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STRENGTH TO GIVE THANKS

It was an impromptu interview of a father and his son in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in France. When the reporter asked the boy who couldn't be more than 5 years old how he made sense of it, he said "they were mean men." As the boy continued, he revealed his own fear to his papa beside him. His dad pointed him to the outpouring of love through the makeshift memorial of flowers and candles left in memory of the victims. I was moved to tears because of the joy that illuminated his anxious little face. It was enough for that boy to know from his dad that love is more powerful than "the terror that comes by night." We live in uncertain times but today we will rehearse the words of our heavenly Father. They point us to the cross as a memorial of His great love for us. May the joy of His salvation illuminate our lives and give us strength to give thanks. *—Sabine Vatel*

NOVEMBER GO: PROJECT Andrews University students helping to rake leaves in the community. (Photo provided by: Rodlie Ortiz)



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GO: PROJECTS

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40 NIV)

BY GO PROJECT LEADERS

he premise of GO PROJECTS is really simple-show the love of Jesus to the community in practical ways. Since its creation last year, GO PROJECTS has touched the lives of many around the Berrien Springs Area. GO PROJECTS brings both students and professionals together in an environment where they have been able to volunteer and spread God's love in many different ways. They have been able to use some very cool and creative ways to bring joy to others during this past year. A few months ago, the GO PROJECT team got together and decided to help out the elderly and disabled. They spent the day raking leaves and clearing the yards of several homes; spreading God's love through acts of service.



On August 28, a group of 30 students went to Benton Harbor to paint and place mulch down for a few kindergarten playgrounds. Benton Harbor hadn't built a new school since the 1950's and so the playgrounds there were in bad shape. Rust was showing through peeling paint. There were sharp and dangerous edges as a result of that. Randy Mack, who works here at Andrews University, is an expert with paint and was an invaluable part of this GO PROJECT. Jaime Wright from Plant Services also provided a tremendous amount of support.

Barbers, stylists, and serveral volunteers from Andrews and the community got together for our 2nd annual "Free Haircuts for Kids" event on September 27. This was an event where kids came and got their haircut before picture day, played games, ate food, painted pumpkins, and had their faces painted.

FUTURE PROJECTS INCLUDE:

- Singing at the Hanson Hospice Center
- Passing out winter survival kits
- A Valentine's Program at Timber Ridge

If you or someone you know would like to get involved with GO PROJECTS contact Haley Russell at: <u>haley.russell27@</u> <u>yahoo.com.</u> ■







FEATURE ARTICLE



I AM A STUDENT MISSIONARY

BY LARIZA DUNCAN

y name is Lariza Duncan. I had heard of student missions, because it was talked about in vespers. I even thought about how one day I would like to go, but I never thought I would actually follow through so soon. Now here I am, in Hawaii! This is by far one of the best spontaneous decisions I have ever made, and a huge steppingstone in my life. After 3 years of college, I was incredibly anxious. I was not able to focus, it took a large amount of my mental and physical energy to want to study. I was too tired to have a social life so I barely left my room except for class, food, soccer,

and church. I made myself stay with the singing group I was in because it was an excuse to get out of my room. I was burned out and I wanted to get away– anywhere. I missed being happy and I forgot what it felt like to relax.

My mind was focused on my goals of school because we are taught that you will get nowhere without a college degree. But during finals week the thoughts of going away somewhere would not leave my mind. At night I couldn't sleep because my mind kept wandering; I wanted to get away. All this was making me more anxious because I was supposed to be focused on studying for finals. I decided to entertain the thought and looked up the farthest, sunniest places I could go. I even looked up schools, or places I could stay, and the student missions listings.

One day I gave in, got up, and went straight to the student missions office and told Chaplain Price I think I wanted to do student missions. She said I was really, really late but they would do their best to see if they could make this possible. I felt really strongly about Hawaii, so even though there were no listings, she emailed them anyways, and they said to go ahead and send my resume. Somehow I finished all the paperwork during finals week. I finally got the call about 2 weeks before they wanted me to fly out! The whole thing happened so smoothly, and they even paid for my plane ticket. Pretty soon I was on my way to Hawaii.

