

PIONEER CONNECT

APRIL 22, 2017



WELCOME

to Pioneers

Oh the wonder of it all! Spring has certainly arrived. Morning's dawn awakens us a little bit earlier each day. The zeal of budding plants nudge us to look forward to a "recess" in the middle of the work day. And dusk bids well to the day with an explosion of colors. For all the commentary regarding "Michigan" weather, I enjoy the seasons we get to experience, even when it means we can experience two or more in a day.

This morning you are welcome to start a new season in your journey with God. What does that look like for you? The good news is you don't have to know. God desires a relationship with you. Time is a friendship's best friend. Take time to visit with God. Start today, start here.

—José Bourget

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ANTIDOTE FOR KAROSHI

BY DWIGHT K. NELSON

In Japan, the land of my birth, the public has been stunned with the number of deaths linked to its culture of notoriously long work hours. So severe are the mounting statistics that the Japanese have coined a word for it, *karoshi*—“death by overwork.” It is estimated that more than 2000 suicides in 2015 were the result of work issues, chiefly overtime and overwork (www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-04-13/japan-s-bid-to-stop-death-by-overwork-seen-falling-short).

And when the court ruled that the suicide of a 24 year old female employee of the giant Dentsu ad agency was the result of illegally long hours on the job (105 hours of overtime per month!), the government scrambled to respond. Last month Prime Minister Shinzo Abe led a government panel to recommend that “an employee’s overtime should be kept under 100 hours in any single month, and average no more than 80 hours a month over any two- to six-month period, with an annual cap of 720 hours.” But activists have vigorously challenged that recommendation. Noriko Nakahara, a member of the National Association of Families Concerned About Karoshi, whose physician husband’s suicide was ruled *karoshi*, protested that “the 100-hour limit is too high and could legitimize a culture of excessive work that hurts the mental and physical health of employees” (ibid).

In an effort to promote “a healthier work culture,” the Japanese government has

instituted what it calls a “Premium Friday” campaign—encouraging companies to allow their employees to leave early “on the last Friday of every month” (ibid). Well. At least it’s a start.

Truth is we in this nation can’t exactly point fingers at the Japanese. Our own can-do culture that applauds its overachieving, overworking sports heroes, entertainment and music stars, and business icons seems to bestow its highest laurels for all who are driven to succeed never mind the cost.

Could it be that what both nations need isn’t a “Premium Friday” once a month, but a restful Sabbath every week? “Come to Me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest,” offers the Lord of the Sabbath (Matthew 11:28 GNT). “For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth . . . but He rested on the seventh day” (Exodus 20:11 NIV). The Creator embedded within our DNA the universal need to discover in tandem, in relationship with Him our deepest and most satisfying rest—physical, emotional, mental, social, and spiritual rest.

Marva Dawn is right: “In an age that has lost its soul, Sabbath keeping offers the possibility of gaining it back. In an age desperately searching for meaning, Sabbath keeping offers a new hope” (in Gregory P. Nelson’s *A Touch of Heaven* 22).

But as Wayne Muller explains: “Sabbath is more than the absence of work; it is not just a day off, when we catch up on television and errands. It is the presence of



something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honoring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain and heal us” (*Sabbath: Finding Rest, Renewal, and Delight in Our Busy Lives* 8).

Plain and simple—God’s gift to us of the seventh-day Sabbath offers this civilization

the very rest we’re dying for—a Sabbath rest for the rest of our lives.

Plain and simple—won’t you take it? ■

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



"Consider the lilies
 how they grow:
 they toil not,
 they spin not;
 and yet I say unto you,
 that Solomon
 in all his glory
 was not arrayed
 like one of these."
 –Luke 12:27



MINISTERING THROUGH FLOWERS

BY RACHELLE OFFENBACK

What a beautiful time of year! Spring is one of my favorite seasons. It makes me feel re-energized after a long, cold winter. I love seeing all the trees starting to bud and the flowers popping up in everyone's yards. Their blooms have an exceptional effect on us, making us feel happier and more hopeful!

Studies have shown that plants benefit our health and well-being in a number of different ways. The calming effect of natural beauty helps improve concentration and learning, accelerates healing, reduces stress, and even helps us to have better relationships with others. Having flowers around the home, office, or hospital room not only increases our level of happiness but also makes us more optimistic about life.

No wonder God placed Adam and Eve in a beautiful garden for their home! "The Creator chose for our first parents the surroundings best adapted for their health and happiness. . . . In the garden that God prepared as a home for His children, graceful shrubs and delicate flowers greeted the eye at every turn. There were trees of every variety, many of them laden with fragrant and delicious fruit. On their branches the birds caroled their songs of praise" (*Ministry of Healing*, p. 261).

