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# WELCOME

*to Pioneers*

We are glad you have joined us for Sabbath Worship today. During this week we have enjoyed warmer weather and Spring showers, bringing pops of color in the air and from the earth. Robins and other beautiful birds have returned and crocus, jonquils, tulips and other Spring flowers have pushed up through the moist ground, reminding us again of the gift of new life in Christ.

On this special Sabbath, we invite all—members and guests—to participate as we celebrate Holy Communion, a service which was instituted by Christ at His last supper with the disciples. Often referred to as "The Lord's Supper," the Communion service functions as an occasion for remembering the sacrifice of Christ and for founding the community of the church. Beginning with the Ordinance of Humility, followed by the Communion Service and ending with the receiving of an offering for the poor, may this service be an encouragement to and spiritual renewal for all.

*—Sharon Terrell*

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Give  
Exceptionally



BY TARI POPP

**R**ecently I attended a conference where the speaker asked two questions. What is the best gift you have ever received? And what is the best gift you have ever given? Hands waved, and stories were shared. A grandson told of the World War II dog tags he received from his adored grandfather. A prodigal daughter told of her re-baptism just three months prior to her father's sudden death. A friend talked of the forgiveness received after mean words were rapid-fired in an emotional moment. Funny, no one mentioned the white Lexus with red bow on top!

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**EXCEPTIONAL GIVERS STUDY THEIR RECIPIENTS AND FIND WAYS TO LET THEM KNOW HOW MUCH THEY ARE LOVED AND VALUED.**

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I thought about the best gift I have given. It was the love I put into writing a tribute for both my father and my mother. For weeks I edited and re-edited, trying to distill on one piece of paper what each met to me. I carefully chose stationary, font and matte, and had both tributes framed side-by-side in gold gild. The next time my parents visited, after supper dishes were done and a fire was lit, I read to each what would have been too hard for me to verbally articulate. Since then, those framed words have hung in the most prominent place in their home.

One of the most meaningful gifts I have received came a few years ago on my

birthday. At 5:30 a.m. I donned exercise clothes and headed for my walking partner's house. When I quietly knocked on her door, Shelly flung it open with a mischievous smile on her face. I heard cries of "Happy Birthday" behind her and began sorting out the individual faces of a group of friends. I was led to a gorgeous brunch prepared for me in the wee hours of the morning. We ate at a table set with linen and china and candles, and talked and laughed and celebrated friendship until the work day could wait no longer. I will never forget this gift. People (husband's included) got out of bed at 5:30 in the morning to let me know I was special!

The best gifts always have to do with relationships. Exceptional givers study their recipients and find ways to let them know how much they are loved and valued.

Are you an exceptional giver? Are you finding ways to let God know how much you love and treasure Him? Are you seeking to discover the gifts He longs for? He will show you how to be generous to Him, if that is what you truly desire. ■

*Tari Popp is the chair of the PMC Stewardship Committee.*

# PASSION PLAY RETURNS!

BY REBECCA COLEMAN

**T**he Andrews University Easter Passion Play has returned! The event is an interactive indoor and outdoor walk-through experience for the entire family, depicting the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Once again the event will take place on our campus on March 26. In a recent interview, Tiffany Bailey, the event's Assistant Drama Director, shared her perspective on all the hard work and planning that goes into this ministry.

## **So tell me about the Passion Play, in your words, what is its goal?**

*The Passion Play tells of the story of Christ and His life. It gives viewers a firsthand view of the life of Christ through of scenes of His life. In short, the goal of the Passion Play is to draw people closer to Christ. I feel that the ministry of the Passion Play can play a vital role in making the life of Christ come alive. Attendees are able to see the heart of the matter and that the life and death of Christ is not some lighthearted fairy tale. I think it brings people closer to Christ because when you experience what it was like to see Jesus die, it really makes you contemplate the sacrifice He made for us. It takes people from a faith of law, to a faith of practice. It's about the King of the universe being so in love with His people, that He gave us the gift of Salvation.*



