

# PIONEER — CONNECT

APRIL 9, 2016



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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

Welcome! You picked an excellent worship service to experience a unique element of our faith community. We are part of a global family of churches that spans across 6 continents. Like any large family, we support each other in many different ways. We collect tithes and offerings each week that support both the local and global family.

Several weeks ago we made a special appeal to support a mission trip to Cuba. Today, we get to hear how those gifts helped to spread the gospel in a country where so many people want to know more about Jesus. Our missionaries have returned with a renewed zeal as they saw faith come alive for so many. Today, we welcome you to experience the joy of sharing and receiving the gospel that offers joy and an enduring hope.

—José Bourget



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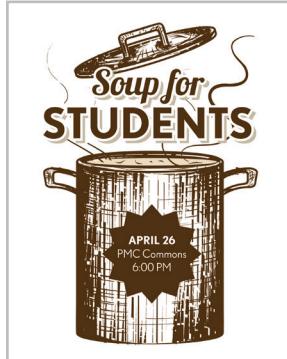
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# 30,000 PASTORS IN PRAYER?

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**L**ook—I don't mean to sound incredulous and I'm not wanting to be cynical. But when I learned just this week that an organization called "UnitedCry" is planning to hold a prayer rally for 30,000 pastors this Saturday (April 9) in front of the Lincoln Memorial in the nation's capital, I admit to being a bit skeptical. It's not that I don't believe pastors pray. I joined 5000 other praying pastors last summer in Austin, Texas, at a convention they called "Called." Pastors pray—trust me.

But 30,000 pastors bowed together in Washington DC? It would have to be a hugely compelling agenda to draw that many men and women of the cloth to leave their rural or inner city or suburban parishes and travel to the capital for the solitary purpose of praying, wouldn't it? Turns out that's what "UnitedCry" is proposing. In their own words:

When a nation is in crisis, scripture is clear about the solution: Joel 2 states, "Call a sacred assembly, gather the people, sanctify the congregation, Assemble [sic] the elders..." Believing that we are in a pivotal moment in the history for our nation, UnitedCry DC16 is a gathering 30,000+ pastors and Christian leaders on April 9, 2016 from 9 am until 4 pm at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington,

DC to unify in the spirit of a Joel 2 Solemn Assembly. Gathering in our Nation's Capital has been of historical and spiritual significance. It has been a major gathering place for Christians to come together in solemn assembly to pray and repent for their nation. Each time thousands of Christians gathered to pray in Washington, DC, our nation encountered significant events and God intervened. Throughout our American History pastors have also always played a significant role in bringing about spiritual and social transformation in our nation. We need our pastors to rise up, teach us how to pray, and lead all of us within the Body of Christ back to a relationship with the Lord! Strong times call for strong measures—it's time to gather again and pray! (<http://unitedcry.com/about/>)

Who could argue with a stirring call to prayer like this? If ever there were a time in this nation's history when believers of all stripes and shapes needed to band together to call upon the God of Heaven to "forgive us our trespasses" and "deliver us from evil" (as Jesus taught us to pray), wouldn't it be now? Make no mistake—I am a fervent believer in collective prayer (on this campus, in this congregation and across this country).



Less clear is the stated reason “UnitedCry” chose April 9, citing it as the anniversary of: (1) the ending of the Civil War in 1865, thus symbolizing “repentance for national sins”; (2) the pentecostal outpouring at Azusa Street (Los Angeles) in 1906, symbolizing praying for revival; and (3) the martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer in Nazi Germany in 1945, symbolizing pastors in “civic engagement” (<http://unitedcry.com/the-historic-significance-of-april-9/>). (Perhaps the linkage of these three disparate events says less about history and more about the theological/charismatic persuasion of the “UnitedCry” organizers.)

That’s why on April 9 I will be in my home church pastoring and preaching alongside a team of seminarians who’ve just returned from an evangelistic mission in Santiago de Cuba. Pray together—we did every day and night in Cuba, praying for the salvation of that nation. And now that we’re home we must pray for the revival of this nation as well. We must

all pray for the day when “**the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be destroyed, nor will be left to another people**” (**Daniel 2:44**). But we must not only wait and pray for that Day—we must work for it. “**Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation**” “and then shall the end come” (**Mark 16:15/Matthew 24:14**). Cuba, China, America, Africa—it is time to answer our own prayers. And GO.

