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April 3-7
Spring Break

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Palm Sunday

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7:00-Worship Service

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Dear Macland,

Over this Spring Break Week, I head with Carrie, Abbie, and Nate to Orlando, and, yes, Disney World. I thought my children, and thus we as their parental units, had outgrown it, but apparently not. So, before I head out on this familial pilgrimage, I want to share with you a little of what I learned about life in the church from Disney – the importance of fun, laughter, and most of all, wonder.

Disney said, “I am interested in... bringing pleasure, particularly laughter, to others.” He said of his parks, “To all that come to this happy place: welcome. Disneyland is your land. Here age relives fond memories of the past, and here youth may savor the challenge and promise of the future. Disneyland is dedicated... with hope that it will be a source of joy and inspiration to all the world.”

As a pastor, I can say from the inside of congregational life, Disney recognized what churches too often haven't: better a carrot than a cattle prod. Whereas the church has too often used guilt to motivate people, God throughout the Bible, like Disney with his parks and movies, entices with wonders. The doorway to the divine is not a shove of shame but the draw of wonder. Wonder attracts. Moses was lured into a holy quest through a tease, an enticement, a lure of wonder. Socrates said, “Wisdom begins in wonder.” Consider where our great inventions started, not for a desire to know facts, but certainly a quest to experience wonder. Wilbur and Orville Wright wanted to build a plane, not because they wanted to know how to fly - but because they wanted to fly. Thomas Edison invented the light bulb because he wanted to see in the dark. Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone because he wanted to talk to someone not present. Neil Armstrong wanted to be the first man to walk on the moon, not just to prove that it could be done, but to do it, to experience it, to live it. Wonder is an experience worth seeking, because once discovered, we, not the world, are transformed.

Lewis Carrol wrote of how wonder changed a little girl in *Alice in Wonderland*. Carrol wrote,

For you see, so many out-of-the-way things had happened lately that Alice had begun to think that very few things indeed were really impossible.

Wright, Edison, Bell, or Armstrong were no different from Alice. They were caught up in wonder and its pursuit. To you, I say, seek wonder and you'll find wonder! How can you get to wonder land? The same way Alice did, she saw a white rabbit and chased it and wonders abounded. How can you find God's adventure for you? Like Moses did. When you see a burning bush, go near it. Seek things that make you go, “Hmmm.” Seek things, experiences, books, people, art, anything that makes you go, “WOW!” With the many addictions in our culture, choose this one – become addicted to wonder. Be curious. Perhaps wonder will lead you to figuring out how a ride works, what makes a cloud cry, what makes a rocket reach, what makes a swing fall back to earth. Ask. Ponder. Query. At the heart of any *question* is an experience, a quest. Reach. Seek. Grasp. And as often as you can, fly! As Quasimodo said in Disney's version of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, “Why, if I picked a day to fly... Oh, this would be it.”

As a church, let us pray and play, let us work and celebrate, and lets do it all together... and like a good ride... run back around and do it again.

JOY!

David

MACLAND OUTREACH

To live out our mission to reach the lost, raise disciples, and relieve suffering, Macland members act united in the following efforts:

IN OUR FACILITY

Macland members believe our facilities should facilitate a better community and a better world. Over half our facility use is by organizations we believe in and share a common purpose. Our partners in ministry are:

Macland Presbyterian Preschool: Helping children to live, play, and learn together. Mondays through Thursdays, 9:00-1:00.

Scouting: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

- **Cub Scout Pack 702**
- **Girl Scout Unit 749**

Red Cross:

- **February Blood Drive**
- **September Blood Drive**
- **Disaster Relief**

12 Step Programs: We are all powerless over something.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous**
 - Women's Closed Discussion Meeting** - Monday 8:00
 - Open Meeting** - Thursday 8:00
 - Open Meeting** - Saturday 7:00
- **Food Anonymous** - Monday 7:00

Grief Share: A friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. Meets Monday nights a 6:30.

Artist Nights: Saturday nights at Macland give frequent opportunities for singers, songwriters, and musicians to come and share their stories and songs to help us all hear and experience where songs come from.

Knitwits: This group is for both men and women who enjoy knitting and crocheting. They meet each 4th Monday at MPC. They have several year-round out-reach projects which enrich the lives of many in our community. They make tiny hats for the premature infants at Cobb Hospital; they make afghans for patients at Tranquility Hospice; they make new born layettes for mother clients at Sweetwater Mission; each graduating high school graduate at MPC received an afghan; each child in our pre-school program receives a warm winter cap; all 20 clients at The Women's Extension receive a scarf as a Christmas gift. All items donated have a label which states: "Made with Love from the Knit Wits of Macland Presbyterian Church."

Powerhouse International: A nondenominational congregation that has nine different nationalities represented in their congregation. They worship Sundays at 11:00 in the Macland Family Life Center, join with us for Fellowship Dinners on Wednesday Nights, and have other programs during the week.

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Macland members work in many different ways throughout our community. Twenty-five percent of our members are or were formerly professional educators. Macland members give of their time, talent, and tithe particularly working together with the following partners:

Compton Elementary:

- Sponsor annual Christmas Dinner and provide volunteers to run the events to support the community and give the teachers a needed break.
- Teacher appreciation events.