Sometimes I ask God, how did I get here? But I think I know why I am here. He wanted the chance for me to have one-on-one time with Him, far away from the things that distracted me and made me anxious. I'm surrounded by some of the most friendly strangers I have ever met. I am surrounded by so much beauty it almost seems unreal. I am surrounded by family. I see God here in a way I hadn't back on the mainland. I see Him everywhere now when I hike and He is just so beautiful. The majority of these dorm students are being exposed to God for the first time, so it makes me so happy when I see them pray for the first time, or sing, or ask me questions about God. They may not know Him yet, but they are breathing in His character and it is contagious. My anxiety is slowly going away; it feels so nice to be happy again. I am learning to love, and how to be loved. There is just something I can't explain about it that feels satisfying. If I had not gone into the student missions office, I may have missed all of this.

I know I will finish school, and that may be when I come back or the next year, but my mind has become a little more relaxed in a way that I now understand that God has good ideas for my life too. What I've been learning while here in Hawaii is to rethink my faith and ask questions. Honestly, I believe if the God whom I've come to know was here on this Earth right now, I wouldn't find Him sitting in the church all the time. I feel as though I'd see Him out doing something: picking up trash at the beach, feeding the homeless, talking with strangers and forming relationships. He would be going straight for where the fish are.

HONESTLY, I BELIEVE IF THE GOD WHOM I'VE COME TO KNOW WAS HERE ON THIS EARTH RIGHT NOW, I WOULDN'T FIND HIM SITTING IN THE CHURCH ALL THE TIME.

Thank you Student Missions for this opportunity. Thank you Hawaii for showing me what heaven must be like. Thank you God for the anxiety that encouraged me to go somewhere, otherwise I would have missed all of this. I love you and I finally get it. I'm even ready for round two whenever that may be! ■

Lariza Duncan is a senior Psychology PreP.A. who is serving as Dean in Hawaii.

WE STUDY CONNECT · GROW · SERVE · GO

Song Service	Rachel Sauer
Opening Song	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come • 557
Welcome & Prayer	
Scripture	
Special Feature	Thanksgiving
Offertory	Nearer, My God, to Thee • Lowell Mason
Bible Study	"Josiah's Reforms" • Classes
Theme Song	Make Me a Blessing
	Make me a blessing; make me a blessing. Out of my life may Jesus shine. Make me a blessing; O Savior, I pray. Make me a blessing; to someone today.
"Make Me a Blessing," Ira Bishop Wilson ©1924, Renewed 1952 Word Music, LLC; Used by Permission. CCLI License #392652	
Benediction	Rachel Sauer

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan OFFERTORY: Grace Joo, violin

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IN TOUCH

BY KENNETH LOGAN

ave you ever seen the like? I mean, this world that is around us-today.

Is this the world of Maltbie Babcock, author of "This Is My Father's World?" What was he thinking? "This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres." Tall, muscular and broad-shouldered, he was a silver-tongued speaker, with magnetic personality; and a skilled musician and accomplished scholar.

Babcock often walked on a New York hill with a commanding view of Lake Ontario, and he would say, "I'm going out to see my Father's world." But was he in touch with the world's reality? And can his words speak powerfully to us today, two weeks post-Paris? "Why should my heart be sad? The Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad."

Death unexpectedly struck Babcock in Europe, too; he died at age 42 on a cruise in Naples, Italy. "O let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet."

But back to the world around us-today. Is it anything like the world of Martin Rinkart, author of "Now Thank We All Our God?" This hymn shines against the gruesome backdrop of ten million deaths in Germany during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). His pastorate in Eilenburg, Germany coincided closely with this war. "Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices ..."

Eilenburg was walled, and thus attracted war refugees. Unusual overcrowding and food shortages resulted, with increased danger of epidemic disease. "O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us . . ." At times Rinkart conducted as many as about 45 burials per day. His wife succumbed to the plague; he became ill, but survived.

Circumstances imply that Rinkart wrote "Now Thank We All Our God" in about 1635; a plague was severe in 1637. One could say that he was profoundly in touch with reality . . . which makes the more remarkable his take: "All praise and thanks to God . . . be given . . . " ■

BRING JOY! GIVE THANKS!

A single asterisk (*) invites standing for that worship item.