PS—You can GO by joining the “Hope Trending” mission (October 14-22) now—begin praying and growing your list of people to invite to this historic/collective sharing the truth as it is in Jesus (wherever you live on earth—see [www.pmchurch.org/hopetrending](http://www.pmchurch.org/hopetrending)). ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight’s blog at [www.pmchurch.tv/blog](http://www.pmchurch.tv/blog).

# *Soup for* STUDENTS

APRIL 26  
PMC Commons  
6:00 PM

BY REBECCA COLEMAN

It's that time of year again! In just three short weeks this semester will be coming to a close and students all over campus will be buckling in for finals. As is our custom, PMC will be hosting Soup for Students during finals week. The premise is simple: to show our love and support to students during this rough week by giving them warm soup. Soup for Students is a place where students can come to take a break from the stress of finals and

projects and just relax. On April 26, we are looking for 25 different families to contribute 25 pots of soup. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please go to [www.pmchurch.org/soupforstudents](http://www.pmchurch.org/soupforstudents) and sign up!

For the past four years PMC has been hosting Soup for Students and it has proven to be a blessing for those who attend. Below is a testimony by a student who was blessed by this ministry. ■



*Moving from Brooklyn to Berrien Springs was very difficult for me my freshman year. I was always stressed, and could not find satisfaction or a proper place to vent to get myself ready for the next day especially around finals time.*

*One day, as I prepared to get my books to go into a corner and study, my roommate told me that the Pioneer Memorial Church was serving food for students during finals week. I am usually very skeptical of food from people I do not know, but I decided to join her. Arriving to the basement of PMC I was immediately taken back by the amount of people and the amazing smells that hit me at the door. Getting closer I realized the food was soup, which is something that I am not fond of, but I stayed because it smelled great and I was hungry. The next thirty to forty-five minutes were probably the most relaxing moments I have had here at Andrews.*

*The Soup for Students project at PMC allowed me to take time to just sit, eat good food, mingle with new people, and rest my mind. It also gave me the strength I needed to get up and continue on in my studies and get the great grades I had been pushing for. I believe every student should attend it at least once, if not for the gathering, do it for the soup because it was amazing!*

*—Danielle Samuel, Senior*



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Rebecca Coleman is the Pioneer Connect editor.

# WE WORSHIP

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**Opening Voluntary**

*Christ We Shall Praise Well* • Johann Sebastian Bach

**Introit**

*Feed My Lambs* • Natalie Sleeth

**\*Call to Worship**

José Bourget

We seek to be one people, of one mind and one spirit,

**To be the gospel, alive in the world,**

We come together so that we may be sent out to bring joy to the oppressed

**Let us, therefore, go to the world to bring hope to the fearful.**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* • 2

**\*Invocation**

Dwight K. Nelson

**\*Hymn of Praise**

*I Love to Tell the Story* • st. 1, 3-4 of 457  
The Ortiz Family

**\*\*Praise**

*Blessed Assurance* • *How He Loves* • *Here I am to Worship*

**Congregational Prayer**

Rodlie Ortiz

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

**Worship in Music**

*Glory to God* • Allen Pote

**Children's Story**

Ben Martin & The Evergreen Pathfinders  
*I Love to Tell the Story* • Emma Lou Diemer

## CUBA MISSION REPORT

"Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation" (Mark 16:15)

**Video**

"Care for Cuba in Santiago" • Delmar Reis & Lisandro Staut

**Why Cuba?**

Fernando Ortiz

**What Did God Do?**

Suranny & Alejandro Sarria, Travis O'Reilly,  
Sheldon Imperio & Reynando Bibit,  
Lindsey Pratt & Chris Hughes, Natieli Schaffer

## **What Can We Do?**

Fernando Ortiz

"Chasing Hope: To an Empty World" • Dwight K. Nelson / Sandro Sandoval

## **Connect Cards, Tithes & Offerings**

World Mission Budget

## **Hymn of Commitment**

*Christ for the World* • 370

## **Benediction**

## **Closing Voluntary**

*Work, for the Night Is Coming* • Sharon Rogers

PRESIDING PASTOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: RMES Singers; Héctor Flores, director

