

Our Youth Group meets most Sunday evenings for activities, games, discussions, and FOOD! We typically begin our evenings with a meal at 6PM. Adult volunteers take turns preparing and serving a meal to our Youth Group on Sunday nights. We currently have a need for someone/s to prep/serve dinner on Sunday, December 2. If you would like to help, please contact Marcus. Any meal expenses can be reimbursed.

## 30 - Hour Famine

### **Saturday & Sunday, November 17 & 18**

The 30-hour famine will take place during the weekend of November 17 & 18. MS and HS youth will challenge themselves to not eat for 30 hours in order to raise awareness

and funds to help support children in need. Adult volunteers will be needed to join the Youth on Saturday, Nov. 17 during daytime activities, and overnight at MPC (bring a sleeping bag) that night. Contact Marcus if you can volunteer.

## Christmas Caroling

All Youth are encouraged to participate in the MPC-wide Christmas Caroling event at Greenfield Village on Saturday, December 1. Details will be forthcoming. Free admission to Greenfield Village that night for all who sing carols off and on throughout the evening.

## Upcoming Events

### **Spring Hill Winter Retreat**

*February 22-24*

### **Presbyterian Youth Triennium**

*July 16-20, 2019*

(open to entering freshmen through graduated seniors)

# Community Notes

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## 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, 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, Sandy Cole, Ted Holloway, Jordon Loch, and all military personnel of our congregation.

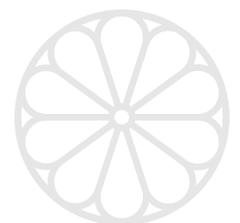
### **Service persons of our congregation:**

- 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.***

## Congratulations Dorothy!

Dorothy Bonnell-Tracy was honored as the Shining Star at a T.O.P.S Rally. Quite an accommodation for someone 90 years young!



# Music

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## Singsation Thanks!

Thank you to all who supported SINGSATION! We had a choir of nearly 50 singers performing in our sanctuary on October 14. The singers came from all over Metro Detroit representing many choirs from the area. Special Guest, Yael Front shared her voice and her directing skills and even taught us to sing in Hebrew! Please support the many Main Street businesses that helped to make this event possible: The Butcher Shoppe, The Village Florist, Main Street Grille, HV State Bank, Steve Lebowksi atty, Tige Reader RE/MAX, The Proving Grounds, HV Furniture, Czapski's, and Bangkok Thai Cuisine. We are looking forward to next year's Singsation event .

## Westminster Handbells

Can you hold a spoon? Can you splatter paint with a paintbrush? Similar techniques are all that's required for ringing a handbell. The adult Westminster Handbell group has a place for YOU. In fact, the group needs you! In recent months, this ensemble has lost a few regular ringers. This very special and unique instrument requires a minimum of 20 hands to play. The ensemble is a group that benefits from (and frankly, necessitates) ringers who can commit to attending rehearsals regularly. Currently, the group rehearses Wednesdays from 6:15-7:15PM. Music-reading skills are helpful, but not necessary. Please contact Marilyn or Marcus if you can give your time and energy to MPC by joining this group.

## Children's Music

The Children's Music program will continue meeting Sundays from 9:15-9:45. Updates to the program will be shared as soon as any changes are confirmed. All children from age 4 to grade 4 are encouraged to participate!

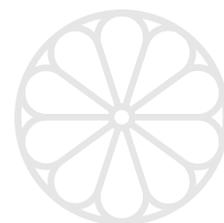
## DROSS - A New Opportunity

DROSS is a new instrumental contemporary music group that has been rehearsing at MPC for a few weeks. We are looking for more participants. Do you play guitar, bass, drums, piano, or sing? Contact Marcus for more details.

## Christmas Cantata

**Friday, December 14, 7pm & Sunday,  
December 16, 4pm**

The Chancel Choir will celebrate the Christmas season with a cantata performance on Friday, December 14 at 7PM and Sunday, December 16 at 4PM. Everyone is welcome to join the choir for this performance of Behold, A Savior. In addition to regular Wednesday evening choir rehearsals, special weekly Cantata rehearsals will take place after Sunday morning services in the chapel beginning November 4. Rehearsal CDs are available. No singing experience needed! Seriously! Come join friends as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birth through song!