Sweetwater Mission: A coalition of local churches, businesses, civic groups, and caring individuals representing community at its very best! Together, we are committed to battle the effects of poverty head on to stabilize families and help move them into a more abundant life. Macland partners with Sweetwater to:

- Raise Support through The Spring Chicken Run, an event started at Macland.
- Volunteer at the Food Pantry
- The Rescue Repurpose Redeem Program.
- Support financially and through collection of different items as needed.

The Extension: a non-profit, community supported organization committed to facilitating a transformation that empowers chemically dependent men and women to become sober, accountable members of society. Macland members cook and serve meals monthly often accompanied by music from our Early Service Choir.

IN OUR WORLD

Macland members support many different groups and causes throughout the world. One way we work together uniting leaders in our community and beyond is through:

Haiti for the World: Macland has partnered with My Neighbor's Children to work for a world where no child is hungry. Together, with other partners in the Macland community, we sponsor The Bethany Christian School in Cayes Jacmel, Haiti providing support for 40 teachers and administrators and 450 students, age 6 to 18.



April Birthdays

4/2 Peggy Dhonau
4/2 Carla Pierce
4/7 Dale D'Amore
4/8 Alison Bartlett
4/8 Danielle Fraser
4/8 Brenda Hale
4/9 Cindi Endredi
4/10 Mel Morrison
4/11 Ed Null
4/11 Lauren Rhinesmith
4/12 Beverly Thompson
4/13 Shari Barrett

4/13 Kelly Wier
4/16 Travis Koval
4/16 Morgan Moore
4/16 Olivia Wilkerson
4/16 Michaela Yates
4/19 Mason Coyle
4/20 Xenia Brunot
4/20 Jason Wier
4/22 Emily Cromer
4/22 Jake Hodges
4/28 Jeffrey Brunot
4/28 James Mitchell

What's Up Macland?



Macland Presbyterian Preschool

**Register now for 2017-2018!!
Registration forms are on the website!
Help us spread the word**

Please contact the preschool office 770 439-1548 ext. 226 or email preschool@macland.org with questions.

Come one, come all on Sunday May 7th



AMIGOS



DE MAYO



The Fellowship Team will celebrate “Friendship Day” by hosting a Potluck Luncheon after morning service. We especially welcome those visitors to our church from the past several months. Join us for good food and fellowship as we get acquainted. Bring your favorite dish and lots conversation. Details will be coming soon. See you then!



FOOD ADDICTS
in recovery anonymous

Food Addicts in Recovery Anonymous (FA) is a free Twelve Step recovery program for anyone suffering from food obsession, overeating, under-eating or bulimia. Meetings are held daily throughout Metro Atlanta including every Monday evening beginning April 3, 2017 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. here at Macland Presbyterian Church – Family Life Center . For more information or a list of meetings in Metro Atlanta call [\(800\) 566-9010](tel:8005669010) or visit www.foodaddicts.org

Lent, Holy Week And Easter Services

Macland Presbyterian Church would like to invite you to share in any and all of our services below:

April 9 Palm Sunday - 10:00 am Worship Service

*April 13 Maundy Thursday - 6:00 pm - Dinner
7:00 pm - Communion Service*

April 14 Good Friday - 7:30 pm - Worship Service

*April 16 Easter Sunday - 7:30 am - Sunrise Service
8:00 am - Breakfast Treats
10:00 am - Worship Service*

Save the Date for VBS 2017



Mark your calendars and tell your neighbors!!

Macland's VBS will be the week of June 12th
From 9am until 12noon
Ages 3 (potty trained please) to rising 5th grade

Registration forms can be found on the preschool page of our website...
macland.org!

Session News and Notes March 2017



The Session met on March 27, 2017 in the copy room.

Committee reports

Finance

- The Committee presented the 2017 to the Congregation at its annual meeting on March 26, 2017. Copies of the presentation are available in the church office.

	YTD	LYTD	Delta	% Chng	Budget	Delta	% Chng
Revenue	\$48,952	\$58,968	(\$10,015)	-17%	\$57,680	(\$8,727)	-18%
Expenses	\$58,930	\$56,365	\$2,565	5%	\$68,814	(\$9,884)	-17%
Net Income	(\$9,978)	\$2,602	(\$12,580)	-483%	(\$11,135)	\$1,157	-12%
Revenue Less PBMF	\$47,371	\$57,203	(\$9,832)	-17%	\$56,298	(\$8,926)	-19%
Net Income less PBMF	(\$11,559)	\$838	(\$12,397)	-1480%	(\$12,517)	\$958	-8%

Nurture

Youth Sunday was a success.

- The fund raiser was a great success. .
- Montreat – Money is being collected from parents.
- Chaperones will be David & Carrie Jones, Kelly Wier, Garrett Campbell
- Youth is discussing internal mission opportunities assisting members of the church (helping paint, yard work, etc.)
- Discussed how to engage the youth with the Powerhouse Church? Start by attending a service?

