

MCDONALD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2010 NEWSLETTER

THE MCDONALD OPEN-SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH



Attention golfers! Be sure to join us for our Annual Church Golf Open. Last year we had approximately 12 foursomes which made for a great day of fellowship and golf. We were also able to raise a nice amount of income for the ministries of our church. Be sure to mark you calendar for Saturday, September 25, 2010. Of course there will be a dinner, cash prizes and door prizes available for those who participate. The tournament will again be a best ball

format—held at Beaver Creek Meadows held in Lisbon, Ohio. Go to the events page of our website to download a registration form (www.mcdonaldpres.org).

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE MOVES TO EVERY WEEK.

Starting on **September 5th** there will be a contemporary service held each Sunday at 8:15 AM. For the month of September contemporary services will continue to be held outdoors at the Trail Station Park. We have had a very enjoyable summer of services outdoors and look forward to expanding this wonderful opportunity to praise our Lord and Savior. As a part of this expanded commitment by our praise team they will not be leading us in song each Sunday morning starting in September. Both of our services of worship will continue to change and grow along with our congregation.

FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE



McDonald Presbyterian Church has partnered with a city wide initiative to build healthy marriages in our region. We will be hosting a conference of the highest quality this October 15th and 16th. If you are married this is a fun opportunity that you will not want to miss. See page 9 for complete details.

FACILITIES RENOVATION COMMITTEE

The Facilities Renovation Committee thanks you for your participation in the church wide survey. If you have not yet completed your survey, please fill out and mail to the church office or place in the offering plate.

As always, please feel free to give your input directly to one of our committee members: Linda Matchett and Brad Unruh (co chairs), Sandi Albertini, Alvin Berthold, Jim Brockman, Lynn Brockman, Arlene Carr, John Casey, Ed Gilbert, Tom Maxwell, Tim Motte and Nancy Turk.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *MYM Kick-off Sept. 8th. Camp Hughey*
- *Treats & Treasurers September 11th*
- *Communicants Class September 12th*
- *Newsletter Deadline Sunday, Sept. 14th*
- *"See You at the Pole" Wednesday, Sept. 22nd*
- *Golf Outing Sept. 25th*
- *Marriage Enrichment Oct. 15th&16th*

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FALL SERMON SERIES UPDATE BY REV. JUSTIN AMSLER

“Who is Jesus” Investigating Jesus’ claims about himself in the Book of John

This fall our sermon series will be focused on the Question: “Who is Jesus?” We are going to answer that question together, largely from Jesus’ own words. In the book of John, Jesus makes many “I AM” statements. But there are seven key ones that we will be investigating to find a fuller answer to the question, “Who is Jesus?” Equally as important as who Jesus is, is what he expects of us. As we learn more about our loving father we will learn more about how we can respond to his love and how we will come to know that he is our source and our life. The book of John is an adventure in faith and leads readers on a path of deeper and deeper knowledge of who this person of Jesus really is. Join with me in embarking on this journey to see what we can gain from examining closely the words of Jesus as recorded by John. The opening sermon to the series will begin this week, on Rally Day, August 29th.

CHRISTIAN BOOK AND RESOURCE REVIEW: THRIVING FAMILY MAGAZINE BY: SARAH AMSLER



As a new wife and mother I am the consumer of many magazines. Magazines that help me learn how to cook, creating a delectable meal in 30 minutes or less, and ones that tell me about new infant/toddler products and ones that of course give guidance to commonly asked questions like “What do I do when...?” or other questions of life and parenting.

My husband asked me recently if I would like to receive a Focus on the Family Magazine called *Thriving Family*. I said yes without thinking about it, knowing I would thumb through it like the others. The magazine had been coming to our home for a few months when I finally stumbled upon the July/August addition. When Justin returned home from work I said to him “This magazine is so good, honestly I don’t know why I haven’t read it until now.”

