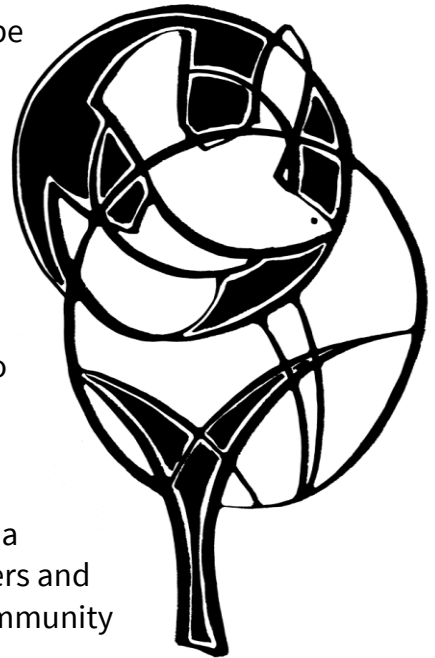


# MPC News

May 2015

## Stewardship 2015-16

Stewardship is a word Jesus' followers use to describe what we do with what we have. We use the word pledge, as in a promise to support the followers of Jesus in the ministries of the church. We talk about bringing our gifts to God, as gifts are usually caring gestures more than they are something to meet a need. As we support the church with financial gifts, we join with others to be sure Milwaukie Presbyterian Church is there both for the people who worship and serve here as well as for the wider community. Your pledges and offerings ensure that MPC has the people and the structure in place to do ministry in an inspired and inspiring way. By making a pledge, we each offer our share to equip MPC's leaders and congregants to do the ministries that this church community believes in.



We can't be present and available to the MPC community and the larger community without a ministry structure and a well thought out plan, and so we gather together at stewardship time to plan for creating and continuing to be present this witness to our neighborhood. As the Session creates a budget each spring, we ask our community of faith to make a pledge commitment for our ministries in the year to come and beyond. Pledges equal plans. All that MPC has and does is really up to you.

This spring, please consider making a pledge towards the 2015-2016 budget. Every gift makes a difference.

Grace be with you!

- Katie Pate

# Worship, Teaching and Community

Sunday, May 3

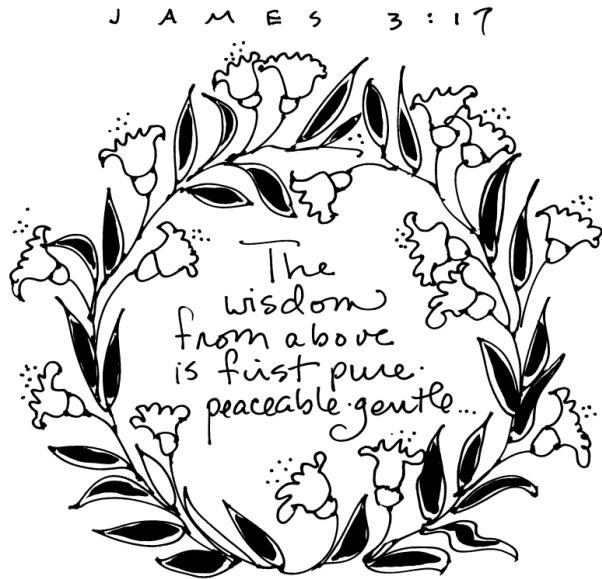
- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. **Visioning Wrap Up and Potluck, Youth Handprint Day**

Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10

- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship**

Sunday, May 17

- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship**
- ◆ 11:15 a.m. **Christian Enrichment**
- ◆ **Noon Outreach Committee**
- ◆ 1:30 p.m. **Joint Youth Groups Hike**



Pentecost, Sunday, May 24

- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship**
- ◆ 11:15 a.m. **Christian Enrichment**
- ◆ **Noon Personnel Committee**

Trinity Sunday, May 31

- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship, Musician Recognition**
- ◆ 11:30 a.m. **All Church Gathering – Mission Statement writing**
- ◆ 5 p.m. **City Camp meeting**
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
- ◆ 7 p.m. **High School Youth Group**
- ◆ 8:30 p.m. **Caravan meeting**

# Christian Enrichment

Sunday School, Upstairs,

Age 3 – 5th grade

May 3: Children's Art Project

May 10: Mother's Day (no classes)

May 17: Lesson from Seasons of the Spirit

May 24: Lesson from Seasons of the Spirit

May 31: Children's Service Project

## Adults, Schmidt Hall

May 3: Vision Committee Wrap-Up 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

May 10: Mother's Day (no class)

May 17: Guest Speaker, Kristen Schlotterbeck, Community Education Program Manager, Clackamas Women's Services: "Issues Surrounding Domestic Violence and How We're Serving this Community"

May 24: (Memorial Day Weekend) Hike! Gather to explore the new landscaping out front between the sidewalk and the sanctuary AND a hike down into and around our outdoor sanctuary. Rain or shine. Outdoor shoes or boots and camera recommended.