Preparation for Joy

Rejoice, All You Christians • Ernst Pepping

Invitation to Joy

Now Thank We All Our God • Kenneth Logan

*Call to Joy

Psalm 100 NKJV • Philip and ** Vida Giddings

LEADER: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands!

PEOPLE: Serve the LORD with gladness;

Come before His presence with singing.

LEADER: Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;

PEOPLE: We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. LEADER: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.

PEOPLE: For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

*Response of Rejoicing This Is a Time for Banners and Bells • Walter Pelz

*Words of Joy

*Anthem of Joy

Prayer of Rejoicing

Response of Rejoicing All Things Bright and Beautiful • 93 All Creatures of Our God and King • 2, stanzas 1-2 Fairest Lord Jesus • 240, stanzas 1, 3-4 Praise to the Lord • 1, stanzas 1-2, 3*

Homily

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Letters of Thanksgiving

Invitation to Giving

"The Secret of Joy" • Rodlie Ortiz

Psalm 98 NK IV • Celesta Burt

Sabine Vatel

Declare Your Maker's Praise! • Llovd Larson

Now Thank We All Our God • 559

Hymns of Thanksgiving • John Weiss

What Gift Can We Bring? Donna Kasbohm / Kenneth Logan

Procession of Thanksgiving Gifts of Food, Tithes and Offerings Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • 27, stanzas 1-2

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart • 27, stanzas 1-2 The Lord Is My Light • 515, stanzas 1-2 For the Beauty of the Earth • 565, stanzas 1, 3 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus • 524, stanzas 1, 3 To God Be the Glory • 341, stanzas 1, 3 *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 695

*Benediction in Thanksgiving *Choral Response in Thanksgiving Rodlie Ortiz Now Thank We All Our God

*Final Thanksgiving

Now Thank We All Our God • Wilhelm Teschner

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THANK YOU ALL OVER THE WORLD

Thanksgiving cards are placed inside this bulletin ... giving you the perfect opportunity to write a special personal word of gratitude, or love, or friendship, or forgiveness this morning. Simply write your message, fold it only once, write the address on the designated side, and bring your letter forward. We'll do the rest, mailing your letter anywhere in the world you want to send it. (If it's a campus address, write "Campus" under the name on the outside.)

SUBMIT announcements by emailing <u>bulletin@pmchurch.org</u> or by going to <u>www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit</u>. Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"The Flip Side of Thanksgiving: Thanks for Nothing"

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DWIGHT K. NELSON "The Christmas Mission Possible"

FINANCIAL FEATURE

A DIAMONTE STYLE POEM

in honor of the Annual Sacrifice offering:

Sacrifice

Noble, difficult Denying, planning, saving Envelope, donation, globe, mission Serving, healing, feeding Blessed, eternal **Victory**

The Annual Sacrifice offering supports Global Mission projects. These projects are directed by frontline workers who are living testimonies of Christ's love to all. Effective? There are 13,000 new congregations in previously unreached areas of the world since 1990. Sacrifice begets victory. SUNSET TODAY • 5:21 SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 5:17

> Family Vespers TODAY • 5:00 PM PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us for *Music of the Spheres*-A mixture of hymn singing and inspirational lessons about God from the stars.

Andrews University Symphony Orchestra Concert TODAY • 8:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Claudio Gonzalez, will perform their fall concert. Violist Joel Pagan and violinist Carla Trynchuk will be the soloists. The program will include works by Aaron Copland and the Mexican composers Carlos Chavez and Arturo Marquez. Tickets may be purchased online at <u>howard.andrews.edu</u> or by calling the Box Office (471.3560).

Scrapbooking Together 2-Day Event

TODAY • 6:00 TO 11:00 PM TOMORROW • 9:00 AM TO 4:00 PM EARLITEEN LOFT

Come Saturday night for worship, pizza and scrapbooking/cardmaking. Leave your supplies overnight and come back the next morning for more fun. There will be a small cost to cover the pizza. RSVP to davis@pmchurch.org or 471.3134.

Pathfinder Apple Pies

The Evergreen Pathfinders will again be offering apple pies this holiday season. We will be making 10" crumb-top apple pies as well as gluten-free apple crisps. **Pies will be available at PMC tomorrow from 12:00 to 5:00 PM.** For details call 269.340.0366 or email <u>evergreenfundraisers@gmail.com</u> or talk to any Pathfinder.