So what makes *Thriving Family* different from the rest of the magazines? It’s God Centered! There are few advertisements which make it jam packed with relevant articles for me and my family. The advertisements that do exist are for valuable Christian resources and ministries which helps me to focus on positive things. The magazine starts out with a

“Family Stages” section which includes articles directed towards families with children in certain age stages i.e. 0-3 early years, 4-7 discovery times, 8-12 tween ages, and 13-18 teen phases. The next portion of the magazine is called “Family Media” covering anything from digital media to music, to book and movie reviews. “Family Faith” is the third section which includes an article with ideas for family devotions, memory verses, addressing key points in the chosen scripture and hands on activities that help promote learning and comprehension. One fun topic that I think is very useful is the “Dinner Talk” section which encourages family meal time and discussions. This section also provides additional scripture for weekly study. Under “Family Faith” are articles that share examples of how faith practices are worked on and worked out in real families’ lives such as humility, self sacrifice, marriage building, and building neighborly community. Lastly, “Family Life” covers articles specifically for Men, Women, Moms, Working Mothers, Single parents, and extended family. I was impressed by how much of the material is written by popular Christian musicians and other well known church leaders.

This magazine is for parents of every age, whether you are a mom, dad, or grandparent there is something for you. Encouragement is needed to help our families thrive these days. In today’s world broken families are a common reality and more families are finding themselves against odds. This magazine knows that your family may be less than ideal and supports you wherever you are. I am thankful there are resources out there by well acclaimed Christian groups to help us fight for our marriages and families. I highly recommend this magazine. It would make a perfect gift for a birthday or even Christmas gift at an affordable cost of \$9.99 for 1 year. Visit www.thrivingfamily.com for more information.

Delighted and overjoyed,

Sarah Amsler

TREATS & TREASURES, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH



Please give your support to this annual event by attending and enjoy our delicious luncheon, shop at our craft and gourmet tables at Trinity Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Also, remember that our White Elephant Sale will be held at Calvary Center (see bulletins for drop off times). Your support in any way would be appreciated by McDonald Presbyterian Women, the sponsors of this annual appeal for missions.

INTERESTED IN
JOINING THE
CHOIR? PLEASE
SEE SYNDRIA
LOWE FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

CHOIR NEWS



Welcome back to all the members of the Adult, Bell, Youth and Kids Choir. Hope you all had a great summer break because we're back to work! We are excited to welcome some new participants and look forward to sharing some wonderful and glorious music in the weeks ahead. If you would like to learn more about these musical worship programs, please call Syndria Lowe at 724/926-0127.

Typically rehearsals will be on Thursday evenings with Adult Choir meeting weekly and Bell Choir alternating with Kids and Youth Choirs. Kids and Youth will sometimes practice separately and at times have combined rehearsals. Watch for updates in the MPC Newsletter or in the weekly bulletins.

Big thanks to all the summer musicians! Once again, I want to express my personal thanks as well as a big thanks from the MPC congregation to all who provided special music for our Summer Worship Series. This year we were treated to the musical gifts and talents of the following: Heidi Adomshick, Julie Hanczar, Dave Hanczar, Matt Dugan, Katie McDowell, Betsy Toulouse, Kathy Hawk, Alexis Hawk, Samantha Hawk, Dana Motte, Annie Motte, Amelia Motte, Diana Motte, Jodie Panizza, Anthony Panizza, Jillian Panizza, Kelli Miller, Kennedy Miller, Jamie Wilson and Greg Gilbert. I do hope you were blessed in the giving as we were in the receiving.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS-PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS AND COMMUNICANTS CLASS—STARTS SEPTEMBER 12TH



If you are interested in joining McDonald Presbyterian Church, this class is for you. The class meets in the Calvary Pastor's Study at 9:30 a.m. starting on September 12th. The class continues every Sunday through November 7th with new members being brought into the church on November 14th.

This year we are combining the youth Communicants class and the adult Prospective Member Class, Rev. Amsler will again be teaching the series. The class is open to anyone who is interested in revisiting the basics of faith in Presbyterianism. We have a great time of fellowship and learning as we go through what we believe about church mem-

bership, the Bible, sacraments, church government, stewardship and more.

Attendees of the class are not required to join upon its completion. If you are unsure about membership come and investigate what we are all about. Please contact Rev. Amsler or the church office if you plan to attend.



IT'S NEVER TOO
LATE TO
VOLUNTEER FOR
NURSERY, TEACH
SUNDAY
SCHOOL OR DO
A SMALL TALK!

