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# WELCOME

*to Pioneer*

Welcome and a happy Sabbath to each and every one. To all who have come to Pioneer Memorial Church—every student, every guest, and every member—we extend a most cordial and warm welcome. We are glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, we are grateful that you have come to be with us this morning. It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ this morning and His presence during this morning's worship experience.

Psalm 119:105 says, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." May God's goodness surround us all in His light. His Word lights our paths and guides us as He illuminates our way.

—Don Dronen



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# MIKHAIL GORBACHEV, C. S. LEWIS & JESUS

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

**I**n the latest issue of TIME magazine, the leader of the former Soviet Union, Mikhail Gorbachev, writes an op-ed piece that begins: “The world today is overwhelmed with problems. Policy makers seem to be confused and at a loss. . . . It all looks as if the world is preparing for war” (TIME February 13, 2017, p 22).

In very similar language this obser-

vation was made over a century ago: “The present is a time of overwhelming interest to all living. Rulers and statesmen, men who occupy positions of trust and authority, thinking men and women of all classes, have their attention fixed upon the events taking place about us. . . . [T]he world is on the verge of a stupendous crisis.” (*Education* 179-180).



Could Ellen White and Mikhail Gorbachev both be right?

I've been reading Jacques Doukhan's new commentary on Genesis this new year and am now immersed in the story of Noah. Commenting on Genesis 6:11—"The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence" (NKJV)—Doukhan writes: "The word *shakhat* 'corrupt' refers to destruction and annihilation (Dan 9:26). This verb often occurs in the context of war (2 Sam 11:1; 1 Chron 20:1) and killing (Judg 20:21, 25, 35, 42; 1 Sam 26:9). . . . What makes the earth corrupt is the violence that predominates there. . . . suggest[ing] not only the intensity of corruption, but also its totality; all aspects of corruption are implied" (*Genesis* 141).

Didn't Jesus Himself predict, "As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matthew 24:37)?

Is the world "preparing for war?" Are we on "the verge of a stupendous crisis?" Are we facing unprecedented corruption and violence globally? Is Jesus soon to return to this earth?

What if the answer were Yes? Would it make a difference in the way we live today? Racially? Last June the Pew Research Center surveyed the nation and opened its report with these words:

Almost eight years after Barack Obama's election as the nation's first black president—an event that engendered a sense of optimism among many Americans about the future of race relations—a series of flashpoints around the U.S. has exposed deep racial divides and reignited a national conversation about race. A new Pew Research Center survey finds profound differences between black and white adults in their views on racial discrimination, barriers to black progress and the prospects for change. Blacks, far

more than whites, say black people are treated unfairly across different realms of life, from dealing with the police to applying for a loan or mortgage. And, for many blacks, racial equality remains an elusive goal. ([www.pewsocialtrends.org/files/2016/06/ST\\_2016.06.27\\_Race-Inequality-Final.pdf](http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/files/2016/06/ST_2016.06.27_Race-Inequality-Final.pdf))

And how is it in the church, the church of the Jesus who prayed: **" . . . that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me" (John 17:21)?**

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—Pioneer's new pulpit series segues with Black History Sabbath today, because the mounting evidence is inescapable. If we are saved by "the faith of Jesus," then we will live by "the love of Jesus." Why? Because in the end it will be the only way a secular, godless culture will recognize the divine—in a faith community where Blacks and Whites and Yellows and Browns are bound together by the radical, bold, self-sacrificing "love of Jesus" for one another. For as C. S. Lewis once observed about *this* faith community—"What you say about the VII Day Adventists interests me extremely. If they have so much charity there must be something very right about them" (*Letters to an American Lady* 109).

