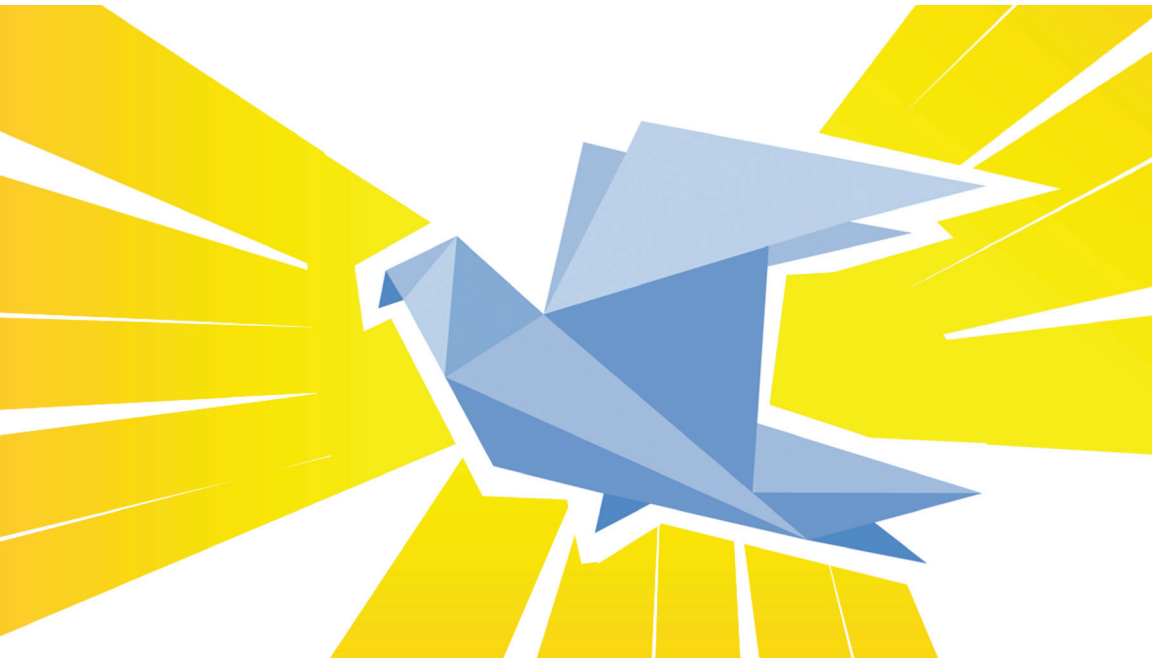


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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

The havoc caused by Hurricane Harvey and its ensuing historic floods has yielded some dramatic and horrifying images from Texas. There has also been unexpected flashes of heroism. A reporter waved his microphone at a volunteer preparing to launch his boat into the waters. The man had seen the great need. He wanted "to save some lives." Another reporter waved down a sheriff's car going the opposite direction when she noticed that the driver, stuck in his truck, was actually in danger.

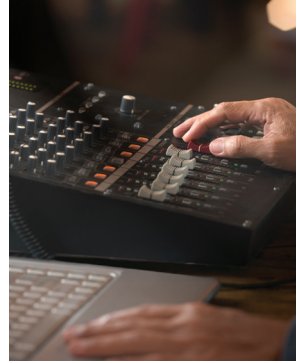
All of us can be heroes for God when we start paying attention to each other. Let's start with a smile or a handshake or a "hello." God's welcome has brought us together. Let's notice each other and realize again how much He loves us all. We're glad you're at Pioneer. Welcome!

–Sabine Vatel

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# OF HURRICANES AND NUCLEAR MISSILE FLY- OVERS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

