

Great Things

are happening at Memorial Presbyterian Church

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Confirming Their Faith

Under the guidance of **Pastor Michael Ludwig**, five eighth-graders met regularly for several months to delve into Christianity and the Presbyterian faith. We congratulate our Confirmation Class of 2024 (pictured left to right): **Henry Potts, Laken Reynolds, Jacob Curtis, Sophie Blewett, and Brooklyn Shephard.**

Henry enjoyed spending time with his mentor **Patrick Hnizda** because "he is very smart and easy to work with. Along with discussing our faith, we easily found other topics of common interest, including technology and music. Thank you for setting aside time to work with me, Mr. Hnizda. You rock!" Laken liked hanging out with his mentor **Andy Leonard** because "he is down to earth, easy to talk to, and fun to be around. I want to thank Andy for his time and for his guidance. He helped me to learn about my faith and build on it." Jacob is grateful for being paired with his mentor **Mark Maxwell** "because he is very patient and understanding with me, and this is good because I learn by asking questions, so he helps me understand things better. I hope that even after confirmation, we still continue to be friends and talk with one another." Sophie is thankful to her mentor **Mara Stewart** because she was "really positive and helpful, and helped me understand my faith. She supported me throughout my confirmation process." Brooklyn says to her mentor **Karen Dastick**, "Thank you for guiding me through my project and being a positive role model for me."

This course culminates with a faith expression project. Henry and Sophie filled Ark of the Covenant boxes with items that showcase their spiritual growth. Laken used Legos as inspiration for his "Building Blocks of my Faith." Jacob's rubber duck model of a lacrosse game cheerfully relates to his faith. Brooklyn's "The Sound of My Faith" wind chimes represent her harmonious journey. Stop into Mayton Hall today at 12:00 noon to enjoy refreshments and visit each confirmand as they share the deeper meaning behind their unique and personal projects.

**Youth Ministry &
Young Adult Ministry**

**Cedar
Point**

Saturday, June 8
*Register on Realm
by May 1*

Events

Sunday, April 28

9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • Worship Services

9:30 a.m. & 12:00 noon • Presbyterian Coffee

Project: Stop by the lobby to support small farmers by buying Equal Exchange coffee bags, tea boxes, hot cocoa canisters, and olive oil. Cash only please.

12:00 noon • Confirmation Class Reception

5:00 p.m. • MS & HS Youth Group – Valley Lanes

Sundays starting April 28 • 5:15 p.m.

Chain Breakers: Our drop-in men's disc golf group meets weekly at the Chippewa Banks Disc Golf Course near the Tridge. All skill levels are welcome. If you've ever wanted to try disc golf or strive to be more active this season, here's your opportunity!

Sunday, May 5 • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Worship Services

May 5–9

PW Rummage Prep & Sale: Please get donations ready for next week! All clothing will cost 50¢ each.

Ingathering: Sunday, May 5 • 12:00–5:00

Sorting: Monday, May 6 • 9:00–5:00

Opening Day: Tuesday, May 7 • 12:00–7:00

Half-Price: Wednesday, May 8 • 12:00–6:00

\$2 Bag • Thursday, May 9 • 9:00–12:00

Sunday, May 5 • 12:00 noon

Moving Up – Craft Day: Fourth-graders and fifth-graders have lunch together then craft sea-themed items for themselves and for VBS. RSVP on Realm.

Monday, May 6 • 7:30 p.m.

PW Horizons Bible Study

Saturday, May 11

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Car Wash: Pull up to the Rodd Street drive and pay-what-you-can to aid our Youth Ministry's Montreat conference participants.

12:00–4:00 p.m. Crawfish Boil: Rain or shine, meet on the back lawn for crawfish, hot dogs, music, activities, and more. Please sign up in the lobby to help. For more info, contact daveliz3@chartermi.net.

4:00 p.m. Vespers – Detroit Handbell Ensemble: DHE celebrates its 30th year with a free concert in the Sanctuary. "My Favorite Things" features original compositions, popular picks, and Motown magic.

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day

Worship Services • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, May 15 • 9:30 a.m.

Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study

Sunday, May 19

Pentecost Offering

Worship Services • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Baccalaureate Reception • 12:00 noon

Wednesday, May 22 • 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Home to Stay "Welcome Home" Luncheon: In 1969, MPC and nine other churches created the nonprofit Home to Stay (formerly Midland Area Homes) whose mission is to prevent and combat homelessness. We are invited to a free luncheon at the country club. RSVP to info@myhometostay.org.

Wednesday, May 22 • 5:30–7:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry Volunteer Appreciation Dinner:

Enjoy dinner guest speaker, and awards ceremony. Contact Kindra at children@mempres.org for details.

Sunday, May 26

Worship Services • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Monday, May 27

Church Building Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29 • 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Group Party: Children and youth from Wednesday music and Lighthouse meet at Pizza Sam's for an ending celebration! Pizza, ice cream, and games are provided. Pick up at the Tridge.

Sunday, June 2

Worship Services • 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Saturday, June 8 • 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.

Cedar Point: Students in grades 5–12 and college are invited! Transportation, food, and drinks are included in the subsidized cost. Register on Realm by May 1.

June 10–12 • 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

VBS: Together we will dive into friendship with God at SCUBA Vacation Bible School. Register online at www.mempres.org/vbs by June 2. **Helpers in grades 6–12 and adults 18+ are needed – and get a free tee!**

Regular Events

Sunday

9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • Worship

9:00 & 10:45 a.m. • Children's Sunday School

9:45 a.m. • Adult Bible Study in the Colonial Room

5:15 p.m. • Chain Breakers Men's Disc Golf Group

Monday

1:30 p.m. • PW Knitting & Crocheting Group

5:30 p.m. • Covenant Ringers

Tuesday

6:00 p.m. • Bells of Praise

Wednesday

6:00–6:30 p.m. • Joyful Noise

6:30–7:30 p.m. • Middle School Lighthouse

6:35–7:15 p.m. • Kingdom Kids

7:00 p.m. • Adult Bible Study

7:30–8:00 p.m. • Middle School Music

7:30–8:30 p.m. • High School Lighthouse

Thursday

9:30 a.m. • Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m. • Chancel Choir

Ongoing

HELP Food Pantry: pudding, gelatin, bags

Art in the Library: Memorial Presbyterian Preschool

VBS Registration: www.mempres.org/vbs

Midtown Mission Garden: eggshells, coffee grounds