Really? ■

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

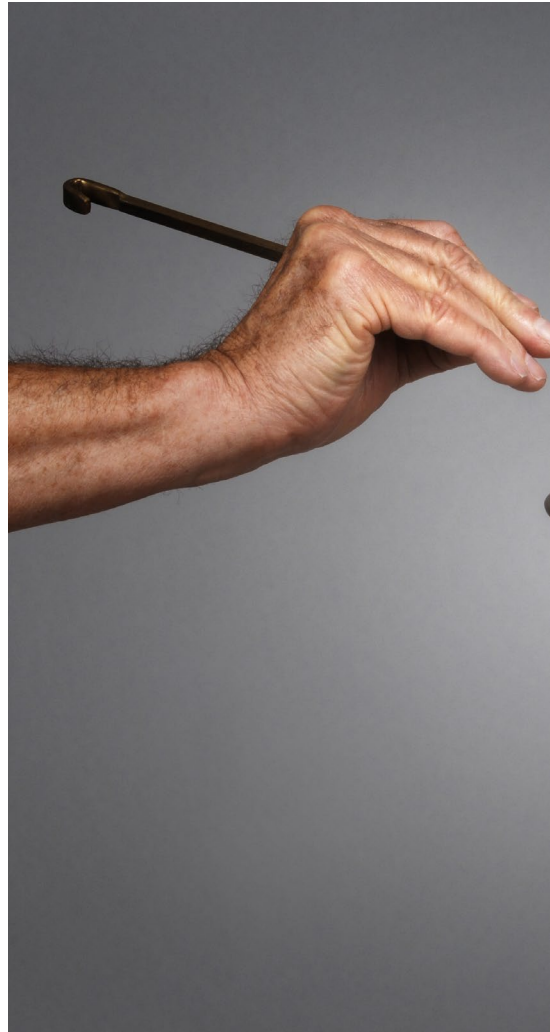
# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

GOD'S ABUNDANT PANTRY  
2016 REPORT

BY CHUCK PECK

**A**s Americans, we don't tend to think of hunger as being an issue in our own country. Most of the time we picture starving people as those from far-away nations—however, that isn't the full picture. According to Feeding America, 1 in 7 people in the U.S. face hunger every year. Even here on our own campus there are international and graduate student families who struggle to balance the need for food with the cost of going to school. That's why Pioneer Memorial Church has a ministry called God's Abundant Pantry (GAP). The positive impact this ministry has on the day-to-day lives of these student families can hardly be measured. However, here are some statistics that might provide a window into the value of this vital ministry:

- 1** The number of student family units:
  - Who applied and qualify for supplemental food = 392
  - Served each Tuesday and Thursday, average = 103
- 2** Number of donor dollars used to fund the GAP ministry = \$15,520



- 3** Pounds of food purchased = 145,540
- 4** Pounds of food donated by local growers = 38,510
- 5** Estimated retail value of food provided students = \$218,675

Because we're able, through the generosity of our local community, to acquire large amounts of food at a fraction of the retail price, we're able to stretch your dollar to go much further than it would otherwise. In fact, this year we were able to stretch it by



a factor of 14. This means that each dollar you gave was able to buy the equivalent of \$14 worth of food at retail price. Incredible! This is a huge opportunity to make a positive difference in your community.

"If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions" (1 John 3:17, 18 NLT).

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

## STUDENT FAMILY STORIES

"Despite the financial challenges we have faced during our experience at Andrews, somehow we have been blessed with more than enough food to meet our family's needs. Our freezer is filled to the brim with frozen vegetables, the refrigerator is always jam-packed with bread and fresh veggies, and our cabinets are overflowing with an abundance of canned and dry food! A great portion of the food we have been blessed with was provided to us by God's Abundant Pantry. Thank you."

"My wife and I are full time students with a seven-year-old daughter. God has been very good in helping us from month to month for the last three years. GAP is always there to help when we didn't have enough food. I pray that God will continue to bring His blessings to the students through GAP during this time of study."

I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35).

Your support is greatly appreciated by these families. May God continue to bless you and this ministry as we share His love with others. ■

*Chuck Peck is the director of God's Abundant Pantry (GAP).*

### SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY

Please write  
"GAP or God's Abundant Pantry"  
on your tithe envelope.

# WE WORSHIP

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## Opening Voluntary

*O Praise Ye the Lord • Kenneth Lowenberg*

## Introit

*Give Me Jesus • African-American Spiritual*

## Call to Worship

Sabine Vatel

Jesus prayed that we might all be one.

**Behold how good and blessed it is when people dwell in unity.**

Jesus said, "All are mine and all mine are thine and thine are mine."

**As one people in Christ, let us worship God.**

## Doxology

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

## Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

## Hymn of Praise

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling • st. 1-2, 4 of 191*

## Congregational Prayer

Sabine Vatel  
*We Would See Jesus • st. 1 of 494*

## Worship in Music

*Day and Night Praise • Margaret Douroux / Thuston*

## Baby Dedication

Grace Marie presented by Jerry & Kari Wasmer  
*with Dwight K. Nelson*

## GROW Groups

Sabine Vatel & Bryan von Dorpowski

## Tithes & Offerings

PMC Operating Expense  
*We Shall Overcome • Adolphus Hailstork*

## Children's Story

Claudia Applewhite, Andrews Academy

## Scripture

John 17:20-23 NIV • Sven & Prerna Pauliah

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.

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**May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity.

**Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me."**

## Hymn of Preparation

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* • st. 1 of 290

## Sermon

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—5 • Dwight K. Nelson  
Betty & Richard Moore

## Connect Card

## Hymn of Commitment

*They Will Know We Are Christians*  
(words on screen)

## Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

*In Christ There Is No East nor West* • Gilbert Martin

PRESIDING PASTOR: Sabine Vatel; ORGANIST: Joshua Goines

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Vocal Ensemble; Marguerite Samuel, director and soprano

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# MUSIC ALIVE

## ONE IN HIM

**T**he hymn "In Christ There Is No East nor West" underlies today's closing music. The text, in hymn no. 587, stems from a missionary pageant in London. The writer of the libretto for the pageant, William Arthur Dunkerley, wrote this hymn text. One commentary states, "The theme of the hymn reflects the apostle Paul's statement: 'There is neither

Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus' (Gal. 3:28)." The final stanza of the hymn says, "In Christ now meet both east and west, / In Him meet south and north; / All Christly souls are one in Him / Throughout the whole wide world." ■

# WE STUDY

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<b>Song Service</b>	Vladimir Slavujevic
<b>Welcome</b>	Qaisar Ayaz
<b>Scripture</b>	Galatians 5:22-25 • Zoey Caballero
<b>Prayer</b>	Cyndi Caballero
<b>Special Feature</b>	"A Call to Espana" • Athena Smith
<b>Offertory</b>	<i>Deep River</i> • Adolphus Hailstork
<b>Bible Study</b>	"The Holy Spirit and Living a Holy Life" • 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>	Vladimir Slavujevic
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ORGANIST: Joshua Goines

# WE WORSHIP 2

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## **As We Begin**

*O Praise Ye the Lord • Kenneth Lowenberg*

## **Praise**

*This Little Light of Mine • Amazing Grace • Total Praise*

## **Prayer**

Sabine Vatel

## **GROW Groups**

Sabine Vatel & Bryan von Dorpowski

## **Tithes & Offerings**

*We Shall Overcome • Adolphus Hailstork*

## **Children's Story**

Claudia Applewhite, Andrews Academy

## **Bible Reading**

John 17:20-23 NIV

## **Worship in Music**

*Day and Night Praise • Margaret Douroux / Thuston*

## **Sermon**

"STORM: Finding Jesus in the Gathering Dark"—5 • Dwight K. Nelson  
Betty & Richard Moore

## **Connect Card**

*They Will Know We Are Christians*

## **As We Depart**

*In Christ There Is No East nor West • Gilbert Martin*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Joshua Goines

PRAISE LEADER: Marguerite Samuel; PIANO: Joshua Goines

WORSHIP IN MUSIC: Vocal Ensemble; Marguerite Samuel, director and soprano

**SUBMIT** announcements by emailing [bulletin@pmchurch.org](mailto:bulletin@pmchurch.org) or by going to [www.pmchurch.org/announcements/submit](http://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** • 6:11  
**SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY** • 6:20

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### DWIGHT K. NELSON

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## FINANCIAL FEATURE

### PMC OPERATING BUDGET

There are so many little things that help to make our member experience at PMC so special. The thank-you notes and postage that PMC provides at Thanksgiving, providing the flowers at Easter, the book, flower, and shirt that all newly dedicated children receive are just a few of the examples. Please continue to support the PMC operating budget so that we can continue to enjoy these special mementos.

### Why Do Adventist Believe This?

SABBATHS • 10:30 AM  
COMMONS

Explore a fresh perspective through this interactive Bible Study group. For more info contact Tabitha ([tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org](mailto:tabitha.umali@pmchurch.org) or text 269.340.2031).

### Visitors' Dinner

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

### Family Vespers

TODAY • 6:00 PM  
YOUTH CHAPEL

Joy Kauffman, head of FARMSTEW, reports on her mission of promoting health in Uganda and Zimbabwe.

### Adventist Forum

TODAY • 3:30 PM  
CHAN SHUN (GARBER AUDITORIUM)

Garth Woodruff will present "Breaking Barriers in Food Equity: A Mobile Farmers' Market."

### House of Prayer—2 Sessions

WEDNESDAYS • 7:00 AM/7:00 PM

Join us morning (Youth Chapel) or evening (Sanctuary) for group praying—bring your Bible, bring a friend.

## **Scrapbooking Together**

TOMORROW • 1:00 TO 6:00 PM  
PMC COMMONS

Bring your favorite snack and enjoy time working on your projects. Chocolate and prizes are provided. For more info email [sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org](mailto:sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org).

