

# Mendenhall Messenger

JULY 2016

Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

## A Note From Our Pastor

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Interim Pastor

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### Mendenhall Presbyterian Church

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A man named Jim Wallis was traveling through South Africa in the late 80's when he reported: *"In South Africa in 1987, Nelson Mandela was still in prison, and the world thought for good. School children were being killed daily by government police, and the struggle seemed to be at a standstill. I met a 14 year-old boy who was, like many there, organizing in elementary and high schools. (Let's not forget the final turn of victory in South Africa was facilitated by the bravery and wisdom of children.) Anyway, I asked him if he was optimistic for the future, and he said, "Absolutely."*

*When I asked if he thought there would be a new, free South Africa someday, he stated to me matter-of-factly; "I shall see to it personally."* (Quoted in Tom Jurek's "A House Divided".)

The church is the place where "see-to-it personally" people come together to "see to it together."

As you continue to move forward on a new journey with searching and calling a new pastor, the future of Mendenhall is up to all of you. The Pastor Nominating Committee is working diligently and with dedi-

cation at calling the next pastor to Mendenhall. You may be waiting patiently and with anticipation for them to complete their work and for your new pastor to arrive, but in the meanwhile, calling a new pastor to Mendenhall is something that you can all "see to together." Your prayers are needed and appreciated! Please remember to pray for the members of the Pastor Nominating Committee as they continue their important work.

Are you optimistic that Mendenhall will have a bright future? I hope that your answer will be the same as that 14 year old boy from South Africa – "Absolutely. I'll see to it personally." Remember to pray for all the ministries and missions of our church, and for the people who are involved in them. While you're at it, pray that God might show you where you can get involved, too!

Absolutely! I encourage you to see to it personally that the Mission and Ministry of this church succeeds in all that we do in the name of Jesus Christ.

Kevin Kaufmann  
Interim Pastor

## Report From Session

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- The baptism of Maci Grace Sorum was approved for Sunday, July 17, 2016.
- Presbytery Nominating Committee is looking for elders to volunteer for the following committees: Moderator and Vice Moderator, Committee on Ministry, Committee for Preparation of Ministry, Committee on Representation, Self-Development of People, Session Records Committee, Clearwater Forest Representative, Synod Commissioner and Delegate.
- The Pastor Nominating Committee has started to read Pastor Information Forms and will be meeting every Wednesday.
- It was approved for Pastor Kaufmann to take vacation July 1-5 and July 25– August 2, 2016.
- It was approved to celebrate communion on Sunday, July 10 instead of July 3.
- There will not be a Wednesday evening service this summer.
- It was approved for Pastor Kaufmann to do the Heritage Days Worship service on August 21, 2016 and not have a service at Mendenhall.
- It was approved to have a church retreat on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at Heritage Village.
- It was approved to allow same sex marriages to be performed in the church building.

### Financial Report As of June 30, 2016

Year to Date	Actual	Budgeted	Variance
General Offering	\$ 59,774.24	\$ 85,338.50	(\$ 25,564.26)
Expenditures	\$ 74,347.87	\$ 85,338.50	\$ 10,990.63
Surplus or (Shortfall)	(\$ 14,573.63)		(\$ 14,573.63)

## Memorials

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### General Fund

In memory of John & Mary Cumming, Robert Cumming, Gabriel & Ruth Chalmers, William & Nettie Cumming, Oswald & Mildred Widness, Janet Cumming

In honor of Mary Barrett’s birthday from Kathy Cumming

### Undesignated

In memory of Ken & Elaine Olson from Stanley & Jacquelyn Johnston

## Presbyterian Women News

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- The funeral policy was taken to session and approved as following:  
We will charge \$3.00 for menu one (escaloped potato meal) and menu two (open faced sandwiches). Menu three (bars/ cake) family donation.
- We gave a quilt to Camp Good Morn-  
ing. One juvenile throw and two fleece blankets were given to Mendenhall VBS for drawing winners.
- Next coordinating Team meeting is Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm. Installation of officers will take place at this meeting.