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS (CONTINUED)

Rally Day is August 29th at which time the fall/winter time for main church service will begin at **10:45 a.m.** Sunday School Rally Day exercises begin at 9:30 a.m. Calvary Sanctuary

Sunday, September 5th begins the regular Sunday School hours (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.).

Also, beginning, September 5th we are introducing a new Sunday School class for children from birth to 3 years of age called "Little Praises Sunday School Program" led by Sarah Amsler in the Nursery (parents must attend along with their child).

Communion Education—Sunday, September 5th. Rev. Justin will be visiting the 2nd and 3rd grade classes to discuss the Sacrament of Communion. We are finding that the younger children are participating in Communion, but may not necessarily understand why we are called to do this. Parents are invited to attend this session along with their children. There will also be a time to recognize the students who received the instruction at the 10:45 a.m. service of worship that morning before the congregation joins in sharing the Lord's Supper.

In Home Communion Services—Rev. Amsler, along with an Elder or Deacon will be making home visits on Monday, October 4th to offer communion to all those who are unable to attend worship on Sunday, October 3rd, World Communion Sunday. If you would like to receive Communion, please contact the church office at 724/926-8561.

VOLUNTEER NURSERY SCHEDULE-SEPTEMBER

Adult Schedule

September 5th	Dorothy Penberthy
September 12th	Betty Ryan
September 19th	Shirl Krenn
September 26th	Joann Bennett

Youth Helpers

September 5th	Alynn Marin
September 12th	Kennedi Miller
September 19th	Julie Hanczar
September 26th	Emily Eyler

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE-SEPTEMBER

September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 26th

Adult Volunteers

Lyndsey and Justin Longstreth
Melinda and Matt Errett
Betty Ryan and Debra Baldigowski
Deb McGinnis and Cathy Krenn

Youth Volunteers

September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 26th

Amelia and Diana Motte
Matt Dugan and Anthony Panizza
Hannah Tidd and Diana Motte
Amelia Motte and Victoria Inskipt

LAY LEADERS-SEPTEMBER

September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 25th

Peggy Samarin
Becky Gladden
Lois Meehan
Ed (Sonny) Gilbert

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE-SEPTEMBER

September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 26th

Jimmy Gilbert and Alex Nemec
Hailey Bair and Diana Motte
Amelia Motte and Jacob Weiler
Matthew Cook and Evan Tidd

We are looking for new acolytes. Anyone who is the third grade or higher can become an acolyte. Please contact Mrs. McGinnis. You will be trained and then light with an “experienced” lighter. Please help light our way.



SMALL TALK VOLUNTEERS-SEPTEMBER

August 29th—Rally Day
September 5th
September 12th
September 19th
September 26th
October 3rd
October 10th

Syndria Lowe
Chuck Smith
Kids Sing
Linda Matchett
Kelli Miller
Dana Motte
Kids Sing



MYM (McDONALD YOUTH MINISTRIES)—KICKOFF



Attention to all youth!!! You’ve been waiting since the end of June to get back to MYM. Well, here’s the good news MYM will kick off on Wednesday, September 8th at the property of Chuck and Becky Hughey. The time will be from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. We will meet in the fellowship hall of Trinity Center! Once organized, we will car pool to Camp Hughey for a fun evening of dinner, fellowship, swimming, bible study and a campfire!

CHANCEL PEW SALE



For over a year the pews that were formerly in the chancel area of Trinity Sanctuary have been stored in a section of hallway in Trinity Center. The now more open stage area has been a benefit to many different groups in the church.

At the August Session meeting it was decided that the pews will not be put back into that space and that they should be sold. The starting price for the pews is \$200.00 each which is thought to be fair market value. There are five (5) 7'6" pews and two matching privacy screens. Several pews are labeled with names of families still involved in the life of the church. Families that have a connection to a special few will have the first opportunity to purchase that pew. Please contact the church office at 724/926-8561 if you are interested.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2010



See You at the Pole is going to be held this year at Fort Cherry High School on Wednesday morning. This is an excellent opportunity for our students to make a difference in the life of their school. It is a great privilege to be able to pray and to stand as a witness for our Lord Jesus Christ in a public place such as this. Hopefully, again we will have an excellent turnout not only from our church but from the many other churches from our community as well. If plans continue as in the past, the prayer service will be held during homeroom time. Please stay tuned to bulletin updates for exact information.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION VACANCY

