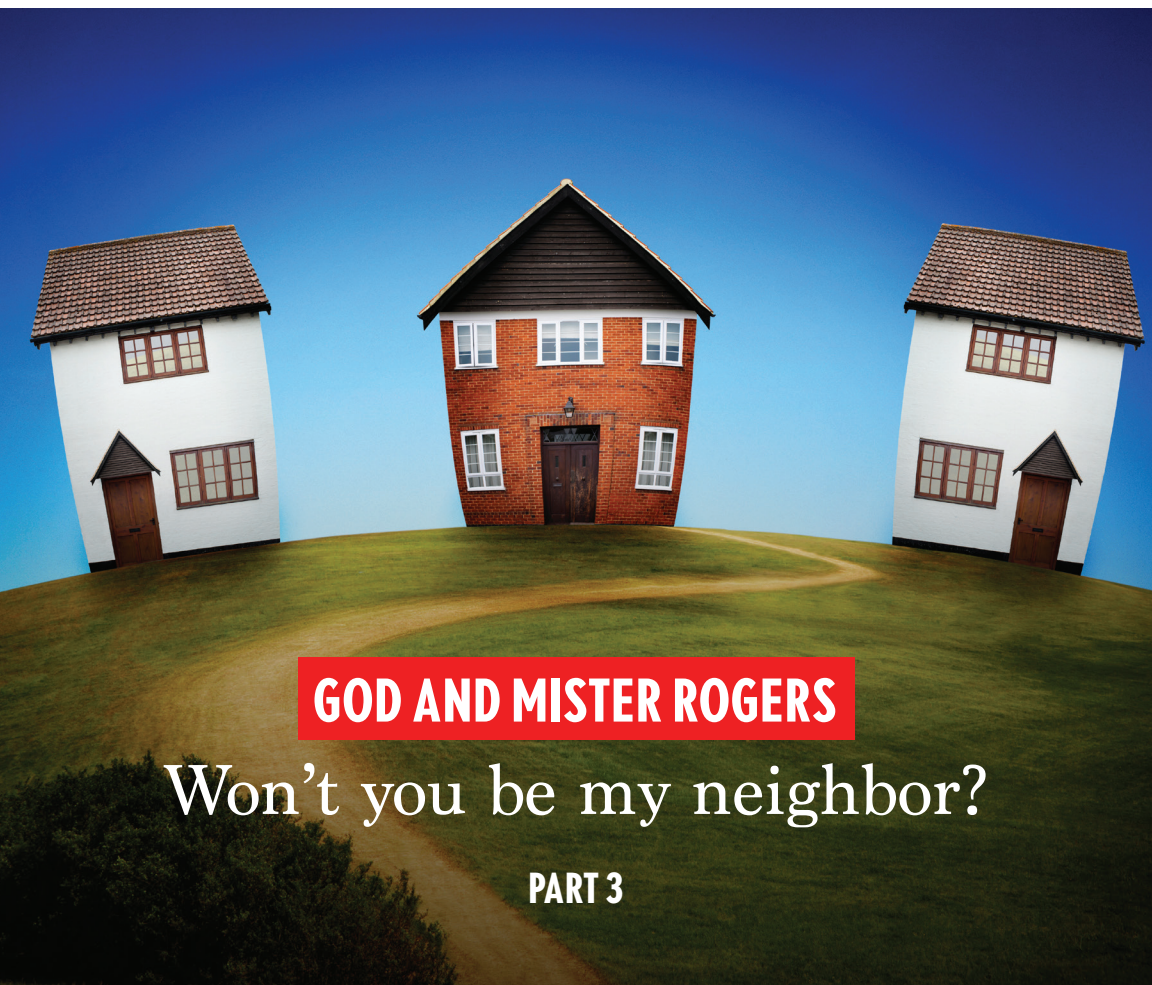


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JULY 9, 2016



## GOD AND MISTER ROGERS

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*to Pioneer*

“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, And the great King above all gods. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker” (Psalm 95:1-3, 6).

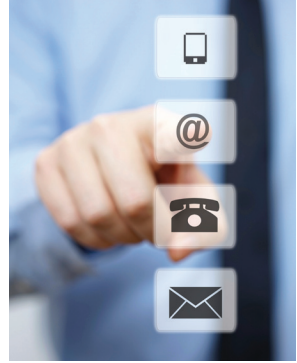
Welcome everyone, as we gather to worship our loving, saving and great God. May His presence and power bless you as we joyfully enter in to our worship experience. We are glad you are here.