The PMC Flower Ministry team, which consists of Lori Covrig, Wendy Ronto, Llana Chapman, and Ronda Hodge, specializes in bringing the beauty of flowers and plants to our church sanctuary all year long. It is only natural for flowers to be a part of our worship experience as we

gather to praise the Artist who created such beautiful blooms. This ministry also sends flowers to the homes and hospital rooms of church members who are sick or grieving. Almost every week, you will see heartfelt thank-you notes in our announcement section from members who have been blessed by these floral gifts.

You can be a part of this ministry in many different ways. One way to contribute is by giving to our PMC Operating Expense. This money enables us to buy the cheerful arrangements we send to those experiencing illness or a death in the family. Another way is to provide flowers for the sanctuary on Sabbath. You can do this to celebrate a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or other special event in your life. Or you can provide flowers in honor of someone's memory. Additionally, if you have flowers growing in your garden you can choose to donate an arrangement. To arrange for this or if you feel God calling you to help with this ministry, contact Lori Covrig (313.3441). ■

Rachelle Offenback is the Bulletin Editor and Graphic Designer here at PMC.

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WE WORSHIP

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Opening Voluntary

Praise to the Lord • Johann Walther

Introit

Worship Suite (Isaiah 12): Praise the Lord • Kenneth Logan

Call to Worship

José Bourget

Come! let us witness together.

Come, my friend, let us grow as disciples together.

Come! Let us share in Jesus' work.

Let us lean upon our God from our youth through our old age.

Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow • 2

Invocation

Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Praise

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun • 227

Congregational Prayer

Choral Call to Prayer

Choral Response to Prayer

Robert Machado

You Shall Draw Water

God Is My Salvation

Worship in Music

With a Voice of Singing • Martin Shaw

GO Projects Report

Rodlie Ortiz

Tithes & Offerings

Michigan Advance Partners
Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy • Traditional American Melody

Children's Story

Gabriel Palacios

Scripture

Matthew 13:47-50 NIV • Peter van Bemmelen & Dionne Gittens

"Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away.

This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Hymn of Preparation

Rescue the Perishing • 367

Sermon

"Gone Fishin'"–3 • Dwight K. Nelson

Hymn of Commitment

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fantasia • Johann Sebastian Bach

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

MUSIC ALIVE

FROM ONE CHAPTER

Today's shorter choral music is part of a new *Worship Suite* that draws its text from Isaiah 12. At the opening of worship we have the longest of the text portions, enjoining the listener to praise, declare, mention, and sing! The gentle gurgling of water may be discerned in the call to prayer, "With joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation." Prayer closes with the choral affirmation, "God

is my salvation." After the children's story occurs a fragment from each of the other sections of the suite, their original contexts creating their appropriate meaning context as they occur in joyous mixture. Finally (11:45), the benediction response affirms "I will trust and not be afraid." Much appreciation goes to director Jeannie Pedersen-Smith for an essential role in the genesis of this joyous new suite! ■

WE STUDY

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Song Service

Vladimir Slavujevic

Scripture & Prayer

Mordekai Ongo • 1 Peter 4:8

Special Feature

"Pioneers Pave the Way" • Mission Spotlight

Offertory

Bible Study

"Social Relationships" • 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: Jonathan & Myrna Constantine

WE WORSHIP 2

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As We Begin

Praise to the Lord • Johann Walther
Worship Suite (Isaiah 12): Praise the Lord • Kenneth Logan

Praise

I Will Lift up Your Name • *Sweet Sweet Spirit* • *Still*

Prayer

Call to Prayer
Response to Prayer

Robert Machado
You Shall Draw Water
God Is My Salvation

GO Projects Report

Rodlie Ortiz

Baby Dedication

Eleana Chen Meng presented by Adam & Beverly Brown
with José Bourget

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Connect Card

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

Benediction

I Will Trust

As We Depart

Fantasia • *Johann Sebastian Bach*

WORSHIP COORDINATOR: José Bourget; ORGAN: Kenneth Logan
BASS GUITAR: Jerry Wasmer; CELLO: Andrew Gagi; PIANO: Joshua Goines
VIOLA: Haley Butler; VIOLIN: Richard Clark, Colin Fenwick
VOCALS: Ivana Ticar, Jamila Sylvester, Jay Oetman, Sinegugu Katenga
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 • 8:32
SUNSET NEXT FRIDAY • 8:40

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ALVIN M. KIBBLE

"So, Now What?"
AU Baccalaureate

FINANCIAL FEATURE

MICHIGAN ADVANCE PARTNERS

As kids, many of us enjoyed an Adventist education, attending Adventist summer camps and evangelistic meetings. As we became older some of us decided to work at those camps, evangelistic events, and schools to further God's work in the lives of young people. Today, remember the impact your camp experiences and Adventist education had on you or your children. Supporting Michigan Advanced Partners in today's offering will allow more kids in Michigan to enjoy these types of experiences and to grow closer to Jesus.

