



Middletown Press

SUMMER 2016

Coming Events:

June

- 6/5 Graduates Sunday
- 6/10 Movie Night
- 6/12 Church-wide Picnic
- 6/20 Men's Golf Outing

Looking Ahead

- 7/11-15 VBS
- 7/16 Youth Car Wash

Sundays

Worship 10:30AM

Followed by Punch on the Lawn

Church Picnic

Sunday, June 12 following worship is the time for our annual picnic. Our picnic kicks off the summer season and will feature hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and ice cream treats. Please bring along your favorite salad or side dish to share and/or baked goods for the sale table. Once again, we'll have a Moonbounce for the children and, of course – the always-popular raffle baskets! Dress comfortably (try wearing an Hawaiian shirt!) and plan to join your church family for a pleasant "lunch under the trees"!

Sermons and Scripture

Kingdom Secrets: The Parables of Jesus

6/5 – The Parable of the Sower –
Matthew 13:1-23

6/12 – The Parable of the Weeds
among the Wheat – Matt.13:24-30

6/19 – Parables of Mustard Seeds and
Yeast – Matthew 13:31-35

6/26 – Parables of Found Things –
Matthew 13:44-50

7/3 – The Parable of Lost Sheep –
Matthew 18:10-14

7/10 – The Parable of the Unforgiving
Servant – Matthew 18:23-35

7/17 – The Parable of the Wicked Ten-
ants – Matthew 21:33-46

7/24 – The Parable of the Wedding
Banquet – Matthew 22:1-14

8/21 – The Parable of the 10 Brides-
maids – Matthew 25:1-13

8/28 – The Parable of the Talents –
Matthew 25:14-30

Movie Night June 10

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

In the metropolis of Zootopia animals from every environment live together in a place where no matter what you are, from the biggest elephant to the smallest shrew, you can be anything. But when rookie Officer Judy Hopps arrives, she discovers that being the first bunny on a police force of big, tough animals isn't so easy.



June 10

6:30 PM Free Movie and Snacks – Bring a Friend



Colonial Countdown

As the long-awaited summer stretches ahead of us, with vacations to the shore or mountains and relaxing time with family and friends, autumn seems like a million light-years away. Yet we know that Colonial Day will be here before we realize it. Our big celebration this year takes place on Sunday, **September 18**, with all the usual excitement and festivities that we've enjoyed in the past, PLUS some new surprises.

If you have any thoughts of "dressing in garb" this year, we invite you to begin planning your outfit NOW. Fabrics, patterns and assistance are available – both from the MPC "in-house" seamstresses and through the Bethel Township Preservation Society. See Linda Fox, Sharon Reed, Janet Gemsheim or Karen Mayer for more information.

So---Save the Date and start talking about it to everyone you meet. Remember - there is something for every age and interest, so encourage them to start with the now-familiar colonial worship service and then stay for the delicious meal and the afternoon activities – a full day of fun for all!



I would like to thank all of my brothers and sisters for your love, support and the prayers during my illness.

The outpouring of concern for me was so lifting. YOUR prayers and the LORD nursed me back to health. I am doing great & glad to be back behind my desk serving my church family at MPC.

I am thankful and so very blessed to have you in my life.

With love,
Tana

Welcome

On May 22, we welcomed the following into membership at Middletown Presbyterian Church:

Betty Boyd
 Josiah Carter
 Carol Hoyt
 Anna Rice
 Brian Rick
 Lynne Zane

Sticks 'n Strings

“STICKS and STRINGS” will continue to meet over the summer - 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings (7:30 – 9:30pm). It's always c-o-o-l down in the Board/Craftroom, so join us for good-natured fellowship while your fingers stay busy.



We invite you to bring your current projects to show, help with one of our ongoing charity projects, or just stop by to chat! We offer cheerful instruction (and enthusiastic encouragement) for knitting, crocheting and any number of other crafting adventures, and have supplies for just about anything you would like to try.

Join us for a couple of hours of good-natured fellowship and relaxation while you create!

Men's Golf Outing

The James F. Standish Jr. Memorial Men's Golf Outing is scheduled for June 20 at 8:00 AM at Rock Manor Golf Club. Please plan to be there by 7:30 AM.

Greens Fees & Lunch = \$65.00

Modified Shot-Gun Best Ball Scramble Format

There will be prizes for closest to the pin and longest drive and plaque listing for the winning team.

BBQ Buffet Lunch afterwards where more prizes can be won.

Please e-mail the golfer's names and send a check payable to Middletown Presbyterian Church (write "Golf Outing" in the memo) to:

Ken Schreffler, 415 Penn Lane, West Chester, PA 19382. Address any questions to Ken by email to kschreff2@verizon.net or call 610-836-2529 (cell)

Any proceeds go to the MPC Endowment Committee. This mostly comes from mandatory mulligans sold at \$5/golfer.

This year we are also looking for businesses to be Hole sponsors, so if you know of any businesses that might be possible sponsors, contact Ken.