## All Saints' Sunday

**Sunday, November 4**

Join us as we take time in worship to remember the saints of our congregation who have joined the Church Triumphant in the last year.

## Brunch

**Sunday, November 11, after worship**

You are invited to stay after worship and enjoy a delicious hot brunch in Fellowship Hall provided by MPC's Men's Presbyterian Association. Suggested donation is \$5 per person, \$2 for children under five, and \$10 for the whole family

## Hanging of the Greens

**Sunday, November 25, after worship**

Help decorate the church building for the Advent-Christmas season. We'll "deck the halls" together, and then we'll enjoy lunch together in the Fellowship Hall



## Caroling at Greenfield Village

**Saturday, December 1**

Join us for this MPC-wide Christmas Caroling event at Greenfield Village on Saturday, December 1. Details will be forthcoming. Free admission to Greenfield Village that night for all who sing carols off and on throughout the evening.

## Rise Up! Celebration Dinner

**Sunday, December 2, after worship**

Please be sure to turn in your RSVP for the free Celebration Dinner, to be catered by Czapski's, after worship in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 2.

If you have not received, your invitation via the USPS, please contact Judy Kleeves at 810-629-6378.

## Advent by Candlelight

**December 3 and 4, 6:30 pm**

THIS IS YOUR INVITATION to Advent By Candlelight. ALL WOMEN ARE INVITED to this spiritually uplifting evening of fellowship and dessert to start the Advent Season right. MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!

If you would like to attend this spiritually uplifting evening, contact Mary McFarland at 248-520-7186 or maryhelenmac@aol.com. Please put "Advent" as the subject line

We are in need of hostesses for this event. Hostessing involves decorating a table and providing a dessert for 10. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary McFarland, her contact information is above.

## 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 information.

### 2018/2019 Movie Selection

October 1	<i>War Room</i>
December 10	<i>The Christmas Candle</i>
February 4	<i>God's Not Dead 2</i>
April 1	<i>Saving Sarah Cain</i>
June 3	<i>Somewhere in Time</i>

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



# A Look Back

## The New North Sider Church

In 1838 the United Presbyterian and Congregational Church was born. Our first settlers built a postcard church on the beautiful Huron River. The congregation grew and on May 10, 1899, a motion was passed to build a new church over the river on the north side of town.

Sensitive feelings were had about a new project, giving up their beloved church and a new location. The Huron River was the dividing factor in this case. The two lots at the corner of North Main and Liberty were purchased for \$1000 from Mrs. Loughray.

Let our story begin. Bids were to be delivered to the Arms Brothers Store on Main St. Emil Schwind from Detroit won the bid due to the fact that he was the only bid under estimate. Lucky him! Construction was to start in July and be completed by Christmas 1899. Whoa...

Clarence Travis, age 14, brought his team of draught horses and a big scoop to dig the church foundation all by himself. His proud father insisted he could get the job done solo. Indeed!

I loved the design of our church: the two stairs, bell tower, corner turret, and brick exterior. What a statement it must have been. The two stairs were built for a reason, rumor has it. The north siders used the north side, and the south siders over the river used the south side stairs. When they met at the top of the stairs they didn't speak to each other and went to their normal pews. The rivalry continued. During the hectic construction schedule a few hiccups came up (no pun intended). Our beautiful slate roof was missing in transport and held up the interior construction. The *Milford Times* put a funny ad in the paper saying "Lost one slate roof between Penn and Mich." It came the same day the ad went out.

In 1899 the cornerstone was laid on Liberty St. In 1999 Robert and David Muirhead (Masons) opened up the cornerstone and revealed the items and then added new items and then laid the new cornerstone.

