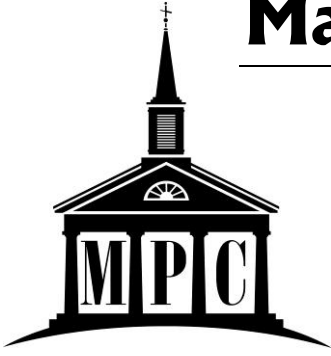


# Marple Presbyterian Church

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

**Sunday, May 17, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship, Luncheon in Fellowship Hall**

**The Rev. Jim Reisner, Transitional Pastor – Sermon – A Colony of Heaven**

*“Wherever the early Christians entered a town the power structure got disturbed and immediately sought to convict them for being 'disturbers of the peace' and 'outside agitators.' But they went on with the conviction that they were a 'colony of heaven' and had to obey God rather than man. They were small in number but big in commitment. They were too God-intoxicated to be 'astronomically intimidated.’”*

— Martin Luther King Jr., [Letter from the Birmingham Jail](#)

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](http://www.marplepres.org).

**Saturday, May 16** - Memorial Service for Cate Hoffman at 11 am in the Chapel

**Sunday, May 17** – There will be a congregational meal after worship. Please contact Debbie Pettinelli if you would be willing to make a dish or help serve.

## MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP

**Saturday, May 16 CLOSED**

**Tuesday, May 19 10 am – 3 pm**

## JOYS AND CONCERNS ON ZOOM

**Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 3 – 4 pm**

[zoom.us/j/6103561098](https://zoom.us/j/6103561098) Password MPC

## CHOIR REHEARSAL

**Thursday - 6:30 pm, MPC Chapel**



# STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

**FOOD & FUN  
FOR ALL AGES**

**\$8** per person\*

Kids 3 & under **FREE**

*\*Includes dessert ticket*

Strawberries, Desserts, Ice Cream  
Delicious Food \* Vendors \* Games \* Kids Activities \* Snapology  
MPC THRIFT STORE – BARGAINS GALORE

**FRIDAY JUNE 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5-8pm**

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### More "Gently-Used Jewelry" Needed

The Jewelry Table has been quite popular with patrons of the Strawberry Festival. So much so, that we're in need of more jewelry donations. With many returning shoppers, we would like to offer some new selections. Also if you have any small boxes they will also be much appreciated.

You can give them to me at Sunday Service or leave them at the church office with Lori.



I will also be in need of helpers with the Jewelry Table:

Setup - Thursday, June 4th

Selling at the Festival - Friday, June 5th • 5-8pm

Breakdown of the Jewelry Table after the Festival

Thank you.

Diane Valaitis • 609-922-0042 • mardy1107@me.com

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

May 22 – Red Cross Blood Drive from 8 am – 1pm (MPC Fellowship Hall)

May 22 – Church Office Closed

May 24 – Worship, Kate McShane, Guest Preacher

May 25 – Memorial Day Holiday, Church Office Closed

June 3 – Deacon's Meeting via Zoom at 7:30 pm

June 4 – Strawberry Fest set-up

June 5 – Church Office Closed, Strawberry Fest, 5 – 8 pm

June 14 - Worship, Kate McShane, Guest Preacher

June 17 – Session Meeting at 7 pm, Moderated by Rev. Kirby Lawrence Hill

June 21 - Worship, Kate McShane, Guest Preacher

June 28 - Worship, Kate McShane, Guest Preacher

## **A Note From C.E.**

As you are all aware, the Christian Education leadership has been continually striving to rebuild and renew our children and youth educational offerings. At the present time, we are focused on trying to build up Sunday School, including the addition of a Toddler Sunday School class, as we work with the children that are currently present in the congregation and look to inviting new families to join us. We are also focused on our Youth Group, as we graduate about half our current membership and envision what next year's group might look like and how we might adapt to best suit the needs of our youth.

In light of all of this, we have decided, with the support and approval of Session, not to hold Vacation Bible School again this summer. As we look forward to the calling a new pastor, we will continue to consider the future of this program for the summers to come. If any members of the congregation wish to take a greater role in either our current programming, consideration of the future of VBS, or the development of new educational programming ideas, please contact Ben or Kristen Mitchell.

## **Baby/Toddler Sunday School Class Forming**

We are going to be kicking off an occasional baby/toddler (targeting ages 1-3) Sunday School class this Spring. As of right now, the plan is to hold the same during Sunday Services, with at least one parent participating in the class with their toddler. We will have pre-selected dates for the same based upon participant availability. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Kristen Mitchell at [klizzano@gmail.com](mailto:klizzano@gmail.com) to be put on the email list for more information.

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](mailto:lpursley1981@gmail.com)      631 942- 5758

or any Deacon listed in the bulletin.