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WELCOME

to Pioneer

By the time you read this, we will be in the last day of Hope Trending. To get to this point, hundreds of people hours have been exerted. Online moderators all over the world have been in chat rooms at all hours of the day and night. Time, effort, and financial resources have been employed for one singular reason; for a chance to say hello.

Think about it. The reason we've gone through so much effort is because we believe in the power of introducing someone to Jesus. That's it. I was a biology pre-med student in a public University. I transferred to an Adventist University, and it was there, through the influence of so many people, that I became curious enough about Jesus to explore the Scriptures for myself. We pray that through this series, and every occasion we have to gather beyond, that you'll experience God's welcome.

—Rodlie Ortiz



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"NO MAN IS AN ISLAND"

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

The Roman Catholic turned Anglican Englishman lawyer turned diplomat, preacher and poet, John Donne (1572-1631), composed these lines (from his collection *Devotions upon Emergent Occasions*):

No man is an island,
Entire of itself,
Every man is a piece of the continent,
A part of the main.
If a clod be washed away by the sea,
Europe is the less.
As well as if a promontory were.
As well as if a manor of thy friend's
Or of thine own were:
Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee.

There are those who either by personal subscription or personal behavior seem to believe that a nation like ours, a people like us, can live unto ourselves and let the world fend for herself. We've been hearing shades of such a notion in the presidential campaign that promises to last only two more weeks (although we all remember the contested election in 2000). We feel it in the divisive, angry rhetoric that is increasingly crowding the airwaves of talk radio and the blogosphere and spilling over into every day backroom conver-

sations. No matter how this nation ends up voting on November 8, we all know that on November 9 we will awaken to a country angrily divided and roiling over the outcome.

"No man is an island,/entire of itself,/ every man is a piece of the continent,/a part of the main." The truth is we cannot live in isolation from those with whom we vehemently disagree, no matter our convictions and in spite of our differences.

The stark truth, made more provocative by the Incarnation, is that God himself refused the isolation alternative, choosing rather to immerse himself in the lazar house of this planet's quarantined inhabitants, rather than live without us:

"The people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned" (Matthew 4:16).

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:5).

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

"Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst" (1 Timothy 1:15).



When it dawns upon you that you are the object of so counter-cultural, so self-emptying a love as this—does it not follow (if it truly has dawned on you) that we are compelled by that very awareness to go out and in self-emptying deeds of service seek to love a world as undeserving as we? “Freely you have received, freely give,” Jesus invites us (Matthew 10:10). “For the love of Christ compels us,” Scripture reminds us (2 Corinthians 5:14).

Hope Trending ends this evening. But the fact is it doesn’t end at all. All ten of the archived programs will be accessible on our new hopetrending.org website. Which means that both the Spirit of God and you can point your friends, colleagues, neighbors, family members to those archived presentations. Collectively we have invested thousands of human hours and even more of U.S. dollars into Hope Trending’s Kingdom mission. I am confident we can be certain that our Lord intends no termination to the mission and

ministry of this strategic series. Our responses in social media, which number now into the hundreds of thousands, are evidence enough that God has only begun to work in our midst. And **“he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus” (Philippians 1:6).**

Thus we cannot live in isolation from this world that desperately needs what only Christ can bring. No mission ends tonight. In fact it is only beginning. Because Jesus and Donne are right:

Any man's death diminishes me,
Because I am involved in mankind,
And therefore never send to know for
whom the bell tolls;
It tolls for thee. ■

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

FELLOWSHIP & FUN

Making Families Stronger



BY ARCELIE LOPES

In order to have a strong church community, we must have strong families. Here at Pioneer, we are privileged to have a large church, full of families. We believe that the closer we are together the stronger we become. That is why the Family Life Committee is dedicated to planning activities where relationships and families can grow in the community of Christ.

Each family member is special to God. Whether you are single or married, current student or retired, you are a member of God's family and we invite you to participate in our upcoming Family Life events.

We have planned and implemented many activities in the past such as our Field Fun Day, the annual Fall Hayride, GROW Groups for families, Family Game nights, and much more. All are invited to connect and grow in their relationships with their family and friends.

Share your ideas of activities you would like to see from the Family Life Committee by emailing judynay2@hotmail.com or

baltazar@andrews.edu. There will be an opportunity to share your ideas at the annual hayride tomorrow! ■

The PMC Family Life Committee is composed of five members led by Judy Nay. The members include Alina Baltazar, Zeldia Felix-Motley, Angel Sorenson, and Arcelie Lopes.

Arcelie Lopes is a Master of Social Work student and intern.

SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

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on your tithe envelope.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL HAYRIDE

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather during our annual fall hayride along with a bonfire, hot dogs, chips, hot drinks, and s'mores. This event is free but donations are appreciated.

*October 23, 2016 • 5:00 PM
Five Pines Ministries, Berrien Center, MI*

SWIM AND GYM NIGHT

Grab your swimsuit and towel or get out your tennis shoes for a fun night of activities. This event is free!

*February 18, 2017 • 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Beaty Pool, Johnson Gymnasium*

WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Sinfonia • Georg Philipp Telemann/Matthews

Introit

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus • Helen Lemmel

Call to Worship

Rodlie Ortiz

See what love the Father has for us that we should be called the children of God.

This is his promise: if we believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ,

We shall have life and experience it abundantly.

Come, then, let us worship him.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

José Bourget

Hymn of Praise

O Thou in Whose Presence • 36

Congregational Prayer

Rodlie Ortiz

My Faith Looks Up to Thee • st. 1 of 517

Worship in Music

Hatikva (The Hope) • arr. John Williams

Tithes & Offerings

Michigan Advance Partners

Amazing Grace • Gilbert Martin

Children's Story

Scripture

2 Corinthians 5:13-15 MSG • Ruben & Aron Balorda

If I acted crazy, I did it for God; if I acted overly serious, I did it for you. Christ's love has moved me to such extremes.

His love has the first and last word in everything we do.

Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat.

He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

Hymn of Preparation*I Would Draw Nearer to Jesus* • st. 1-2 of 310**Sermon***"The Great Opportunity—More Or Less"* • José Bourget**Hymn of Commitment***'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus* • st. 1, 3-4 of 524**Benediction****Closing Voluntary***Jesus, My Joy* • Theophil Forchhammer

PRESIDING PASTOR: Rodlie Ortiz; ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Ruth Murdoch Elementary School Strings; Héctor Flores, director

MUSIC ALIVE

THE HOPE

"**H**atikvah" is Israel's national anthem. The name is translated into English literally as "The Hope." Hatikvah's text dates from the 1870s, and is by a Jewish poet, Naphtali Herz Imber, who was from Poland. It is a text of hope, a portion stating that "Our hope is not yet lost, / The hope two thousand years old, / To be a free nation in our land,..." The opening of this segment may refer back to

Ezekiel 37, which states that "our hope is lost..." The harmony of the arrangement in worship today, often using chords in the minor mode, may not immediately communicate a soulful aspiration for hope. However, as one article states, "As the title 'The Hope' and the words suggest, the import of the [national anthem] is optimistic and the overall spirit uplifting." ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service	Christina Carroll
Opening Hymn	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i> • 93
Prayer	Estrellita Shimray
Scripture	Job 12:7-10 • Estrellita Shimray
Welcome	Melchizedek Ponniah
Special Feature	Missions
Offertory	<i>Partita no. 2, Courante</i> • J. S. Bach
Bible Study	"God and Human Suffering" • 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	Christina Carroll
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ORGANIST: Kenneth Logan
OFFERTORY: Ruben Balorda, piano

Hope Trending

A crash course
on how to live
without fear

Join us for a special edition of
Hope Trending at the Howard Performing
Arts Center! Overflow seating will be
available in the PMC Sanctuary.

Seating begins at 11:30 AM

#HopeTrending

HOPE

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 • 6:55
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 6:45

PIONEER PULPIT

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

#Rx4Now—If 'Righteousness Exalts a Nation,' What's Going 2 Happen 2 the USA (i.e., Can God Still Bless America)?

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DWIGHT K. NELSON

#Rx4Now—2nd Hand Faith

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

Through today's offering for Michigan Advance Partners (MAP) you will support eight aspects of the work of the church on the conference level including evangelism, building programs, Camp Au Sable, camp meeting, and education. Not only are people outside the church affected for salvation through these varying avenues, but many more of all ages within the church family are nurtured and blessed by MAP ministries. No other offering within the Michigan Conference can accomplish as much as your MAP offering. What a marvelous way to find ourselves fulfilling that proverb: "He who waters will himself be watered."

Hope Trending

TODAY • 11:45 AM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Join us for a special edition of Hope Trending at the Howard Performing Arts Center. Overflow seating will be available in the PMC Sanctuary. First service and Sabbath School will be held as usual in PMC. Open seating held from 11:15 to 11:45 AM (no tickets required).

Master Guide Basic Staff Seminars

TODAY • 2:30 TO 9:00 PM

PMC JUNIOR 1

Adventist Youth Ministries Training (AYMT) is being offered for TLT's, Adventurer and Pathfinder staff, and seminarians. These seminars include Child Development, Investiture Coursework, and Leading Children to Christ which complete part of the requirements for Master Guide. There is no registration fee.

