



PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH

This is a day of new beginnings,
Time to remember and move on,
Time to believe what love is bringing,
Laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
Can make for us a world of difference,
As faith and hope are born again.

Then let us, with the Spirit's daring,
Step from the past and leave behind
Our disappointment, guilt, and grieving,
Seeking new paths, and sure to find.

Christ is alive, and goes before us
To show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings—
Our God is making all things new.

—Brian Wrenn

THE ROOD:

// WHEN GOD GAVE EVERYTHING HE HAD //

// 1.1.11 //

WELCOME!

Welcome to our New Year commemoration of the cross. The joyful communion celebration is the highest expression of all Christian worship. It is at the Lord's Supper that the heart of the Christian is drawn closest to the heart of Jesus. Through the symbols of the towel, the bread and the cup, we bow together as a university and church family at the feet of Jesus, at the foot of His cross. May you be deeply blessed as you participate in this New Year's Day Sabbath.

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WWW.PMCHURCH.TV

AMAZON'S NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

"Return that gift before you get it." Leave it to Amazon.com to "solve" our gift-receiving woes! *The Washington Post* this week announced that the mega online mail-order giant has come up with a solution to those gifts from "Aunt Mildred" you've never known what to do with—from "The Stallion Stable Music Box" that must have been a beauty on the computer screen but turned out to be a White Elephant under the Christmas tree, to "The Thread and Bobbin Sewing Kit" that, truth be known, will never see the light of day. "These gifts sent via some warehouse many miles away are not only unwanted, but also a multimillion-dollar headache: They have to be repacked, labeled, dropped off and shipped back to Amazon's Island of Misfit Toys." After which a new present will have to be

"packed, labeled, and shipped again. Efficient, the process is not." (*South Bend Tribune* 12-28-2010)

So Amazon has "quietly patented" a way whereby you can return your gifts before you even get them. This new option, apparently planned in



time for next Christmas, will allow you to designate individuals who consistently send you what you don't want or need—so that if they order another gift for you through Amazon it will be "vetted before anything ships." I.e., you'll have the option to "convert" the gift to one of your liking. The patent says: "The user may specify such a rule because the user believes that this potential sender has different tastes than the user." (Ibid)

You can imagine the uproar from the etiquette crowd! Anna Post, the great-great-granddaughter of the proper-manners queen, Emily Post, warns of a major backlash, and hopes Amazon abandons the notion: "This idea totally misses the spirit of gift giving. The point of gift giving is to allow someone else to go through that

action of buying something for us. Otherwise, giving a gift just becomes another one of the world's transactions." (Ibid) Well put, Miss Post.

"Just another one of the world's transactions." Which, of course, can't be said for the Gift Heaven gave Earth long, long ago, can it? That Gift first borne on a barnyard trough . . . and eventually spiked to a Roman cross. Return the Gift to the Giver? And yet the small print of this intergalactic struggle still called "the great controversy" includes an opt-out proviso—a provision acted upon, sadly enough, time and again: **"He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him" (John 1:11).** I.e., they turned down the Gift.

On this New Year's Day we gather at the foot of the cross, at the feet of the Gift. Because it surely dawns upon our collective consciousness that in the words of F. F. Bruce, "the total adequacy of Christ" is our truest vision in the year before us, and our only hope in the life that is left. **"But God forbid [this New Year] that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world" (Galatians 6:14).**

*Since mine eyes have gazed on Jesus
I've lost sight of all beside
So enchain'd my spirit's vision
Gazing on the Crucified.*

—Oswald Chambers

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ANDREWS ACADEMY \ FEAST OF LIGHTS

On December 10th Andrews Academy presented the 38th annual Feast of Lights – a spectacular night of music, scripture and drama honoring the King of Kings. It was an evening of lights, bells, violins, shepherds and the re-telling of a glorious story. It spoke to our hearts of His wondrous love.

Carolyn Strzykowski and her family attended Feast of Lights for the very first time in 1989. Earlier in the year they had heard Pastor Dwight on WAUS, and later they had met him. They were there that night at the invitation of Pastor Dwight. “I’d never been on the campus of Andrews, never had a clue how huge PMC was.

I didn’t even know what an academy was.” said Carolyn, who was a resident of St. Joseph, Michigan at the time.

That evening Carolyn saw Jesus through the ministry of the academy students. In the huge crowd, she knew that they knew Him, like she had never known Him. “God loved me very personally through the Feast of Lights. Evangelism would never have touched me. I would have felt I was being told my beliefs were wrong.”

