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to Pioneer

"Taste and see how good the Lord is! The one who takes refuge in Him is truly happy! You who are the Lord's holy ones, honor Him, Because those who honor Him, don't lack a thing! Those who look to God will shine; their faces are never ashamed" (Psalm 34:8-9, 5 NEB).

Welcome members and guests to the Pioneer Memorial Church, the House of the Lord! On this Sabbath Day, take refuge in His love, as we worship and honor the goodness of our Lord! We are so delighted you chose to worship with us today! May God's name be honored in all we do is our prayer!

–Sharon Terrell

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THE JOINT STATEMENT

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

I was visiting with a student in the cafeteria this week when some faculty friends joined us at the table. “Hey—did you hear about the joint statement the bishop of Rome and the patriarch of Moscow released last February when they met in Havana?” I hadn’t. Turns out our conference president Jay Gallimore had referenced the joint statement in an editorial in a recent *Michigan Memo*. And sure enough, when I later googled “pope” “patriarch” “Havana,” I found the concord.

In fact here is the paragraph (#24) in question:

24. Orthodox and Catholics are united not only by the shared Tradition of the Church of the first millennium, but also by the mission to preach the Gospel of Christ in the world today. This mission entails mutual respect for members of the Christian communities and excludes any form of proselytism. We are not competitors but brothers, and this concept must guide all our mutual actions as well as those directed to the outside world. We urge Catholics and Orthodox in all countries to learn to live together in peace and love, and to be “in harmony with one another” (Rm 15:5). Consequently, it cannot be accepted that disloyal means be used to incite believers to pass from one Church to another, denying them their religious freedom and their traditions. We are called upon to put into practice the precept of the apostle Paul: “Thus I

aspire to proclaim the gospel not where Christ has already been named, so that I do not build on another’s foundation” (Rm 15:20). (www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/full-text-of-joint-declaration-signed-by-pope-francis-and-patriarch-kirill-61341/)

Did you catch that? **“This mission entails mutual respect for members of the Christian communities and excludes any form of proselytism.”** The notion of brotherly cooperation rather than cut-throat competition within the Christian community—what’s not to like about that? Living “together in peace and love”—ditto.

But consider the meaning of “proselytism”: “. . . it now refers to the attempt of any religion or religious individuals to convert people to their beliefs, or any attempt to convert people to a different point of view, religious or not” (www.google.com/webhp?sourceid=chrome-instant&ion=1&espv=2&ie=UTF-8#q=-proselytism).

What my own faith community would consider “evangelism” (the proclamation of the “evangel,” or Good News of the gospel to all peoples) is increasingly being redefined by more powerful voices, as Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill expressed: “disloyal means . . . to incite believers to pass from one Church to another, denying them their religious freedom and their traditions.” But is that a fair reading of Jesus’ commission—“Go



and make disciples of all nations . . . teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19, 20)? Does communicating the "everlasting gospel" embedded in the Three Angels' Messages (Revelation 14:6-12) deny people(s) "their religious freedom and their traditions," as the joint statement declares?

Is it not the embodiment of the Protestant Reformation to proclaim the liberating gospel of Jesus Christ to all peoples of earth, *both in and out of Christendom*? Are there not millions who bear the name of Christ, but who have yet to discover the "blessed assurance" of His salvation by grace through faith alone?

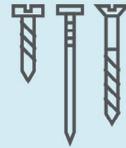
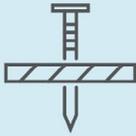
In five weeks Hope Trending will encircle the earth with a livestreaming invitation to all peoples to come to Christ, the only Hope for our dying civilization. In five weeks Watch Parties locally, nationally, globally will gather (October 14-22) to hear the Creator's appeal to this generation.

But the joint statement is a sobering alert that one day public access to all peoples will be curtailed. It is no coincidence that Vladimir Putin, five months

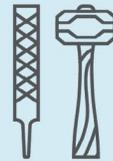
after the joint statement, announced a law curtailing "proselyting" in Russia (<http://dailysignal.com/2016/07/20/back-to-the-soviet-era-putins-new-law-could-lead-to-religious-crackdown/>). Ostensibly under the aegis of an anti-terrorism crackdown, such a law could be duplicated in any country in a time of emergency or crisis.