Deacons Doings

Father's Day is celebrated on June 19th, and we wish happiness and blessings to all our dads as well as to all the gentlemen in our church family! And, we cherish the loving memories of our fathers who are in our Lord's presence. "The just man walketh in his integrity; his children are blessed after him." Proverbs 20:7, KJV.

We give our thanks and praises to our gracious Heavenly Father for the greatest gift to mankind, His Son, Christ Jesus. "As we contemplate the love that prompted such giving, may our response be one of yielding our lives to Him for His glory."

We are always grateful to our congregation for your generous support of the Deacons' Fund. Your charitable offering helps us to reach out to our church family as well as to community needs and special requests. Your gifts are wisely used to support our mission and we welcome the opportunity to serve others. Thank you!

A ministry of the deacons through our Sole Fund is to provide needy children in our local area, and specifically we deal with students in our school district, with \$20.00 gift cards to help in purchasing shoes at Payless Shoe Source. In addition, a number of vouchers were given to Chester Eastside Ministries. If you should know a child who has such a need, please contact deacon Carl Hughes.

What shall I give to Christ today, to Him who gave Himself for Me? I'll give to Him my life, my love – for time and for eternity. – Anon.

God Bless!

PrimeTime

Prime Time Plus enjoyed a wonderful presentation of the history of Middletown and Media in May. We will not meet during the summer and will gather again in October.



Just a note or two . . .

It's hard to believe I am writing something for the June newsletter. I am dressed for cold weather today because of the gray, rainy weather that seems to have taken over our month of May. But it will be June very soon and warm sunshine, slower paced schedules and vacations will be part of our lives.

I recently attended a retirement celebration of a pastor I worked with many years ago. It was a great time to remember his ministry and wish him well as he retires. He had a saying that he used often. I had forgotten about him saying "God's best gifts come wrapped in flesh." When I heard that said at the tribute they had for him it brought back memories of so many "wrapped in flesh" gifts I

have received over the years. Being part of the family of God we are showered with those gifts over and over again.

Some of those gifts for me here at Middletown are the dear saints who week in and week out come to rehearsals and sing and play and ring on Sunday mornings. The fellowship we have together goes beyond music and we share our lives with each other. I am thankful for each one in the praise band, the choir, the handbells and those who provide special music at Christmas and other special times. You are amazing!!

Over the summer months as we take a break from weekly rehearsals we will have special music. If you would like to provide special music, please let me

know and we will work out a time to rehearse and a Sunday that is good for you.

There will be two Summer Choir opportunities on July 10 and August 14. We will sing something easy. Just come to Martin Chapel at 10 am and we will rehearse before the service. This is your opportunity to sing with the choir if weekly rehearsals and a busy schedule keep you from this during the year.

I encourage you to take the time to thank God for all of the "wrapped in flesh" gifts that you have received and I pray many more to come for each of us!!

Solo dei Gloria
Jan Wooden

Building and Property

These past few months were a blur. We are in the process of having window well covers made for the Fellowship Hall and lower classrooms of the admin Wing. They should be installed by the time you read this. This will eliminate the water problems in the lower admin wing history room and allow the wall to be repaired from the water and termite damage.

The window wells around the church were cleaned out and the broken glass from the storm windows removed. The double hung windows are in bad shape and some are rotted and falling apart.

The work at the manse is coming to completion, the sun room will be painted, some electrical to be completed, and HVAC duct work fixed.

There were several dead trees around the manse

and they were removed, the remaining trees were trimmed to remove the dead branches. We don't want dead limbs falling on our renters.

The sump pump serving the Fellowship Hall restrooms failed and was replaced.

Several other projects are slated to be completed:

- Repair of leaks between the tower and admin wing
- Plumbing in the Fellowship Hall kitchen to install a grease trap and installation of the original sump pump which was refurbished.

I wish to acknowledge Bill Warburton for his tireless work on our plumbing problems and researching of vendors.

May God Bless Our Church

Congratulations to all our 2016 Graduates

Post Secondary

Caitlyn Cassey received her Doctor of Optometry degree from Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University in May. She is seeking full time employment.

Andrew Mariani graduated from West Chester University with a Doctorate in Physical Therapy. He also has an undergrad degree in Pre-Med Biology with a minor in Psychology. Andrew will pursue employment after he sits for his Boards in July.

Pam Frederick is graduating June 5th from St. John's Law School in Queens, New York. She will be practicing securities litigation at Wollmuth, Maher & Deutsch starting September 5 in Manhattan.

Scott Van Zant graduated from Temple University with his Master's in Criminal Justice.

Allison Van Zant received her Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Kutztown University. While at Kutztown, Allison ran track and was treasurer of the psychology honor society. She will be pursuing her Master's in School Counseling at Temple University this fall.

Critical Food Shortage

Remember to bring nonperishable food items every worship service. Food pantries have their lowest food supplies in the summer; please help feed those in need. Consider picking up an item to share every time you shop.



