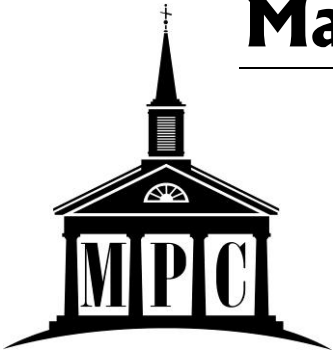




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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 4, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship, Communion

Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor | Sermon – God of Life

We welcome you to join us in-person or virtually. You can access the live stream on Twitch [HERE](#).

Past services may be viewed on our YouTube channel using the link on our website. The live stream link and weekly bulletins are also available on our website, www.marplepres.org.

Pastor Roberta Kearney's e-mail – rkearney@marplepres.org

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP

Saturday, Oct. 3 10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday, Oct. 6 10 am – 3 pm

Oct. 7 at 7:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting via Zoom

JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm

zoom.us/j/6103561098 Password MPC

Thursdays at 6:30 pm – Choir Rehearsal

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Oct. 21 at 7 pm – Session Meeting

Nov. 1 – Worship, Communion, All Saints' Day

Nov. 4 at 7:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting

Nov. 18 at 7 pm – Session Meeting

Nov. 22 - Cantata; Attendees are invited to donate non-perishable food items for Chester Eastside

Nov. 25 - 27 - Church Office Closed



Stewardship Message for October, 2026

Per Capita Giving Opportunity

We, as members of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), are connected to a larger body of believers through our congregation, presbytery, synod, and General Assembly.

As a connectional church, we both benefit from and contribute to the ministries of the PC(USA).

One way we support our shared ministry is through our per capita allocation. Per capita is Latin meaning paying “for each head”.

Per Capita, is constitutionally required by our Book of Order. Per capita is the annual amount assessed for each member of the church to enable the work of the PC(USA) in governance, leadership, and mission work of the denomination.

These funds support the work of our councils, the preparation and training of church leaders, constitutional and judicial functions, and the ministries that connect and strengthen Presbyterian churches across the country.

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is \$40 per member, a cost we ask each member to contribute to the church for this purpose.

If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of \$40. By doing so, you help relieve this expense from our church's operating budget and enable more of our resources to support the local ministries of our congregation.

How your contribution is used:

- \$24.56 supports the Presbytery infrastructure which supports shared ministries in Philadelphia, Delaware, Bucks and Montgomery Counties
- \$2.40 goes to the Synod which consists of 16 Presbyteries across Pennsylvania and parts of West Virginia and Ohio
- \$12.04 goes to the Office of the General Assembly, which supports our Synods, Presbyteries, and over 10,000 congregations.

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and for helping us live out our connectional commitment as the body of Christ.

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

Ministry Invitation

Anyone who regularly worships at Marple, online or in person whether or not a church member, is invited to be part of this team.

Marple has been invited to participate in a 12-month program to determine the best ways to reach and welcome people to join in ministry and life at Marple.

The goal is to develop a plan specific to Marple to grow membership by 10% within 12 months. Formation of the plan will occur over four to five months. The remaining months will be spent applying the plan and learning what uses of social media would be most beneficial in our area. The work begins in October and will be done on Zoom. It involves a monthly 2-hour commitment.

The plan includes 5 steps, the first three of which can begin in as soon as 2-3 people commit to being on the Growth Team. Participation on the team is open to all friends and members of

Marple. Additional Marple team meetings, on Zoom, and actions include a 4-8 hour/month commitment.

Broadly, Steps 1-3 are as follows:

1. Work with our church to learn what kind of fellowship events we would invite friends and family to attend at church. Pick the event, then invite family, friends, and former church members to attend.
2. In weekly worship celebrate a blessing in the church or community. Invite inactive or community people to attend.
3. Identify someone who needs a little help, or a celebration, or a bit of encouragement in the neighborhood or church. Meet the need and then celebrate in worship.

John Strain is the contact person to learn more.

During this time of pastoral transition please be aware that the Deacons will be available for addressing and communicating any pastoral needs. You can email or text/call:

Joyce Holmwood jholmwood433@comcast.net 610-888-7458

OR

Linda Pursley lpursley1981@gmail.com 631 942- 5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.