—Don Dronen

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# MY NEIGHBORS “DOWN THE PEW”

BY FELECIA DATUS

**C**an you recall the feeling of going to visit a church for the first time and not knowing anyone? You sit and hope that someone would notice you, smile and thank you for worshipping with the church family but it does not happen.

Fatimah\* had just moved to the United States and had met only a handful of individuals in the first few weeks. She had been visiting a church regularly but was still not familiar with the persons there. One Sabbath, as she sat waiting for the service to begin, there was a sense of unease since everyone around her was

seated in families or in groups. She felt out of place and wished that someone would say something to her. A group was seated in front of Fatimah and she could not tell if they were members or visitors at the church. She swallowed hard as she leaned forward and tapped one of the women on the shoulder. Fatimah extended her hand and gave a broad grin, “Happy Sabbath! Thank you for worshipping here today!” The woman turned around and with a smile returned the greeting. She then proceeded to introduce her family to Fatimah.

At the end of the service, the lady called to Fatimah. "Thank you for welcoming us today! It truly made me feel good. We just moved to the area and this was our first time at this church. It was a blessing to be here and you were a joy!"

Perhaps you have had experiences where you left a new congregation feeling as if you were a part of the family. On the other hand, you may also remember a time when no one at the church you were visiting even noticed you. You left that congregation and marked the church as too icy for you to return. But what if feeling welcomed was not dependent on anyone else but you? What if you made it your duty to ensure that everyone around you at church felt welcomed even if you were visiting for the first time?

The people seated in the pew with you and around you are your neighbors, but do your actions show this? Instead of waiting for others to welcome you, choose to be the one to break the ice with your neighbor "down the pew." Many times, we feel unwelcomed and cold at church because no one greeted us. We hesitate to greet someone because we are not sure how they would react or we think that they would rather be left alone. Chances are the other person is thinking the same thing about you.

"Neighbor" is defined "as a person who lives near another; a person or thing that is near another; or one's fellow human being." At this very moment, you are surrounded by neighbors both familiar and unfamiliar. They are your neighbors as a result of the close proximity and because they are your fellow human beings. One neighbor may be experiencing heartache and needs a word of encouragement,

while another just received an answer to prayer that could strengthen your faith. The person behind you may be visiting for the first time and be feeling uneasy while the one in front of you needs to be reminded that someone truly cares. This is a perfect opportunity to serve your neighbors and be a blessing instead of waiting for them to reach out to you.

Jesus told his disciples, and us, that "the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" Matt. 20:28 (NIV). So it is with us toward our worship neighbors. We call each other brother and sister but our actions show otherwise. We consider each other neighbors and the

keepers of each other but more often than not, we lose out on serving and loving as Christ did because we are waiting on the other person to welcome us first. We are called to a higher standard of loving our neighbors. Christ calls us to go beyond the norm and allow our hearts to open to those around us. May today be the day you experience the joy of loving your neighbor (down the pew) as yourself. ■

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\*Name changed for confidentiality.

*Felecia Datus is the Copy Editor here at Pioneer Memorial Church.*



# CONNECTING WITH THIS GENERATION

BY BEN MARTIN

**S**ummer is definitely here! The sounds and colors of fireworks lit the sky as we celebrated the 4th of July this past Monday. With summer comes many different aspects of ministry. Schedules change with the weather, and so do the methods that are used to reach the youth of this community.

During the school year we have Pathfinders, Satellite, and countless other programs connected to the schools, but when school ends and vacations begin we launch Sun, Fun, and Faith. What is Sun, Fun, and Faith?

Sun, Fun, and Faith is simply a summer ministry of Pioneer Memorial Church that is designed to connect with the youth of the church and further build relationships with each other and with God during the summer months.

This year, it began with boating on Lake Chapin on Tuesday evenings. Each Tuesday at 6:30 PM we gather at the boat launch on S. Mechanic St. and share a short worship thought before enjoying tubing and other activities on the lake.

Each Monday we will be getting together for small group Bible studies. These Bible studies will be delving into the beliefs of the Seventh-day Adventist church and talking about what it means to be a modern disciple.

At first glance, it might seem as though the purpose of Sun, Fun, and Faith is merely to provide activities for the youth of the church. However, the mission of this ministry is much deeper. It is part of the DNA of Pioneer Memorial Church. We have defined our DNA in four words; CONNECT, GROW, SERVE, and GO. Sun, Fun, and Faith is intentionally working on the CONNECT aspect of discipleship.

Sun, Fun, and Faith provides a framework for the youth to connect with each other in a safe environment. It also creates a space for parents and volunteers to

continue connecting with the youth during the summer months to further develop relationships. Most importantly, this ministry is working to connect these young people with their Creator and Redeemer.