Adventist Forum Meeting

TODAY • 3:30 PM

CHAN SHUN HALL (GARBER AUD.)

Nicholas Miller, Director of International Religious Liberty Institute, will lead a panel discussion entitled "Religious Freedom and Public Morality: Church-State Issues in American Today."

Pathfinder Bible Experience

Today is the final PBE meet of the year. Your PMC team is gathered in the Chicago area with over 75 teams from across the country, Canada, and England, and are having their final test this morning. Please pray that God's Spirit will give them quick minds and peace, and that the blessing of God's word stays with these kids as they complete this year's journey. They have worked hard studying Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and 1 & 2 Timothy.

Family Vespers

Vespers is cancelled this week in lieu of the Journey program.

Nominating Committee

FIRST READING

Finance Committee Chairperson:
Sharyl Turon

AU Wind Symphony Spring Concert

TOMORROW • 4:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The AU Wind Symphony, directed by Alan Mitchell, will present their annual spring concert. This will be the last concert directed by Alan Mitchell; after directing the ensemble for nearly three decades, Mitchell will enter retirement this summer. They will perform "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copland, "Overture to Candide" by Leonard Bernstein, "Irish Tune from County Derry" by Percy Granger, and many more. The program will also feature two soloists. Call the HPAC Box Office at 471.3560 for tickets or visit www.howard.andrews.edu.

Organ Recital

TOMORROW • 7:00 PM
PMC SANCTUARY

Heidi Ordaz, graduate organ student, will feature French and German organ music.

Knitting Hearts Together

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

Consider joining this ministry to the bereaved and seriously ill. For more information, contact Alice Williams (alicew@andrews.edu, 461.6815, or 281.1005) or Lyn MacCarty (471.9060 or 208.3377).

The National Christian Choir Concert

APRIL 29 • 7:00 PM

HOWARD PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

The National Christian Choir, an inter-denominational choir based in the Washington, DC, area will present an evening of musical worship! Free admission.

Scrapbooking Together

APRIL 30 • 11:00 AM TO 6:00 PM
PMC COMMONS

Enjoy time with friends while preserving memories! Bring your projects and a snack. We provide prizes and chocolate. For questions, email sherrie.davis@lakeunion.org.

Soup for Students

On May 2 let's give some bowls of love to students during finals week. We need commitments for 25 pots of soup and some cookies. We also need volunteers to help clean up after the event. Let us know by April 28 if you can help by calling Lailane Legoh at 269.471.3543.

RMES Golf Scramble

APRIL 30

BROOKWOOD GOLF COURSE
(1339 RYNEARSON ST, BUCHANAN)

Join us for a Golf Outing Fundraiser for RMES! We will be golfing in teams of 4 with a shotgun start at 9 AM. Register at MyRMES.org and click on Golf Outing. Registration deadline is April 24. Contact Nicole Price for more info or to sponsor the event (jandnprice4@gmail.com).

We Mourn

We mourn with Judy Dowell on the death of her husband, Charles Dowell, who died on April 16. A funeral was held in the PMC Youth Chapel on April 20. With the family we look forward to the resurrection morning. "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

More Announcements

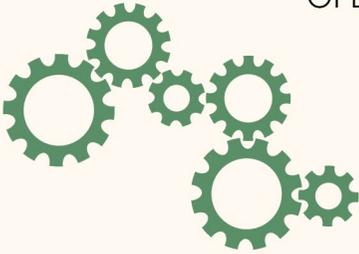
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RECEIVED TO-DATE	121,683
RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	114,815

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GOAL TO-DATE	47,376
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RECEIVED TO-DATE 2016	20,139

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THE GREAT EXCHANGE [NEW LIFE & PMC @11:45A]

ONE PLACE WORSHIP [NEWBOLD AUDITORIUM @11:45A]

KOINONIA LUNCH [OUTDOOR MALL / EVERYONE IS INVITED]

KOINONIA VESPERS [OUTDOOR MALL / EVERYONE IS INVITED]

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