Back in 1899 you could get your name in the cornerstone for ten cents. Our stained glass windows were Art Nouveau. The designer was Gerald J. Patalidis from West Bloomfield and were made by Conrad Schmitt of Milwaukee. Members could purchase a memorial window. Nine windows were purchased. Patalidis used his faceted technique not common

in Michigan, cut from one inch thick slabs cast in sheets of epoxy resin and aggregate. This created a richness of color unequalled by conventional stained glass. These windows symbolize the three persons of God. I have the name of those persons on the windows if you would like them. In November of 1899 the church bell, purchased in 1876, was moved from the old church to its new bell tower home on Main and Liberty. The old church was voted to be disposed of.



In February 1900 the foreman of the carpenters became ill and the hammering came to a banging halt. Weeks later the project continued and was ready for Easter Service on April 15, 1900.

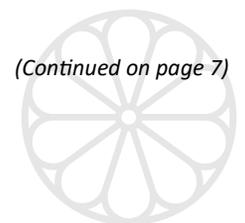
The project cost was \$10,592.34 and was paid for and they were debt free. Lots of work to do still in the new church and the women (of course) mobilized first to solicit funds and then to celebrate every task after completion.

One great story was that in Mrs. Rose L. Ingram's will after her death in 1914, the church was to be given \$25 for a new pipe organ. Fund raisers were held. But our church was elated when someone wrote to Andrew Carnegie for a donation. He was very famous for sending monies to libraries but not churches. Lo and Behold! if he didn't sent a check for \$750. We only needed \$1000 for the Moeller Pipe Organ. It had 530 speaking pipes and a 25 note pedal board. Sounds like we got the Rolls Royce of organs.

Some say the congregation probably bid the old church farewell and marched over the river to their new church on the corner. With sad faces and hearts no doubt. Horse-and-buggies lined the street and the horse barns were full during future services. That's why we purchased Czapski's. Didn't need to park a buggy in a parking space back then.

A lot has changed since completion in 1900. Just look at the exterior of the church. Phase I completed in 1958. Phase II completed in 1965. Maybe in our near future Phase III.

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# 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 (November 21st & 28th, and December 19th and 26th, January 23, February 27, March 27, April 24). We meet at the church at 9:15 am to load the food and then carpool to Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. For each of these dates, we will also need 14 dozen cookies. (Donated cookies need to be packed so that they don’t stick together and break into pieces when removing them from the packaging.) 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

## Deacons Dedication

### Meal Train Opportunity

One of the services the Deacons provide to those in need is to provide a few weeks of meals, every other day in most cases, to help families through a short illness, the loss of a loved one, or just to ease a particularly burdensome time. If you or someone you know could benefit from this service, please contact any one of the Deacons or Pastor Anderson so that we may contact the family to provide assistance.

If you would like to be added to the list of members willing to provide meals when the need arises, please send your email address to Kelly Carey at kcarey@milfordpc.org.

## Community Sharing

The Mission Committee recently had contact with “Community Sharing”. They are so pleased that our church collects food items for their food pantry. During our conversation they indicated that it would be so helpful if they could have a regular source for breakfast cereal for families. The MPC Mission Committee invites members to donate a 11-15 oz box of name brand cereal each month. Having some brand name cereals donated along

with the usual generic ones provided by organizations such as Gleaners will provide a special treat as well as show our respect, dignity, and Christian love for their clients. Of course, other food items are always welcome as well. There is a bin both outside the church office and at the bottom of the stairs at the Liberty street entrance to collect cereal and other food items.

## Sanctuary Poinsettias

### Order by Sunday, November 25

If you would like to help us fill our sanctuary with poinsettias in celebration of Christmas, please complete the online form at [milfordpc.org/poinsettia](http://milfordpc.org/poinsettia). Forms will also be made available as a bulletin insert beginning Sunday, November 11.

## Christmas Giving Tree

### November 11—December 2

The Giving Tree will be up in the Fellowship Hall beginning November 11. This year we will be collecting gifts for 15 children through Bethany Christian Services. All gifts are to be returned unwrapped to the base of the Giving Tree on or before December 2, 2018. Please contact Kelly Carey at (248) 240-2101 should you have any questions or concerns.