What we can do today may not be possible one day. So please join me in earnestly petitioning the mighty Spirit of God to harness the technology, ignite the proclamation and raise up a generation of radical witnesses within this faith community—men and women unafraid to go where Christ sends us, giving heed only to the joint statement of Christ and Scripture. "So help us, God." Amen. ■

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



REPAIRING HOMES. **RESTORING LIVES.**



BY RODLIE ORTIZ

Early this year I approached Taurus Montgomery, pastor of the Harbor of Hope Church, to see if there was an opportunity in Benton Harbor to do a GO: Project. GO: Projects are an initiative of Pioneer in which we provide opportunities for people to serve in the community once a month. My original plan was to take a group of 30 or 40 people from Andrews to Benton Harbor to help paint a house or do some light repair on it. What he said in response floored me: "Actually, we have about 40 homes you could work on." He had been working with the community and the city commissioners and discovered a huge need.

I knew that we would have to expand this beyond just Pioneer Memorial Church and Harbor of Hope. Here was the idea: what if for one weekend out of the year *all* of the area Seventh-day Adventist churches could come together to serve and to bless the community? The first thing we did was to reach out to Ron Kelly, pastor of the Village SDA church here in Berrien Springs. He was excited about partnering together on the idea and so he made an announcement to the other area pastors. They were also excited about the idea and so we formed a small team to begin working on the details through the summer. After a lot of work, we are excited to give the following update and issue a challenge.

The initial idea for this began as a GO: Project, but it grew to be so much more. While this will be the September GO: Project for Pioneer Memorial Church and Andrews University, we will be coming under the umbrella of a new organization we created that encompasses

all of the area Seventh-day Adventist churches—Our Two Cents.

This project will take place on September 23 and 25. On the 23rd we'll begin by doing some prep work for about 3 hours in the afternoon. The 25th will be the main work day.

Wondering what you can do to be involved? First of all, go to www.ourtwocents.org. This will give you an overview of what we're doing. Second, let us know how you'd like to contribute. Some of you can contribute through a special skill like painting, roofing, or doing other construction work. Many others of you don't have those skills (I don't) but maybe you can hold a paint brush, or cook for the volunteers, or help with landscaping work outside. The truth is, we believe that by transforming a home, we can transform a life. Go to the website, register as a volunteer, and let us know how you'd like to make a difference. ■

Rodlie Ortiz is the pastor for "This Generation Evangelism" here at PMC.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary *Christ We Shall Praise Well • Johann Sebastian Bach*

Introit *Cause Me to Hear Thy Lovingkindness • Melvin West*

Call to Worship Sharon Terrell

○ Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask you, Lord, to come again and save your people.

In this hour of need, open our hearts to hear your hope.

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

Invocation Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High • 148, melody of 227*

Congregational Prayer Sharon Terrell
My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music *My Eternal King • Jane Marshall*

Hope Trending: Watch Parties Rodlie Ortiz

Tithes & Offerings World Mission Budget/Fall Mission Appeal
The Gift of Love • Janet Linker

Children's Story

Scripture Matthew 1:20-23; 1 Timothy 1:15 NIV • Joan Regester & Beverly Matiko

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit."

All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us").

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst.

Hymn of Preparation

Jesus Saves • st. 1 & 4 of 340

Sermon

#RxF4Now–Precious • Dwight K. Nelson

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Hymn of Commitment

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing • 250

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

You Who Live in Unswerving Faith Are Blessed
Johannes Brahms

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sharon Terrell; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director

MUSIC ALIVE

SOARING VISION OF PRAISE

The Gothic cathedral was a wonder of keen vision on the part of its creators. Squeezing between high-thrust stone walls a huge cavern of captive space amid a shimmer of brilliant stained-glass-tinged light, the Gothic cathedral bore testimony to the utter splendor and transcendent immensity of God Himself. And so, in some small way, does a piece of organ music in today's service. Baroque composer

