

PIONEER CONNECT

MAY 13, 2017



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**NEVER LOOK A GIFT
FISH IN THE MOUTH**

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to Pioneer

"One generation will declare Your works to the next and will proclaim Your mighty acts" (Psalm 145:4).

Can you picture it? People of differing ages exchanging stories about how great God is, then realizing that God is consistently awesome and His goodness unchanging? It's the gift of being an intergenerational church!

May we see God at work in each other's lives as we worship together today. May we leave this place proclaiming "Wow God!" and be encouraged by stories of His mighty acts.

Thank you for joining us today. Welcome!

—Sabine Vatel



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THE GOSPEL IN JEANS

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

I have a young friend named Wandile Mthiyane, who is wrapping up his degree in architecture here at the university. Wandile is a South African born in the large seaside city of Durban. The story of how he got to Andrews is itself blog worthy. But the very short version is that with no money and a prayer he decided to ask the mayor of Durban for financial aid. Lo and behold he spots the mayor exiting a meeting, introduces himself, gets invited to sit down with the mayor, whereupon he shares his dream for designing inner city housing for low income South Africans. The mayor is enthused, provides the money for Wandile to come to this country and Andrews University to pursue architecture and this dream to house the homeless.

The End? No—the story continues: Wandile learns the skills of architecture at Andrews, takes a break last year to return to Durban with classmates from the School of Architecture, secures initial funding for the new prototype housing, and begins construction. The dream is full steam ahead! In fact, he sent me an email a couple weeks ago with a synopsis of this newly birthed project. Here it is:

"It always seems impossible, until it's done." Nelson Mandela

It's amazing what people can do when they come together for a common goal.

Since last August, Andrews University's Masters School of Architecture [has] partnered with a local shanty community in Durban, South Africa to help design and build a home for a disabled family of three.

This project was motivated by Wandile Mthiyane, who grew up in the area and wanted to go back and be the hands and feet of Jesus. Currently all the designs are done, and Wandile is on the ground building the house with the local community and architecture students from Durban University of Technology and University of Kwa Zulu Natal.

The building experience has opened doors to ministry as local officials ask Wandile, "Why in the world would you leave everything to come and do this?" Wandile says he usually answers that he's "just carrying on the mandate Jesus left for him on earth." As you might imagine, this leads to full-blown conversations about faith in the broken world we live in.

What has been most inspiring in this project has been seeing white South African students from the suburbs come down to the townships for the first time and exclaim how they feel safe and loved in a place they'd always been taught to stay away from. This project is making us realize that we're more alike than we are different, which is what the whole concept of Ubuntu is



all about: "I am because we are"—and really we are because He is. We have experienced how this project is helping to break the walls of Apartheid.

Each year our pastoral team here at Pioneer votes a single mission project to add to the many projects this congregation already is supporting right here at home. We believe this amazing *Ubuntu* project is the right one for Pioneer to support in 2017. The project now needs \$3,500 to finish its initial phase. If you would like to partner with our School of Architecture in establishing this new prototype housing for the Durban townships (and it is very possible the prototype will spread to shanty towns across the Republic of South Africa), please mark your contribution "Global Mobilization" on a Pioneer tithe envelope.

Isn't this what Jesus meant? **"Inasmuch as you do it to the least of these My brothers and sisters, you do it to Me" (see Matthew 25:40).**

No wonder *Desire of Ages* discloses: "We shall find His footprints beside the sickbed, in the hovels of poverty, in the crowded alleys of the great city, and in every place where there are human hearts in need of consolation. In doing as Jesus did when on earth, we shall walk in His steps" (640).

So why not walk in His steps with a gift to the *Ubuntu* project? Who better to follow? ■

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



A Mother's
LOVE

BY JUDY NAY

A few days ago I had the chance to spend a couple of hours with a good friend of mine. This was unusual because she lives in another country and is the primary caregiver for her 24-year-old daughter whose progressive debilitating disease has rendered her bed-ridden and unable to speak for the last 12 years. The job of keeping the daughter comfortable, pain free, fed, and content continues 24/7. Yet the mother's faith remains strong and she credits the courage and strength she receives, as well as her daughter's extended length of life, to the blessings of God.