## **What goes into the planning of the Passion Play?**

*There is a massive amount of people that are needed. We do a lot of recruiting. There are over 1000 jobs that need to be filled. The majority of the positions are filled by student volunteers, however there are many people in the community who also volunteer. There are many committed individuals who are a part of the Passion Play; they give their time and talents with no pay, because they believe in this ministry and the importance of it. Logistics is another big part of it; making sure that people have what they need to complete their tasks and to make this big production happen.*



**What exactly does your job entail and how did you get involved?**

*As the Assistant Drama Director, I do a lot of support tasks; sending emails, creating calendars, and recruiting. . . . I was in the Passion Play twice before as an actor. It was a really good experience because I love acting and it gave me a chance to do something I was passionate about; and also be involved in the ministry. Last year, when the planning for this year's play started, I was approached by someone who wanted me to be involved in a bigger role. At first I didn't want to get involved because I am a full-time graduate student, but I felt that God wanted me to be a part of this.*

**As full time students how do you all find the time needed to put into this production?**

*There is a lot of time needed to go into this production. It consists of weekly meetings, rehearsals and recruiting. It also incorporates a lot of time outside of meetings. We have to do a lot of networking to find volunteers, it takes up a lot of our time. We started planning for this play last semester. We are passionate about what we do, so we find the time.*

**What has this experience been like for you?**

*It's been very challenging, [but] it has been a growing experience and a great way for me to be involved in ministry in a very big way.*

In support of the 2016 Easter Passion Play, Pioneer Memorial Church is sponsoring the Hospitality Center. Volunteer online at [www.pchurch.org/passionplay](http://www.pchurch.org/passionplay). ■

Rebecca Coleman is the Pioneer Connect editor.

**SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY**

Please indicate  
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on your tithe envelope.

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Ed Higgins
<b>Prayer</b>	Omwocha Nyaribo
<b>Welcome</b>	Mordekai Ongo
<b>Scripture</b>	John 6:1-15
<b>Special Feature</b>	Meeting Felt Needs as a Means to Growth: A Case of Slum Dwellers and the Maasai Community of Kenya
<b>Offering</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	"The Church Militant" • Classes
<b>Theme Song</b>	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	Ed Higgins

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

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## MUSIC ALIVE

### HOW WONDROUS

**W**ondrous in beauty, wondrous in subject, the traditional hymn melody *WONDROUS LOVE* infuses worship today with its simple sense of awe at the Christ of Calvary. Three stanzas of thought-provoking text appear with the melody as number 162 in the *SDA Hymnal*. The first stanza wonders at the Lord bearing the dreaded curse "for my soul." Stanzas two and three rejoice in the

prospect of rejoicing by singing with millions, and singing on and on—for eternity. And here is a fascinating cross-cultural footnote. Native American Methodists recorded that during the 1906 Indian Mission Conference, a famous Creek Native American Methodist evangelist, "although the last hours of his life are full of pain . . . died singing "What wondrous love is this, oh my soul." ■

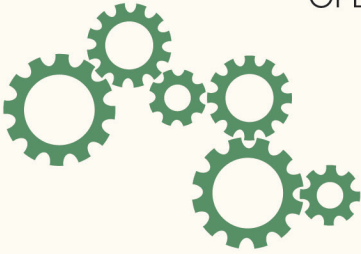


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**FAMILY FINANCES**

As of February 29, 2016

Includes February online giving

OPERATING FUND



**LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE**

GOAL TO-DATE	115,443
RECEIVED TO-DATE	76,122
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	88,981

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE**

GOAL TO-DATE	38,736
RECEIVED TO-DATE	21,760
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	30,919



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**LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE**

GOAL TO-DATE	21,636
RECEIVED TO-DATE	12,408
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	12,919

# WE WORSHIP

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## THE CALL

### The Meditation

*O Head Full of Blood and Wounds • Paul Claussnitzer*

### The Introit

*Let Us Praise the Name of the Lord • Alfred Stier*

### \*The Call

Sharon Terrell

Hear the words of our Lord, Jesus: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

**Christ has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival of him who takes away the sin of the world.**

"If anyone would come after me, he must first deny himself and then take up his cross and follow me." Jesus said.

**"For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel will save it," he proclaimed.**

This day, let our words and our prayers convey our awe.