On the Monday after Feast of Lights, Carolyn was in Pastor Dwight’s office to find out what Seventh-day Adventists believe. She wanted God’s love in her life the same way she had seen the students experiencing it.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



She was baptized by Pastor Dwight the following Easter.

Throughout this coming year, we will have many programs and activities at PMC that may interest your friends and neighbors to. Take advantage of these opportunities to share the wonderful truths that God has given you. Just like the hundreds of luminaries that led our visitors to the Feast of Lights program, you can lead someone to Jesus this year!

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

– Matthew 5:13-16 KJV

PRAY

Pray that our students and staff will continuously praise the Lord in music, in action and in words.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION GIVE TO LINE 3

Challenge Goal	\$250,000
Annual Budget	\$217,572
Goal to-date	\$213,384
Received to-date	\$198,516
Received to-date (last year)	\$192,127

As of December 18, 2010

MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

JAIL MINISTRY \ SHINING LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

My first day as a PMC Jail Ministry volunteer at the Berrien County jail in St. Joseph was a very different experience for me. Previously I had ministered in juvenile detention centers and prisons. Going into this jail had a more private feel to me. The groups are small, sometimes as many as fourteen, but usually very intimate groups of about four or five. We spend the time singing, praising God, praying and studying our Bibles.

Sometimes when we meet with the ladies, we feel a spirit of depression and darkness filling the room. On those days, we shift gears and continuously put hope in front of our sisters in Christ. We reinforce God's great love for them and us regardless of the many struggles we have encountered in life, or the ways we have failed Him. We speak of God's

forever love, how He will never leave us or forsake us or turn His back on us. Then the ladies open up and ask questions about this Forever Friend.



As the questions are answered, God's mighty power brings joy into the room. What a privilege it is to serve a God who can bring light into the darkness!

If God is tugging at your heart to join this ministry, please call Broderick Morris. We will welcome you with open arms. Come and experience the power of God!

—Robin Tait, Jail Ministry Volunteer

PRAY

Pray that God will send more volunteers to spread His light to those who are incarcerated.

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MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM

GIVE TO LINE 5

Annual Budget	\$114,000
Goal to-date	\$111,792
Received to-date	\$105,073
Received to-date (last year)	\$124,329

As of December 18, 2010

SABBATH STUDY

SANCTUARY 10:00 AM

Song Service	Hugo Cáceres
Welcome	Lois Nicholas
Special Feature	Mission DVD
Offertory	<i>Timeless Tribute /arr. Marilyn Ham</i>
Bible Study	"Emotions" / Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>
Benediction	Hugo Cáceres

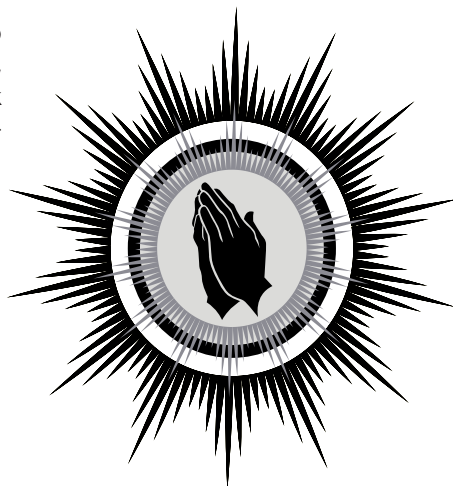
Organist: Kenneth Logan; Offertory: Olga Sharapa, piano

31 DAYS OF PRAYER

BEGINNING JANUARY 8

A new prayer initiative for the New Year will be announced next Sabbath. For advance details go to our website, www.pmchurch.org, and under the "quick links" bar click on to "31 steps to peace and happiness."

Forward on our knees.



THE CALL

The Welcome

Arne Swanson

The Meditation

*The Old Year Now Has Passed Away /
Johann Sebastian Bach*

The Introit

Be Thou My Vision / Irish Traditional Melody

The Call

Arne Swanson

Gather us into this New Year, O God of the ages.

The scattered, the lonely, and the lost look to you for your lead.

Bring us together from far and from near.

**Let us hear the voice of our Christ and we will rejoice
and be satisfied.**

The Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

THE CELEBRATION

In Praising

O God, Our Help in Ages Past / 103

In Praying

Katrina Blue

In Giving

Pioneer Memorial Church Operating Expense
Erno Gyeresi

Offertory

*Jesus, Son of God, Son of Man / Paul Williams/
Barry Braman*

In Proclaiming

Dwight K. Nelson /
"The Rood: When God Gave Everything He Had"

THE CLEANSING

After washing their feet, he put on his robe again and sat down and asked, "Do you understand what I was doing? You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. I tell you the truth, slaves are not greater than their master. Nor is the messenger more important than the one who sends the message. Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."

