

Ecumenical Minister's Bible Study-Join us for a 9 month study of the Gospel of John. We will share questions and insights with Malawian Christians of the Chivabi Congregation of the Central Church of Africa Presbyterian in Mzuzu, Malawi. The leader on the Malawian side was our 2011 Ecumenical Minister from Malawi, the Rev. Timothy Nyasulu. **3rd Monday evenings, 7:30-8:30 p.m. September - May.**

Tuesdays

Women's Bible Study- Join Rev. Mozena, and other women of the church for a 45 minute midweek study that will start your day right and keep you headed in the right direction. The group is open to the Spirit, having started with "Uppity Women of the Bible," then moving to The Gospel of John, and now studying The Book of Job! **Tuesday mornings 7 - 7:45 a.m.**

Presbyterian Women's Evening Circle Bible Study- Beginning in October, the Circle will meet on the **2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.** They are following the *Horizons* Bible Study on the Beatitudes.

Moms' Bible Study - Join Rev. Mozena for a new morning Bible Study just for women. We meet twice a month on Tuesday morning at 9:30 a.m. for an hour of prayer, study and conversation. Childcare will be available but we do ask that you call ahead to the Christian Education office to make a reservation for your child. **2nd & 4th Tuesday mornings, 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.**

Wednesdays

Men's Bible Study-Join Rev. Henry and members of the church in a weekly Bible study that often pairs theological reflections with Scripture. We read the entire Bible in 2010, followed it up with a four month study of the Gospel of Matthew, and are part way through the Gospel of John. **Wednesday mornings, 7-7:45 a.m.**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study- Join Rev. Mozena and members of the church for an evening Bible Study twice a month. The group decides what it wants to read! Right now they are working on Paul's letter to the Romans, and enjoying the theological conversations that arise from it. **1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings, 7:30-9 p.m.**

Faith and Literature-Join Peter and Shawn Henry at their home for a discussion of short stories chosen for their ability to elicit questions of faith. Dessert and coffee are provided; no theological or literary degrees required. Short stories are available in the Reception area. **2nd Wednesday evening of each month, 7:15 -8:30 p.m.**

The Novel as Theology-Join Peter and Shawn Henry at their home for a discussion of a novel chosen each month for its ability to elicit questions of faith. Dessert and coffee are provided. Past selections have included *A Thousand Splendid Suns* and *The Hotel at the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*. **4th Wednesday evening of each month 7:30-9 p.m.**

Special Sunday Morning Presentations

Jan. 22 - The Rev. Samer Azar, a Lutheran minister from Jordan, will lead a Middle Hour conversation about the Christian presence in Jordan and its challenges.

Jan. 29 - Roger Myers, CEO of Presbyterian Villages of Michigan, (PVM) will present information about how to evaluate senior housing alternatives, as well as providing information about PVM and its long connection with GPMC.

Special Mid-week Offerings

January 23, 25, (9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.)

January 27 (10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.)

Ecumenical Minister Morning Seminars
at Grosse Pointe Memorial Church

January 24 and January 26 (7 - 9 p.m.)

Ecumenical Minister Evening Seminars
at St. Paul Lutheran Church

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Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
Matthew 18:20

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Programs for Children & Youth Sunday Mornings

Registration

Registration, Power of Attorney & Photo Release forms are available in the Christian Education office and also on our church website.

Child Care

Staffed with kind and loving paid staff and volunteers, we offer child care every Sunday morning for the youngest members of your family. During the school year our infant and toddler rooms are open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. and during the summer months 8:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

Young Children and Worship

A worship experience offered for all children age 3 through 2nd grade during the 9 a.m. worship service. Participants are excused after the children's sermon (approximately 20 minutes into the service) to their own Worship Center to experience God's word through storytelling, prayer, art and music.

Sunday School

We have a wonderful team of dedicated, caring teachers committed to providing a strong church school program for the children, teaching them the fundamentals of Reformed faith and leading them on a life-long spiritual journey based on biblical literacy. Sunday school is offered during the school year each Sunday from 10:10 to 11:00 a.m.