Most of us aren't called upon to "mother" in that type of extreme situation. Yet mothering for the majority of us includes a range of activities and emotions that we might never have thought possible. It is because of this deep connection between mother and child that many countries set aside a special day to celebrate mothers.

The earliest appears to be in England where mothers were honored with a special day in the early 1600s, calling their day "Mothering Sunday." During that time small children were often sent away to work, but were able to go home to be with their mothers on that special day.

In the United States Julia Ward Howe, the author of the Battle Hymn of the Republic, was so saddened by what she saw as the unnecessary death and carnage brought about by the Civil War that she implored mothers everywhere to protest the killing of their sons. She called for an international Mother's Day to celebrate peace and motherhood.

Anna Jarvis, a peace activist who had cared for wounded soldiers during the Civil War, also worked to set aside a day

to honor mothers because she believed that a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world." Eventually in 1914 Woodrow Wilson established the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day in the United States.

This year Mother's Day will be observed tomorrow, May 14. There are many ways to celebrate, and if you are lucky enough to have your mother near I urge you to spend as much time with her as you can. You can take her out or buy her gifts, but I guarantee that what she really wants is time with you. If she lives too far away to visit be sure to call her and tell her that you love and appreciate her. If you are estranged from your mother in any way, this is a good time to start to build a bridge that can bring you close together again.

And be sure not to forget the others who have influenced your life as a mother might. Step-mothers, aunts, or even family friends who have stepped in to nurture you will be delighted to know that you remember and appreciate the sacrifices they have made on your behalf.

To all the mothers in our extended PMC family, I wish you a very happy Mother's Day! ■

Judy Nay is the chair of the Family Life Committee.

SUPPORT FAMILY LIFE

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on your tithe envelope.

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

O Worship the King • Robert Grant / Martin

Introit

O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness • Edwin Barnes

Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

Arise, shine, for your light has come;

And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright morning star.

**Whoever follows Jesus will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.**

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

O Worship the King • 83

Congregational Prayer

Sabine Vatel
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Worship in Music

A Distant Light • James Swearingen

Tithes & Offerings

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Swahili Folk Hymn (Bwana Awabariki: May God Bless You) • Kevin Mixon

Mother's Day Children's Story

Scripture

Psalm 50:9-12 NIV • Russell & Cynthia Burrill

I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,
**for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a
thousand hills.**

I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.
**If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and
all that is in it.**

Hymn of Preparation

This Is My Father's World • 92

Sermon

"Nuclear Fishin': Never Look a Gift Fish in the Mouth"
Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Commitment

God Will Take Care of You • 99

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* • Benedetto Marcello

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Concert Band; Byron Graves, director

MUSIC ALIVE

NAMES, IMAGES, ATTRIBUTES, BLESSING

"O Worship the King, All-Glorious Above" (hymn 83) has profound depths of poetic meaning. First are the powerful *names* for God, reflecting His transcendence and His immanence—King, Shield, Friend . . . how many appear here? There are striking *images*—for example, referring to God's bountiful care: "It breathes in the air, it shines in the light." Third, there are telling references to God's *attributes*—wonderful

love, might, grace . . . how many? Evangelical writer Kenneth Osbeck comments that "all combine to describe with literary eloquence and spiritual warmth the majesty and praise-worthiness of our God." Of today's offertory, "Bwana Awabiriki, Ukmcha Bwana," published program notes from the publisher state that "the original lyrics of the song used in this arrangement are sacred: . . . 'May God grant you a blessing, Revere the Lord' . . ." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory • 341

Scripture & Prayer

1 Corinthians 4:7 • Adrian Case

Special Feature "What Do You Have That You Did Not Receive" • Josip Horonic

Offertory

My Tribute • arr. Dino Kartsonakis

Bible Study

"Servant Leadership" • 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
OFFERTORY: Lyshll Prudente, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

O Worship the King • Robert Grant / Martin

Praise

*O Worship the King • Come Thou Fount, Come Thou King
Better Is One Day, Lord I Need You*

Prayer

Sabine Vatel

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Connect Card

God Will Take Care of You • 99

As We Depart

The Heavens Declare the Glory of God • Benedetto Marcello

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
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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 • 8:55
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 9:02

