

MADISON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Trumpet Notes May 2015



Reflections on the Café Conversations

Several members of MPC have asked for a summary of the small group conversations about the denomination's "marriage amendment." As you remember, Madison Presbyterian invited members of the congregation to participate in a three-session conversation on related subjects.

Following, you will find some reflections and also Session's action as a result of the conversations.

The first session centered on the question of how Scripture serves as a guide for our lives.

Conversations tended to center around the question of historical context as a lens through which Scripture is best interpreted. However, we also bring our own lens of experience, tradition, and belief to a passage. These interpretive tools are important to recognize as we study Scripture.

How we weigh certain passages over others is another ongoing challenge. I think it goes without saying that no one really interprets the Bible "literally" - i.e., A.J. Jacobs, "A Year of Living Biblically." The question remains open, however, as to how we take the Bible seriously but not literally.

The second session asked how Scripture guides, nurtures, and strengthens our relationships with each other. Many comments were made about the need to be less judgmental. Scriptures often direct us to think about what Jesus would do in a similar situation.

For those less versed in Scripture, there seemed to be an orientation towards its claim on our lives to love, forgive, and be tolerant. Folks could talk eloquently and substantively about faith and relationships, even without dipping too far into Biblical texts.

The third session asked participants to draw on the previous two sessions to speak to the issue of same-gender marriage. Some were open to the notion of same-gender marriage and blessing it through a

church ceremony.

Several mentioned that if two people can find love and happiness together, they should have the opportunity to seek the church's blessing on that relationship through a formal marriage ceremony.

However, there were some good questions raised and not all participants were able or willing to see the way clear for same-gender marriage in our church. By one participant that I heard, it was called a sin. Another asked a challenging question about the church's sense of obligation to sanction happiness rather than reserve the marriage ceremony for something deeper and perhaps between a man and a woman.

By my count, we had 20-25 participants. Many of the Elders were present and, thus, can share their own impressions and define a way forward.

As to the process, numerous comments were made that the format was helpful and valuable. Some want this type of forum to be used to talk about other issues. **All wanted as our first priority the care and nurture of each other as we struggle with what it means to be a Christian and a Presbyterian in 2015.**

At the April 15 Session meeting, the Elders expressed a desire to spend time at its May meeting looking at relevant Biblical passages.

The body felt this was an important step in discerning a way forward.

Thanks to all
who participated
for your
openness,
honesty, and
commitment of
time.



NOTES OF INTEREST

MUSICAL NOTES

We have procured an exciting new addition to our church music program! Two octaves of Schulmerich choir chimes will soon be making their debut alongside our veteran handbells. These chimes will provide some tonal variety when used in conjunction with the bells, and they are wonderful for training beginners as they are more durable and less expensive than their handbell cousins. If you have any interest in participating in a beginning chime choir (no experience or musical background required), please let me know. We'll need seven to eight participants (minimum) to get it off the ground. Youth who can read are especially welcome. Please enjoy the youtube video listed below of a chime choir playing "Amazing Grace."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eN73tNPPN20>

You are in my prayers. Jonathan

You're Invited: The Madison Performing Arts Foundation is pleased to present a recital featuring local organists as its final concert of the season. The event will take place on Friday, May 8th, at Trinity Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. The public is warmly invited to attend.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

May 3	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service/Communion <i>Deacons' Offering</i> Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
May 10	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour Deacons' Meeting
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
May 17	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour Worship Ministry Meeting
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
May 24	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour Membership Ministry Meeting
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.
May 31	8:30 A.M.	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 A.M.	Worship Service Children's Sunday School
	11:00 A.M.	Fellowship Hour
	2:00 P.M.	VBS Volunteer Training at North Madison Christian Church
	5:00 P.M.	The Gathering at F.B.C.



All Things Presbyterian

Do you know about the Mother's Day Project 2015? Healthy Women Healthy Families is a year-round PC(USA) program that assists global partners by providing grants to fund education, health and community – development activities in impoverished communities. By participating in the annual Healthy Women Healthy Families Mother's Day Project, Presbyterians not only honor important women in their lives with Mother's Day cards, but they also help provide numerous services through their donations. Included are prenatal and essential obstetric services, trauma healing and psychosocial support, and early childhood health and nutrition programs. (Excerpted from "Mother's Day Project 2015!" in Horizons, March/April 2015)

Do know that Presbyterians are considered to be generous givers? The following is a percentage breakdown:

- 94% give regularly to their congregation
- 80% give to special appeals
- 40% give to special capital campaigns
- 33% give directly to the PC(USA)
or one of its ministries
- 50% give to non-PC(USA) religious groups
or causes
- 82% give to nonreligious charities, community
organizations or social causes

Members of Presbyterian churches report giving an average of \$4,954 in regular giving to their congregation. (Excerpted from "Giving really is a joy" by Angie Andriot in "Go Figure," Presbyterians Today, April 2015)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

We Are Grateful: Have you noticed the latest updates to the church sign out front? The Membership Ministry wants to thank **Kevin Carlson** for making changes to our Sunday School/Adults/Children and Youth service start times, as well as for adding the MPC website information. Thanks, also, goes to **Dan Smith** for his suggestion to add the website info, thus making it easy for passersby to know how to visit us online!

The May Women's Bible Study will meet on Wednesday, May 6th, at 7:00 p.m. at Sheri Hookey's house, 1933 Falls Blvd. We will be discussing Chapter 1 in our new book, Cast of Characters, by Max Lucado. If you do not yet have a book, please see Sheri. All women are invited to attend.

LAFFS: We are going to The Boneyard on Wednesday, May 6th, at 11:30 a.m. To make your reservation, please contact Judith Glass (812-273-1796) or Dee at the church office (265-2952) by Monday, May 4th.