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: Rodlie, Iveth, Jonathan, and Daniel Ortiz

CUBA MISSION TEAMS: (1) Lindsey Pratt, Brian Norton, Margaret Thomas, Alejandro Sarria, Suranny Sarria, Chris Hughes; (2) Sandro Sandoval, Annie Benoit, Andreas Palacios, Donald Lopes, Webster Sterling; (3) Sheldon Imperio, Cliff Jean-Baptiste, Jimmy Kirin Park, Reynaldo Bibit; (4) Jonathan Gonzalez, Travis James, In Hyuk Paul, Deborah Cooke; (5) Travis O'Reilly, Eric Mitchell, Channing Allen, Rosimayre Barreiros; (6) Delmar Reis, Natielle Schaffer, Lisandro Staut, James Jeong Cho; Jon Tillay.

\*\*PRAISE: Paul Ochieng, piano; Stacy Depluzer, djembe; Ryan Jarvis, guitar

\*\*PRAISE VOCALS: Ryan Jarvis, Kyrk Defino, Rebecca Fanai

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# **MUSIC ALIVE**

TELLING THE STORY

**B**orn into wealth, generous toward missions, Katherine Hankey (1834-1911) wrote the words of "I Love to Tell the Story." Her father was a wealthy English banker. Kate, as she was known, early was nurtured in an evangelical spirit by her father. When she was eighteen, Kate established a girls' Bible class in the West End of London. She organized Sunday school classes for rich and poor

in various London locations. Her interest in missions was nurtured in part by a trip to South Africa to care for, and return to home with, an invalid brother. When Katherine Hankey was thirty, she was overcome with a serious illness necessitating a long recovery. Her well-loved hymn "I Love to Tell the Story" stems from her period of recovery. ■

# WE STUDY

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## **Song Service**

Vladimir Slavujevic

## **Welcome, Prayer, & Scripture**

Brian Campos

## **Special Feature**

Felecia Datus

## **Offering**

Mary Opuni-Mensah

## **Bible Study**

"The Ministry Begins" • 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

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## **Benediction**

Vladimir Slavujevic

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

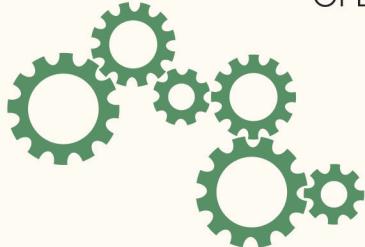
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# FAMILY FINANCES

As of March 31, 2016

Includes March online giving

## OPERATING FUND



### LINE 2 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	166,751
RECEIVED TO-DATE	114,815
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	132,500

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



### LINE 3 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	55,952
RECEIVED TO-DATE	36,125
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	45,809

## MASTER PLAN OF EVANGELISM



### LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

GOAL TO-DATE	31,252
RECEIVED TO-DATE	20,139
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2015	20,109

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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** • 8:18

**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 8:26

## PIONEER PULPIT

| 04 • 16 |

### DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Chasing Hope: With an Empty Bank"

| 04 • 23 |

### DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Chasing Hope: For an Empty Dream"

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### WORLD MISSION BUDGET

Today's offering is for the World Mission Budget. Lately, the idea of sustainable investing has become attractive. Ethical companies maintain a balance between the resources they take from the earth and what they give back. The gospel work also needs this sustainability concept. Jesus said, "One sows and another reaps." Beyond reaping, when the sheep are brought into the fold Jesus urges, "Feed my sheep." Your support today of the World Mission Budget will sustain the mission of the church: to sow, to reap, to teach, to study, to lead, and to serve.

## Sanctuary Flowers

The flowers today are a tribute from faculty and staff of Andrews University to honor the 22 years of friendship, distinguished service, and God-honoring leadership of Niels-Erik and Demetra Andreasen at Andrews University.

## Visitors' Dinner

Join us today after second service in the PMC Commons (downstairs) for a home-cooked vegetarian meal.

## Discovery Space Lab

TODAY • 4:00 PM

ANDREWS ACADEMY CHAPEL

Join the Captain as he and his crew go explore God's amazing universe! This ministry targets kids K-5th grade and it's free and open to all. If you have questions email: [RichAguilera@gmail.com](mailto:RichAguilera@gmail.com).