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**THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS THAT YOU CAN BE INVOLVED IN THE EXCITING THINGS THAT WE ARE DOING IN YOUTH MINISTRIES HERE AT PIONEER MEMORIAL CHURCH.**

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At Pioneer Memorial Church we are intentional about discipleship. It is our goal to not only provide activities, but to provide discipling opportunities. We must inspect everything that we do and question whether or not it is the best way to fulfill the Great Commission. Sun, Fun and Faith is a small, but important, part of what we are doing to disciple the next generation.

There are several ways that you can be involved in the exciting things that we are doing in Youth Ministries here at Pioneer Memorial Church. First, if you or someone you know is youth, we would like to invite you to join us this summer. Second, if you would like to get involved in our ministries to the young please talk with me, and we can find a place to use your gifts and talents to serve the youth of this community. Third,

we solicit your prayers as we continue to think through the methods that we are using to reach the next generation. Finally, ministry like every other aspect of life, costs money and we would love to have your financial support as we continue connecting with the youth. ■

*Ben Martin is the pastor of Youth Ministries here at Pioneer Memorial Church.*

### **SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY**

Please indicate  
"PMC Operating Expense"  
on your tithe envelope.

# WE WORSHIP

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

## Opening Voluntary

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now • J.S. Bach*

## Introit

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee • Lowell Mason*

## Call to Worship

Don Dronen

We seek to live in Christ that we may die in Christ,  
**To be one people, of one mind and one spirit,**  
To be the gospel, alive in the world,  
**To be good news to those who need good news.**  
We come together so that we may be sent out to bring  
joy to the oppressed  
**Let us, therefore, share the good news with the  
world to bring hope to the fearful.**

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Sabine Vatel

## Hymn of Praise

*The Lord Is My Light • st. 1, 2 & 4 of 515*

## Congregational Prayer

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

## Baby Dedication

Kresten Nathaniel  
presented by Errol & Renette Prentice  
*with Ben Martin*

## Worship in Music

*God Shall Wipe Away All Tears • Rob Roy Peery*

## Tithes & Offerings

World Budget  
*My Faithful Heart Rejoices • Johannes Brahms*

## Children's Story

## Baptism

Raeanne Isabel Prentice *with Ben Martin*



**Scripture**Romans 10:14-17 *NIV* • Vladimir Radivojevic & Douglas Gregg

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent?

**As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” But not all the Israelites accepted the good news.**

For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**Hymn of Preparation***Give Me the Bible* • 272**Sermon**

“God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?”—Part 3  
Sabine Vatel

**Connect Card****Hymn of Commitment***Faith Is the Victory* • 608**Benediction****Closing Voluntary***Tocatta* • Eugène Gigout

PRESIDING PASTOR: Don Dronen; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Sinegugu Katenga, soprano

# MUSIC ALIVE

## LIGHT FOR DARKNESS

**“T**he Lord Is My Light”—what would this phrase mean to a painter? a soldier? a sea captain? But then, presume that all of the foregoing have all of their senses intact. Then extend the question further: What would “The Lord Is My Light” mean to—a blind person? Yes, the hymn tune to which we sing these words was composed by a blind person, John Bischoff (1849-1909). Bischoff was

the choir director of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C., for 35 years. Poignantly, Bischoff also revised the hymn tune for hymn no. 65, “God Be With You Till We Meet Again.” The reference there to meeting “at Jesus’ feet” must have had special meaning for this blind composer—to finally be able to see others when “we meet again.” ■

# WE STUDY

CONNECT • GROW • SERVE • GO

<b>Song Service</b>	Christina Carroll
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Seeking the Lost</i> • 373
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<b>Offertory</b>	
<b>Bible Study</b>	"Restoring Dominion" • Classes
<b>Theme Song</b>	<i>Make Me a Blessing</i>

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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<b>Benediction</b>	Christina Carroll
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ORGANIST: Joshua Goines

# WE PRAISE

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## **As We Begin**

*Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now • J.S. Bach*

## **Praise**

*The Lord Is My Light • I Will Follow • Oceans • He Leadeth Me*

## **Prayer**

Don Dronen

## **Baby Dedication**

Adriana Victoria presented by Joel & Martha Duran with Ben Martin

## **Tithes & Offerings**

*My Faithful Heart Rejoices • Johannes Brahms*

## **Children's Story**

## **Worship in Music**

*God Shall Wipe Away All Tears • Rob Roy Peery*

## **Sermon**

"God and Mister Rogers: Won't You Be My Neighbor?"—Part 3  
Sabine Vatel

## **Connect Card**

## **Hymn**

*Faith Is the Victory • 608*

## **As We Depart**

*Toccata • Eugène Gigout*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines

GUITAR: Nicole Moore BASS: Jerry Wasmer

VOCALS: Tatianna Dunn, Sinegugu Katenga, Jeremy McIntyre

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Sinegugu Katenga, soprano

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

**SUNSET TODAY** • 9:23  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 9:19

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### JOSÉ BOURGET

God and Mister Rogers:  
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 4

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### SHARON TERRELL

God and Mister Rogers:  
Won't You Be My Neighbor?—Part 5

## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### WORLD MISSION

What do radio, TV, rocks, graduate students, and missionaries all have in common? The World Mission Budget! Adventist World Radio, Hope TV, the Geoscience Institute, our Adventist universities, and our missionaries around the world are all supported by the World Mission Budget. We have built wonderful institutions in the far reaches of the planet, to sow, to reap, to teach, to study, to lead, and to serve. Your faithful giving to the World Mission Budget provides the means to maintain and grow the work of the church and to help fulfill the great commission of Matthew 28:19.

### Visitors' Dinner

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

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us for a Hymn Fest and receive a blessing as we praise God at the close of this Sabbath.

### 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

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM  
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Come to the monthly ARM potluck and see "A New Birth of Freedom" by Nathan Greene. All are welcome. Bring your food and enjoy some fellowship! For questions, contact Cleon or Sandra White by calling 269.471.5553.

## **Lebanon PMC Mission Trip**

PMC Youth Missions is partnering with the Physical Therapy department on a mission trip to Beirut, Lebanon. The team will provide physical therapy and other services to refugees and those in need from July 14-29. Your prayers are requested/financial support can be made through donations to PMC Youth Missions Lebanon. For further information contact Glenn Russell ([glenn@andrews.edu](mailto:glenn@andrews.edu)).

## **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](http://www.andrews.edu/familyconference). Questions, email [acfrp@andrews.edu](mailto:acfrp@andrews.edu).

## **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.

## **We Mourn**

Today we mourn with John Bitterman on the death of his father, Frank Bitterman. Frank passed away on June 24. A private memorial is being planned. With John and his family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## **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](http://www.pmchurch.org/flagcamp).

## **God's Hands 4 Kids**

JULY 20 • 6:00 TO 8:15 PM

769 PIPESTONE, BENTON HARBOR

Giovan Bavan, a former foster kid, a youth advocate and teen mentor will be sharing at Harbor of Hope. This is a foster and adoptive family event. The public is welcome. Volunteers are also needed for a couple hours of childcare during this event. This is a way to support fostering and to live out James 1:27. Email [godshands4kids@gmail.com](mailto:godshands4kids@gmail.com). For further info visit [www.gh4k.org](http://www.gh4k.org).

## **Hope Trending: A Crash Course on How to Live Without Fear**

OCTOBER 14-22

The Information Age has forever rewritten the way we think and the language in which we communicate. Hope Trending: A crash course on how to live without fear will take you on a journey leading you to a life filled with purpose, meaning, and hope. Mark your calendars now and invite your friends! Visit [www.hopetrending.org](http://www.hopetrending.org) for more details.



## The Adventist Health Initiative—Benton Harbor Presents "Dental Missions/Health Expo"

AUGUST 21 • 7:00 AM TO 5:00 PM  
BENTON HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL

You are invited to participate in a free dental/health event coming to Benton Harbor. Participation from Southwest Michigan dental professionals is vital. We need dentists, hygienists, and dental assistants who are community minded and have a desire to provide better health to those in need. Other health professionals are also welcome such as nurses, physical therapists, physicians assistants, etc., who are willing to help with triage and the Health Expo. To be a part of this rewarding health event please contact dental coordinator, Randy Griffin, DDS, at 317.409.3260 or [randy.griffin@lakeunion.org](mailto:randy.griffin@lakeunion.org) for all dental professionals. For all other health professionals please contact Cathy at [cathyycole@gmail.com](mailto:cathyycole@gmail.com). You may volunteer for a full/half day depending on your schedule. Thank you for prayerfully considering this invitation. We look forward to hearing from you!

### Join Our Family!

Andrews Academy registration day is August 17. We seek to inspire our students to think deeply, live fully, serve unselfishly and to honor God completely. You will be blessed by what Andrews Academy has to offer. Visit our website [www.andrews.edu/aa](http://www.andrews.edu/aa) and click on "apply now." School starts August 22, 2016. We look forward to having you as part of our family!

## 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.

### 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](http://www.pmchurch.org/grow).

### 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).

### 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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