Notes From  
The Parish Nurse

## Mary Barrett, RN, PN

### Energy-saving Bulb Dangers

By now, we have all seen them. We probably all have some in our homes. I am talking about energy-saving light bulbs. They have many different names; compact fluorescent lamp (CFL), compact fluorescent light, and compact fluorescent tube, all describe a fluorescent lamp designed to replace an incandescent lamp. Compared to their incandescent brothers producing the same amount of visible light, CFLs consume less power (from 1/5 to 1/3) and have a longer service life (8 to 15 times).

But the news in our quest to be better stewards of our planet is not all good. These CFLs have a small electronic ballast in their base. There is a fire hazard associated with these ballasts, but that is a conversation for another day. Let's talk about another danger posed by these "green" lamps: mercury exposure and poisoning.

Like all fluorescent lamps, CFLs contain mercury. This fact not only complicates their disposal under normal conditions, the problem is exacerbated when the lamp is broken and the mercury is allowed "out of its box." The symptoms of mercury poisoning typically include sensory impairment (vision, hearing, and speech), a lack of coordination, skin discoloration, tingling, itching, burning or pain, and desquamation (shedding of skin).

Mercury in lamps is typically present as either elemental mercury liquid, vapor, or both, since the liquid readily evaporates at room temperature. When broken indoors, lamps may emit sufficient mercury vapor to present health concerns. Breakage of multiple lamps presents a greater concern. Injection of mercury into the body through broken

glass that is contaminated is of particular concern.

The following are the recommended actions to take in the event of a broken CFL:

- ◇ Evacuate the room, taking care not to step on the broken glass littering the floor
- ◇ Ventilate the room for a MINIMUM of 15 minutes (EPA recommendation)
- ◇ DO NOT clean the debris of the broken lamp with a vacuum cleaner as this will spread toxic mercury droplets throughout the house either immediately or upon the future use of the vacuum
- ◇ Wear protective gloves; use a broom or brush to sweep the debris into a dustpan; empty the contents of the dustpan into a plastic bag; seal the plastic bag
- ◇ DO NOT dispose of the plastic bag into an ordinary refuse receptacle
- ◇ The debris is lawfully a Hazardous Material and must be disposed of accordingly

Depending on the severity of the spill, a more thorough clean-up regimen may need to be employed. Private companies exist that specialize in this type of operation.

Mercury is a toxin, and should be treated with the utmost of care and respect. A CFL may look benign, and make you feel good about "going green," but once the poison is "out of its box" and able to cause an exposure, it's a brand new deal.

Credit: Lt. James Jestor, Salisbury Fire Department.



**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 3- Doug Peterson | 13- Raanne Wavra    |
| 3- Darren Twite  | 15- Mavis Ness      |
| 7- Holly Love    | 15- Gordon Swanberg |
| 10- Marion Moen  | 16- Shannon Vacura  |
|                  | 20- Vern Bancroft   |
|                  | 22- Gloria Zak      |
|                  | 22- Harriet Hannah  |
|                  | 28- Jody Boushee    |
|                  | 29- Melissa Gardner |



**Fellowship Schedule**

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|----------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>July 3</b>  | <b>May/June Service Group</b>    |
| <b>July 10</b> | <b>July/August Service Group</b> |
| <b>July 17</b> | <b>July/August Service Group</b> |
| <b>July 24</b> | <b>Sept./Oct. Service Group</b>  |
| <b>July 31</b> | <b>Sept./Oct. Service Group</b>  |

**July/August Service Group**

- Harriet & Richard Hannah  
 Bonnie & Richard Vacura  
 Ann & Bryan Enright  
 Sarah & Travis  
 David Gordon  
 Renae & Randy Hillestad  
 Helen Nisbet  
 Gerald Ochs  
 Mary Beth Pesch  
 Patti & Doug Peterson  
 Lisa Pimentel  
 Pat & Ray Twedell  
 Damon & Diana Twite  
 Shannon Vacura