## Family Vespers

TODAY • 7:00 PM

YOUTH CHAPEL

"Were You There?"—This week we will feature a program of music and readings amplified by photography from the 2016 Andrews University Passion Play. Bring a friend and join us as we close the Sabbath together.

## **Adventist Retirees of Michiana**

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM

VILLAGE CHURCH FAMILY CENTER

Don't miss out on a "Surprise" presentation by Guess Who tomorrow at the monthly ARM potluck. All retirees (or those 55 years of age or older) are welcome. Bring any of your favorite dishes and come and enjoy!

## **Classical Seminary**

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM

SEMINARY CHAPEL

You are invited to a free concert featuring the students, staff, faculty, and friends of the SDA Theological Seminary. A light reception will follow.

## **Mommy (and Daddy) & Me**

TUESDAYS • 10:00 AM

PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caretaker to enjoy friendships and activities together. Each week will include playtime, songs, and crafts. Parents can enjoy time with their children and the chance to be with friends and make new friends. Come join us!

## **Functional Fitness**

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS

5:30 TO 6:30 PM • PMC COMMONS

Join us to improve your strength, flexibility, and balance. Call Kathy Koudale at 269.313.8774 if you have questions.

## **Harbor of Hope**

We celebrated our first Sabbath service in the new building last Sabbath. Over 100 were present, including first-time guests. Continue to pray for Harbor of Hope.

## **Knitting Hearts Together**

APRIL 12 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM

MACCARTY HOME

The shawl ministry welcomes anyone willing to participate in the creation and/or delivery of items designed to share God's love with those who are ill or have lost a close family member. For more information, contact Alice Williams ([alicew@andrews.edu](mailto:alicew@andrews.edu) or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

## **Grow Cafe**

Calling all cookie bakers! Help us provide a warm experience for our students at the next Grow Cafe, April 22. **Bring your favorite home-baked cookies to the church the week of April 18 during office hours.** Please contact [autumn.m@pmchurch.org](mailto:autumn.m@pmchurch.org) for more information. Thank you in advance for your hospitality.

## **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. Our theme this year is: "All God's Children Got Shoes." For more info and to register visit [www.cye.org/events/clc](http://www.cye.org/events/clc).

## **We Mourn**

We mourn with Robert and Garth Gibson on the death of their mother, Agnes, on Sunday, April 3. Agnes was a long-time PMC volunteer. A memorial service will be held April 24 at 11:00 AM in the PMC Youth Chapel. With her friends and family, we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## Get Our E-Letter!

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).

## Soup for the Students

APRIL 26 • 6:00 PM

PMC COMMONS

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## Nominating Committee

SECOND READING

### Host/Hostess (Welcome Center):

Chad Angasan

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Diana Mitchell

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Giselle Tchamba

Xiaoming Xu

### Deacons:

Letitia Bullard

Claire Covrig

Damian Grant

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Pasha Tomenko

Dale Walton

## Visitor Fellowship Dinner

PMC's Fellowship Dinner Teams are looking for members and team leaders to help serve about 2 times per year. As part of the team, you will help assist with set-up, service, clean-up, and supplying food dishes. Call Ben Chilson at 269.471.5077 or email [bennettc43@gmail.com](mailto:bennettc43@gmail.com).

## Thank You

Since Marco's recent open heart surgery and Erika's broken kneecap, we want to express our sincere appreciation for all the visits, transportations given, other offers to help us, delicious food that was brought by members of the PMC Family as well as the special home-made lap quilts brought to us. We thank all of you very much and praise God for granting both of us speedy recovery. —Marco & Erika Di Biase

## PMC Young Adult Sabbath School

Scripture: Unbiased. Open-Minded. Interactive. Navigate through different books of the Bible, chapter by chapter, finding unexpected fresh meaning for today. Reimagine your life. All young adults are welcome. Join us on Sabbaths in the Board Room. Breakfast starts at 10:00 AM, study starts at 10:30 AM! Needed: Adults who have a heart for this generation and want to make them feel welcomed and connected, even beyond the Sabbath School time. To help, contact Oliver or Oleg via [youngadults@pmchurch.org](mailto:youngadults@pmchurch.org) or 269.471.3553.

## 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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