



The Scripture readings for the month are as follows:

July 5      2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
              Psalm 48  
              2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
              Mark 6:1-13

July 12     2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19  
              Psalm 24  
              Ephesians 1:3-14  
              Mark 6:14-29

July 19     2 Samuel 7:1-14a  
              Psalm 89:20-37  
              Ephesians 2:11-22  
              Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26     2 Samuel 11:1-15  
              Psalm 14  
              Ephesians 3:14-21  
              John 6:1-21

**JULY Deacon of the Month**  
**Earl Apel**

## INVITATION FROM SESSION

### Town Hall Meeting Announced

The Session of Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church invites all members and friends to a Town Hall Meeting on **Wednesday, July 15, 2009**. We will begin the evening at 6:00 with a light salad and dessert dinner followed at 6:45 with our Town Hall Meeting. Both events will be held in the Social Hall. The regularly scheduled Wednesday

Meeting Night on July 15<sup>th</sup> has been canceled so that we may host the Town Hall Meeting.

Church leaders are elected and installed at Mt. Auburn in the spring and assume their board and committee responsibilities at the July meetings of the Session or Board of Deacons. Over the past several months, the Session has been in prayer and dialogue about the vision we all hold for our church. On Saturday, June 6, 2009 church leaders spent the day in spiritual retreat, praying, reflecting and building community together. The Town Hall Meeting dialogue will focus on two compelling questions:

- *What is God calling us to be?*
- *What is God calling us to do?*

As we continue to explore what it means to be a transformational church, a connectional church, an authentic church, we look forward to open dialogue to explore your ideas, your own call to serve and our collective vision for our future.

We look forward to seeing you on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00. If you are able to bring a salad, a dessert or drinks to share, we appreciate your offering.

**FROM YOUR TREASURER -**  
**Lisa Foster**

Here's hoping your July is a real blast!!!

**OFFERING ASSISTANTS** – The following folks volunteered to be offering assistants. If you can't cover your assigned Sunday,

please arrange for a trade with someone and advise Joseph and Debbie.

7/5 L. Butler      7/26 S. Ingmire  
7/12 M. Champion   8/2 M. Standriff  
7/19 B. Feldmann   8/9 K. Syler

Everyone is making a wonderful effort with keeping up with their EOG's (Estimate of Giving). We are receiving contributions at a pace necessary to support the projected need in our 2009 operating budget. During Summertime - traditionally the offering received is down due to vacations and other summertime activities. Thanks for keeping up with your estimates. If you won't be at church - you can always mail offerings to the office and they will be given to Joseph. Haven't completed an EOG for 2009???? - well talk to me and we'll get you set up.

Some of our members have opted for EFT (Electronic Fund Transfer) for either their EOG, Capital Campaign pledge, or both. If you would like to talk to someone who is participating - to see how it is working for them - or if you would just like to go ahead and get set up the same - please contact Gloria Gillespie for additional information and paperwork.

End of June - early July, a random selection of contribution statements for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter will be emailed. If your email address has changed OR - you don't think one is on file in our database -please contact Debbie - at [office@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:office@mtauburnpresby.org). If you would like one mailed directly - please let me know - at [treasurer@mtauburnpresby.org](mailto:treasurer@mtauburnpresby.org).

**'08 - '11 Capital Campaign** - In May - we received \$6,202 ...toward our Capital campaign. In last month's BEACON there was a wonderful article about the projects that are currently underway.....and you can see many beautiful changes and updates around the building. The painter's have been hard at work - and our interior walls are bright and colorful!!!

In May - our annual contribution to Llanfair Retirement Endowment was sent to them as

set aside by the MAPC Women's Association Endowment instructions. The financial gifts, foresight, and big hearts of these wonderful women - just keeps on giving even after the dissolution of the group. It's part of their legacy of their active time at MAPC. If you are interested in establishing a legacy gift for MAPC - please contact Susan Ingmire for more information.