**The one who was scorned and mocked is truly our king.**

### The Invocation

Sabine Vatel

## THE CELEBRATION

### Hymns of the Cross

*Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb • st. 1 & 3 of 246*

*Power in the Blood • st. 1 & 3 of 294*

*Marvelous Grace • st. 1 & 3 of 109*

### In Prayer

Sharon Terrell

*Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241*

### In Giving

Michigan Advance Partners • \*Terry Robertson; \*\*Keith Wakefield

*Love Lifted Me • Joseph Martin*

### In Proclaiming

"Known"

Sabine Vatel

## THE CLEANSING

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. Very truly I tell you, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. -John 13:12-17 NIV

## THE COMMUNION

### In Reading

\*Yolande Robertson; \*\*Dominique Wakefield

As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it, for this is my body." And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, "Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many. Mark my words—I will not drink wine again until the day I drink it new with you in my Father's Kingdom."  
-Matthew 26:26-29 NLT

### In Praying

\*Terry Robertson; \*\*Keith Wakefield

### In Partaking

*Jesus, Gentle Lamb* • Lloyd Larson

## THE COMMITMENT

### In Singing

*Sent Forth by God's Blessing* • 407

### In Blessing

Sabine Vatel

### In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

### In Leaving

*What Wondrous Love Is This?* • Anonymous Melody

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director  
IN PARTAKING: Elizabeth Wilson, mezzo soprano

**SUBMIT** announcements by emailing [bulletin@pmchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@pmchurch.org) or by going to [www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit). Requests must be received **Monday by 5:00 PM** for consideration.

**NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING**  
PMC Operating Expense

**SUNSET TODAY** • 7:55  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 8:03

## PIONEER PULPIT

| 03 • 26 |

**DWIGHT K. NELSON**

"Chasing Hope: From An Empty Tomb"

| 04 • 02 |

**G. T. NG**

International Student Sabbath

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### MI ADVANCE PARTNERS

Today's offering is for Michigan Advance Partners (MAP). Here's how your offerings will be used:

- 33.33% *Evangelism*
- 22.00% *Church & School Buildings*
- 18.00% *Project Assist*
- 15.00% *Great Lakes Adventist Academy*
- 4.00% *Camp Meeting/Campgrounds*
- 4.00% *Camp Au Sable*
- 3.00% *Special Projects*
- 0.67% *Church School Equipment*

Excluding tithe, no other offering does so much to advance God's work in the Michigan Conference. MAP touches the lives of both young and old through evangelism, youth camp, camp meeting, church school, and academy. Thank you!

### Open House at Harbor of Hope

TODAY • 3:00 TO 5:30 PM

769 PIPESTONE, BENTON HARBOR

Pastors Dwight Nelson, Rodlie Ortiz, Taurus Montgomery, Skip MacCarty, PMC Head Elder Russell Burrill, and HH Governance Board Chair Robin Paquette personally invite you to today's pre-opening tours and prayer at our new facility (former Berrien County Health Dept bldg). Eleven years ago PMC planted the Harbor of Hope (HH) church in Benton Harbor. Today's schedule: 3-4 PM—Tours, 4-4:30 PM—Presentation and Prayer, 4:30-5:30 PM—Tours.

### Pathfinder Union Level Bible Experience

TODAY • 3:00 PM

PMC SANCTUARY

Test your knowledge on the book of Exodus and support the Pathfinders! We are proud of our PMC Evergreen PBE team, which consist of Rebekah Amaya, Jon Clough, Sam Clough, Chris Ngugi, Samuel Ren, and Veronica Rivas.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

Come join us in sharing and singing your favorite hymns as we close the Sabbath.

## Nominating Committee

SECOND READING

### Assistant Head Elder:

Dominique & Keith Wakefield

## Memorial Service

TODAY • 4:00 PM  
SEMINARY CHAPEL

A service in memory of Esther Hare will be held today. This will be followed by time for refreshments and fellowship with other attendees in the Seminary Commons.

## Scrapbooking Together

TOMORROW • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Bring your craft supplies and enjoy time working on your projects. We supply the prizes and chocolate. You bring your favorite snack. If you have questions e-mail [davis@pmchurch.org](mailto:davis@pmchurch.org).