## **Adventist Retirees of Michiana**

TOMORROW • 1:00 PM  
VILLAGE SDA CHURCH

Bring your favorite dish and join us as Karin Thompson plays her cello and Bruce Stover, Oronoko-Berrien Springs Fire Chief, presents "Fire Safety for Senior Citizens." For more info contact Ralph Wood ([rcwood90@gmail.com](mailto:rcwood90@gmail.com)).

## **Knitting Hearts Together**

FEBRUARY 14 • 7:00-8:30 PM  
MACCARTY HOME

The Knitting Hearts Together group will meet again this Tuesday. For more information, contact Alice Williams ([alicew@andrews.edu](mailto:alicew@andrews.edu) or 471.3373).

## **Adventist Youth Ministry Training Basic Staff**

FEBRUARY 17  
PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

**PFAD 004** – Intro to Pathfinder Club Outreach (7 PM)

FEBRUARY 18  
PMC JUNIOR 1 SABBATH SCHOOL

**PYSO 104** – Developmental Growth: Ages 10-15 (3 PM)

**EDUC 001** – Intro to Teaching (4:15 PM)

**MEDI 100** – Intro to Medical, Risk Management, and Child Safety Issues (5:30 PM)

## **Financial Peace University**

FEBRUARY 23 • 6:30 TO 8:00 PM  
PMC YOUTH CHAPEL

When was the last time you had peace about your finances? Come learn biblical principles to help manage personal finances through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. The average family pays off \$5,300 in debt in the first 90 days! For more info or to register visit [www.pmchurch.org/financialpeaceuniversity](http://www.pmchurch.org/financialpeaceuniversity) or call the church office at 269.471.3133.

## **Women's Retreat 2017**

APRIL 7-9, 14-16, & 21-23  
CAMP AUSABLE (GRAYLING, MI)

The theme for this year's retreat is "The Doctor is IN!" presented by speaker Carolyn Sutton. Register online or by phone ONLY (no paper registrations). Visit [www.misda.org](http://www.misda.org) and click "Member Services," then "Women's Ministries" and register as an individual or as a leader registering a group. See website for additional details. You can also call Deb Montcalm at 269.471.5776.

## **Funeral Dinner Volunteers Needed**

When our families lose loved ones, PMC provides a meal for them after the funeral or memorial service. It takes a lot of work and commitment on the part of those who provide these meals. Volunteers are needed to help. If you are interested please call Pat Erhard (240.4475) or Belle Tan (471.0271).

## **More Announcements**

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



## We Mourn

Today we mourn with several families in our church who have lost loved ones. We grieve with the family of **Edmond Roy**, long-time University employee and Pioneer member, who died January 31. A private graveside service is being planned for May. We mourn with Janet Adams on the death of her father, **Darrell Amundson**, who died on February 3. A service will be at the Fort Custer National Cemetery, Augusta, Michigan. We also sympathize with the family of **Robert Moon III**, who died on February 3. A funeral service will be today at 3 PM in the PMC Sanctuary. We mourn with the family of **Lillian Down**, died away on February 4. A funeral will be Sabbath, March 4, in the PMC Youth Chapel at 3 PM. We grieve with Gary and Aurora Burdick on the death of Gary's mother, **Billie Kelly Burdick**, died away on February 5. A private funeral will be in Tower, Michigan. We sympathize with the family of **George H. Akers**, who died February 4. A brief service will be at the Allred Funeral Home on Monday, February 13, at 2 PM. Visitation is at 1 PM. With all of these families we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS • SECOND READING

### | TRANSFERS IN |

ACKLES, Dorthy  
AGEE, Adahllia, Toni, & Zipporah  
KARR, Tamara  
KIM, Peter & Susie  
TRIPP, David  
WEIKUM, Donald & Lenore

### | FROM |

Beaver Dam, WI  
Alpha & Omega • Warren, OH  
Laconia, NH  
Elkhart, IN  
Charlotte, MI  
Saginaw, MI

### | TRANSFERS OUT |

ATKINS, Andrew  
FEPULEAI, Aleni  
FERGUSON, Alyssa, Caryl Lynn,  
& David  
GARCIA, Marianela  
GONZALEZ, Genesis  
HEARN, Joseph  
KOTANKO, Lonnie  
MAZUR, Kelver  
NYACHIEO, Ruth  
RODRIGUEZ, Kitty  
SHELLEY, Cyndy

### | TO |

Bolingbrook • Romeoville, IL  
Samoan • Vista, CA  
Collegedale, TN  
  
Hialeah, FL  
Clear Lake, WI  
Tabernacle • Portland, OR  
CrossWalk • Redlands, CA  
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