Register Your GROW Group for Spring 2016

It's time to sign up your 8-, 10-, and 12-week GROW Group at <u>www.pm-</u> <u>church.org/grow.</u> Have an idea for a GROW Group you'd like to lead between February 1 and April 24, 2016? It's not too early to begin inviting and praying for people who will want to join you. Let's GROW together.

Soup for Students

On December 8 let's give some bowls of love to students during finals week. We need commitments for at least 25 pots of soup. **Let us know by November 23** if you can help by calling Lailane Legoh at 269.471.3543.

We Mourn

Today we mourn with Cheryl Trine and Val Nelson on the death of their mother and step-mother, Viola Lutz Schneider, on Monday, November 2. A memorial service was held at the Loma Linda University Church on November 8. With Cheryl, Timothy, Peter and Allie Trine and Ray and Val Nelson we look forward to the soon return of the One who is the Resurrection and the Life. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

Welcome Christmas: Choral Concert

DECEMBER 4 • 7:30 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Chorale and Chamber orchestra, conducted by Stephen Zork, will perform *Gloria* by Antonio Vivaldi. The Choral Ensemble of Lake Michigan College will have a special presentation conducted by Bradley Krueger. Additionally, the University Singers will wrap up the musical offerings with a fresh garland of familiar carols including *I Saw Three Ships* by Dianne Loomer, *The Holly and the Ivy* by Matthew Owens, and others. No tickets required. A free-will offering will be collected.

AU Wind Symphony Holiday Concert

DECEMBER 5 • 8:00 PM HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Wind Symphony, under the direction of Alan Mitchell, will present a Holiday Concert. The first half of the concert will feature *National Emblem March* by Bagley, and Gary Cooper, guest solo trombonist, performing *Colors* by Appermont. The Holiday portion will feature *Joy to the Season* by O'Loughlin, *I Saw Three Ships* arranged by Kerchner, and others. Tickets may be purchased online at <u>howard.andrews.edu</u> or by calling the Box Office (471.3560).

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

Delivery drivers are needed. Please come this afternoon at 4:30 to the PMC main entrance (green awning) and pick up names and boxes to deliver throughout the community. Thank you for being a part of this PMC family service opportunity.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana Christmas Banquet

DECEMBER 6 • 1:00 PM VILLAGE SDA FAMILY CENTER

Join us for our annual Christmas Banquet and an excellent program as we enjoy the spirit of Christmas! All who are 55 years of age or older are welcome. If you have not yet signed up for the banquet, it is necessary that you RSVP to Cleon or Sandra White at 269.471.5553 right away.

Honduras Mission Trip

On December 11, the PMC Youth Missions team will leave for the Hogar de Ninos children's home in Honduras. The 45 members of the team will be involved in multiple mission ministries. The team is a partnership between REACH International. PMC Youth Missions, and several departments on campus. We'll be conducting a Friendship Camp for about 175 children. Students from the nursing department and lab sciences will be doing health screening and serving in the local hospital. Your prayers and support are much appreciated for this large mission outreach which will also involve compassion assistance to the poor. Donations may be labelled "PMC Youth Missions Honduras." For more information contact Glenn Russell (glenn@andrews.edu).

Adopt A Family for Christmas

It's almost that time again when you have the opportunity to help families who may need help with meeting the needs (and some pleasures) of their children at Christmas time. If you would like to get involved and bring cheer and gladness to someone this Christmas please call Katherine Smith at 269.471.1502. Nominating Committee SECOND READING Deacons/Deaconesses—Facilities & Offering: Qaisar & Myra Ayaz Church Board Member-at-large: Joy Ngugi Robert Moon Lauren Bitterman