## Turkey Fundraiser

### November 4 & 11

The Deacons will be available in the church lobby on November 4 and November 11 to accept donations of \$10 to fund the purchase of turkeys to give to clients of Community Sharing, for Thanksgiving.

## Snow Birds

Please let the church office know if you are leaving town for the winter. We would love to stay in contact with you while you’re away. Call 248-684-2805 or email [lnathan@milfordpc.org](mailto:lnathan@milfordpc.org) with your winter address and phone.

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With the help of MPW, we look forward to purchasing a historical marker to be installed on Liberty Street in the near future. It will be two sided and will match all other markers in the Village. If everything lines up we would like to have it installed on April 15, 2019. One hundred and nineteen years to the day of our first Service. We hope to have a newspaper there and lot of members will be dressed in period clothing

like during the History Tour in 2018. We deserve a marker and something we can share with our community. Just think how many people will walk by and read it. Maybe even get some new members out of it.

Sandi Muirhead  
MPC Historian

# Thank You!

## Everyone Eats Thank You

On Wednesday, October 24 we served a lunch of Swedish meatballs and gravy over noodles, French style green beans with bacon bits, roll & butter, punch and cookies to 125 clients at the Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. Many thanks to Bryant Anderson, Marcus LaPratt, Jane Stevenson, Leslie Nave, Mike Nave, Anthony Smith, Tom Combs, Amber Innis, Carol Smith, Gayle Lafferty, Dan Lafferty, and Sandy Muirhead for their volunteer service. We also offer our thanks to all those who donated cookies for the lunch.

On Wednesday, October 31 we served a meal of Sloppy Joes, Tator Tots, corn with butter, Pumpkin pie with whipped cream and punch to 100 clients at the Spirit of Hope Church in Detroit. Many thanks to Leslie Nave, Mike Nave, Bob Parrett, Debi Parrett, Cheryl Perrine, Gayle Lafferty, Dan Lafferty, Chuck Cardinale, Betsy Cardinale, and Sandy Muirhead. We also appreciate the wonderful chocolates donated by Hanne Bishop as Halloween treats for our clients as well as the children in the preschool at Spirit of Hope .

Thanks and blessings,  
**Virginia Mantela**

## Empty Bowl Project

A huge thank you to all who painted a bowl for our Empty Bowl project. This is a huge fund raiser for Community Sharing and your participation is much appreciated. I hope to see all of you on November 4th at Bakers of Milford for soup. If you did not paint a bowl, one may be purchased at the door for \$15 for

adults, \$10 for kids under 12. Again thank you.

**Mary McFarland**

## Fabulous!

On Monday, October 1, we had 49 possible donors and we received 44 units of blood. It was fabulous. What a great Blood Drive.

Thank you to all who give their time and blood to help others. You are the best!

**Barb Klein**

## “SOCKtober” Thanks!

Cheers and gratitude for all the wonderful socks donated during “Socktober”. With the colder weather, clients at “Everyone Eats” are so pleased to receive these wonderful, warm socks.

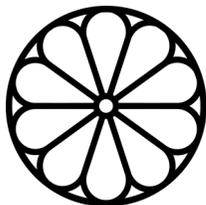
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## “Together in Service” Ingathering

Over \$1,000.00 worth of clothing, etc. was donated by Milford Presbyterian Church for the annual “Ingathering”. We thank Sue Renouf for her help to inventory and package the donated items. The boxes were delivered to Westminster Presbyterian Church on Monday, October 15. These along with others boxes of donated items from churches throughout the Detroit Presbytery provided thousands of items that were sorted and repackaged on Monday and Tuesday to be **delivered to over 30 agencies in the Presbytery that service needy families, men, women, and children on Wednesday.**

**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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## Dates to Remember

### **November 4**

All Saints' Sunday

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### **November 11**

Sunday Brunch

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### **November 25**

Hanging of the Greens

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### **December 1**

Caroling at Greenfield Village

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### **December 2**

Rise Up! Celebration Dinner

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