



Middletown Press

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2017

Coming Events:

February

- 2/5 Souper Bowl Ends! *Thanks.*
- 2/10 Movie Night 6:30PM
- 2/18 B&P Workday at MPC
- 2/19 Celebration of Pastor Doug's 20th anniversary of ordination Luncheon following worship
- 2/24-25 Youth Lock-In

March

- 3/1 Ash Wednesday Soup Supper and service of Ashes 6PM
- 3/3 Upward Celebration Carnival 6PM at Indian Lane
- 3/5 Annual Congregational Meeting
- 3/12 Thrivent Builds presentation
- 3/18 B&P Workday at MPC
- 3/19 Pancake Brunch
- 3/25 Marple Newtown Community Band Concert 5 PM

Looking Ahead

- Easter — April 16
- Clothing Drive — April
- Spring Tea — May 7
- Church Picnic — June 11
- Men's Golf Outing — June 19
- VBS — July 17-21

Sundays

- Sunday School 9 AM**
- Coffee Fellowship 10 AM**
- Worship 10:30 AM**
- Youth Group 6:30 PM**

A Time to Celebrate

On Sunday, February 19 Pastor Doug McPheeters will be marking his 20th year of ordained ministry. We will honor him in the Worship Service that day. It will be a time to praise our Lord for His works, for bringing Doug to lead us and to share our time together.

A luncheon reception will follow the Worship Service in Fellowship Hall. All are welcome.

Sermons and Scripture

Contagion: Catching the Faith and Passing It On

February

- 5 – “Why is it Such a Struggle?” – John 8:39-47
- 12 – “How Then Shall We Live?” – Ephesians 5:15-17
- 19—Celebration of Pastor Doug's 20th Anniversary of his ordination
- 26—Upward Celebration Sunday

NTIS – NEW TESTAMENT INVESTIGATION SERVICE

March

- 1 – Ash Wednesday – The Theme Song
- 5 – The Plot
- 12 – The Meal
- 19 – The Prayer
- 26 – The Betrayal

Annual Meeting of the Congregation

The annual meeting of the congregation will take place on Sunday, March 5 in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Annual Reports for the 2016 year will be available the prior Sunday.

Movie Night, Feb 10

Once again the big screen will descend in MPC's sanctuary to show the movie, *Trolls*.



This hilarious *film* transports audiences to a colorful, wondrous world populated by the overly optimistic *Trolls* who set off on a journey to rescue friends. Their mission is full of adventure and mishaps, as a mismatched duo try to tolerate each other long enough to get the job done.

6:30 PM Movie Admission is a canned good or other non-perishable food item

Snacks provided free—

Bring a Friend



ASH
WEDNESDAY
Soup Supper
(6:00 PM)
Service of Ashes
(7:00 PM),
Wednesday,
March 1,

Join your MPC church family for a simple meal (homemade soup, salad and bread) in Fellowship Hall followed by the traditional Service of Ashes, as we begin the Lenten season.

This quiet evening observance has become a favorite time of fellowship and reverence, preparing us for the 40-day wait until the glorious celebration of Easter!

Deacons Doings

At our January meeting, we held a reception welcoming our new Deacons, Lois Bowen, Lynne Zane and Josiah Carter, as well as those Deacons who are serving a second term, Ann Mensch, Sam Devonshire, and Carl Hughes. A warm thank you to Marty Warburton and Bob Curtis who have completed their terms of service. "We give thanks to God always for you all.....remembering without ceasing your work of faith....."

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.

According to the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, it is the duty of the Deacons, first of all, to "minister to those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress both within and beyond the community of faith." We sincerely thank our church family for your continued generous support in making it possible for us to serve others.

If you are able to donate an electric wheelchair to add to our handicapped supply inventory, we would be most grateful. Please notify Deacon Carl Hughes if you can do so.

Please continue to donate non-perishable food items for our community food banks and leaving them in the narthex. Thank you!

The Deacons wish each and every one a happy Valentine's Day!

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your HEART as working for the Lord, not for men....."

Colossians 3:23.

And, a happy St. Patrick's Day also! "Christ be with me, be after me, be before me, and be at my right and left hand, may everything I do be for Christ."

Blessings!

THE PER CAPITA FEE FROM PRESBYTERY FOR 2017 IS \$27.10 PER MEMBER. SESSION HAS VOTED TO MAKE THIS A VOLUNTARY PAYMENT FROM MEMBERS. IF YOU WANT TO PAY PER CAPITA INDICATE SO ON YOUR CHECK OR ENVELOPE.

Youth Events

The Youth have several events scheduled for the following Saturdays:

2/11- Skyzone

3/11- Arnolds

A Lock-In is planned for 2/24-25 7:30PM-8 AM. Don't miss the fun.

A clothing Drive is planned for the month of April.

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGH)

For many people, life can be tough and disasters can destroy whole families, towns and cities. One Great Hour of Sharing gives us the opportunity to join our hearts with God's by providing decisive aid when disaster strikes. Your gift strengthens struggling communities with basics like education, health care, tools, seeds and wells.