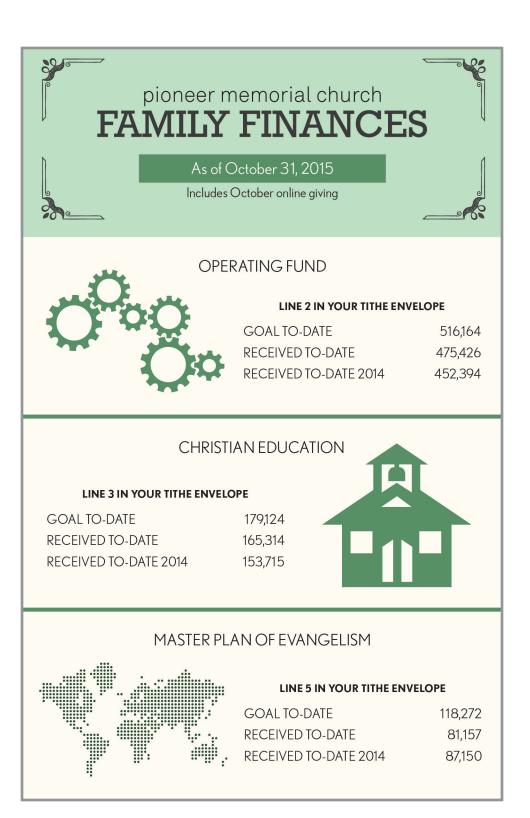
Thank you

We cannot thank you enough for the plant, cards, prayers, visits, and words of sympathy we received from our church family as we mourn the death of our mother, Nolvia Collins. We are so blessed to belong to such a caring church. We look forward to that glorious day when we will part no more. *-George & Kerry Collins*

Thanks so much for the beautiful Azalea plant, cards, and kind thoughts in response to my mother's death. Very much appreciated. *-Don Wilson*

Foster Care Christmas Stocking Stuffers Collection

We are looking for appropriate items to be used in Christmas Stockings for 0-18 year old foster kids. Donations include hand made items such as: gingerbread cookies decorated and individually wrapped, knit and crocheted items, sewn stuffed toys. There are donation collection bins in the PMC lower lobby and the receptionist area, Village Hardware, Berrien Springs Public Library, South Shore Women's Health Care. For further information and to contact God's Hands 4 Kids go to gh4k.org.



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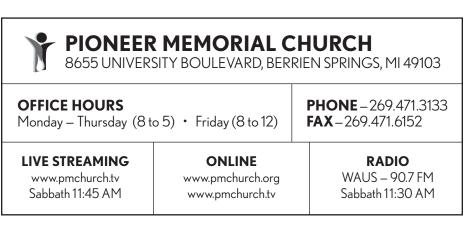
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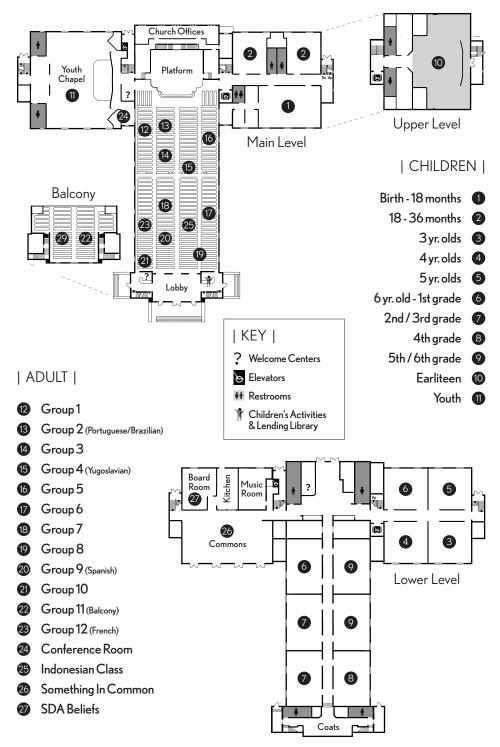
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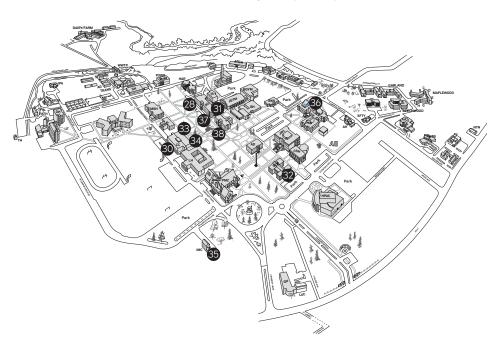
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