**Worship Assistants**

**July 3**

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Liturgist/Counter | Bev Bredemeier          |
| Usher             | Mavis Ness              |
| Greeter           | Richard & Bonnie Vacura |

**July 10**

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Communion Leader  | Gail Schrage      |
| Liturgist/Counter | Hazel Merdink     |
| Usher             | Volunteer Needed  |
| Greeter           | Ray & Pat Twedell |

**July 17**

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Liturgist/Counter | Volunteer Needed         |
| Usher             | Volunteer Needed         |
| Greeter           | Richard & Harriet Hannah |

**July 24**

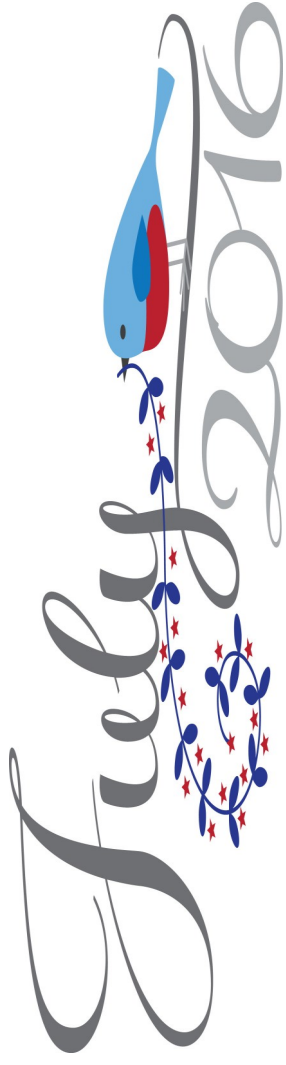
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| Liturgist/Counter | Renae Hillestad  |
| Usher             | Volunteer Needed |
| Greeter           | Renae Hillestad  |

**July 31**

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|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Liturgist/Counter | Volunteer Needed         |
| Usher             | Volunteer Needed         |
| Greeter           | Richard & Harriet Hannah |



- Vern Bancroft  
 Helen Nisbet  
 Cindy Twedell  
 Kari Anderson Forster  
 Edmun Rutherford  
 John Cash  
 Jerry Ochs  
 Larry Page  
 Matthew Sorensen  
 Community of Orlando  
 Mendenhall Pastor Nominating Committee



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	4 OFFICE CLOSED Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	5 Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	6 6:00 PNC	7	8 Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	9
10 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship/ Communion	11 9:30 Quilting 4:00 Crafts	12	13 6:00 PNC 7:00 Stewardship & Finance Mtg.	14	15	16
17 9:30 Worship/ Baptism 10:30 Fellowship	18 9:30 Quilting 4:00 Crafts	19 Triennium	20 6:00 PNC Newsletter Deadline Triennium	21 Triennium	22 Triennium	23 Triennium
24 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 2:00 Worship @Good Sam/ Communion	25 9:30 Quilting 4:00 Crafts Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	26 Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	13 6:00 PNC 7:00 Stewardship & Finance Mtg. Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	14 Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	29 Pastor Kaufmann on vacation	30 Pastor Kaufmann on vacation
31 9:00 Blood Pressure 9:30 Worship 10:30 Fellowship 10:30 Blood Pressure Pastor Kaufmann on vacation						

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**Return Service Requested**



Keep in your prayers those attending from Mendenhall:

Gloria Bancroft, Brenna DeLowery, John DeLowery and Andrew Walker

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| July 4    |                   | Office Closed  |
| July 7    | 10:00 a.m.        | North East Region Planning meeting at First Pres., Grand Forks |
| July 24   | 2:00 p.m.         | Worship/Communion at Good Sam                                  |
| July 31   | 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Blood Pressure Checks  |
| August 21 | 10:00 a.m.        | Worship at Heritage Center<br>No Worship at Mendenhall         |