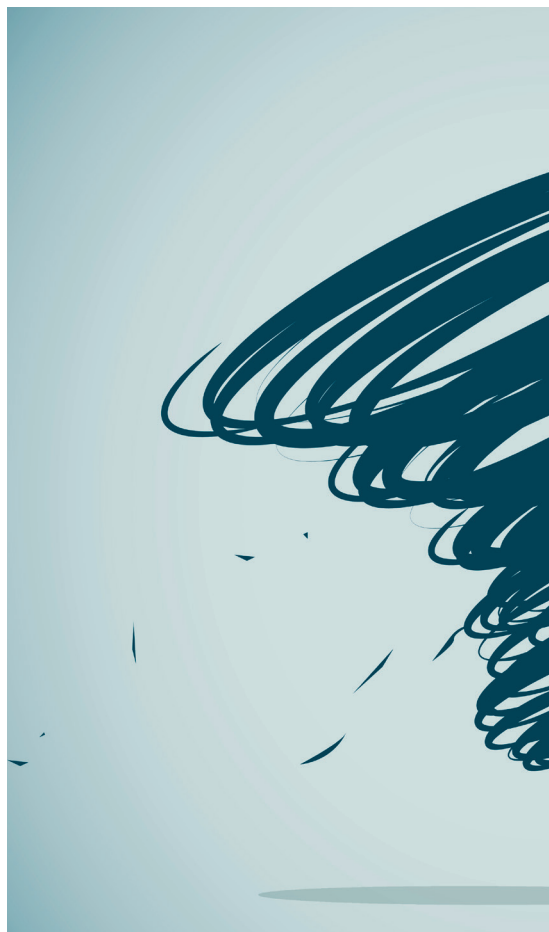
**W**hat a week! With Hurricane Harvey ravaging a path of destroying floods across southeast Texas and western Louisiana—accumulating devastating human losses (at least 30 dead) and crippling economic losses now estimated at \$42 billion with projections eventually to exceed \$100 billion (rivaling Hurricane Katrina for the most destructive storm in history)—and with North Korea test firing another unarmed intercontinental ballistic missile this time straight across northern Japan and into the Pacific—one can sense the whiplash as the world's anxious attention is yanked back and forth from East to West. What next?

We grieve for the flooded residents of Houston, this nation's fourth largest city. And we empathize with the threatened citizens of Japan (how would we enjoy a neighboring foreign power flying a nucle-

ar-capable missile so low in the sky above us it triggers advance warning sirens across our cities?). Fear, anxiety, uncertainty are rapidly becoming a way of life anymore, aren't they?

And here we are beneath pleasantly blue and breezy summer skies, tucked away in the quiet southwestern corner of Michigan—far away from floods and missile overflights—a new school year already one week old. What's not to like about our good fortune?

But be careful what you celebrate. Wasn't it Jesus who warned, "**For in the days before the flood, people were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage [going to college**





**and graduating] . . . and they knew nothing about what would happen until the flood came and took them all away" (Matthew 24:38-39)?** Apparently the cataclysm of the only global and certainly most destructive flood in human history struck at a moment preceded by not a single reportable clue or warning. Just the pleasant rounds of everyday life on the planet. **"So it will be at the coming of the Son of Man" (v 37).**

Which in itself may be sufficient reason for us to "ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee" (Joachim Neander).

Because a loving heavenly Father would find no pleasure in catching His children

by surprise. Rather, one would suppose He would do everything in His power to prepare His children for the coming cataclysm. No wonder He offers you and me the most exquisite and essential Gift of all! How did Jesus put it? **"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him" (Luke 11:13).**

That's why for the next few weeks I invite you to join me in pondering (and receiving) the one Gift that brings "all other gifts" and "all other blessings" with it! The title of our miniseries, "Ground Zero and the New Reformation: How to Be Baptized with the Holy Spirit." This morning I want to share with you what I've discovered in a little book given to me a few weeks ago. In fact you can have a PDF of that short but moving book right now on your own phone or laptop by going to [http://www.discipleshipcourse.org/images/pdf/Weitere\\_Materialien/Steps\\_to\\_Personal\\_Revival.pdf](http://www.discipleshipcourse.org/images/pdf/Weitere_Materialien/Steps_to_Personal_Revival.pdf). I'm on my third time through this English translation of the German writer Helmut Haubeil's *Steps to Revival: Being Filled with the Holy Spirit*.

Our blue skies notwithstanding, the world's a mess. God longs to reach this civilization one more time. He needs you and me. Which is why we need His offer of a daily baptism with the Holy Spirit. He's running out of a time. Won't you please join me in praying for that baptism every day? How? Listen carefully to what we discover in this new miniseries. It's time. ■

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



# GOD'S ABUNDANT PANTRY SUMMER UPDATE

BY CHUCK PECK

**G**od's Abundant Pantry (G.A.P.) is registering many new International and/or graduate student families. G.A.P. is one of the first stops these students make upon arriving on Andrews University (AU) campus. Fortunately their arrival coincides with local growers' donations of surplus produce.