The Session and the Personnel committee are working hard to fill the vacancy that we have in Christian Education and Youth Ministry. It is understood that we will need temporary leadership until the new permanent person can be found. Hopefully, interim staff announcements will be made soon. We are also in the process of putting together an updated job description for the CE position and will soon be advertising for it. Currently, there is not a likely or a favored candidate; so if you are interested in the position (or part of the position), or know of someone who might be interested, feel free to make your interest known to Rev. Amsler or Tom Maxwell. All applicants will be considered.

TREASURER'S REPORT-JULY

July Financial Report

Actual Income \$16,723.30

Actual Expenses = \$16,559.89

Roof Receipts = \$1,060.00 (Includes \$985.00 applied to principal.)

YTD Expected Income = \$142,389.94

YTD Budgeted Income = \$139,891.39

YTD Budgeted Expenses = \$129,669.48



Care List as of September

Mrs. Vera Armstrong	Mr. Chuck Belk (Dana Motte's dad)
Ms. Dorothy Blank (Lynn Brockman's cousin)	Mr. Jaimey Brown
Lori Corbin (friend of Michelle Unruh)	Mrs. Margie DeFaveri
Mrs. Dolores Gilbert	Mr. Ted Guenard (nephew of Joy & Jack Penderville)
Mrs. Kris Hanczar	Mrs. Roberta Langer
Mrs. Dorothy Laughlin	Mrs. Edith Libert
Mr. Brady Ledebur (friend of Joy & Jack Penderville)	Mrs. Jane McRae
Mrs. Jo McDowell	Mrs. Marie Neff (Ida Galicic's mother)
Mrs. Anna Phillips	Mrs. Dorothy Smith
Mrs. Pat Johnston (niece of Dorothy Irwin and Jo McDowell)	Mr. Carl Waspusk
Mr. Wilson McWreath	Mr. John Walker

Assisted Living /Rehabilitation

Miss Mary Ann Johnen, **Presbyterian Senior Care, South Minster Place, Apartment 336** 880 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301 Telephone: 724/250-2951

Jo McDowell, **Washington Commons, Room 209**, 528 Dewey Avenue, Bridgeville, PA 15017

Dorothy Blank, **Kade Nursing Home**, 1198 W. Wylie Avenue, Washington, PA 15301
Telephone: 724/222-2148

Nursing Home

Mrs. Millie Pucci, **Southminster Place**, 835 South Main Street, Washington, PA 15301

Mrs. Thelma Sansone, Room 2146, **The Willows**, 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139

Serving in the United States Army

PLEASE NOTE: Brenda and Nolan Vance's son, Michael is currently serving Iraq. His address is as follows (please take a moment and send him a note, letter or card):

Vance, Michael
HHT (PSD) 6/8 CAV
FOB Sykes
APO, AE 09334

Happy Anniversary To:

Syndria and Ed Lowe	9/4	Joy and Jack Penderville	9/8
Amy and Michael Hamilton	9/11	Mr. & Mrs. Ganchuck	9/14
Tony and Robin Muggar	9/15	Melissa and Don Godfrey	9/26
Jodie and Paul Panizza	9/29		
Marlene and Jerry Thomas	9/29		



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Melinda Errett	9/1	Courtney Gladden	9/1
Michelle Unruh	9/1	Tammy McDowell	9/3
Nancy Diamond	9/4	Diana Motte	9/6
Caryll Linck	9/7	Gene Linck	9/7
Denise Sember	9/7	Michael Zyra	9/7
Dolores Gilbert	9/8	Dana McCarty	9/8
Melanie Nemec	9/9	Danny Rossi	9/9
Dorothy Roths	9/9	Dana Eyler	9/10
Ryan Causey	9/11	Nancy Lauff	9/12
John McCarty	9/13	Jamie Slack	9/14
Debbie Keslar	9/16	Bryan Leipold	9/16
George Morgan, Jr.	9/16	David Rocher	9/16
Dana Motte	9/18	Jodi McKay	9/20
Amelia Motte	9/20	Hannah Eyler	9/21
Julie Hanczar	9/23	Kathy McVicker	9/23
Anthony Panizza	9/23	Sandy Veydt	9/23
Amanda Welsh	9/26	Victoria Nation	9/27
Stacy Bennett	9/30		

FREE MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE

Friday, October 15th and Saturday, October 16th.

