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WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 8, 2026 - 10:30 a.m. Worship

Guest Pastor Sherry Elliot | Sermon – Can I Borrow a Cup of Sugar?

Along with their dog, Lentil, Pastor Sherry and her husband, David live in a cooperative community in West Center City. They have three sons. Princeton Theological Seminary is her alma mater. Sherry has served in various communities; rural, urban and suburban. She enjoys writing, visiting museums, laughter and spending time with friends. With a combination of kindness, generosity and patient words, she is thankful to share the Good News of Jesus every day that gives her opportunity to be out in the world.

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.

Touchpoint Growing our Church

We will meet this Sunday, November 8, after church. The emphasis will be on next steps toward relational connections and blessings. So, if you are still curious on what this entails, please plan to attend.
Even if you can't or won't attend, your prayers for our success are welcome.

John

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

MARPLE PRESBYTERIAN THRIFT SHOP
Saturday, Nov. 7 10 am – 4 pm
Tuesday, Nov. 10 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

UPCOMING EVENTS:
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
Dec. 2 at 7:30 pm – Deacon's Meeting via Zoom
Dec. 6 at 10:30 am – Worship, Communion, Caroling Luncheon after Worship

Giving for PC(USA) Per Capita

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".

Our congregation's Per Capita assessment is $40 per member. If you have not already designated your contribution, we invite you to contribute your Per Capita share of $40.

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

Stewardship

GROWING OUR FAITH

Stewardship of God's Power

When we hear the word "stewardship," we often think about money, giving, and supporting our church. But stewardship is about much more than our financial resources. It is also about how we use the gifts, influence, and power God has entrusted to us.

The story of Exodus presents us with two very different ways of living. Egypt's economy was built on fear, oppression, and the desire to maintain power by keeping others under control. Scarcity shaped people's lives, creating a world in which those who had power sought to protect it, while others carried burdens they could not bear alone.

God offers us a different way.

In God's economy, power is not something to hoard or use to dominate others. It is an opportunity to serve, to lift burdens, and to help others discover their own gifts. God's abundance reminds us that we do not have to live in fear that there will not be enough. We can share what we have because our hope rests in God's generosity.

Each of us has some measure of power. It may come through our position at work, our responsibilities at home, our involvement in the church, or simply our ability to encourage someone who feels overlooked. We may not always recognize our influence, but our words, choices, and actions can make a difference in another person's life.

Stewardship of God's power means asking ourselves not simply how much power we have, but how faithfully we use it. Do we use our influence to serve or to control? Do we hold tightly to our privileges, or do we make room for others to contribute their gifts? Do we add to another person's burdens, or do we help carry them?

God entrusts us with gifts and opportunities, not merely for our own benefit, but so that we may become a blessing to others. When we use our influence with humility, generosity, and love, we reflect the kind of community God desires for us.

Perhaps the most important question of stewardship is not, "What do I have to give?" but rather, "How can I use what God has given me to help someone else flourish?" That is stewardship, too. And it is one way we bring God's economy of grace into the world around us.

As the choir sang in anthem "He Never Failed Me Yet" by Robert Ray a couple weeks ago: "I will sing of God's mercy every day, every hour, He gives me power. "

Marple Presbyterian Church will be collecting donations for Chester Eastside on Sunday, Nov. 22.

CHESTER EASTSIDE
Est. 1985

The CEI Food Pantry Most Needed Items:



- beans, rice, and pasta
- soup, stew
- canned fruits and vegetables
- peanut butter and jelly
- tuna fish and canned fish/meat
- biscuit/pancake mix
- instant mashed potatoes
- cornbread mix

The CEI Clothes Closet Most Needed Items:



- socks, underwear, hats
- blankets
- toiletries

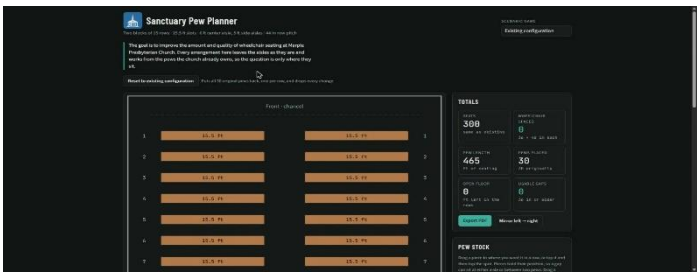
Please mark your calendars for Nov. 22 – we will have a workday after Worship to sort items from the MPC Thrift Shop for Chester Eastside. Lunch will be provided.

Making Room for Everyone

Recently we said goodbye to Kristen's father Rich. Our friend Jen, who uses a wheelchair, came through the receiving line and asked where she should sit. The honest answer was the aisle or a few spaces at the very back of the sanctuary. When I shared this conversation, others from our church told me their own version of the same story. Raising questions about what could be done.

So I inventoried every pew and built the Pew Planner. It lets you test seating layouts on a computer screen before we ever finalize a plan to move a single pew. Changing the sanctuary is a big deal. The look and feel of our worship space matters deeply to many of us. But making room for everyone is important too, so these decisions should be made with input from you.

Detailed instructions on using the app are found in the Oct. 29th eblast newsletter. Instructions are also on the site Ben has created, with the link listed below.



How to Use It

1. Go to **www.1031f.com/pew-planner.html** on a computer or tablet.
2. Click a pew and press Delete to remove it. Drag a pew from Pew Stock to place it.
3. Check the Totals panel, then name your layout.

Your Part

Please try the planner this week and email your plan to **benmitchelliii@gmail.com**. As you work, consider:

- A baptism or wedding with a family member in a wheelchair. How close would you want them to sit?
- Any of us may need mobility help someday. Where would you want to sit then?
- How close do you want to be to your usual seat, and what would you adjust so others can sit near their families?

Pray about it, then send us your plan.

Ben Mitchell III

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. Please be sure to e-mail Pastor Roberta as well at rkearney@marplepres.org