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

"Nuclear Fishin':
The Big Bad Fisherman"

| 05 • 27 |

1ST SERVICE—Ben Martin

2ND SERVICE—AA Baccalaureate

FINANCIAL FEATURE

WORLD BUDGET

The PMC Stewardship Committee recently completed a successful "Dave Ramsey Financial Peace University." About 40-50 individuals and couples gained control of their finances using the "baby steps" outlined in the program. Each of the individuals and couples had unique life experiences. But the simple steps allowed all of them to reduce debt and begin to create wealth. The Stewardship Committee is one entity supported by the PMC Church Budget. Give liberally to continue the positive impacts!

Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

Mickey Kutzner will present "What the Milky Way Tells Us About Our Creator."

Foster Care Appreciation Dinner

May is National Foster Care Month. Traditionally Foster Parents in our county are treated to an Appreciation Dinner by DHHS. This year's dinner will be provided by God's Hands 4 Kids at PMC and will include court officials, DHHS workers, and others from the community, in addition to foster parents. If you are interested in providing brownies or other food items please contact godshands4kids@gmail.com. Food donations need to be dropped off at PMC on May 17 or 18.

WANTED: GROW Groups for Summer 2017!

Have an idea for summer activities that you'd like to invite others to join you in anytime between June 11 to August 6? To be included in the Summer 2017 semester catalog, sign up your group at www.pmchurch.org/grow before May 23. Help others GROW new friendships with God and each other. If you have questions please email growgroups@pmchurch.org.

The Tent Evangelism

MAY 12-15 & 18-20

7:00 PM (5:00 PM ON SABBATHS)

THE TENT BEHIND THE ALUMNI HOUSE

Join us for an evangelistic series that has been held by the Jr. High Students of Ruth Murdoch Elementary School. The Tent is a beautiful picture of what The Body of Christ should look like. Each student uses his or her gifts and talents to share the Gospel as well as their love for Jesus. We welcome you to experience The Tent for yourself and see what the Gospel is all about.

Summer Exercise Classes

MAY 16 TO JULY 27

H2OFit

*Tuesdays & Thursdays • 7:30-8:15 am
Johnson Gym Pool*

ToBoFit

*Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:00-5:50 PM
Lamson Hall Health Club*

These FREE classes are part of the PMC Health Ministries and are open to anyone 18 years and older. If you have questions please contact Kathy Koudele (kathy.koudele@pmchurch.org).

Adventist Retirees of Michiana

MAY 21 • 1:00 PM

VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Come hear guest musician Kenneth Logan at the monthly ARM potluck. Scott Schalk, Financial Advisor, will be presenting "Qualified Charitable Giving and Tax Strategies." Bring your food and enjoy the program and fellowship. For more information contact Ralph Wood (rcwood90@gmail.com).

Free Dental Clinic

MAY 21 • 8:00 AM TO 5:00 PM

ALL NATIONS SDA CHURCH

4259 E. SNOW ROAD

Michigan- licensed professionals will offer free, mobile clinic services including care (cleanings, fillings, & extractions) and adult health screenings. There will also be a free children's health expo where children have fun while learning about their wellness.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher Appreciation Week is in May, and we hope you won't forget the many volunteers who give of their time each week to prepare wonderful lessons for each child to learn about Jesus and His love. Take a moment to show your appreciation for their dedication to the Children's Sabbath Schools. PMC is truly blessed with its excellent volunteers.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who brought soup, volunteered to serve and clean up, and made pizza during the "Soup for Student" event. We had our largest turnout ever this year. What a blessing it is to let our students know that we love and care for them. Thank you once again for being generous and thoughtful.

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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

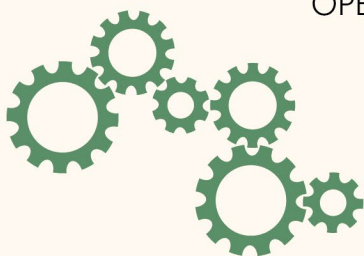
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RECEIVED TO-DATE	173,213
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	173,054

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GOAL TO-DATE	67,116
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RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	52,465



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LINE 5 IN YOUR TITHE ENVELOPE

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