—John 13:12-17, NLT

THE COMMUNION

In Reading

Ildiko Gyeresi

For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. —I Corinthians 11:23-26 NIV

In Praying

Erno Gyeresi

In Partaking

Oh, Wonderful Love of My God / Patricia Drennan

THE COMMITMENT

In Singing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing / 407

In Blessing

Dwight K. Nelson

In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

In Leaving

O God, Our Help in Ages Past / Jan Bender

PRESIDING PASTOR: Arne Swanson; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Elizabeth Wilson, mezzo soprano; READER: Katherine Smith

MUSIC ALIVE

OLD YEAR, NEW YEAR

Enigmatic and evocative, Johann Sebastian Bach's organ setting of the hymn "The Old Year Now Has Passed Away" has puzzled and pleased hearers for years. Is its figurative riddle a tale of the sad, or of the merely meditative? What might be so pensive about the passing of a year? Also from the Baroque, today's opening hymn is "O God, Our Help in Ages Past", and today's postlude also

is based on it. On this New Year's Day, this hymn exudes clear confidence while facing the future. The stalwart text is from a psalm paraphrase, taking as its basis Psalm 90 for creative transformation by Isaac Watts. The text also connects well with the striding, sturdy melody by William Croft that dates from 1708.

PIONEER PEOPLE

SUNSET TODAY: 5:24

SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY: 5:29

For more announcements or to submit a request for a new announcement, please visit our website: www.pmchurch.org.

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

FOLLOW JESUS TODAY

Rooms downstairs are already prepared for Jesus' example of foot-washing—rooms for women, for men and for families. The nursery room (North Wing) is prepared for those needing to remain on the sanctuary level. Come and share the towel, that symbol of a stained life set free and cleansed today in Jesus.

"10 DAYS OF PRAYER" CONTINUES

This evening at 6:30 the Ten Days of Prayer continues in the home of John and Millie Youngberg at 4731 Greenfield Drive. Come and be blessed. Prayer goes up and power comes down!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE SECOND READING

Sharyl Turon—Andrews Academy Board ; Daniela Olivares Perez — Facilities/Offering Deacon

THANK YOU

Thanks to you, PMC Family, for your cards, visits, flowers, shawl, and especially your wonderful prayers during my five weeks in the hospital. God is seeing fit to heal me, and I'm getting stronger each day. It's a privilege to be a part of our caring Pioneer Memorial Church. Gratefully, Charlotte Groff

LOVE GIFT FOR THE NEEDY

Every time we celebrate the cross, we give a special offering of gratitude to aid families in crisis. Because of our extensive work in Benton Harbor and the fact that many PMC families are struggling as a result of our present economic challenges, we need to replenish this fund which provides help in emergency situations. So today, thank you in advance for giving an extra "love offering" for your neighbors in need twelve miles up the road and those right here at home.

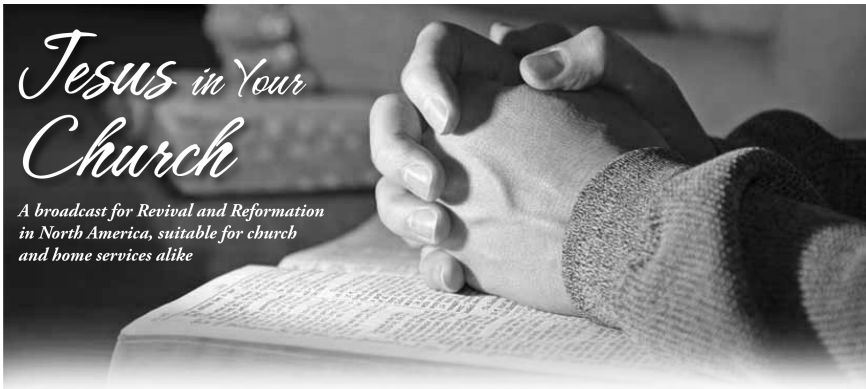
RMES ENROLLING STUDENTS FOR SECOND SEMESTER

Ruth Murdoch Elementary School is currently enrolling students for the second semester of the 2010/2011 school year. Check out our website at www.myRMES.org. We have fantastic music, P.E., and foreign language programs, and a rigorous academic curriculum. Financial aid may be available. Want to know more? Contact the school office at 269.471.3225.

SMALL GROUP HUDDLE

Small group leaders are invited to a huddle on Sabbath, January 15 from 5 to 7 PM in the PMC Commons. A light supper will be served.

