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Scott's Thoughts

It was Sunday morning. It was cold. It was windy. It was rainy. We still had about 68 miles left before reaching our destination in Dallas, Texas. But we weren't in a car. We didn't have windshields and heaters and gas pedals. We had handlebars, and rain jackets, and bicycle pedals. Over the course of three days, we had already cycled 282 miles. The weather was nice those three days. It was October, so the Texas heat was not overbearing. And when we woke up on day four... our final day of riding...we were not quite ready to be faced with cold, rainy winds blowing in our faces for the 68-mile trek to the outskirts of Dallas, where we would gather and wait for our final, short leg of the ride...together...deep into heart of downtown. I didn't see Shamaine, Paul, or Ed once we left our camp sight that morning until we had all arrived at the meeting place on the edge of Dallas. They were the other three Austin Seminary students with whom I was riding. But that day, I rode with seven other men and women as we worked together to get up the hills...to push through the cold, wet wind...and to count down the miles to our destination. I don't remember any of their names. I don't even remember their faces. (Although, that is to be expected since we were riding bikes and mostly looking at each others backs as we pedaled hard.) But I do remember that we worked together to make sure that all of us reached that meeting place outside of Dallas. We took turns riding in the front of the line to take the greatest impact of the wind, while the rest of the group rode with a little more ease. When the person in front got too tired to lead, he or she would veer out to the left and let the other seven of us pass, finding relief at the back of the line. We did that for most of the ride. We pulled each other up the steep hills and pushed each other down the long, flat, windy stretches. That was the first moment during my years in seminary that I had a tangible, profound understand of what it means to be church...what it means to be a follower of Jesus...what it means to care for one another. There were moments on the last day of the ride when I thought, for sure, that I wasn't going to make it another mile. I was cold. I was wet. I was tired. My legs were aching. I could feel my feet turning into prunes in my soaking shoes. My hands were wrinkly and sore from the cold, wet wind. But I knew that the seven people with whom I was riding were counting on me just as much as I could count on them. And we made it. There was no holding back the tears. And there was no ignoring the overwhelming gratitude for the other seven friends with whom I made that journey. In a time when our leaders bully people and mock people and sell out the well-being of people for a pocket full of checks from pharmaceutical corporations, It's good to be reminded that they are not the only "leaders". We are leaders, too. We are called by God to be the light of hope in the world. May we push through. May we hold one another up. And may we make God proud.

Shalom,
Scott ☺

...an inclusive, caring, community of God's people, sharing the love of Jesus Christ through worship, mutual support, and community service.



WORSHIP IN AUGUST @ MPC

Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Gather on Sunday mornings for worship,
and bring a friend to share with them
why the work of this church matters to you.



August 6th - Matthew 14:13-23 (EVERYBODY GETS FISH SANDWICHES!!!)

We will celebrate Communion

August 13th - Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 (Sibling Rivalry-Nuclear War)

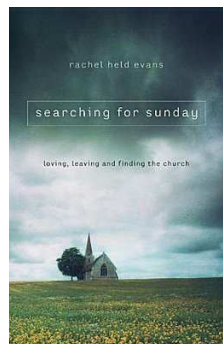
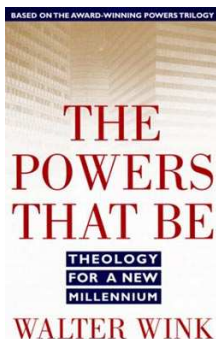
A Music Team will lead worship while Gary is on Vacation

August 20th - Matthew 15:10-28 (...Yet She Persisted)

August 27th - Exodus 1:8 - 2:10 (God vs. The Empire: A Tale of Two Women)

FALL READING @ MPC

Are you interested in reflections about how God has become a second-class citizen in our world and how to respond to that? Maybe you want to read *The Powers That Be* by Walter Wink. Are you interested in the reflections of one person's journey to rediscover the joy and power of the church? Maybe you want to read *Searching for Sunday* by Rachel Held Evans. Share your thoughts with Scott if you are interested in one (or both) of these books for group discussion this Fall.



MPC's ANNUAL LABOR DAY WEEKEND CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT



*Friday, September 1
to
Sunday, September 3*

It's not too late to start thinking about whether or not you plan to attend all or part of this relaxing weekend at Burnamwood Camp and Conference Center. Stay for the entire weekend! Stay for part of the weekend! Show up for worship on Sunday morning in the pavilion and stay for lunch! Whatever you decide, we will begin registration on Sunday, August 6th. We would like to have a solid number to give the Burnamwood Director by Sunday, August 21, so please make a decision and sign up as soon as you can.

