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to Pioneer

If you were given one extra day to do anything, what would you choose to do? Some may take the day off to spend time with a loved one, visit an intriguing place, finish a task or assignment, or maybe sleep in. We all wish for just one day where we can relax and catch up on anything that we may have fallen behind on.

King David made his choice clear. "Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked" (Psalm 84:10). Welcome to the courts of God on this Sabbath and it is our hope that this one day will be better than a thousand anywhere else.

—Felecia Datus, PMC Copy Editor

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“THEN THEY CAME FOR ME”

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

The nation is still reeling from Sunday morning’s headline of the bloody massacre in an Orlando night club in the wee hours of a new week. But already the news media’s scrolling litany of superlatives—“the worst mass shooting in U.S. history” “the greatest mass murder in American history”—along with its non-stop coverage of this horrific tragedy have numbed the American psyche once again. And as it was for San Bernardino California and Newtown Connecticut and Columbine Colorado, the 24-hour news cycle is eventually coopted by the new headline and the relentless pursuit of the next “breaking news.”

But left in the aftermath and forgotten in the chase will be the fifty families who will go on grieving their crushing loss—fifty funerals and memorial services, fifty caskets or urns, fifty homes and countless hearts forever broken. Fifty. A number that eventually may feel small, quite small . . . in comparison to a figure one day somewhere else that is sure to be higher.

Beyond the sheer tragedy of it all, what is stunning about the Orlando massacre is the convergence of the most inflamed issues that plague this election cycle’s national debate: Muslims, the LGBT community, the place of immigrants in this nation, the place of firearms in this

society. But let’s reflect for a moment about minorities.

Take the minorities in this story. The killer was an American-born Muslim from an immigrant family. The victims

**“THEN THEY CAME
FOR ME—AND THERE
WAS NO ONE LEFT
TO SPEAK FOR ME.”**

by and large were members of the LGBT community. The night club theme that fateful early morning was “Latin Night.” Minorities—people who are never identified

as “minorities” in the raucous political debate of this presidential election season, but who nonetheless have been very much targeted by the rhetoric of this campaign—minorities.

Come to think of it, my own faith community is regarded as a religious minority. One candidate had trouble even pronouncing our name. But that’s OK. I grew up a minority as an American missionary’s kid in Japan. As an adult I remain in the minority as a member of a Sabbatarian community—one that worships on Saturday, while the rest of the Christian nation worships on Sunday. But I am proud to be a member of a minority. And I am grateful to be a citizen of a nation where minorities are protected from the majority.

But I fear that there are some even within my own faith community who have embraced the crowd-pleasing “keep the minorities out” spirit that now troubles America. I wonder if we have seriously,



sufficiently thought through the implications of that populist mentality. Immigrant minorities, LGBT minorities, Muslim minorities, Sabbatarian minorities—the chant to “send them all home” eventually will catch up with us all.

Ponder this confession from the German pastor Martin Niemöller during the dark days of the Nazi government, words that bear repeating in this season of anti-minority fervor (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_they_came_):

First they came for the Socialists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Socialist.

Then they came for the Trade Unionists, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Trade Unionist.

Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—
Because I was not a Jew.

Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me.

“You will leave Me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for My Father is with Me.” (John 16:32) Jesus is still the minorities' Best Friend. ■

You can follow Pastor Dwight's blog at www.pmchurch.tv/blog.



FATHERS *as* EXAMPLES

BY ALINA BALTAZAR

Many times in the Bible, God compares His love and care for us to the love and care of earthly fathers to their children (Deuteronomy 1:31, Psalms 2:7, Hebrews 1:5). In the Bible, the word "father" is mentioned over 1,000 times. God recognizes the importance of fathers on the earth. All too often our earthly fathers fall short of this ideal. Some can't even fathom the idea of a loving God because of how their earthly fathers have treated or abandoned them. Thankfully there are many fathers who try their best to fulfill God's purpose for them as they guide the children God gave them. Being a good father can be a challenge. There are times when being a father is discouraging and frustrating. Other times you may feel underappreciated and overwhelmed. There are great joys as well! Rearing your children and finally to see them emulate you and our heavenly Father is wonderful! This is the time of year we honor the wonderful fathers in our lives.