McDonald Presbyterian Church has partnered with a city wide initiative to build healthy marriages in our region. Twogether Pittsburgh is a program sponsored by a number of organizations within the city of Pittsburgh. The program received an 8 million dollar grant through the federal government to build healthy marriages. They have developed excellent curriculum based on Christian values and have received very good feedback from other churches who have hosted their programs. Not only is the curriculum excellent but the entire program is provided at no cost to us. They provide resources to pay for curriculum, child care, meals, advertisement and any other associated costs. We will be having a catered dinner and introduction to the program on Sunday Evening, October 3rd at 6:00pm and the weekend component will be Friday evening October 15th and Saturday October 16th. Do not miss out on this excellent program! You will be hearing more about this through the month of September.

Here is a blurb about the program from their website: www.twogetherpgh.org

"Let's face it, all marriages go through ups and downs. It's normal. Kids and the general stress of life can strain even the best of us. So, maybe you have a relatively healthy relationship, or maybe you feel your marriage is a bit stagnant – but you want to enrich or enhance your relationship because you recognize it is the most important facet of your life. This is the program for you."

We hope to have a great turn out for this weekend. If this program is a success we will be able to host other programs through them over the next year. Look for registration forms on our website and in your Sunday Bulletin.

SEPTEMBER 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Choir Practice	3 AA's 8:00 p.m. Office Closed	4 Presbyterian Women Meeting 11:00 a.m. Trinity Ctr. Library
5 Communion "Little Praises SS" begins Contemporary Service 8:15 a.m. Traditional Service 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30	6 Office Closed Labor Day	7 Trustees Meeting 7:30 p.m.	8 MYM Kickoff 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	9 Choir Practice	10 AA's 8:00 p.m.	11 Treats & Treasures 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. Trinity and Calvary Praise Team at 3rd Presbyterian Church p.m.
12 Communicants Class Prospective Members Newsletter deadline Contemporary Service 8:15 a.m. Traditional 10:45 a.m.	13 Session Meeting 7:00 p.m. Trinity Fellowship Hall	14	15 MYM Trinity Fellowship Hall	16 Choir Practice	17 AA's 8:00 p.m.	18
19 Contemporary Service 8:15 a.m. Traditional 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 am	20	21	22 "See you at the Pole" Fort Cherry Food Bank Boro Building MYM-Trinity Fellowship Hall	23 Choir Practice	24 AA's 8:00 p.m.	25 Golf Outing/Dinner Beaver Creek Meadows, Lisbon Ohio Dinner 5:00 p.m. Trinity Center
26 Contemporary Service 8:15 a.m.- Traditional 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 am Donut Day Following Service (Traditional)	27 Deacons Mtg. Calvary Ctr. New Beginnings Room 7:00 p.m.	28	29 MYM-Trinity Fellowship Hall	30 Choir Practice		

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OPERATION CHRISTIAN CHILD (SHOE BOX MINISTRY)



“Exciting news about Operation Christmas Child (Shoe Box Ministry)”

It's not too early to start thinking about Christmas! The Sunday School will soon be gearing up its campaign to collect shoeboxes and items with which to fill them.

Right now, we want to share our EXCITING NEWS about our new role. McDonald Presbyterian Church has been selected to be a relay center for Operation Christmas Child. This means that during the week of NOVEMBER 15-21 our church will be open to other churches and individuals who need to drop off shoeboxes. It also means that we will need to deliver the cartons of shoeboxes we collect to the Washington (PA) Fliers Club on Sunday November 21st. More details to follow soon.

In the meantime, if you think you may be of assistance to us during collection week or to help deliver the cartons (think pick-up trucks and minivans). Please contact Michelle Unruh at 412/221-4143 or munruh@delta-usa.com

Thank you again for your continued support of this special outreach program!