May 31: All church gathering 11:30 a.m. Vision Committee mission statement writing session.

– Sam Cole, CE Director



# Youth News

## May Youth Calendar

Date	Time	Activity & What to Bring
5/3	11:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.	All Church Gathering for Vision Committee wrap up. Youth Hand Print Sunday! Bring a shirt you don't mind getting paint on. After lunch, youth go to a ceramics painting studio and then to Salt and Straw for ice cream!
5/10		No Youth Group because it's Mother's Day! Pick up your ceramics from Doug.
5/17	1:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Joint Youth Group Hike and Picnic. Meet at Milwaukie Presbyterian. Wear some comfy walking shoes.
5/24		No Youth Group
5/31	5 – 5:30 p.m.	City Camp Info meeting for Middle School Youth and Parents
	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Regular Middle School Youth Group at MPC
	7 – 8:30 p.m.	Regular High School Youth Group at MPC
	8:30 – 9 p.m.	Caravan Meeting for High School Youth and Parents

## May Youth Highlights

On May 3rd, the Vision Committee will be wrapping up with a presentation to the congregation with lunch in the middle. Youth will be adding their hand prints to the wall downstairs then will be joining the congregation for lunch. After lunch we will be going to a ceramics painting studio to make some Mother's Day presents then to Salt and Straw for Ice Cream. Bring \$5 for ice cream.

May 17th - Instead of Regular Youth Group we will be going on a hike and picnic in the afternoon. Bring some hiking shoes and a jacket.

City Camp - On the 31st of May there will be a mandatory meeting for all Middle School youth interested in City Camp this summer, a week-long service and immersion experience in downtown Portland. This year we will be working with a Methodist church and pastor in the Capitol Hill neighborhood. Cost and exact dates will be coming out soon.



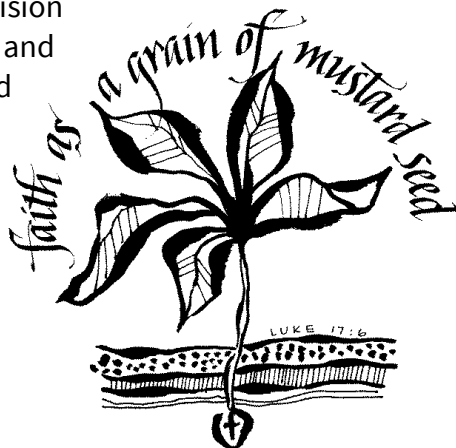
The youth a great time at the Circuit Gym on April 12!

— Doug Vitro, Youth Ministry Director

# Visioning Process Events

## Vision Committee Wrap-up and Potluck May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Time passes quickly! Come hear the report of the Vision Committee's nearly two-year discernment process and add your two cents' worth. Gather for a potluck and then break into small groups for a conversation about where we are as a congregation and where we might be called to be! 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Nursery care and activities for children and youth provided. Bring a dish to share!



## Mission Statement Writing and Taco Bar Gathering May 31<sup>st</sup>

After the final report is complete, it will be time for our community to compose a mission statement together. Gather in Schmidt Hall after worship on May 31<sup>st</sup> for a taco bar lunch and word-smithing. Bring a taco topping to share!

## Save the Date!

MPC Busy Hands Craft Fair, Sat., Nov. 7, 2015. We plan to go again with what worked so well before: a variety of handmade, high quality crafts, both community and in-house, a bistro-style lunch with home-made soups and pies, and themed gift raffle baskets and door prizes.

All proceeds support local outreach ministries. In this case again it will be our Christmas Boxes.

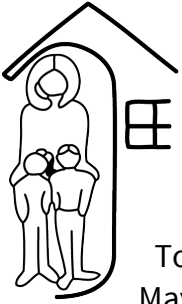
— Pat Carter



## Summer news to share?

The June-July newsletter deadline is May 15.

# Thank You!



Clackamas Women's Services is grateful for our contributions of bedding, towels and kitchen items. These donations will be used at the emergency housing for endangered women and children. CWS can serve over 30 persons at a time and are usually filled to capacity.

To learn more about this caring agency, come and listen to the speaker May 17 at the adult Christian Enrichment hour.

— Nancy Kinnaman

Caregivers for our Outdoor Sanctuary step forward! As you may know, we've divided the 3½ acres we call our Outdoor Sanctuary (just behind our church) into 11 fully-restored sites and put them up for adoption by MPC members and friends for year-by-year care.