NET 2011: JESUS IN YOUR CHURCH



LIVE // SABBATH, JANUARY 8, 2011
HOPE CHURCH CHANNEL

4:30-6:00 PM EST

With Dr. Ron Clouzet, speaker for Net 2011
www.PropheciesDecoded.com

POWERFUL, TRANSFORMING MESSAGES

- How to Love God With All Your Heart
- How to love People As Yourself

INSPIRATIONAL MUSIC

- Featuring Rob Folkenberg III

AMAZING TESTIMONIES

- Featuring Pavel Goia, Judith Miranda, and Ruthie Jacobsen

PIONEER FAMILY LIFE

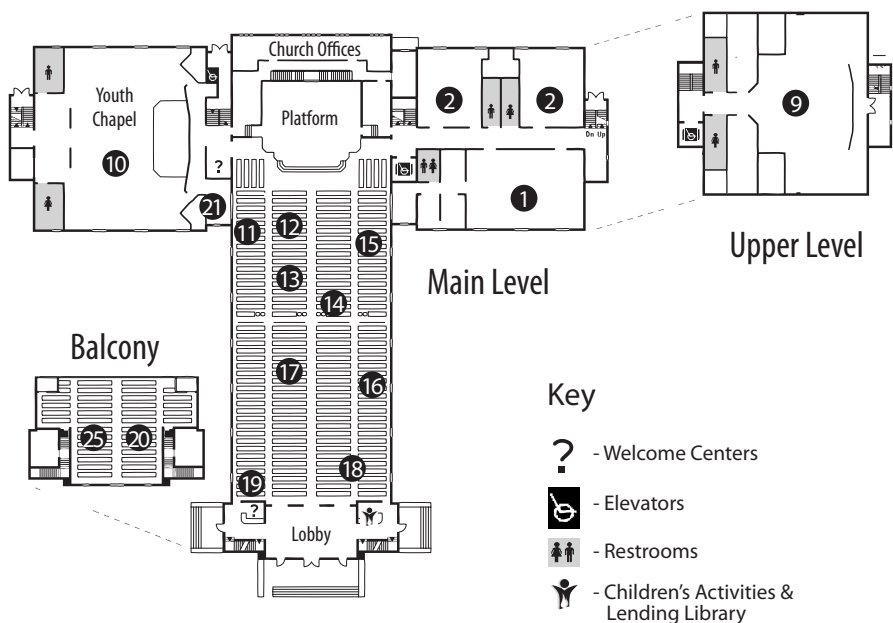
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WE MOURN

With Gordon Engen in the death of his wife Blossom on December 27. Before they moved from us, Gordon and Blossom were active volunteers in our media ministry. For years the Engens served as communication director for the Adventist church in the Great Lakes. There was a memorial service for

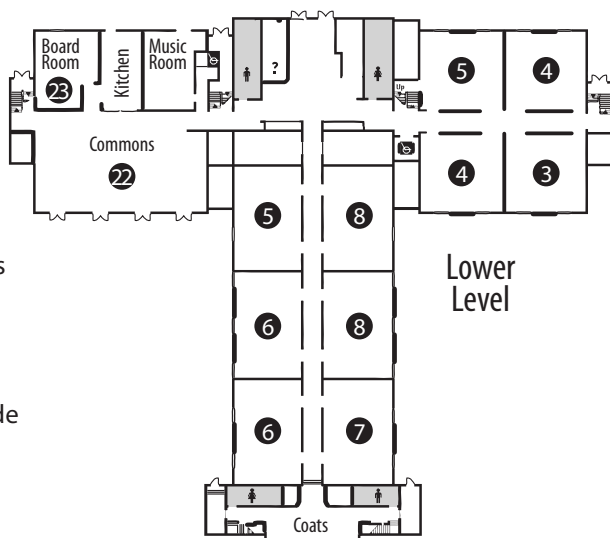
Blossom at Blue Mountain Academy this week. The family is planning a memorial service here in Berrien Springs at a later date. We also think of Virgil Tackett on the death of his sister, Vivian Scott on December 27 in Wisconsin. A memorial service will be held there today. With both these families, we look forward to the resurrection.

