

Welcome!

ALL WHO COME TO WORSHIP GOD ARE ALWAYS WELCOME HERE.

This is Christ's Church and together we are seeking to love the world as the Beloved did. We also seek to be as embracing as Jesus was. Therefore, everyone is invited into full membership and ministry regardless of age, sexual orientation, race, ethnic origin, or worldly condition.

A SPECIAL WELCOME If you are visiting us for the first time today, or you are a returning visitor, we're glad you are here! **Please be sure to sign the pew register, where you will also find nametags.** We hope you'll use them so we can introduce ourselves and get to know you during Social Hour. **We use nametags too, so you can get to know us!**

Join us for Social Hour, downstairs in the Social Hall, following worship.

	<u>Serving this Morning</u>	<u>September 8</u>
Liturgist	Carolyn Gutjahr	Diane Smith
Sound System	Reuben Blair	Gordon DeVinney
Offering Assistant	Brian Anderson	Van Ackerman
Ushers	Communion Servers: Pat Basler, Deb Carle	Lisa Foster, Ruth Anne Van Loon, Dave Chalk, Pat Basler, Carolyn Gutjahr, Anne Marciniak, Teegan Ernst
Coffee Hour	Earl Apel Agape Group	Heather Graden Agape Group

OUR CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER REQUESTS

Marlene Crabtree (Susan Ingmire's mother) heart procedure on August 29, Abigail and Amaris Gutjahr (Carolyn's nieces) and Ann & Mark Soukup (their new legal guardians) as they begin their lives together in West Virginia; Bob Jones; Dustin Snyder (Jean Snyder's grandson); Sandee Ernst; Teegan Ernst; Margaret Standriff; Sequoia Powers-Griffin; John Wegener; Amy Grady - health issues; Norm & Judy Lindblad and family as Norm continues under care for Alzheimer's; Michael Harper; Pat Lefeld; Gwen Ramgobin; Brian Tansey; Seth Currier; Bonnie Bohn; Jan Gallagher; Bill Porter; Mary Ann Ignatius; Bill Rogers; Anita Taylor, Cancer; Bradley and Christina Saul (Pete Tuff's daughter and son-in-law) Bradley is recuperating from brain surgery; Jane Kenney; Ellen Kobe (Lynn Hailey's niece); Gary Midge (Pastor Stacey's dad) chemotherapy; Abigail Gutjahr (Carolyn's Niece) undergoing chemo; Anne Steinert's sister-in-law, Rachel Smith-Steinert and Amanda Kuhn, whose mother, Sue Ann Smith, was moved to hospice care; Jonathan Ross and family (Pat Timm's nephew); Steve Ingmire (Susan's brother); DJ Chalk (Dave's son); Peter E. Tuff (Pete's dad); Yvonne Hailey (Lynn's mom); Caz (Dave Chalk's grandson).

HELP WANTED!

MAPC WORKDAY

WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9 A.M. – NOON, PLEASE COME!

- ✓ We need volunteers to work **inside** to clean kitchens, fridges, microwaves, change lightbulbs, perform minor repairs, etc.
- ✓ We also need help **outside** (weather permitting) to pick up litter, do yard work, wash windows, etc.
- ✓ Everything you do around your own homes we need help with at MAPC.

ALL SKILL LEVELS ARE WELCOME!

You don't have to stay the full 3 hours! Any help is appreciated.

Donuts and a light lunch provided



M A P C **BULLETIN BOARD**



FIRST SUNDAY LOOSE CASH OFFERING

The loose cash offering received **today** is designated for our Extra Commitment Opportunities mission project: **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**.