The role of fathers has changed dramatically in the last 50 years with higher rates of divorce and out-of-wedlock births. More mothers are working outside of the home than ever before. Fathers have stepped up by being more involved in their children's lives and have proven very capable caregivers. Fathers have increased the amount of time they spend in caring for children per week by 180% from 1965 to 2011 (Pew Research Center). This has helped relieve the burden of mothers trying to balance work and family. Because of the challenges that many families face, it can be difficult for fathers to stay involved in their children's lives. Some fathers are having to be flexible in how they stay in touch with their children. Social science

researchers have repeatedly found multiple benefits of fathers being involved: spiritually, academically, behaviorally, sexually, mentally, and socially. Increasing father involvement is one of the most important ways we can address spiritual and material poverty in children's lives. Coming to Family Life Committee events is one way you can do that.

In cases where father involvement is not possible or advisable, God has told us He is a "father to the fatherless" (Psalms 68:5). We need to trust and know He is watching out and caring for us. One way He does this is to send us godly male mentors to guide us on our Christian walk. Think about the example of Timothy, whose father was probably not a believer. Paul referred to Timothy as "my dear son" (2 Timothy 1:2). We must not forget the male mentors in our lives. Even though these men are not biologically related to us, they spend their time and resources to make us into better people, as inspired by God. We should spend time today thanking these men as well. Now let those mentors you have had in your life inspire you to reach out to the children in your lives. You never know how God may use you. ■

Alina Baltazar is a member of the Family Life Committee.

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Prayer	Protas Makimu
Welcome	Mordekai Ongo
Scripture	1 Peter 4:10-11 • Ian Ochieng
Special Feature	"People Oriented Projects / Mission Spotlight"
Offertory	<i>Prelude and Fugue • Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
Bible Study	"Jesus' Last Days" • Classes
Theme Song	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>
Benediction	Christina Carroll

ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan; OFFERTORY: Harmon Balorda, piano

MUSIC ALIVE

WORTHY

It is just about as far in time from Christmas as it is possible to be in a year: June 18 compared with December 25. Yet today's Hymn of Praise, "Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb" (No. 246), has striking connections both with communion and with the Christmas season through George Frideric Handel's beloved oratorio *Messiah*. This is so because the spirit of the music seems highly compatible with the style of

simpler portions of *Messiah*. But the connection does not stop there. Two of the most widely-known choruses of *Messiah* are "Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb" and "Hallelujah." These words are emphasized through repetition in this hymn, as they are in Handel's masterwork. And is not the communion service about rebirth and fresh hope, also central to the Christmas season? ■

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THE CALL

The Meditation *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters • Janet Linker*

The Introit *Marvelous Grace • Daniel Towner*

The Call Karl Bailey

We gather on this Sabbath to commemorate the greatest Gift of all.

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.”

We gather at the foot of the cross to express our adoration and thanksgiving to the Giver.

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”

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

The Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

THE CELEBRATION

In Praising *Worthy, Worthy Is the Lamb • 246*

In Praying Karl Bailey
Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee • st. 1 of 241

In Giving PMC Operating Expense
*Robert Wilkins; **Debbie Michel
Psalm of Repentance • David Ortiz

In Proclaiming “The Orlando Massacre and the Galilean’s Death”
Dwight K. Nelson

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

*Robert Wilkins; **Jean-Ires Michel

When the hour came, Jesus and his apostles reclined at the table. And he said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer." And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you." —Luke 22:14-15, 19-20 NIV