Family Vespers

This evening PMC Family Vespers joins Hope Trending.

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.

Three Pianists Concert

TOMORROW • 4:00 PM
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(475 GREEN AVE.)

ArtsBridge presents the Three Pianists Concert and Exhibit. Performers include pianists Masashi Sekioka, Susan Burkholz, and Jean Prosper. Teens from WaterStreet Glassworks Fired Up! program will also display and sell their glass art. For details call 269.925.7075 or find them online at www.firstpresbh.org or Facebook.

Annual Fall Hayride

TOMORROW • 5:00 TO 8:00 PM
FIVE PINES ON SMITH RD

The Family Life Committee invites you to join us for our annual hayride event! A bonfire, hot dogs, chips, hot drinks, and s'mores will be provided. Donations will be accepted to cover expenses. For more information email judynay2@hotmail.com or baltazar@andrews.edu.

The Horn Lectureship Series

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM
SEMINARY CHAPEL

The next Siegfried H. Horn Lectureship Series event is entitled "King Lists, Names, and the Line from Adam to Abram in Genesis 1-11" by Dr. Richard S. Hess. This event is free and open to the public.

Mommy (and Daddy) & Me

TUESDAYS • 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 friends!

Inauguration of Andrews University President Andrea Luxton

OCTOBER 24 & 25

Join us for a selection of events honoring the inauguration of our new president, including an inaugural vespers on October 24 and the inauguration on October 25. For details, including times and locations, visit www.andrews.edu/president. We look forward to celebrating this special occasion with you.

Knitting Hearts Together

OCTOBER 25 • 7:00 TO 8:30 PM
MACCARTY HOME

This ministry shows loving care for those who are grieving the loss of a close family member or who are seriously ill. We welcome new members who can either deliver items to people and/or create items. For more information, contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu or 471.3373) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

Pastor Appreciation Month

The month of October is designated as "Pastor Appreciation Month." At Pioneer we are grateful and very blessed for all the pastors who serve this congregation magnificently. During this time we want to let them know how much we have benefited from their ministry. The elders of the church plan to do this formally, but we are asking each one of our members to choose one of the pastors who has been especially meaningful to them in some way this past year and either send them a note or offer them a word of encouragement, so they know they are appreciated. Visit www.pmchurch.org/stories/2016/pastor-appreciation to see more.

Blood Drive

OCTOBER 26 & 27 • 1:00 TO 6:45 PM
PMC COMMONS

The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood. To schedule an appointment, log onto www.redcrossblood.org (sponsor code—AndrewsUniversity) or call 1.800.733.2767. For more information contact Larry Ulery (ulery@andrews.edu or 269.471.3596).

Andrews Academy Penny Arcade

OCTOBER 29 • 8:00 TO 10:00 PM
ANDREWS ACADEMY GYM

We would like to invite all 7th- and 8th-graders to Penny Arcade. This is a fun evening of games, activities, food; all for just pennies. Get to know Andrews Academy students better as you and your friends enjoy a fun evening. Parents can drop your child off at 7:45 PM and can pick them up at 10 PM. If you have any questions please contact the school at 269.471.3138.

God's Hands 4 Kids

Want to support foster kids? We are looking for Christmas wrapping or card making materials as well as fabrics appropriate for sewing stockings. 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). We are also still in need of volunteers to launder clothing that has been in storage in order to give to foster kids. Email godshands4kids@gmail.com for more information.

Church Photographers

Looking for volunteer church photographers. This opportunity involves taking pictures of Baptisms and Baby Dedications and occasionally a special event. You do not have to be professional but able to take good pictures and have a good camera. If you're interested, contact Jackie Bikichky at bikichky@pmchurch.org or call 471.3972.

The Journey to Wholeness

Are you carrying a heavy load? The Journey to Wholeness group is a non-judgmental, Christ-centered, 12-step meeting. This weekly program is all about breaking the bondage of obsessive thinking and compulsive activity (addiction) and is a safe place for healing. Share as much or as little as is comfortable for you. There is hope—please join us. For more information (meeting locations and times) text 269.313.1677 or 240.346.5204.

Total Body Fitness

MON & WED • 5:00 TO 5:50 PM
LAMSON HEALTH CLUB
(AEROBICS ROOM)

Improve your strength, balance, and flexibility with Total Body Fitness (ToBoFit), a free class meeting on Mondays and Wednesdays. Open to anyone 18 years or older, male or female. Questions? Contact the instructor, Katherine Koudele (koudelej@andrews.edu).

More Announcements

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

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