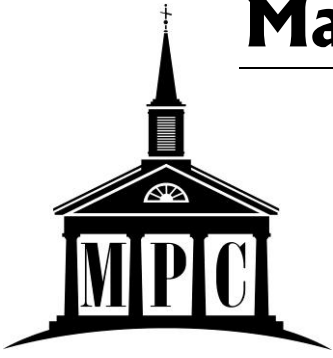




Marple Presbyterian Church

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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 30, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship, Deadline to bring in School Supplies

Rev. Roberta Kearney, Transitional Pastor | Sermon – Dig Deeper

Blessing Celebration – we ask for God's blessing on the children who will receive school supplies from our church.

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.

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP

Saturday, August 29 10 am – 4 pm

Tuesday, Sept. 1 10 am – 3 pm

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

Sept. 2 – Deacon's Meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sept. 7 – Labor Day Holiday, Church Office Closed

Sept. 10 – 16 – Church Office Closed

Sept. 16 – Session Meeting at 7 pm

Sept. 27 – Recognition of our 50+ Year Members



Backpack Supplies Due Sunday for Deacon distribution

The new school year is almost here and the Deacons are, once again, collecting school supplies for the children at the Shelter.

Please note: The Deacons will purchase the back packs. However, we need everything else.

So, look for those sales and, if you can, please pick up a few items for the kids who are less fortunate.

**Linda Pursley, Deacon Moderator
631-942-5758**

Please bring your school supplies into the church by Sunday August 30th, so we can sort and deliver everything to the shelter.

You can also send a check to the church labeled Deacons School Supplies and we will shop for you, if you cannot or prefer not to shop.

Thank you for your very generous support of this ministry.



HONORING OUR LONGTIME MEMBERS

Information needed for Anniversary Sunday – September 27.

Anniversary Sunday is a great time to celebrate 50 years of faithful church membership.

This year – Roberta would like to add an additional piece to the Anniversary celebration, in order to recognize folks who have been church members for 50 years, whether or not those years were all at Marple.

The idea of celebrating 50 years of membership comes from the Freemasons. The celebration serves as a reminder that long term faithfulness blesses our church. It dates from an era when most folks lived in the same place their entire lives.

Now, as people are much more mobile, they may have joined Marple 20 or 30 years ago,

but may not ever attain 50 years at Marple, even as they have been faithful to God and the church for five or more decades.

If you have been a church member anywhere, for 50 plus years, are close to being a 50-year member of Christ's church please let us know.

At the same time, we would like to gather important information you wish to share, from all our members:

Please feel free to call the church office with this information (610-356-1098) or send an email to marplepc@gmail.com

Name

- Birthday – Month and Day
- Wedding Anniversary, if applicable
- Year you joined Marple Presbyterian Church
- How long you have been a church member elsewhere, before coming to Marple.

Ministry Invitation

Touchpoint Church Growth Plan

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:

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OR

Linda Pursley lpursley1981@gmail.com 631 942- 5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.