SECOND SUNDAY DONATIONS

- ☞ During the offering **next Sunday, September 8**, we will collect items for the St. George Food Pantry. The **September** requested items are: **Condiments (all varieties)**. Please **purchase plastic bottles and jars, no larger than 14-16 oz.** Glass containers or extra-large items are heavy for those who walk and have to carry them. They are of course grateful for all donations. Make checks payable to MAPC and note **Food Pantry**.
 - ☞ The Board of Deacons will offer for purchase, lunches for those less fortunate. The suggested offering is \$2.50. They will be on sale in the Social Hall. Look for Sara Bick and Anne Marciniak. Thank you for supporting those in need.
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OPEN STACKS BOOK CLUB

The September book club will convene at Bill Bogdan and Carl Wards' home this Friday, Sept 6th. Usual time, usual craziness. Please car pool as you know parking is off-site and bring along a folding chair. Let's hope for a cool, dry evening. ☺

In honor of the late Toni Morrison and her beautiful writing, we will read, "**God Help the Child.**" I'm sure many of you have read the book and it will be good to reread it to refresh your memory.

We'll gather at 7 and begin discussing at 7:30. Please bring your favorite drink and a snack to share. Any questions see Bill Bogdan or Nan Costello.

SERVE GOD, HAVE FUN: MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES ARE JUST AROUND THE CORNER



Chancel Choir [Rehearsals begin this Thursday, September 5, 7:30 PM]

WHY ME? WHY NOT? Are you aware that singers live longer, breathe better, have better postures, lower cholesterol, better circulation, are expressive, laugh frequently, exercise less caution, are open minded, make interesting dinner guests, lead extraordinarily active lives, and are generally free of lice and dandruff? Well, mostly true – but if you've ever had the hankering to join your voice with others in heavenly harmony, why not give the Chancel Choir a try – rehearsals are on Thursdays, 7:30 pm – 9:00ish.

But wait... there's more!



Handbells [Rehearsals begin Thursday, September 19, 6:30 PM]

Brring, Brring...Hello, Hello, that's one ringy dingy, that's two ringy dingys...Yes, the Handbells are ringing! The Handbells are ringing!! We meet on Thursdays, 6:30-7:20 pm. We're always looking for new ringers. Ever take piano lessons, read a little (or a lot) of music? Then you are needed. The Handbells is a small commitment to the church's music ministry, ringing about five (5) times from October through May. Please help us out.

Whether you like to sing or ring – join us! Please talk to Chris Miller if you are interested in either of these MAPC's Music Ministry opportunities.

PROGRESSIVE EDUCATION COMMUNITY

Adult Encounters, and the Godly Play program (for young children), are on hiatus for the summer. Watch the bulletin for fall program info.

Summer Nursery Care is provided, **10:45 a.m. through the worship hour**, for infants and children up to 3 years of age. Lydia returns **next Sunday, September 8.**

If you have any questions about our Encounters programs, please contact Ruth Anne Van Loon.

ART IN THE HALLS CURRENT EXHIBITION

“Seeds of Change”

Andrea Grimsley, Abstracts and Landscapes

July 7th - Sept. 15th

More information about the artist and her art is available on the podium in the lobby.

Carl Ward, Art in the Halls Coordinator

MAPC CALENDAR - September 1 - 8

Date	Time	Group/Purpose	Room
Sunday September 1	8:30 AM	AA	Geier Rm
	9:45 AM	AA Board - Tentative	Conference Rm
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Social Hour	Social Hall
Monday September 2 Labor Day	6:00 PM	GLSEN	Social Hall
Tuesday September 3	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED		
	12:00 PM	Interim General Presbyter Search Com.	Geier Rm
	7:30 PM	Crossport Board	Conference Rm
Wednesday September 4	11:30 AM	Staff mtg.	Conference Rm
	5:00 PM	Interim General Presbyter Search Com.	Geier Rm
Thursday September 5	8:15 AM	Nuns on the Bus	Conference Rm
	7:30 PM	Choir	Music Rm
Friday September 6	7:00 PM	Book Club	Bogdan/Ward home
Saturday September 7	9:30 AM	Woman's City Club	Geier Rm
	10:00 AM	October Festival Choir Rehearsal	Social Hall
Sunday September 8	8:30 AM	AA	Geier Rm
	9:45 AM	Encounters	Geier Rm
	11:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	12:30 PM	Social Hour	Social Hall
	12:30 PM	Deacon's Mtg.	Geier Rm
	6:00 PM	Brass Fellowship	Sanctuary