Each year G.A.P. students are blessed with a large selection of fruits, nuts and vegetables, much of which is grown right here in Berrien County. Following is a list produce that is being shared with the AU student families: Asparagus, several varieties of Apples, Leafy Greens,

Green Beans, Beets, Carrots, Citrus fruits, Cucumbers, Eggplants, Millet & Wheat seed, Nuts: Pecans and Walnuts, Onions, Parsnips, Pears, Peaches, Peppers, Pineapples, Popcorn, Potatoes, Rutabagas, Squash Summer & Winter, Sweet Corn, Sweet Potatoes, Tomatoes, Turnips, plus their favorite, Watermelons.

Even though most of the items listed above are donated, the canned and boxed supplemental food provided by G.A.P. must be purchased. These purchases are paid by your donations processed by the Pioneer Memorial Church Treasury. You may donate using a tithe envelope by

marking a blank line G.A.P. or online at [www.pmchurch.org](http://www.pmchurch.org) click on "giving."

Twice every week we are overwhelmed with gratitude by the generosity expressed by the loving service of this powerful ministry, as well as the support of the volunteers who are always ready to greet everyone with a kind word or warm smile.

This summer we had an amazing staff of passionate young men and women. Keep our program in your thoughts and prayers.

Only God knows the potential this ministry has to guide the hearts and lives of students, their families and the staff.

Here are a few testimonials shared by students who have been blessed through your generous donations:

*Chuck Peck is the director of God's Abundant Pantry (G.A.P.).*

I thank GOD for G.A.P. and the volunteers who dedicate their time to be ministers who helps us feed our children. God's Abundant Pantry is one extra blessing GOD has placed on Andrews' campus to strengthen our faith in His care. For that reason and more, I thank GOD for 'God's Abundant Pantry'. I can not find enough words to express our gratitude.

Hi I'm Cris—I'm a student at Andrews University. I just wanted to thank the G.A.P. for all the support that they have given to my family. I wanted the donors to know that they have been helping a lot of people that are in need. We're very thankful for your donations.

I am a nursing student here at Andrews living in the University Apartments. I am a single mother of a 13-year-old. We benefit greatly from the food received from G.A.P. It has sustained us through some difficult times. I hope you will support the program that is supporting many families.

G.A.P. has been a much-appreciated help to our family of three. The ministry is a reminder of God's providence and security that is always faithful and can be relied on. Knowing that there are some foods we do not need to purchase helps us financially and is a great blessing that we look forward to each week.

God has used the ministry of G.A.P. to supply the needs of our family. We could not have survived the past 6 months as well had it not been for God's providence working through the agent of God's Abundant Pantry. G.A.P. has been a tremendous blessing to us, and we are truly grateful.

### **SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY**

Please write  
"G.A.P. or God's Abundant Pantry"  
on your tithe envelope.

# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is* • Sharon Rogers

## Introit

*If Ye Love Me* • Philip Stopford

## Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

Holy Spirit, descend again,

**As you descended on our mothers and fathers centuries ago.**

Holy Spirit, descend again,

**As you descend on the faithful of every land and every time.**

Holy Spirit, descend on us that we may be your holy people.

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* • 229

## Congregational Prayer

Sabine Vatel  
*Lord, Speak to Me* • st. 1 of 541

## Worship in Music

*Jesu, Lover of My Soul* • Philip Stopford

## Unlock Revelation/GROW Groups

Rodlie Ortiz and Sabine Vatel

## Tithes & Offerings

World Budget  
*Holy Spirit, With Light Divine* • Healey Willan

## Children's Story

## Scripture

Luke 11:9-13 NIV • Macy McVay and Xiaoming XU

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

**For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion?"



**If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"**

**Hymn of Preparation**

*Come, Holy Spirit* • 269

**Sermon**

"Ground Zero and the New Reformation:  
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Dwight K. Nelson

