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Trumpet Notes

July 2021



FROM THE PASTOR

Greetings, Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Many "thanks" to everyone who participated in the congregational mission meetings over the last three weeks. We survived and still had time last Sunday to celebrate Father's Day. And, more importantly, we have completed the first step required by Presbytery toward calling our new pastor.

For anyone who was unable to attend these meetings, stay tuned for an announcement of a get-together during which a review of the meetings will be shared.

If you have been waiting for an update on the Photo Directory, here you are. The final proof was returned to the company last week. I'm not sure how long the print process takes, but I'm guessing it will not be long. It looked beautiful, as did all of you. We will update the photo wall in the fellowship hall with the new photos. If you want to help with this project, let Jonathan know.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the people affected by the recent flood. If you are interested in helping, contact the Salvation Army who is deeply involved in coordinating the relief efforts.

Have a happy 4th of July celebrating our country's great history of independence.

In His service,

Pastor Sandy

NEWS FLASH!

You have one more opportunity to be heard and share your opinion. Another time has been set for those of you who were unable to attend the previous mission study meetings.

Sunday, July 11, following worship, Susan Ohlendorf and I will lead a discussion on all that was detailed and presented by Deborah Fortel over the last three weeks. We will again provide a light lunch for attendees, but you need to make a reservation with **me** no later than noon, Wednesday, July 7, because Jonathan will be on a well-deserved vacation. Please text or call me at **513-505-3998**. This time together will be two hours or less.

Blessings to all,
Pastor Sandy

June 16, 2021 Session Highlights

- Approved the May 19, 2021 Session meeting minutes
- Received a finance report for the Northwestern Mutual investments from Connie Huntington
- Approved the May 2021 General Fund and Capital Fund reports.
- Heard the account balances
- Suggested a fall meeting for the congregation members to meet with Northwestern Mutual advisor Teresa Knear-Bell to talk about creating a bequest
- Heard that new line items would be used for Congregational Mission Study expenses, as well as expenses that will be incurred in the search for a new pastor
- Heard that our donations to Vacation Bible School provided the purchase of an Adventure Bible of Mark for each child
- Approved the sponsorship of a Madison Music Movement concert on July 9, 2021. It was paid for by two member families who will list MPC as the sponsor. It is the hope that more will use MPC as the sponsor of other events.
- Formed a t-shirt committee to create shirts so more will have them to wear out in the community
- Voted Rick laCour and Connie Huntington to the Nominating Committee
- Formed a mission statement committee to begin work on writing a simpler mission statement for the church in preparation for the work of the upcoming PNC: Don Wiest, Rick la Cour, Susan Ohlendorf, Shari Vaughn, and Sandy Fox
- Discussed the Phillips AED System that is used to revive a heart victim. It is located on the wall in the back hall at the top of the staircase. A video is available and a training session will be planned.

Concert at Lytle Park: Madison Presbyterian Church, in cooperation with the Madison Music Movement, will be sponsoring a concert performed by the Rob Houze Band in Lytle Park on West Street at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, July 9. Bring your lunch, lawn chairs, and smiling faces as we represent our church in the community. If anyone would like to purchase a carolina blue, short-sleeved MPC tee-shirt for \$21.00 to wear at the event, please turn your size and money in to Connie Huntington or the church office by Wednesday, June 30.

FROM THE DEACONS

Hello from the deacons.

With the church office reopening, the deacons are seeing an increase of people from the community needing more help with rent, utilities, and medical expenses. God is alive and well in our congregation. Last week's collection was one of the largest deacons' collections we have ever had, and it came at a time when some families needed help with overnight stays. Thanks to the congregation donations, we have been able to help those four families this week. Praise the Lord!

The deacons' first fund-raiser will be Friday and Saturday, September 3rd and 4th. This is a yard sale. If you have any furniture or jewelry you would like to donate, then please contact a deacon or the church office, and arrangements will be made to get your items to the church. We are not accepting most electronics or clothing. This year we will have a locked box for paper items that need to be destroyed. The "Shred-it" company will be dropping off two containers that will hold 90 pounds each. On the week following, they will come shred the contents on sight without looking at any of the items. They can shred folders with paper clips, staples, spiral notebooks and even binders with metal clips. This is a good time to get rid of old documents that you have been hanging onto.

In September, we once again will have soups, salads and sandwiches for Chautauqua. We will need physical help from the congregation. There will be sign-up sheets when we get closer.

I would like to make sure everyone remembers that deacons need your financial help. We will accept money at any time, but the deacons' offering is taken up on the second Sunday of every month.

Please take time to learn who your deacon is. All deacons have a list of congregation members that they are responsible for. Since last year there has been an elder partnering with each deacon to watch over the members. If you ever need help, please contact your deacon or elder. If you don't remember who your deacon or elder is, then please call or text Bill Ohlendorf at 812-701-9357. We are also going to post the list on one of the boards downstairs (TBD).

Thank you and God bless.