DYK - Did You Know - that while we no longer actively pursue donors for fresh flowers every Sunday morning... - if you would ever like to "sponsor" flowers for a special occasion - we can arrange to have some delivered and the occasion noted in the bulletin. The cost is **\$35** and you should contact Beth Troendly. Please give her a few weeks notice so she has time to arrange with our new florist.

Don't forget - when you shop at Staples - give MAPC **"business rewards credit"** and Debbie - in the office - gets coupons for monies off on future purchases for our office supplies.

Recycle!! - Did you know that making new aluminum cans from recycled aluminum uses 95% less energy than making cans from raw materials...so by recycling a can you can save energy equal to 6 oz. of gasoline - AS WELL AS - contribute to 2 special mission efforts of MAPC - Robin Pendery takes the cans brought to church and brings back the \$\$\$\$ - Total monies collected to date in 2009 - \$23!!

**Another "Recycle = \$\$\$" Opportunity** - Do you have used printer ink cartridges sitting around your house? You have the best intent on properly re-cycling them...somewhere - right? But you haven't. Have we got the solution for you. Bring them to the MAPC office and Debbie will take them to Staples. In return MAPC gets a \$3/per cartridge credit to use toward future supply orders. To date MAPC has received

\$97 in credit. So clean up your home office, re-recycle and preserve the environment, AND save some bucks for MAPC. What a deal!

First Sunday Loose Offering – the undesignated, loose monies collected on the first Sunday of each month – go to the same special 2 missions as our re-cycling monies. Through June - Loose offering totals - \$495.39. Thanks for your generosity.

**From Redbook - Hot stuff stats - 134 - highest recorded temp in the US. – Death Valley, CA – 7/10/13; 158 – temp at which you can fry an egg on the sidewalk; 30% you'll lower your cooling costs by switching from AC to fans; 1941 the year in which the modern formulation for antiperspirant was patented**

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***Every time you spend money, you're casting a vote for the kind of world you want – Anna Lappe***

### **MAPC Capital Campaign Update**

**WARNING: Electrical Power will be disrupted in July!!!!**

A big part of the Air-conditioning installation work is the consolidation/upgrade/replacement of our electrical service. Currently the plan is for the **entire plant** to be without power for 8 to 10 hours **one day** the week of **July 20<sup>th</sup>**. We will not know until closer to the date which day it will be. Then the following week, July 27<sup>th</sup> the Sanctuary building, including the Community Shares office, will be without power **for 3-5 days** as that service is disconnected, rewired and then circuits reconnected. Every effort will be made to minimize disruptions but to a large extent we are at the mercy of Duke Energy.

**HVAC Installation:** The air-conditioning installation is preceding at full steam all the

major hardware is on site and work is proceeding quickly.

**Stained Glass:** Restoration of the Sower window continues with restorative painting of

figures being started. Some cloudy glass used for repair in the past will be replaced with clearer glass, which should give these portions of the window a brighter appearance. Guy Humphrey will be visiting the studio in July to inspect the work first hand.

**Pew Cushions;** The contract has been let to a neighborhood company to recover our worn pew cushions. They will pick up batches on Monday and have them back by Friday so there should be no disruption to Sunday worship. We are recovering the cushions for time, cost and environmental (reuse) reasons, with the assurance of the upholstery company that the current cushions still provide a good base for new padding and fabric.

**Painting:** Hopefully you have noticed the new paint in the connector and are enjoying the dramatic addition of color. We believe we have found the source of the last leak and all the painting should be completed presently.

**Roof repairs.** To stop the leaks we have found in the connector additional significant but not major, roof repairs have been identified and are being bid. We hope this is the last chapter of the “Connector mystery leak” serial that we’ve all grown tired of.

**Men’s Room Renovation:** A design has been approved and after some modifications is going back out for bid refinement.

Remember we can only complete these projects with the funds pledged to the Capital Campaign so thank you for your support and please continue, we still have a long way to go. If you haven’t made a pledge or gift, and would like to, please contact Eric Burgmann or anyone on the Finance and Stewardship committee.

