

# MPC News

June & July 2015

This poem is often attributed to Oscar Romero, though it was written by the late Bishop Ken Untener of Saginaw:

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith.

No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness.

No program accomplishes the Church's mission.

No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.

This enables us to do something, and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own.

What is our *something*, MPC? How do we take an honest look at what we can do, and do it? As we refresh and renew ourselves with summer activities, let us contemplate the world around us. Summer can be a time to plant the seeds of new ways to be together as a community, serving, supporting, caring for the vulnerable among us. Grace be with you!

- Pastor Katie Pate

# Worship, Teaching and Community

## Sunday, June 7

- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship with Communion, Teacher Recognition**
- ◆ 11:15 a.m. **Sam Cole retirement party**
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
- ◆ 6:30 p.m. **High School Youth Group w/Moreland Pres.**

## Sunday, June 14

- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship**
- ◆ 11:15 a.m. **Christian Enrichment, Pancake Races**
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**
- ◆ 7 p.m. **High School Youth Group**

## Sunday, June 21

- ◆ 9:45 a.m. **Summer Hymn Sing begins**
- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship, Youth Commissioning for Caravan Trip**
- ◆ **Caravan trip begins**

## Sunday, June 28

- ◆ 9:45 a.m. **Summer Hymn Sing**
- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship, Caravan Sunday: Youth lead Worship**
- ◆ **Following Worship: Annual Meeting and lunch**

## Sunday, July 5

- ◆ 9:45 a.m. **Summer Hymn Sing**
- ◆ 10 a.m. **Worship with Communion**
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. **Middle School Youth Group**

## Sunday, July 12

- ◆ 9:45 a.m. Summer Hymn Sing
- ◆ 10 a.m. Worship
- ◆ City Camp Begins

## Sunday, July 19

- ◆ 9:45 a.m. Summer Hymn Sing
- ◆ 10 a.m. Worship

## Sunday, July 26

- ◆ 9:45 a.m. Summer Hymn Sing
- ◆ 10 a.m. Worship
- ◆ 5:30 p.m. Middle School Youth Group



# Summer Events @ MPC

## Sam Cole's Retirement Party

Christian Enrichment Director Sam Cole is retiring after 10 years of ministry! Come for cake, ice cream and a celebration of Sam's ministry at MPC on Sun., June 7, following worship. Wear a Hawaiian shirt to church (or pick up a lei) in Sam's honor.



## Summer Hymn Sing starts June 21!

Gather in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays through Labor Day to sing your favorites from *Glory to God!* and *Hear the Prayers That Rise*.



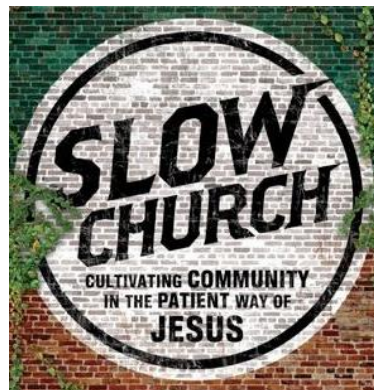
## Coming Soon: Faith and Film

Join Pastor Katie Pate and Youth Ministry Director Doug Vitro for a summer series centered around movies and the spiritual messages they hold. Watch the weekly enews and the announcement page for dates and times.

## Wednesday Night Small Group

Pastor Katie Pate and Youth Ministry Director Doug Vitro will be co-leading a book study and discussion of *Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*. We will meet at Bob's Red Mill at 5:30 p.m. each Wednesday starting July 1.

Email the office or sign up in the Narthex to join. Books provided to the first 10 people who sign up.



# Not-Just Prayer Shawls Ministry

June 23, noon @ MPC

Potluck July 28 6-8 p.m. @ Marilyn Barnes' house



Do you knit or crochet or quilt? Would you like to learn? Through this group we have an opportunity to offer tangible signs of love, support, and prayers to our community. Together we create lovingly crafted gifts and have time to share in fellowship with one another. Contact Marilyn Barnes (503.659.9837) or Kristen Hamilton-Sutherland (503.558.1209) with questions.