Johann Sebastian Bach's "Christ We Shall Praise Well" is constructed of many musical "lines" that seem to converge and diverge in a canopy of immensity. For this reason the piece is reminiscent of lines and proportions of the awesome vault of a great cathedral. What image of God can we discern in a Gothic cathedral or in this music? One of soaring immensity? ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Vladimir Slavujevic
Opening Hymn	<i>I Will Follow Thee</i> • 623
Welcome	Melchizedek Ponniah
Scripture & Prayer	Beniel Paulraj
Special Feature	“Friendship Evangelism” • Kevin Pollit
Offertory	<i>His Eye is on the Sparrow</i> • arr. Leslie & Marguerite Samuel
Bible Study	“Jesus Bade Them, ‘Follow Me’” • Classes
Theme Song	<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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Benediction	Vladimir Slavujevic
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Marguerite Samuel, soprano; Leslie Samuel, piano

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Christ We Shall Praise Well • Johann Sebastian Bach
Cause Me to Hear Thy Lovingkindness • Melvin West

Praise & Prayer

Total Praise • Jesus at the Center • Great is Thy Faithfulness

Baptism

Qin Wang with Rodlie Ortiz

Tithes & Offerings

The Gift of Love • Janet Linker

Children's Story

Hope Trending: Watch Parties

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Sermon

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing • 250

Benediction

Lord, Bless Thy Word to Every Heart • Stanley Ledington

As We Depart

You Who Live in Unswerving Faith Are Blessed • Johannes Brahms

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
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WORSHIP IN MUSIC: PMC Sanctuary Choir; Jeannie Pedersen-Smith, director

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
PMC Operating Expense

SUNSET TODAY • 8:06
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 7:54

PIONEER PULPIT

| 09 • 17 |

LECLAIRE LITCHFIELD
Week of Prayer

| 09 • 24 |

DWIGHT K. NELSON
#Rx4Now–The Surrogate

FINANCIAL FEATURE

FALL MISSION APPEAL

This week's offering has a specific title, "Fall Mission Appeal"! Some may recognize its previous title, "Ingathering." Whatever the title, the Fall Mission Appeal is an opportunity to be creative in supporting the world-wide mission of the church: sharing the Good News! The most creative support I recall occurred as a youth when our church of 40 members in Missouri made "apple butter" and sold it in quart jars for world-wide missions. Times have changed but not the need. The Good News is needed more than ever! The "Appeal" is to give selflessly using the imagination and skills that God has generously given to you!

Visitors' Dinner

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

Adventist Retirees

TOMORROW • 1:00 TO 3:00 PM
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Bring your favorite dish and fellowship with us. The featured speaker will be Dr. Andrea Luxton. Music will be provided by Charles Reid and Kenneth Logan. Contact Ralph C. Wood at 269.921.0038 or rcwood90@gmail.com.

We Mourn

Dr. Robert (Bob) Streelman went to sleep surrounded by his family in California on September 2. At this time services are being planned for Friday, September 16, at the Matthasse-Kuiper-DeGraff Funeral Home on Kalamazoo Ave, Kentwood, MI. Visitation is planned for 11 AM with services to follow at 1 PM. Burial will be at Garfield Park Cemetery on Kalamazoo Ave. Bob Streelman is the father of Ric (Francesca) Streelman of Berrien Springs, Robin Layman of Kentwood, MI, Jeff (Kari) Streelman of Boyne City, MI, Dr. Steven (Janna) Streelman of Carlsbad, CA, and Karen Streelman of Laurel, MD.

Family Vespers
TODAY • 8:00 PM
YOUTH CHAPEL

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

Fall GROW Group Options

Here are two group opportunities this semester: **Watch Party**—October 14 to December 4. Visit www.hopetrending.org and click on "Get Involved." **GROW Groups**—October 2 to December 4. Visit www.pmchurch.org/grow. Deadline for leaders' sign up is September 12. For more information contact Pastor Sabine (vatel@pmchurch.org). For Watch Party information contact Tabitha Umali (tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org).