## MAPC CAMP IS BACK!

July 17, 18, 19, 2009



At King's Domain, a lovely forested mini-resort located near Ft. Ancient, just 30 minutes from downtown Cincinnati. Hiking, biking, swimming, canoeing, laughing and dining together in a modern yet rustic lodge. Choose a private luxury cabin or a rough-and-ready dorm-style cabin. The cost is yet to be announced but, trust us, it will be modest, especially relative to all the fun we'll have! Look for your registration form via the e-pistle or on the table in the connector. For more details, talk to Nan Costello or Rick Sowash.

### OPEN STACKS BOOK CLUB –



**Please join us at Open Stacks Book Club** on August 7, 2009 at 7:00 P.M for a review and discussion of James McBride's 2008 book, *Song Yet Sung*. (You may remember our discussion several years ago of McBride's book, *Miracle of St. Anna*.)

*Song Yet Sung* is a book about slave, Liz Spocott, in the days before the Civil War, when "a group of slaves breaks free in the labyrinthine swamp of Maryland's Eastern Shore, setting loose a drama of violence and hope among slave catchers, plantation owners, watermen, runaway slaves, and free blacks. Among them is Liz Spocott, a runaway slave, near death, wracked by disturbing visions of the future and armed with 'The Code,' a fiercely guarded cryptic means of communication for slaves on the run. As she makes her desperate flight among the denizens of the swampy peninsula, Liz's extraordinary dreams of tomorrow create a freedom-seeking furor among the once complacent slave community. It is one that will thrust them all

into a world of haunting choices, and inexorably closer to a mysterious, redemptive and unexpected fate."

Join us for what is sure to be an interesting discussion of James McBride's newest book on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Host/hostess to be determined and printed in future bulletins. Hope to see you then.

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As earth-shaking events have transpired across the globe during the past three months, a tiny enclave of like-minded MAPC-ers have gathered on most Mondays nights to study Dante's immortal "Divine Comedy."

Just as Dante had his Virgil, and later his beloved Beatrice, to lead him through the Inferno and the Great Beyond, our group had John Tallmadge, a Dante scholar, Nature writer, long-time MAPC member and ever-ready conversationalist.

Dutifully we read the Cantos (chapters) assigned to us by J.T. and were surprised each week by the insight and passion our guide brought to the discussion of what we had read. One of our group, John Wegener, pronounced the experience to have been "the best course of study I've ever had." The others - Diane Smith, Rich Bitting, Bill and Marlene Muse, Jean Graves, Rick Sowash, Sandy and David Eichert -- all nodded in assent. Together we plumbed the depths of Hell and transmigrated across the heights of Heaven but none of us could have done it without our loving and inspiring guide, John Tallmadge. So we say, right here in black-and-white for all to read, Great Thanks to John for organizing and directing this remarkable course.

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**Calling all reluctant, shy, shower singers –** on August 9 the chancel choir will meet on Sunday morning at 9:10 in the sanctuary to practice an anthem for that day. So not having a free Thursday evening to practice is no excuse. Come and sing a fun (and easy) anthem with us and share the gift of song that God has given you.

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**During the months of July and August** the Chancel Choir takes a well deserved hiatus getting a little R& R and preparing for the busy OFC/Fall/Advent/Christmas seasons. So, for 9 or 10 weeks music will be provided by you. If you'd like to help serve the church with your musical gifts – call, contact, or get in touch with Chris Miller ASAP 859-394-4439.

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## **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Elizabeth Tallmadge - Clark Montessori High School  
Nathan Meyer - High School in Indiana  
Chris Basler - Reading High School  
Brian Anderson - University of Cincinnati  
Ben Marston - Xavier University

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Long time member of Mt. Auburn Presbyterian Church, Matilda Pennington, passed away on June 5, 2009, due to complications of Parkinson's disease.