## Sanctuary Landscaping

You may have noticed some changes in the landscaping at the front of the Sanctuary. Working with a designer from Portland Nursery, Elder Rusty Garrison is leading a team redoing the landscaping with an emphasis on native plants and sustainability. Benches, a water feature and paths will give people (and wildlife!) a welcoming area to relax.



Many MPC volunteers, along with scouts from Troop 376 and the venturing crew have supplied the labor. Two scouts have taken on the area for their Eagle rank projects. T.J. Cano is making walkways from the parking lot to the sidewalk in front. Austin McFarland is installing two benches along the front and will be planting a fern garden as well. An MPC work day is planned for May 30.

# Youth News

## June Youth Calendar

Sun. 6/7	5:30 – 6:30 p.m.	Middle School Youth
	6:30 – 8 p.m.	High School Youth with Moreland @ Milwaukie Pres.
Sun. 6/14	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Middle School Youth
	7 – 8:30 p.m.	High School Youth
Sun. 6/21- Sat. 6/27	Caravan Trip	Caravan Participants Commissioned in Church, meet at Moreland Presbyterian after worship to depart
		No Middle School Youth 6/21 - High School on Caravan
Sun. 6/28	10 a.m.	Caravan Participants in Worship
	After Worship	Youth Meal and Fundraiser at Annual Meeting

## July Youth Calendar

Thurs. 7/2	6 – 8 p.m.	High School Youth
Sun. 7/5	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Middle School Youth
Thurs. 7/9	6 – 8 p.m.	High School Youth
Sun. 7/12- Fri. 7/17	City Camp	City Camp – Middle School Youth
Thurs. 7/23	6 – 8 p.m.	High School Youth
Sun. 7/26	5:30 – 7 p.m.	Middle School Youth
Thurs. 7/30	6 – 8 p.m.	High School Youth

# June-July Youth Highlights

**Schedule Change** During the summer months of July and August Middle School Youth will remain on Sunday Nights from 5:30 – 7 p.m. High School Youth will be moving to Thursdays from 6 – 8 p.m.

No Middle School Youth Group will take place on June 21 or July 19.

No High School Youth Group will take place on June 28 or July 16.

**City Camp** City Camp for Middle School Youth will be July 12-17. Please let Doug know as soon as possible if you plan on attending.

— Doug Vitro, Youth Ministry Director



# Christian Enrichment



## Sunday School, Upstairs, Age 3 – 5th grade

June 7: Children's Nature Walk with Julia Loudermilk. Meet in the Narthex.

June 14: Pancake Races, downstairs in the Fellowship Hall, with Cherie Kennedy.

## Adults, Schmidt Hall

June 14: Guest Rev. Aric Clark (Presbyterian Pastor, MPC guest speaker, author of *Never Pray Again*). "So, Aric. Here are Some Questions for You." Hang on while Sam asks Aric a rapid-fire series of questions, for example "Am I supposed to be more of an AGGRESSIVE Christian?"

— Sam Cole, CE Director

## Sing One Sunday

July 5, 9 a.m. Join us for a one-morning informal choral gathering! Anyone interested in singing can meet in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. to learn a short 4-part choral offering to sing in that morning's service!

## Community Choir Concert

The Mt. Hood Community College Choirs will present a collection of songs by composers from around the world on Friday, June 5 at 7:30 p.m. The concert is in the MHCC Visual Arts Gallery, featuring student artwork, and is free, family friendly, and open to the public.

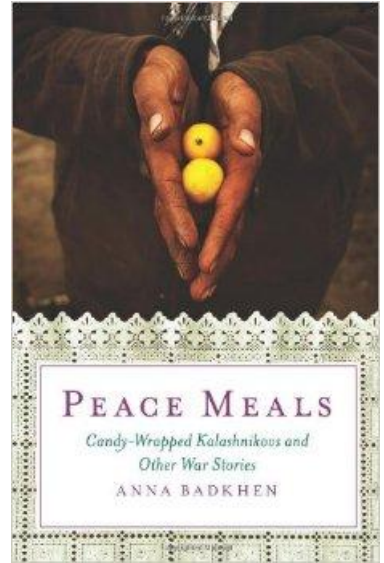
— Kevin Lambert, Music



# Read Eat And Discuss Book Club

In April, we discussed Rob Bell's book *Jesus Wants to Save Christians* and agreed with the author especially on one quote (not from the book): "When you forgive someone – when you are generous – when you withhold judgment – when you love – and when you stand up to injustice, in that moment you are bringing heaven to earth."