In Praying

*Lynell De Wind; **Debbie Michel

In Partaking

Were It Not For Grace • David Hamilton / Phill McHugh

THE COMMITMENT

In Singing

Sent Forth by God's Blessing • 407

In Blessing

In Giving

PMC Assistance Fund

In Leaving

Finale from Symphony No. 4 • Charles-Marie Widor

PRESIDING ELDER: Karl Bailey; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: David Ortiz, tenor

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

NEXT WEEK'S OFFERING
Michigan Advance Partners

SUNSET TODAY • 9:23
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:25

PIONEER PULPIT

| 06 • 25 |

RODLIE ORTIZ

God and Mister Rogers:
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 1

| 07 • 02 |

BEN MARTIN

God and Mister Rogers:
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 2

FINANCIAL FEATURE

PMC OPERATING BUDGET

Today our offering is for the Pioneer Memorial Church Budget. Isaiah 1:13: Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Isaiah starts his book with strong and sobering language. At that time the Israelites were good at following the traditions of the sacrificial system without having their hearts and lives consecrated to God. This strong language used by Isaiah should compel us to examine our ways also. Are we bringing God meaningless offerings? Let us look at our lives before we give an offering to God. May He show us what we should be concerned about, and may we present our gifts with humbled hearts.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Steven and Esther Tarangle, celebrating their 65 years of marriage! With two children and sons-in-law (Stefanie/Bob Hile; Alana/Elvin Gonzalez) and four grandchildren (Andre, Vova, Amante, Talisa) who all send their love and best wishes. If you would like to send a congratulatory wish, please send to: 9376-2 Fox Run, Berrien Center, MI 49102.

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Come and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

Join a GROW Group!

Summer GROW Groups are here! Take this opportunity to invite friends from church, your neighborhood, or work to join you while connecting with God in a safe and fun environment. There is a GROW group for everyone! You can find a great list of groups at the following link: www.pmchurch.org/grow.

Master Guide Staff Seminars

JUNE 21 • 6:00 TO 8:00 PM
JUNIOR GRADE 5 CLASSROOM

Join us for the next Master Guide Basic Staff seminar.

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you looking for a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, 12-step meeting, “a safe place” for healing? This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of addiction. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—please join us. For meeting time and location call 269.313.1677.

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

JUNE 23 • 9:00 AM TO 6:30 PM
BROOKFIELD ZOO IN CHICAGO

Join us on a trip to the Brookfield Zoo. If we have 45 people, we will leave by bus from the PMC parking lot at 9 AM and return to the same location. Contact Cleon or Sandra White (471.5553 or whitekaa@gmail.com) for pricing and details.

RMES Annual Garage Sale

JUNE 26 - JULY 1, AND JULY 3

Volunteers and donations needed. Please bring your donations to the gymnasium starting May 29. Donated items may include clothing, shoes, books, toys, kitchenware, arts and crafts, lawn care, furniture, appliances, and much more! For questions call 269.471.3220.

Healthy Families: Building a Strong Foundation

JULY 21 - 23

Join the 4th annual Adventist Conference on Family Research & Practice. The conference is geared towards Family Life Professionals and those wanting to further their knowledge and practical application of family ministry. Register at www.andrews.edu/familyconference. Questions, email acfrp@andrews.edu.

FLAG Camp

NOW THROUGH AUGUST 4
PATHFINDER BUILDING

If you are looking for a fun, safe and wholesome summer experience for your child, look no further! FLAG Camp is a Christian day camp where children grades K-8 enjoy quality programs. Whether you plan to send your child every day, or just a day here and there throughout the summer, FLAG Camp is a great choice when it comes to affordable childcare. For registration and more information please visit www.pmchurch.org/flagcamp.

Sun, Fun, & Faith

TUESDAYS • 6:00 PM
LOCATION VARIES EACH WEEK

All high-school aged students are invited to join us for fun water activities this summer! Each young person needs a signed permission slip. For more information call Janna Quetz at 269.471.3133.

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.

More Announcements

For more PMC and community announcements, visit our website at www.pmchurch.org/announcements.