May you find your treasure and your heart through sharing resources and changing lives with a generous gift to One Great Hour of Sharing. The OGH campaign begins March 12 with the offering received April 23.

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading

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Invites each and every one of YOU to the

Season Celebration

When? Friday, March 3 at 6:00PM

Where? Indian Lane Elementary

What? a great carnival in the gym and food in the cafeteria. Everything is free, including the food and drink. The kids play carnival games to win tickets to exchange for fun prizes. After an exciting season this night will be the time to have a blast with friends new and old!

Why? Celebrating Season Eleven

Who? All league families and our church family. Upward kids will receive their season gift from the league at the program's conclusion.

To help with the carnival games or food, please let Chriss Benson or Don and Jinny Heilala know.

Upward Celebration Sunday, February 26

All present and past participants and volunteers are welcome to come in Upward attire as we celebrate Upward during the worship service on February 26.


February 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 NO Youth Bible Study Tonight 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:30 PM Colonial Dancers	2 3:30 PM Good News Club 4:30 PM Trevoise Group 6:30 PM Hand Bell Practice 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Group	3 6:00 PM Upward Cheerleading Practice 7:30 PM Seeking 2 Serve Small Group 8:00 PM NA Group	4 8:00 AM Upward Basketball Games 7:30 PM Mayer's Small Group
5 COMMUNION SUNDAY Souper Bowl ends today 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Coffee Time 10:30 AM The Worship Service 6:30 PM Youth Group	6 8:00 PM NA Group	7 9:30 AM The Quilters 7:00 PM Youth Ministry Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	8 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Youth Bible Study 7:30 PM Sticks 'n' Strings	9 3:30 PM Good News Club 4:30 PM Trevoise Group 6:30 PM Hand Bell Practice 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 7:30 PM Choir Practice 8:00 PM NA Group	10 6:00 PM Upward Cheerleading Practice 6:30 PM Family movie night 8:00 PM NA Group	11 8:00 AM Upward Basketball Games 6:30 PM Youth at Sky-zone
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Care Packages for College Students

It's second semester time for our college age young adults and we want to let them know that we are thinking about them and they are not forgotten just because they are away at school.

The Adult Ministry Team will be collecting items until Sunday February 26 to send them a Care Package that will be sent to them in early March.

Here are some possible items that they may need or want:

- Ramen Noodles (of course!)
- Microwave Popcorn
- Earphones
- Granola Bars
- Pens/Pencils
- Deck of cards
- Beef Jerky
- Gum
- Tea/Lemonade Mix
- Chapstick
- Highlighters
- Socks

You get the idea.

Please be creative as our young adults are all unique!

There is a box in the Narthex to collect items. You might even consider writing a note or card to include in their box.

Should you have any questions please see Rusty Abrams, Ken Schreffler or Steve Duerr.

Thank you for your continued support to this ministry!

The Adult Ministry Team

Thrivent Builds

The Mission Committee is exploring opportunities for members to participate in a "hands on" mission project. One option is Habitat for Humanity sponsored through Thrivent. On March 12, there will be a presentation following worship to describe the program. Come and see what God is doing through ordinary people and see if God is calling you to serve.

Spring Tea

Though it is hard to believe, May 7 is not too far off. Anyone who would like to be a hostess at a table for the Spring Tea, please see Jinny Heilala, Linda Fox or Karen Mayer. You only have to think up a theme for your table and bring your decorations. If you need help, just let us know.

Happy 300th Birthday

Get ready to Celebrate MPC's 300th Anniversary

Can you believe it, in three short years MPC will celebrate its 300th anniversary? A group has met to begin making plans for events throughout the year 2020. Some events are in the works, special musical concerts, a birthday dinner, a memorial walkway and the incorporation of the celebration in

our regular events such as Colonial Day, Spring Tea and Advent and Christmas.

We need more people to continue planning and to begin preparing for these events. If you are interested in being a part of this special 300th Anniversary committee, please speak to Pastor Doug, Linda Fox or Karen Mayer.

Sticks 'n Strings

"STICKS 'n STRINGS" continues to meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. Join us at 7:30 pm (til 9 or so) in the A-1 Board/Craft room to work on your current project (or begin a new one).

Remember – before you buy any supplies – please check

with us first! There are plenty of needles, hooks and skeins of yarn on our shelves – just waiting for your nimble fingers to transform them into a beautiful - prayer shawl (or square), scarf, lap blanket, hat or ????

Let your imagination soar!

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Middletown Presbyterian Church

Look inside and join us for:

- **Family Movie Night** 2/10
- **Celebration of Pastor Doug's Ministry** 2/19
- **Ash Wednesday Supper and Service** 3/1
- **Upward Carnival** 3/3
- **Annual Meeting** 3/5

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<i>In case of an emergency or if you know of someone in the hospital, please contact the church office 610-565-4080 during business hours or call the Pastor at 302-762-0851.</i>	

Sunday Worship at 10:30 AM
Sunday School for all ages at 9:00 AM
Youth Group 6:30 PM