**Income & Expense (Budget vs. Actual)
January through June 2017**

	Jan - June 17	Budget
Income		
01 Income	56,181.30	57,042.97
02 Special Offerings	1,318.00	
03 Savings		
Total Income	57,499.30	57,042.97
Expense		
04 Benevolence	3,402.12	5,190.02
05 Buildings & Grounds	10,578.22	8,769.98
06 Administrative	961.14	1,249.96
07 Worship	10.97	125.02
08 Mission & Outreach	214.28	75.00
09 Christian Education	471.23	200.02
10 Youth Ministry	0.00	50.02
11 Fellowship	150.49	50.02
12 Member Care	0.00	49.98
14 Pastor	30,164.46	28,834.04
15 Other Employees	11,605.95	12,458.04
16 Payroll Liabilities	843.87	0.00
17 Session	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	58,346.96	57,052.10
NET INCOME	-847.66	-9.13

Savings Account Balances

Income	Jan 09 - June 17
03 Savings	
Mission Fund	695.00
Music Fund	1,000.00
Memorial Fund Income	3,518.32
Helping Hand Income	108.40
General Fund Income	2,468.50
Building Fund Income	14,241.37
S & H Building Fund	1,020.00
Scout Development Fund	1,770.00
Total Savings	24,697.47

Per Capita Update: \$661.00

Community Suppers

MPC will be hosting a community supper on Wednesday July 19th. We will have Hotdogs, sides and drinks. Please join us at 6:00 p.m. for food, fun, and fellowship! This events is sponsored by the Congregational Care Committee. The next gathering will be on Wednesday August 23rd.

Westminster Village School Supply Drive

Fayette County Public Schools will be starting soon. The children from Westminster Village are in need of school supplies. Every year MPC helps in this school supply drive. We hope you can help again this year! All supplies are needed by August 1st. Below is a list of all needed items.

School Supply List 2017-2018

Ticonderoga Pencils (Regular & Primary)	Plastic Folders (Green, Yellow, Black, Red, Blue, Orange, Purple)
Regular Pencils	Big Back Packs
Mechanical Pencils	Pencil Pouches (Cloth with holes in them)
Washable Crayons (24 Count)	Pink Erasers
Markers (Thin & Thick Primary Colors)	Pencil Top Erasers
Colored Pencils (Regular & Erasable)	Plastic Large Pencil Boxes
Expo Markers (Black)	One Inch Binders
Highlighters	Graph Paper
Ink Pens (Black, Blue, Red)	Graph Paper (Composition Notebook)
Compass & Protractor	White Wash Cloths
Blunt Tip Scissors	Sanitizer (Medium Bottles)
Medium Scissors (For Older Children)	Deodorant (Men & Women)
Glue Sticks	Bath Soap
Notebook Paper (Wide Only)	Shampoo
Composition Books	Tooth Paste
(Regular and Primary)	Tooth Brush
Dividers For 3 Ring Binders	Paper Towels
	Kleenex



- 1- Jack Ebel
- 4- Paul Sturgill
- 9- Nora Warman
- 13- Vi Thornton
- 13- Rachel Scott
- 14- Carol Poole

- 21- Bill Hintze
- 25- Morgan Frazier
- 27- Gary Williams
- 28- Jo Beth Rice
- 30- Karen Bennett

August 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
USHERS Janet Edwards John Everly Carolyn McKeehan		1 Scott on Vacation	2 Scott on Vacation	3 Scott on Vacation 4:45 p.m. Serve Dinner at the Hope Center	4 Scott on Vacation	5 Scott on Vacation
6 11:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Potluck sponsored by the Mission / Outreach Committee	7 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	8	9	10 6:45 p.m. Meditation & Prayer 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	11	12 10:00 a.m. Transylvania Presbytery Meeting
13 Gary on Vacation 11:00 a.m. Worship	14 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	15	16	17	18	19
20 11:00 a.m. Worship	21 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	22	23 6:00 p.m. Community Supper <i>(Hot Dogs)</i>	24 6:30 p.m. BUILD Board Meeting at Shiloh Baptist	25	26
27 11:00 a.m. Worship	28 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:00 p.m. Leatherworkers	29	30	31	WORSHIP LEADERS August 6 - Betty Hubbard August 13 - Bill Hintze August 20 - Suzanne Leibee August 27 - Moose Rice	