**All are welcome!
How to sign up:**

- 1 Look through the group selections.
- 2 Find the days and times that work with your schedule and what interests you.
- 3 If you have questions about a group, contact the group leader.
- 4 When you have made your selection, go to **www.pmchurch.org/grow** for the one-step registration.

Key of Symbols

-  **ACTIVITY Groups**
-  **SUPPORT Groups**
-  **HEALTH/WELLNESS Groups**
-  **STUDY Groups**
-  **DISCIPLESHIP Groups**
-  child friendly



SOS SHARING SUPPORT SQUAD

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Objective: Giving personnel that are directly or indirectly involved with urgent, critical, or emergency services situations and/or opportunities to share sorrowful or successful experiences. In addition, appreciation, affirmation, care, and concern for such personnel would be expressed freely. This group will meet online. You will receive further information upon signing up. **Materials Needed:** Computer/Phone and internet connection

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 26–Jul. 31, 2016

Leader: David Battle

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Phone: 574.440.5729

maximum size: 20



SABBATH SCHOOL LESSON PART 2

Sundays @ 2:00-3:30 p.m.
PMC Grade 5 Sabbath School Room

Would you like to deepen your spiritual walk by delving into this 3rd quarter lesson? The lesson will discuss the role of the church in our communities. Can the church keep silent? Let's explore this topic and share views from other commentators. Light refreshment provided. **Materials Needed:** Sabbath School Quarterly, Bible and Notebook

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 26–Jul. 31, 2016

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maximum size: 15



CREATION CARE

Mondays @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
PMC Grade 5 Sabbath School Room

We will study what Scripture teaches us about our relationship to the environment. Several activities will help us appreciate nature and how to keep it beautiful. **Materials Needed:** Bible

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 27–Jul. 25, 2016

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maximum size: 15



GOD IN NATURE

Mondays @ 7:00-8:30 p.m.
10516 Rangeline Rd—walk down hill on asphalted road, then 19 steps to dock



A Pontoon boat ride on Lake Chapin as we contemplate God in nature and share our favorite Bible promises. Open to individuals, couples, and families. Boat only holds 7 people. **Materials Needed:** Bible and your favorite Bible promises. Light jacket. Sometimes it is cool on the lake.

Meeting: Weekly, Jul. 11–Aug. 1, 2016

Leaders: Herald & Donna Habenicht

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maximum size: 7



TRANSCEND FEAR, RISK FAITH

Tuesdays @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.
PMC Teen Loft (Left Prayer Room)

Discover how to discern God's call, transcend fear, risk faith, manage failure, and trust God. Helps you answer Christ's call to greater faith, power-filled deeds and a new way of knowing Him. **Materials Needed:** Bible, Participant's Guide to *If You Want to Walk on Water, You've Got to Get Out of the Boat*

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 28–Aug. 2, 2016

Leader: Bonnie Perry

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maximum size: 15



LEARN TO PLAY TAI CHI

Wednesdays @ 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
PMC Teen Loft

Learn Tai Chi simplified in 24 form. Learn to play and get fit as you practice it. Using slow movements, Tai Chi helps prevent illness while prolonging one's life. Come discover its mental benefits as well! **Materials Needed:** Comfortable clothes

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 29–Jul. 27, 2016

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DEVELOPING CULTURAL COMPETENCE

Wednesdays @ 7:00-8:15 p.m.
Bell Hall (Room 180)

This interactive group experience will provide a place for participants to explore their own cultural identity/cultural formation and learn strategies to communicate with diverse individuals. Participants will explore ways to navigate cultural difference toward improving interpersonal relationships. **Materials Needed:** Personal journal