Looking ahead, find a copy of Anna Badkhen's book, *Peace Meals* and read it over the summer. This book is a true story about conflict and food. Anna is a journalist and in the book there are stories "punctuated by recipes from the meals she shared with the people she encountered." And the "most important lesson she has observed in conflict zones from Afghanistan to Chechnya is that war can kill our friends and decimate our towns, but it cannot destroy our inherent decency, generosity, and kindness—that which makes us human."



We plan to meet on Sunday evening, Oct. 4, at the home of Dave and Cynthia De Vore. We will share a potluck meal together at 6 p.m. and discuss the book beginning at 7 p.m. You are all invited and welcome to join us for the meal or just the discussion.

— Cherie Kennedy

## 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



# Backpack Buddies Packs Up a Successful 6<sup>th</sup> Year

Backpack Buddies brings food to students at Oak Grove Elementary who experience food insecurity on weekends. MPC provides fresh produce and breakfast items and packs the bags that go home with

students each week.

Oak Grove has a free/reduced lunch rate of 65% and we are now serving about 20% of the students there. The staff greatly supports our efforts, knowing how many have come to school hungry on Monday mornings in the past. Families have expressed appreciation for the fresh food and thoughtful selection of items.

Special thanks to:

- Session for the \$1700 grant from Endowment earnings
- Outreach and Finance Committees for additional funds when we came up against a shortfall due to an unexpected increase in students (70-80 most weeks, up from 45-52)
- The Men's Group for donations this spring so we could meet our commitment
- Claudia McClure, for faithfully delivering fresh produce to the school
- Our faithful packers: Marlene and Denny Graham, Shirley Stageberg, Lynette Hall, Cynthia DeVore, Tom Richardson, Peyton Anderson and Andi Coover
- The MPC Congregation, for donating 2,112 items during our Fall Breakfast Drive
- Our partners the Milwaukie Lions Club, Oak Grove staff and the Rex Putnam Skills Class that made it possible for us to carry out this mission

Look for our fall donation drive as we continue strong into our 7<sup>th</sup> year!

# Giving Update, 2014-2015

As of 4/30/2015	Actual to date	Budget to date	Annual Budget
General Fund Income:	\$186,910.59	\$181,360.00	\$217,040.00
Carryover 2013-14:	\$8,395.00	\$8,395.00	\$8,395.00
Expenses:	\$194,309.28	201,380.00	241,640.00
Difference:	(\$7,398.69)	\$1,875.00	\$(16,205.00)
Surplus/(Deficit)			

**Stewardship Update** So far we've received a total of 74 pledges for a total of \$151,292. There's still time to make a pledge towards the 2015-2016 budget. Your financial commitment keeps MPC vital and growing. Every dollar counts!

<b>Elders</b>	<b><u>Finance</u></b>	<b><u>Outreach</u></b>	<b><u>Vision</u></b>
	Claire Hobson	Linda Marquam	Mark Neher
	<b><u>Property</u></b>	<b><u>Grounds</u></b>	<b><u>Youth</u></b>
	Dave DeVore	Rusty Garrison	Christopher Jenkins
<b>Deacon</b>	<b><u>Personnel</u></b>	<b><u>Hospitality</u></b>	<b><u>Worship</u></b>
	Madeline Davis	Marci Hartson	Kelley Gutman
	<b><u>2015</u></b>	<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2017</u></b>
	Andi Coover	Kim Adams	Wayne Sabin
	Carolee Neighorn	Sarah Carver	
	Richard Nelson	Tom Muti	
	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 August newsletter is July 15.  
Send submissions to [office@milwaukiepres.org](mailto:office@milwaukiepres.org).

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<h1>June 2015</h1>	1	2 8 a.m. Men's Group @ Libbie's	3  6:30 p.m. Budget meeting – all chairs	4 9 a.m. Music Staff meeting  7 p.m. Deacons	5  7 p.m. AA 7:30 p.m. Choir Concert @ Mt. Hood CC	6  4 p.m. Harold Kulm Memorial Service	
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