High School

Tory Dubendorf graduated from Conestoga High School. During her four years in high school she was extremely active in the Music Department and theater. She has sung in Chorus, the select choir, all girls' choir, and concert choir while participating in make-up, paint, and stage crews for the fall plays and spring musicals. In 12th grade she was in the color guard for the marching band.

During her senior year she had an internship at the Main Line Media New in Ardmore and was published in the Suburban Times. This summer Tory will travel to France and Germany with her sister, Olivia, to follow their grandfather's movements during World War II. In the Fall, Tory will be attending Temple majoring in communications and minoring in French.

Josh Spees graduated from Penncrest High School. He was an Honor Roll student and a member of the Latin Club with whom he travelled abroad to Italy in 2015. Josh was on the wrestling team his entire high school career. He also was on the Cross Country and Lacrosse teams. Josh has worked as a lifeguard for the YMCA for the last three years. Josh will be attending Norwich University in Northfield, VT in the fall majoring in Computer/Electrical Engineering. He has been accepted into the 'Corps of Cadets' at Norwich.

Bowling Champions

Congratulations to the Middletown Bowling Team on being League Champions this season in the Delco Church League at Conchester Lanes. Members of our bowling team include Dan Cross, Dave Cross, Pam Dimeler, Scott Dimeler, Don Heilala, and Glenn Heibaugh. Way to go team!

Vacation Bible School 2016

Vacation Bible School

July 11th- July 15th Monday thru Friday

9:00 am- 12:00 noon

WOW! What an Introduction to Jesus.

Imagine Paul's surprise, one minute he's traveling along the road then POW all of a sudden there was this brilliant light. He was so amazed that he fell off his horse!

Paul had not been a friend of Jesus up until now in fact, he had been rather cruel to many of Jesus' friends.

But after this happened, all that changed. Paul became one of Jesus' greatest friends. And this is just the start of his story...

One day, Jesus asked Paul to do something for him. It was a very special something that would take him to lots of different places to meet lots of different people.

Join Paul on his travels, some of the adventures that he enjoyed along the way and most important, what he discovered about Jesus.

Registration form in the Narthex, office & Christian Education Building.

Any Questions contact Chriss Benson 610-909-6216 or e-mail chriss@middletownpres.org



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CEF Teacher Training

Child Evangelism Fellowship - Teacher Training Events

September 24th Spiritual Development Workshop 9am – 3pm – Manoa Community Church in Havertown

Teaching Children Effectively – Level 1 – Wednesday Evenings, September 21 – November 16 – 6-9 pm and Saturday, October 29th, 9am – 3pm Redeemed Christian Church of God in Philadelphia

For more information contact the Child Evangelism Fellowship office at 610-449-9564 or cefof-delawarecounty@gmail.com

Pray for VBS

Pray that God would bring many children to our Vacation Bible School. That their hearts would be open to the gospel presentation.

Pray for the Child Evangelism Staff that will be helping this year, that they would be creative, fun & interesting and be able to share Jesus.

Upcoming Youth Activities

Important dates:

7/16 Car Wash 9-2 Elwyn Sunoco

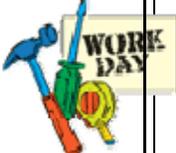
SHACC is on for August 1-5

This is a spectacular Summer camp for middle and high schoolers. The cost is \$325 with a \$50 deposit required by 5/31/16.

Don't miss out on a 'High Adventure' week!

Purchase Giant Gift Cards to help fund our Youth Activities. Order your cards from Sheila Schreffler \$50 gift cards are available for immediate purchase.

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study 7:30 PM Tapestry Colonial Dancers	2 4:30 PM Trevoze Group 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	3 7:30 PM Seeking 2 Serve Small Group 8:00 PM NA Group	4
5  Communion Sunday Graduates Recognition No Youth Group Today 10:30 AM The Worship Service 11:30 AM Punch on the Lawn following the worship Service	6 9:00 AM Children's Ministry Planning Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	7 NO Staff Meeting Today 9:30 AM The Quilters 8:00 PM NA Group	8 9:30 AM Adult Bible Study - LAST Bible Study until September 7:30 PM Sticks 'n' Strings	9 4:30 PM Trevoze Group 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	10  6:30 PM Family Movie Night at MPC - Zootopia 7:30 PM Seeing Eye Puppy Club 8:00 PM NA Group	11
12  10:30 AM The Worship Service 11:30 AM Annual All Church Picnic 6:30 PM Youth Group	13 7:00 PM Deacon's Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	14 9:30 AM The Quilters 1:00 PM Staff Meeting 3:00 PM Children's Ministry 7:30 PM Delco Cruisers Car Club 8:00 PM NA Group	15 7:30 PM Tapestry Colonial Dancers	16 4:30 PM Trevoze Group 7:15 PM Boy Scouts Meeting 8:00 PM NA Group	17 7:30 PM Seeking 2 Serve Small Group 8:00 PM NA Group	18  8:30 AM B & P Work Day 12:00 PM Eagle Scout Court of Honor
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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