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 15–Jul. 13, 2016

Leaders: Stacey Nicely; Vinisha Rana

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maximum size: 10



BIBLE, BRAIN SCIENCE, & FAMILY

Thursdays @ 6:30-8:00 p.m.
5971 Pokagon Road, Berrien Springs, MI 49103

This group will be discussing how the latest in brain science (presented in plain English) and Bible history share the identical family pattern, and how we can experience this model. This pattern is designed by God to help us see where and how our brokenness fits into His last-day plan for us. **Materials Needed:** Bible

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 30–Jul. 28, 2016

Leaders: Keith & Enoch Stokes

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maximum size: 12



THE MUSTARD SEED

Thursdays @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.
PMC Grade 4 Sabbath School Room



The focus is to study the scriptures of Christ, go out and make disciples. We will also be learning how to use social media and the web to reach out to those who want a relationship that is fulfilling which can be found only in Christ.

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 16–Jul. 28, 2016

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A DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE

Fridays @ 7:00-8:00 p.m.
PMC Teen Loft

This group is about improving our Christian practices, making disciples of all with whom we come in contact. We will learn through sharing personal experience and focusing on Jesus.

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 24–Jul. 29, 2016

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maximum size: 8



PRAYER IN ACTION

Saturdays @ 9:00-10:15 a.m.
PMC Conference Room (During 1st Service)

“...prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse” (SC 80). Anyone is welcome to join us as we seek God's blessing and guidance for the PMC congregation. We will spend time in prayer before and after the sermon, and meet where we can observe and hear the service. **Materials Needed:** A consecrated heart, dedicated to the task

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 25–Jul. 30, 2016

Leader: Katherine Smith

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maximum size: 8



MENTAL HEALTH—A NEW MIND-SET

Saturdays @ 10:00-11:30 a.m.
To Be Determined

This group will explore the biblical perspective on mental health and wellness. We will discuss issues such as depression, anxiety, self-care, anger, suicide, death, fear, etc., as seen through the Bible.

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 18–Jul. 30, 2016

Leader: Perla Bastien-Larivaux, MA Intern Counselor

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maximum size: 8



PRAYER IN ACTION

Saturdays @ 11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
PMC Conference Room (During 2nd Service)

“...prayer is the key in the hand of faith to unlock heaven's storehouse” (SC 80). Anyone is welcome to join us as we seek God's blessing and guidance for the PMC congregation. We will spend time in prayer before and after the sermon, and meet where we can observe and hear the service. **Materials Needed:** A consecrated heart, dedicated to the task

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 25–Jul. 30, 2016

Leader: Andrea Gibbs

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maximum size: 8



FRIENDSHIP, CANOE, AND KAYAK

Saturdays @ 3:00-6:00 p.m.
PMC Parking Lot

A
B C

Enjoy God's wonderful gift of water and nature as we explore different waterways in SW Michigan. Bring a sack lunch if you would like to fellowship afterwards. Come to the first meeting prepared to go out on the water. Together we will plan a schedule of destinations and times. **Materials Needed:** Bring your canoe or kayak

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 18–Aug. 6, 2016

Leaders: Sharon & Ken Straw; Duane & Lori Covrig

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maximum size: 25



LIFE AFTER DIVORCE

Saturdays @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.
PMC Grade 6 Sabbath School Room

This group will create a safe, secure, and confidential environment in which to express yourself. We will present coping methods for dealing with daily challenges as well as strengthening your relationship with Christ. **Materials Needed:** Bible, Journal, pen or pencil

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 25–Jul. 30, 2016

Leaders: Antoinette Napier-Cooper; Carrisa Andrews

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maximum size: 8



MAXIMUM MARRIAGE: LIFETIME OF LOVE

Saturdays @ 4:00-5:00 p.m.
PMC Teen Loft (Right Prayer Room)

This group is a special one for couples only with the authors of *Married & Glad of It* and *Maximum Marriage*. Spend this Sabbath with your mate and learn how to improve your skills, make your love last forever, grow spiritually, handle conflicts, and experience friendship and fun. **Materials Needed:** Provided

Meeting: Weekly, Jun. 18–Aug. 13, 2016

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