SABBATH SCHOOL DIRECTORY



[children]

- ① Birth - 18 months
- ② 18-36 months
- ③ 3 yr olds
- ④ 4 - 5 yr olds
- ⑤ 6 yr old - 1st grade
- ⑥ 2nd/3rd grade
- ⑦ 4th grade
- ⑧ 5th/6th grade
- ⑨ Earliteen: 7th/8th grade
- ⑩ Youth: 9th-12th grade



PIONEER CLASSES

[adult sanctuary]

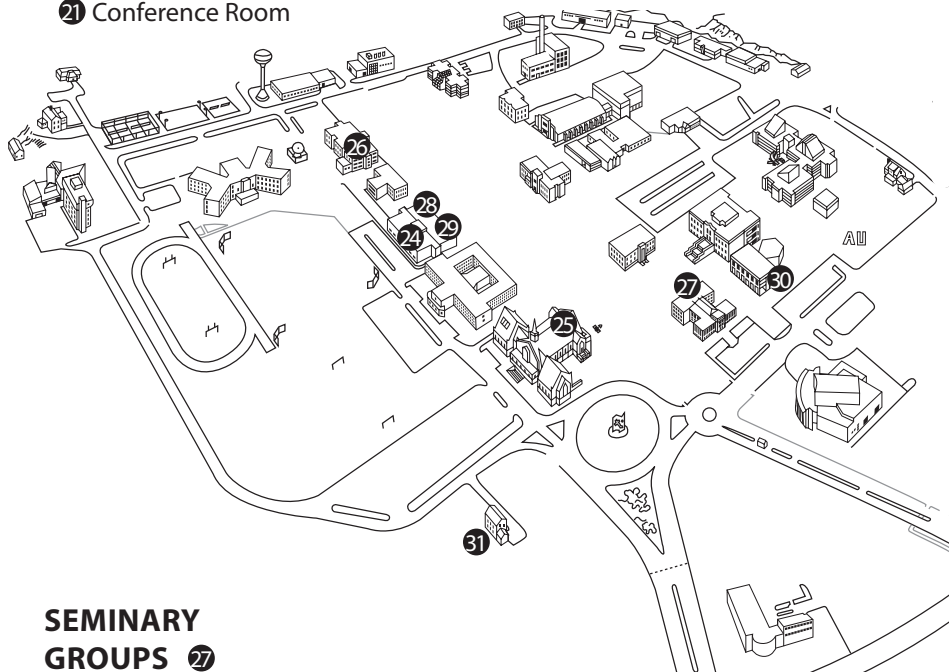
- 11 Group 1
- 12 Group 2 (Portuguese/Brazilian)
- 13 Group 3
- 14 Group 4 (Yugoslavian)
- 15 Group 5
- 16 Group 6
- 17 Group 7
- 18 Group 8
- 19 Group 9
- 20 Group 10 (Balcony)
- 21 Conference Room

[miscellaneous adult]

- 22 Something In Common
- 23 Seventh-day Adventist Beliefs

COLLEGIATE

- 24 Encounter (Campus Ministries Office)
Refresh (Upstairs / Cafeteria)
H&M (Hispanic - Religion Amphitheater)
- 25 People on the Move (PMC)
- 26 Elements (Marsh Hall)



SEMINARY GROUPS 27

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| N108 (Collegiate) | N235 |
| N110 | N310 (Russian) |
| N120 (New Life Church Choir) | N335 (Spanish) |
| N135 (Living Word Fellowship) | S215 (French) |
| N150 | S340 (Upper Room) |
| N211 (Small group) | |

ADULT @ AU

- 28 Main Lounge
- 29 Faculty Lounge
- 30 Perspectives
- 31 Back to Basics

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WAUS - 90.7 FM
Sabbath 11:30 a.m.

CMRadio

www.andrews.edu/cm/cmradio
Live Stream - 11:30 a.m. service

LIVE VIDEO STREAMING

11:30 AM — www.pmchurch.tv

TELEVISION

WHME TV 46
Sunday noon & midnight

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HOUSE OF PRAYER

WEDNESDAY @ 7 PM, SANCTUARY

Here's a New Year call to prayer:

"O God, You are my God;
Early will I seek You;
My soul thirsts for You;
My flesh longs for You . . .
So I have looked for You in the
sanctuary,
To see Your power and Your glory.
Because Your lovingkindness is
better than life,
My lips shall praise You."

—*Psalms 63:1-3*

While our 2011 new House of Prayer theme doesn't begin until January 12, come this Wednesday (January 5) at 7 p.m. here in the sanctuary and join voice and heart in a New Year seeking after God. As David noted, it is "in the sanctuary" that we will see him. A new prayer vision for a new prayer commitment for the New Year—and why not?

COMING SOON

1.8 \ DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Radicals:
This Generation, This World, This Time"—
Part One

1.15 \ DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Radicals:
This Generation, This World, This Time"—
Part Two