Mid-Week Programs Mornings at Memorial

Our weekday morning program for children 18 months to 5 years of age, provides a welcoming, fun experience in a safe and stimulating Christian environment. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Contact Nancy Schulte for information about fees and registration.

Mid-Week Programs LOGOS

Logos is all about fun, family and friends while worshipping God. It provides the dynamics of a good camp program experience in the context of the life of our own church to help nurture your child's Christian discipleship. For children ages **First through Fifth grade**, they meet on Tuesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Oct. - April. An \$80 registration fee covers the cost of meals & supplies for the fall term. **Children in Kindergarten** are invited to participate in the program on Tuesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. They participate in choir and dinner. A \$50 registration fee covers the cost of meals & supplies for the fall term.

Mission Projects

Throughout the year we offer many different opportunities for the children to learn the importance of service to those in need. Some of the mission projects are off-site and in the neighboring communities and others are projects completed at church.

LIFE AND TUXIS

LIFE (Living in Faith Evermore)
Middle School (grades 6-8)

TUXIS (Together Under Christ In Service) Senior High (grades 9-12)

Our middle school and senior high youth meet regularly throughout the school year on Tuesday nights. The youth lounge opens at 6:00 p.m. for those who want to work on homework, get something to eat, or hang out with friends. Youth meetings are from 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Special events are planned throughout the year. These include mission opportunities and fun outings. Contact Pastor Matt or check the church website for more information.

Seekers

High school freshmen are encouraged to participate in SEEKERS, the confirmation program for GPMC. Youth participate in two retreats and a number of Saturday meetings to discover more about their relationship with God, faith, worship and the Bible. Youth connect with a mentor who will assist and guide them through this time.

Senior High Mission Trip

Each year the congregation commissions a group of youth and their adult advisors to participate in mission throughout the world. This year, the mission trip will be the week of June 17-24, 2012.

Summer Programs

"Growing with God" During the summer lakeside service, the children are invited to the vegetable garden after the "Time with Children." Our summer worship leaders engage the children in learning about the importance of serving others and how the vegetables we grow each summer can help our neighbors who are hungry.

Vacation Bible School

GPMC partners with other local churches to offer a fun, week-long morning camp for children ages 4 - 5th grade. The program also adopts a mission project for the children to participate in.

Family Ministry

Throughout the year we offer regular opportunities for families to participate and enjoy fellowship within our community of faith. Some of these traditions are:

Hanging of the Greens

Summer softball games and picnics

Summer family camping trip

Young Families events - For families with preschool age and younger children.

Sunday Morning Programs for Adults at 10:10 a.m.

Insights - On most first Sundays of the month, Rev. Henry will share insights for his sermon that day that he gleaned from one of our children's or youth Sunday school classes. **1st Sunday of the month.**

A Pause for Parents - On the second Sunday of each month we will discuss a topic related to raising our children. From technology to the spiritual benefits of physical exercise, this once-a-month offering is perfect for parents and grandparents. **2nd Sunday of the month.**

Speaking with Seniors - On most third Sundays of the month, one of our staff members or a local professional will lead conversations about issues related to aging. **3rd Sunday of the month.**

College, Inc. - (Jan. 8, 15, and 22) As higher education institutions continue to redefine themselves, the popularity of on-line degree programs has increased. Students who receive their degree are often saddled with large educational debt. We will view portions of the PBS documentary *College, Inc.* & discuss assistance offered by our denomination and other faith-based organizations.

Mid-week Classes

Mondays

The Preacher's Workshop - Join Rev. Henry for a discussion of the upcoming Sunday's preaching text. No special expertise in the Bible required! **Monday mornings 10-11 a.m.**

Theology and Film - Join Rev. Parker Wrzeszcz for a night of theological reflection upon contemporary films. Past selections have included *Chocolat*, *Gran Torino* & *Babette's Feast*. **1st Monday evening of each month.**