**Connect Card**

**Prayer of Commitment**

*The Lord's Prayer* • Malotte

**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit* • Johann Sebastian Bach

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers, Steven Zork, director

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## MUSIC ALIVE

LOVE TO GOD, LOVE FROM GOD

**T**oday's Worship in Music combines elements from two English persons: words by Charles Wesley (1707-1788), music by Philip Stopford (born 1977). Interestingly, Wesley's original text appeared printed under the title "In Temptation." It relates to a message from Jeremiah 31:3: "Yes, I [the Lord] have loved you with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn you." One commentary refers to the "very emotional

and tender expressions in the hymn." Today's choral version and the hymnal version (no. 489) differ from each other somewhat. One of the hymn's features is that more than three fourths of the words have only one syllable! Earlier in worship, the opening choral music is also by Philip Stopford, of Christ Church Bronxville, New York. ■

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Chris Carroll
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	<i>Only Trust Him</i> • 279
<b>Welcome</b>	Philip Giddings III
<b>Special Feature</b>	More Than a Miracle, an Act of Love • Joshua Huslin Student at Andrews Academy
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Change My Heart, Oh God</i> • arr. Eddie Espinosa
<b>Bible Study</b>	"The Two Covenants" • Classes
<b>To Reflect On</b>	<i>The Joys of the Law and the Blessings of Grace</i>
<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>	Chris Carroll
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan  
OFFERTORY: Ivana Ticar, piano

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## As We Begin

*If Ye Love Me • Philip Stopford*

## Praise

*Lord Most High • All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Indescribable • Holy Spirit Rain Down*

## Prayer

Sabine Vatel

## Baptism

Da'quan McClean with Ben Martin

## Unlock Revelation/GROW Groups

Rodlie Ortiz and Sabine Vatel

## Tithes & Offerings

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## Sermon

"Ground Zero and the New Reformation: How to Be Baptized with the Holy Spirit"

Dwight K. Nelson

## Connect Card

## Prayer of Commitment

*The Lord's Prayer • Malotte*

## As We Depart

*Come, God, Creator, Holy Spirit • Johann Sebastian Bach*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan  
ACOUSTIC GUITAR: Michael Gibson, Randal Ulanca; CAJON: Smerdis Fuentes;  
FRENCH HORN: Matthew Rajarathinam; VIOLIN: Jade McClellan, Victoria Rios;  
PIANO: Joshua Goines; VOCALS: Alex Wilson, Sinegugu Katenga, Emma Magbanua,  
Vivian Raimundo, Jamila Sylvester, Serge Gedeon;  
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Andrews University Singers, Steven Zork, director

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

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**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 8:08

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## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### WORLD BUDGET

The NAD of Seventh-day Adventists has adopted the Personal Giving Plan. A key component of the PGP is encouraging members to systematically give a percentage of their incomes to support the worldwide work of the Church. Eighteen different entities and ministries receive funds from the World Budget offering. The offering is portioned among these entities and ministries by percentage. Your offerings this week go to support these various ministries that are vital to spreading the gospel around the world.

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 8:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Join us this evening as we close the Sabbath with a festival of hymns.

### We Morn

It is with sadness that we inform you of the death of Katherine McCormick's father who passed away on August 16. The funeral was August 23. Sympathy cards may be sent to Tom & Katherine McCormick, 2405 Shorewood Drive, Long Beach, IN 46360. With Tom and Kathy we pray, "Come Soon, Lord Jesus."

### Family Prayer Needs

If you have a prayer request or change to the Family Prayer Needs list, please contact the church clerk at [clerk@pmchurch.org](mailto:clerk@pmchurch.org), or call 471.3133.

### Sanctuary Choir

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM  
PMC TEEN LOFT

We are beginning a new season of music-making with the PMC Sanctuary Choir. We would love for you to join us at our weekly rehearsals on Wednesday nights starting on September 6. Contact: Marguerite Samuel at [margueritemsamuel@gmail.com](mailto:margueritemsamuel@gmail.com) or [www.facebook.com/margueritesamuel](http://www.facebook.com/margueritesamuel).

## **AU Department of Music Faculty Composition Recital**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 • 4:00 PM

The Department of Music at Andrews University presents an evening of performances, showcasing original compositions by Max Keller, Kenneth Logan, Adriana Perera and Stephen Zork.

## **PMC Primary Sabbath School Volunteers**

Your Primary Sabbath school is looking for table teachers and program leaders to volunteer for the coming year. To help please contact Deborah at 574.210.0909 or email [drpark@andrews.edu](mailto:drpark@andrews.edu).