VBS –

- June 12 – 16, 9am – 12pm, Curriculum – Hero Central, \$25 per child (after May 1st, \$30 per child)
- Will be done in conjunction with the preschool. Jill is the CNT contact.
- Laura Sinyard and Amy Smith are heading it up.
- Preschool staff/director will be paid.

Worship

- Palm Sunday
April 9 –regular worship service time
- Maundy Thursday
April 13 – Change the Wednesday night dinner to Thursday night. Have a small service after dinner in the FLC with communion served at each table.
- Good Friday
- April 14 – Adult Choir and ESC will provide a program for the service at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary.
- Easter
April 16 – Sunrise service will be at 7:30 am in the courtyard. ESC will play.
Second service will be at 10:00 am.
There will be refreshments in the FLC. NO Sunday school Easter morning per CE.

Outreach

- Haiti** – Overview of commitment to support 2017 teacher salaries. On 3/20 Pastor David issued the first check for \$4,205 for March salaries
- Compton Elementary** – For some time we have been trying to set a meeting with Principal Murphy. Due to school budget meetings, this has been on hold. Our items for discussion include: 1) Teachers Appreciation Luncheon – May 1-5, b) Types of assistance where Macland volunteers may be a valuable resource, c) Possible summer youth program?
- Sweetwater Mission** - Rescue Repurpose Redeem (RRR) is a non-profit social enterprise that teaches and applies business strategies to address homelessness, support veterans and improve the economic empowerment of underserved communities across Georgia. The program enhances the personal success of individuals who have experienced chronic homelessness, are living with disabilities, and others with significant barriers, by providing job training, employment opportunities and a place to be successful.

By providing employment options to individuals generally under-represented in the work force and using primarily donated materials to design and create our unique products, **Rescue Repurpose Redeem does the following: RESCUES materials no longer wanted or needed, REPURPOSES these materials into distinctive quality handmade products sold locally and online, and REDEEMS and enhances the value and efforts of those employed by the social enterprise.** All revenue from sales is put back into the operating costs of the social enterprise, including but not limited to payroll, general overhead, and other expenses necessary to sustain a functional and healthy business.

- The Outreach team enthusiastically discussed and voted to support this important work. Initially, 3 items have been approved to introduce RRR to MPC and the community; 1) Director Stephanie McKay will give a short talk on a Wednesday evening 2) on Saturday, May 13th MPC will host a fundraiser dinner from 5-8 PM in the FLC. This event will be a walk-in or take-out meal. Plans are to print tickets @ \$10 each and to solicit Sweetwater staff, volunteers, and MPC member support to presale a set of 5 tickets to family and friends (hopefully this will be in addition to what the member will purchase for themselves). The RRR product line will be on display and available for purchase. Additionally, the hope is to have entertainment and raffles during the event, 3) Plans are being developed to host a craft fair in conjunction with the Power House International fall festival. Approvals have been received from Bonnie Little that the FLC is available.

Fellowship and Evangelism

- Bonnie Little is in charge of scheduling for the Family Life Center. If you need to schedule the building, please contact her.
- There will be two fellowship dinners this year– one in the spring May 7-“**Amigos de Mayo**” on May 7th will focus on “Friendship Day” and one on Rally Day on August 13, 2017.
- New Fellowship pads are being developed. More information soon.
- **Golf Outing update** – Scheduled for Friday May 5th.
- Please update your directory information

Building and Grounds

- The sidewalk has been completed next to the Family Life Center.
- AED and CPR training classes have also been completed.

Session Actions

- **Approved Pete Paulsen to fill the pulpit on April 2, 2017**
- **Approved RRR Fundraiser Dinner for May 13, 2017-see Outreach Committee notes**
- **Approved Craft Fair in October – Possible dates are the 7, 14 or 28, 2017. See Outreach Committee notes**
- **Approved the transfer of \$5000.00 from the Outreach Committee budget which was designated to fund the Haiti trip to the general fund to cover incurred expenses.**
- **Authorized the Finance Team to establish a separate checking account to receive donations for Haiti for the World and to solicit funds outside the congregation using the church as the founding nonprofit including the tax exempt number until a 501C3 can be established.**
- **Approved the following as members of the Board for Haiti for the World:**
- **David and Carrie Jones, Kyle and Amy Smith, Cathie Newell, and Jill Puteregaugh.**

Calendar of events

- April 9 - Palm Sunday
- April 13 – Maundy Thursday Dinner @ 6pm; Communion Service @ 7PM
- April 14th Good Friday 7:30 PM Worship
- April 16 – Easter Sunday (No Sunday School)
 - 7:30 Sunrise Service
 - 8:00 Breakfast treats
 - 10:00 Worship Service
- May 7 – “Amigos de Mayo” Potluck after church service
- May 10 – Last Boy Scout Night @ Wednesday Night Dinner
- May 13-Dinner for RRR-Family life center
- May 17 – Last Wednesday Night Dinner – Cookout
- May 21-Senior Sunday
- VBS-June 12-16
- August 13-Rally Day-fellowship luncheon
- August 16 – Wednesday Night Dinner resumes