## Knitting Hearts Together

MARCH 22 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM  
MACCARTY HOME

We welcome anyone interested in participating in the PMC shawl ministry to the bereaved and those experiencing a health crisis. Contact Alice Williams ([alicew@andrews.edu](mailto:alicew@andrews.edu), or 471.3373) for more info.

## Passion Play 2016

MARCH 26

It's back! Join us for an experience you'll never forget. Feel what it was like to be there when Jesus was sentenced and then follow him to Golgotha and watch Him impart the grace of God to all of us sinners. To reserve your free tickets, visit [passionplay.andrews.edu](http://passionplay.andrews.edu). Two Spanish rotations are available.

## Passion Play Hospitality Tent

PMC is sponsoring the Hospitality Tent for this year's Easter Passion Play. We need over 300 people who will help before, during, and after the event. To register visit [pmchurch.org/passionplay](http://pmchurch.org/passionplay).

## Neighbor To Neighbor

Neighbor To Neighbor is partnering with Safe Shelter to serve survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault by providing free and confidential services including shelter, case management, counseling, support groups, and much more. If you know anyone who needs these services please call 269.925.1725.

## Chaplain Needed

Neighbor To Neighbor is in need of a volunteer chaplain. Recently there have been increasing opportunities for this service. If you are interested please contact Laura Meyer at 269.471.7411.

## Ellen White Symposium 2016

MARCH 28 • 9:15 AM TO 5:00 PM  
SEMINARY CHAPEL

Join us as we break new ground in understanding Ellen White and issues relating to her life, ministry, and prophetic gift. The event is free and requires no registration.

## Blood Drive

MARCH 30 • 11:00 AM TO 6:45 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Give blood. Schedule an appointment, log onto [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code—AndrewsUniversity) or call 800.733.2767. For more info contact Larry Ulery ([ulery@andrews.edu](mailto:ulery@andrews.edu) or 269.471.3296).

## Game Night/Nacho Feed

APRIL 2 • 8:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

In response to a recent survey completed in January, PMC will host a game night/ Nacho Feed. Show your support by bringing cheese sauce, refried beans, tortilla chips, salsa, or lemonade. Let us know at [www.pmchurch.org/gamenight](http://www.pmchurch.org/gamenight).

## International Sabbath

APRIL 2 • PMC SANCTUARY

We would like to invite you to attend a special worship service prepared for you by the International Students on April 2, 2016. Our guest speaker this year will be G. T. Ng, Executive Secretary of General Conference of SDA Church. As many of you would remember, last year we made an appeal on behalf of our international students for a special offering for "international students emergency fund" and many of you gave extremely generously. We have been blessed to receive that offering and we have been able to assist many of our students that had urgent needs (with groceries, eyeglasses, doctor's visits and so on). So, we are extremely grateful for last year gift. We would like your generous gift once again on April 2 to continue the work we are doing with these students. You may mark your tithe envelope as—"International Student Aid." May God bless you abundantly and provide for you. Thanking you on behalf of our grateful international students.

## Get Our E-Letter!

Register to receive PMC's e-Letter, Pioneer Mid-week, for weekly updates about church life, events, and more! Subscribe today at [www.pmchurch.org/newsletter](http://www.pmchurch.org/newsletter).

## 2016 Children's Leadership Conference

APRIL 22-24  
ANDREWS UNIVERSITY

Be a part of one of the Lake Union Conference's most extensive training events in Children's Ministries. Anyone with a passion for making Jesus irresistible to children is invited. For more info and to register visit [www.cye.org/events/clc](http://www.cye.org/events/clc).

## We Mourn

Today we mourn with the family of Charlotte Groff who passed away suddenly on Friday, March 11, in her home. She was 83. The funeral service will be held Friday, March 25, at 1 PM in the PMC Sanctuary. Visitation with the family will be Thursday, March 24, from 6 to 8 PM at the Allred Funeral Home and right before the funeral service from 12 to 1 PM in the PMC Sanctuary. A luncheon will be provided after the service in the Commons. With the family, we look forward to resurrection morning, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## Walking in Johnson Gym

There is free walking in the Johnson gym 5 days a week Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 9:00 AM for all age groups.

## More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, visit our website at [www.pmchurch.org/announcements](http://www.pmchurch.org/announcements).

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Saturdays  
10:00 a.m.  
PMC Board Room