MINISTERING IN JULY

LITURGISTS

- 4. Rick la Cour
- 11. Paul Torres
- 18. Gregg Mayberry
- 25. Terri Brunner

USHERS

- 4. Connie Huntington and Amanda Corbin
- 11. Susan Ohlendorf and Ken Brunner
- 18. Gregg Mayberry and Janet Castor
- 25. Don Wiest and Bill Ohlendorf

GREETERS

- 4. Kim Kreuzburg and Janet Castor
- 11. Pam Sandoz and Joan McFadden
- 18. Bill and Susan Ohlendorf
- 25. Connie Huntington and Linda la Cour

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

- 4. Communion Sunday
- 11. Mary Beth Cullens
- 18. Emily Studebaker
- 25. Libby Sheppard/Anne Brown

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS

- 4. Hosts Needed
- 11. Hosts Needed
- 18. Hosts Needed
- 25. Josh and Cathy Owsley

FINANCE REPORT

Account Balances as of May 31, 2021

General Fund — \$59,303.68

Capital Fund — \$3,564.56

Youth Fund — \$7,392.05

Memorial Fund — \$1,537.45



NOTES OF INTEREST

Music Notes

As Independence Day is nearly upon us, I figured I'd take this opportunity to write about an American composer, Charles Ives (1874-1954). Ives did not make a living as a musician; rather, he sold insurance. His compositions were ahead of their time. A choral setting of Psalm 90 presents two choirs singing in different keys at the same time.

Among his best-known works is "Variations on 'America'," a work for solo organ. Ives, himself, premiered this piece on a recital celebrating the Fourth of July. A link to a youtube video of the piece follows.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N7TuU5zxge8>

I do hope you enjoy this whimsical piece composed in 1891. While some of the variations are fairly normal sounding, others are substantially more adventurous. I, myself, tend to prefer the less predictable variations, although I'd never have an opportunity to use them in worship.

You are in my prayers.

Jonathan

Bulletin Options: In an effort to free up space in the weekly bulletin, beginning on July 4, the hymn texts and Scripture reading will no longer be reprinted in the body of the bulletin. If you are uncomfortable handling the Bibles and hymnals in the pew racks, a few copies of the reprinted texts will be available from the ushers. Also available are large-print bulletins, including the texts. Please ask an usher if you need one.

LAFES: (Lunch and Friendly Fellowship) will meet at Crossroads restaurant in Versailles at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 7. Please contact Connie Huntington or the church office to make your reservations.

Prayer List

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Congregation: Mark Andreasen, Sharon Auxier, Dennis and Karen Bessenecker, David Dagher, Shannon Glass, Sandy Gold, Mary Louise Grimes, Bob and Pat Hughes, Al Huntington, Betty King, Lexi Moderau, Beth Orrill, Alicia Ricketts, Pam Sandoz, Jennifer Saroka, Ted Skrypak, Staci Torres, Sondie Williams, Greg Ziesemer.

Family and Friends: Anne and Ralph Armand, Karen Ault, Cher and Carah Jo Austin, Steve Baker, Michelle Barlow, Michael Busching, James Callahan, Becky Chase, children separated from their parents, Marie Cross, Jeff Dagher, Andrew Damm, Angel Dart, Jordan Davis, Phillip Eades, Steve Facemire, Shirley Griffith, Chuck Hale, Milly Harness, Sarah Hull, Curtis Jacobs, Regina Kalb, Heidi Kendall and family, Joni Lanham, Jeff Lineburg (Janet Castor's twin brother), Madison Correctional Facility, Madison State Hospital, Shane Mason, Yolanda Modley, Margie and Frank Moller (Connie Huntington's sister and brother-in-law), Ashley Pollert, Bob Rouse, Lou Ann Ryhal, Janet Savage (Cathy Owsley's sister), Jeff, Janna and Rachel Schmidt, John Schutte (Carole Hanson's son-in-law), Dan Shearer, Laryssa Smith, Lyn Stalford, Joe Stilwell, Jody Sullivan, Trey Taylor, Kenneth Thompson (Harriette Parton's grandson), Rodney Thompson, Jean Trillet (Jim Grant's sister), Staci Turner, Warren (friend of Bob and Judith Glass), Dawson Whitaker, Laurel Lyn Wiest, Kyle Wilson.



MPC Rotating Prayer Calendar

July 4

MPC Youth
Brett and Amanda Corbin
Zoe
Sara Stetson

July 11

Al and Connie Huntington
Brooke Huntington
Cora Beth
Dick and Marcia McCracken

July 18

Tammy and Dell Taylor
Jake and Trey
David and Gail Karns

July 25

Tim and Christie Busching
Carolyn Firth
Dee Hudson
Rivertrace Apartment Residents



JULY BIRTHDAYS

5. Kim Carlson
7. Lee Ann Cart
12. Lucy Cullens, Mary Louise Grimes
15. Janet Hostettler, Claire Miller
17. Linda la Cour
18. Ed Orrill
19. Elliott Grier
20. Sharon Auxier
21. Kris Carlson
23. Crystal Bayne, Greg Dashiell
24. Michael Smith
25. Stacy Adams
29. Tim Sheppard