## **Adventurers Registration Extension**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 • 10:00 TO 11:00 AM  
PMC BASEMENT WELCOME LOBBY

If you missed our registration on Sunday, August 27, we are having a second registration on Sunday, September 10, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the PMC welcome lobby located on the lower floor in the church. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, September 17, at 10:00 AM.

## **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).

## **PMC Office Closed**

MONDAY, SEPT. 4

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the church offices will be closed on Monday, September 4. We look forward to serving you on Tuesday, September 5.

## **SciFest & ArtFest 2017**

SEPT. 21-23 • AU

Register for the annual STEM weekend offering high-school students a unique college experience. Explore the seven STEM departments at Andrews with this year's theme, Cells. ArtFest will run concurrently on campus with the theme, Building Blocks. Explore and participate in the many events planned. For SciFest information email [stemconnect@andrews.edu](mailto:stemconnect@andrews.edu); for ArtFest information email [commdept@andrews.edu](mailto:commdept@andrews.edu).

## **PMC Prayer Teams**

The PMC Prayer Teams need your participation during 1st or 2nd service. We gather each Sabbath in the Prayer Room (located behind the big glass window on the piano side of the sanctuary) to pray for the indwelling and blessings of the Holy Spirit on each aspect of the church service. We see and hear the whole service and are blessed along with the congregation. If the Holy Spirit impresses you to join us, or you want additional information, please call Katherine Smith at 269.471.1502 (1st service) or call/text Andrea Gibbs at 209.663.9891 (2nd service).

## **Pathfinder Registration**

If you are interested in joining the PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club please e-mail us at [evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com](mailto:evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com) for further information. We will finalize things at our first meeting on September 6 at 6:30 PM at the Pathfinder Building. We look forward to having another great year!

## **More Announcements**

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

## **Critter Carnival and Impact Community Health Event**

SEPT. 3 • 2:00 PM TO 6:00 PM  
VETERANS PARK, EAU CLAIRE

Come support the Eau Claire Critter Pathfinder fund-raiser at Veterans Park in Downtown Eau Claire on Sunday, September 3. Our community health event will include free health classes, free dental screening, and 200 backpacks with school supplies will be given away to kids from K-4. Also enjoy a bounce-house, 18-foot slide, fair food, live music and fun for the entire family.

## **SDA Homeschool Co-Op**

Calling all Christian Homeschoolers in the Michiana area. Join us as we worship, learn, and play together. We provide a safe place where children interact with children their own age and build academic, social, public speaking, and leadership skills. This group is for homeschoolers in grades K-9, ages 5-14. We meet monthly on Friday mornings in South Bend. Our first meeting is Friday, September 8. Contact Monica Nudd at [monjac720@gmail.com](mailto:monjac720@gmail.com) for further info.

## **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.

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

God's Hands 4 Kids, as part of Berrien County Foster Adoption Network, is seeking a volunteer with skills in coordination and leading. Support this PMC monthly ministry by providing meals for foster and adoptive families. Please email for more information, [godshands4kids@gmail.com](mailto:godshands4kids@gmail.com).

## **Volunteer for Pathfinders**

The PMC Evergreen Pathfinder club is looking for volunteers to assist in helping teach small classwork groups. The minimum time commitment we are looking for is helping with 2-3 hours for 2 Sundays or Wednesdays per month for the school year, but if you are willing to help out with more than that it would be greatly appreciated. For more information please email us at [evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com](mailto:evergreen.pathfinders@gmail.com).

## **Michiana Adventist Retirees**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 • 1:00 PM  
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

All Michiana Adventist retirees and persons 55 or older are invited to a potluck at 1:00 PM on Sunday, September 10, 2017, at the Village SDA Church. The guest speaker is Dr Ryan Hayes from the Chemistry Deptment of Andrews University. Bring a dish to pass, and come for good fellowship. For more information, you may contact Ken Straw at [legrandmuzzy@gmail.com](mailto:legrandmuzzy@gmail.com).

## **Grief Share Support Group**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10 • 4:00 TO 6:00 PM  
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Beginning Sunday, September 10, a support group for those mourning the loss of a spouse, family member, or friend is available at the Village SDA Church, Fireside Room 4-6 PM. If you have questions, call Shirley Gammon 989.427.5669 or Linda Pellandini 517.243.2767.

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