**"America Singing":
Grit & Glory**

SEPTEMBER 11 • 7:00 PM
HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
On the 15th anniversary of September 11, tenor Charles Reid and pianist Kenneth Logan celebrate the American spirit and heritage. This exploration in concert includes music by American composers such as Harry Burleigh, Aaron Copland and Ricky Ian Gordon. Our featured Andrews University music faculty members are joined by violist Rachel Goff of Chicago.

Knitting Hearts Together

SEPTEMBER 13 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME
Come participate in this ministry to the bereaved and sick. Contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

**PMC Young Adult
Sabbath School**

EVERY SABBATH • 10:30 AM
PMC BOARD ROOM

What if God allowed Himself to be psychoanalyzed by humanity? From the "couch," what kind of confessions would we hear from God? What would we learn about Him and about ourselves? Come find out as we open one of the most emotionally rich books of the Bible—"The Book of Jeremiah: God's Confessions." Contact Oleg or Oliver at youngadults@pmchurch.org if you have questions.

**Jr. Cardinal
Basketball Tryouts**

ANDREWS ACADEMY GYMNASIUM

The following dates and times are for the upcoming Jr. Cardinal basketball tryouts. For more information contact Scott Schalk (208.1933).

5th-8th grade Redbird boys & girls
September 11, 10 AM to Noon

Varsity girls—September 11, 5 to 7 PM

JV girls—September 11 (5 to 7 PM) & September 18 (10 AM to Noon)

Varsity Boys—September 11, 7 to 9 PM

JV Boys—September 19 & 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Diabetes Undone

TUES & THURS • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
CHAN SHUN HALL (WHIRLPOOL RM)

Did you know that 1 in 3 Americans has diabetes or prediabetes? That doesn't have to be your story. Join Dr. Wes Youngberg for an 8-session video course (September 13–October 6). Register by calling John Youngberg (269.471.1688). Pick up a brochure at the Welcome desks!

GROW CafeSEPTEMBER 16 • FOLLOWING UV
PMC COMMONS

Students—grab a friend and join us in welcoming the Sabbath with homemade refreshments and a relaxing/worshipful atmosphere. To help (providing cookies, creative talents, or other ways), contact the team at growgroups@pmchurch.org.

Scrapbooking TogetherSEPTEMBER 18 • 11:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Bring your craft supplies and a favorite snack and join us! We will provide chocolate and prizes. For more info contact Sherrie Davis at sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

God's Hands 4 Kids

Thank you for donating school supplies for the Harbor of Hope Back to School Celebration. Approximately 90 backpacks were given away! Currently we are accepting gently used kids clothes in all sizes (especially girls' clothes in sizes 3-7 and new underwear in all sizes). Collection bins are located here at PMC by the receptionist desk; South Shore Woman's Health Care (2690 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph); Ameriprise Financial (8980 U.S. 31, Berrien Springs).

Mommy (and Daddy) & MeSEPTEMBER 20 • 10:00 AM
PMC NURSERY

This is a fun group for kids (0-5 years old) and their parent or caregiver. Each week will include playtime, songs/stories, and crafts. Enjoy time with your children and make new friends. Invite your community friends too!

Hope Trending Rally & PreparationSEPTEMBER 24 • 4:00 PM
LOCATION TBD

On-site and Watch Party Volunteers—let's join together to celebrate what God has been doing and each volunteer team will receive specific instructions to get us ready to serve for this global event. You may still participate by signing up via www.hopetrending.org. See you on September 24!

Thank You

Andrews Academy is pleased to announce the start of the 2016/17 school year with our current enrollment of 239 students. We appreciate the generosity and support of church members throughout the Michiana area who continue to provide contributions to help families afford tuition costs. We continue to solicit prayers for staff and students, that they have a successful and blessed year.

Contagious AdventistSEPTEMBER 28–NOVEMBER 30
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

This energizing, interactive training series provides simple skills for intentional personal witnessing. Each session begins with a light supper at 5:30 PM, followed by 90 minutes of interactive learning, and concludes promptly at 7:30 PM. For registration call 269.471.7795 or visit www.villagesda.org/contagiousadventist.

More Announcements

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

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