Taizé Services: Taizé services this month will be offered at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 1st, at MPC and on Friday, May 15th, at Hanover Presbyterian Church.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1. Bill Mayberry
2. Cindy Porter
3. Dave Adams, Mary Frances Snyder
7. Brittany (Douglass) Ulery
8. Sarah Joyce
14. Mark Andreasen
15. Helen Cope
19. Kelli Hostettler
22. Torsten Moderau
27. Kristen Carlson
28. Mike Cope
29. Samantha Zinnel, Jack Ziesemer, Herb Kant



PRAYER LIST

Congregation: Ashtyn Adams, Sharon Auxier, Mary Clapham (Thornton Terrace), Mike Cope, Mary Louise Grimes, Marshall Havens, Al Huntington, the family of Jane Jacobs, Joan Knowland, Bill Mayberry, Harriette Parton, Janet Ryan, Staci Ryan-Torres, Sheila Self, Donnie Stevens, Nancy Strandmark, Barbara Walters-Dixon, Sue Ward (Thornton Terrace), Jill Wiest

Family and Friends: Ruth Auxier, Mike Baker (Mary Davee's brother), Lloyd Bell, Mark Bersch, Pat Bersch, Carol Blasdel, Conny Bowman and family, Donna Bowman, Todd Bredenkamp, Connie Brink, Mark Busching, Michael Busching, Becky Chase, the family of Margie Covington, Sherry Craddock, Linda and John Davis, Mary Lawrence Davis, Susan DeLapp, Elaine DeVries, Dave Dionne, Dan Dunn, Phillip Eades, Eric, Jessica Garvey and family, Peter Glycer, Sara Goble and families, Pat Goley, Hilary Goodman, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Tom Hale, Michael Hancock-Eccles, Millie Harness, Brittany Henry, Norma Huffman, Bill Hughes, James Jackson, Brittney Johnson and family, Ruth Johnson, Anne Jones, Kaya Kabota, Candy Kahn and family, Tasha Keller, James Leveille, Paul Limato, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's brother), Steve Livingston, Mary Louise Lohrig, Terra Louis, Madison Correctional Facility and Juvenile Correctional Facility Residents and Staff, Mary McClure, Greg and Holly McCracken, David Meese, Jr., Tabatha Melton, Helen Miller (Hanover Health & Rehab Center), Eric Mitchell (Jean Beaver's son), Gaye Moll, Doris Moss, Pam, Wanda Payton, Frank Pearson, Nak Phok, Ruben Portillo (Alicia's dad), Darrell Ralston, Roberto, Tom Ryan and the family of Sally Ryan, Susan Schafer and family, Ken Schneider, Elizabeth Shupperd, Donna and Travis Smith and family, Jessica Smith, Josh Smith, Laryssa Smith, Therese Spence, Dan Stockdale, Tiana Stockton and family, Roy Stone, Denver Taylor, Trey Taylor, Donnetta Trejo, Doug Vaughn, Peggy Voris and family, Buddy Waller, Warren (friend of Bob & Judith Glass), Jaye Weaver, Tom Weber, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Sue Williams, Nick Wyne

MPC ROTATING PRAYER CALENDAR

Week of May 3

Robert and Judith Glass
William Mayberry
Michael W. and Jessica Dorsey

Week of May 10

Ann Pies
Dick and Sandy Freeman
Don and Joan Knowland

Week of May 17

Helen and Mike Cope
Jim Grant
Mary Elizabeth Goldsmith

Week of May 24

Eddie and Janet Hostettler
Kelli Hostettler
Adam Hostettler

Week of May 31

Tom and Mary Davee
Kristen Davee
Lauren and Michael Norris
Ellen Eckert and Tony Harrell

MINISTRY UPDATES

ACES (Adult Christian Education Subgroup)

Thursday Evenings Potluck 6:00 Discussion 6:30

"Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus" - We will watch Adam Hamilton tour the Holy Land, showing places important in Jesus' ministry. If you found "24 Hours That Changed the World" meaningful, you will want to be a part of this study. Join the group at 6:00 p.m. for a pitch-in supper followed by the DVD.

Deacons' Report

Assistance for April: Ten families, a total of 18 people, received financial assistance.

MINISTERING IN MAY

GATHERING MUSIC

- 3. Greg Ziesemer
- 10. Jean Beaver
- 17. Gregg Mayberry
- 24. Harriette Parton
- 31. open

LITURGISTS

- 3. Jim Bartlett
- 10. Rick laCour
- 17. Gregg Mayberry
- 24. Sheila Self
- 31. Dave Adams

USHERS

- 3. Jim Bartlett and Amanda Corbin
- 10. Don Wiest and Mike Dorsey
- 17. Tim Busching and Bill Ohlendorf
- 24. Mary Davee
- 31. Jean Beaver and Connie Huntington

GREETERS

- 3. Sheri Hookey and Linda laCour
- 10. Bill Ohlendorf and Gina Freeman
- 17. Carole Hanson and Sheila Self
- 24. Al Huntington and Connie Huntington
- 31. Christie Busching and Staci Ryan-Torres

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

- 3. The Crisafullis and The Freemans
- 10. Worship Ministry
- 17. Hosts needed
- 24. Hosts needed
- 31. Hosts needed

2015

Community Vacation Bible School



June 8-12 6:00 - 8:30pm

**North Madison Christian Church
1400 E. ST RD 62, Madison**

**For (potty trained) children
age 3 to (completed) grade 5.**

Register

- **Online** at madisoncommunityvbs.com
- **In Person** at any of our sponsoring churches
- Participants can also register **at VBS** (pre-register online to avoid long lines!)

Register online during the month of April for a special prize!

Like us on Facebook to receive updates and news.

For more information contact Kelly at 812-265-2331 or Rodney at 812-273-1601.