On behalf of the whole congregation, the Outdoor Sanctuary team thanks you! Lisa Schaefer ("Flatlands"), Shirley Stageberg ("Hidden Pond"), Lisa Pasquantonio ("Circle"), John Armentrout ("Fernside"), Cheryl Decker and Jack ("Sanctuary"), Julie, Susie, Andi, Carolee and Pat ("Lakeview"). Cheers to you!

There are still 4 sites available – see the bulletin board in the narthex if you're interested!

— Pat Carter

## Volunteer Opportunity

Person(s) needed to mow church lawn! MPC's lawn takes about 45 minutes to mow (mower provided). The mowing season is about half the year. You can choose your own hours! If you would like to be the person in charge of mowing, or help mow part of the season, contact David DeVore or Rusty Garrison.

— Dave DeVore

# Session Gratitude

Many thanks to:

- the 21 liturgists who helped lead Palm Sunday worship
- All of the children and youth who helped with Palm Sunday worship
- Marilyn Zetterberg, for the gorgeous flowers
- Katie Pate and Colby Phillips
- Mark Neher and Wayne Sabin, for persevering with the Vision Committee process
- All who have participated in the Vision Committee process
- All who helped flower the cross with offerings from their gardens



## Stewardship Update

As of 4/28 MPC has received 39 pledges for a total of \$80,880. Thank you so much!  
Early pledges help Session to make plans for the coming fiscal year.



# Giving Update, 2014-2015

As of 3/31/2015	Actual to date	Budget to date	Annual Budget
General Fund Income:	\$173,140.39	\$163,524.00	\$217,040.00
Carryover 2013-14:	\$8,395.00	\$8,395.00	\$8,395.00
Expenses:	\$175,447.23	\$181,242.00	\$241,640.00
Difference:	\$6,088.16	\$(9,323.00)	\$(16,205.00)
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**One Great Hour of Sharing** MPC raised over \$1400 to support international ministries of hunger, disaster relief and self-development of people.

**Nepal Earthquake Response:** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's local partners through ACT Alliance have been working in Nepal for several years and are on the ground assisting many who have survived the quake by distributing immediate life-saving supplies such as water, food, shelter and medication.

<b>Elders</b>	<u>Finance</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Vision</u>
	Claire Hobson	Linda Marquam	Mark Neher
	<u>Property</u>	<u>Grounds</u>	<u>Youth</u>
	Dave DeVore	Rusty Garrison	Christopher Jenkins
<b>Deacon</b>	<u>Personnel</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Worship</u>
	Madeline Davis	Marci Hartson	Kelley Gutman
	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
	Andi Coover	Kim Adams	Wayne Sabin
Lynette Hall	Carolee Neighorn	Sarah Carver	
Pat Jones	Richard Nelson	Tom Muti	
Bill Marquam	Mary Surface	Phyllis Zimmerman	

Email or drop a note in the church office to be added to the MPC mailing list,  
or to receive our weekly enews.

The deadline for the June-July newsletter is May 15.

Send submissions to [office@milwaukiepres.org](mailto:office@milwaukiepres.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>May 2015</h1>					1  7 p.m. AA	2
<b>3 Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> 10 a.m. Worship with Communion 11:30 a.m. All Church Visioning Wrap Up and Potluck	4	5 8 a.m. Men's Group @ Libbie's	6 4:15 p.m. Finance Committee 7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	7 9 a.m. Music Staff meeting	8  7 p.m. AA	9
<b>10 Sixth Sunday of Easter/ Mother's Day</b> 10 a.m. Worship	11	12 8 a.m. Men's Group @ Libbie's  7 p.m. Session	13  7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	14 9 a.m. Music Staff meeting 10 a.m. All Staff meeting	15 June-July Newsletter Deadline  7 p.m. AA	16
<b>17 Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Christian Enrichment Noon Outreach Committee 1:30 p.m. Joint Youth Group Hike	18	19 8 a.m. Men's Group @ Libbie's	20  7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	21 9 a.m. Music Staff meeting	22  7 p.m. AA	23
<b>24 Day of Pentecost</b> 10 a.m. Worship 11:15 a.m. Christian Enrichment Noon Personnel Committee	25  Memorial Day Office Closed	26 8 a.m. Men's Group @ Libbie's 10 a.m. Women's Bible Study 4:45 p.m. Worship Committee 7 p.m. Not-just Prayer Shawls	27  7 p.m. Choir rehearsal	28 9 a.m. Music Staff meeting 10 a.m. Program Staff meeting	29  7 p.m. AA	30
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