



GOOD NEWS! June, 2023

"Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." (Matthew 7:7)

Day Care News

It is a very exciting time of the year for the Day Care. We just celebrated teacher appreciation week. We want to thank all the church members that contributed to making the week so special. The Day Care Committee really helped by doing something special every day. We just put mulch down and did other things to get the playgrounds ready for summer. We have a record number of children who signed up for summer camp this year and have been busy planning things for them to do. We are looking forward to partnering with the church for a "Stellar" time at VBS.

The Day Care is still looking for permanent staff and summer-only workers. If you know anyone that would be interested, please have them call the center. We would be grateful for your prayers as we move into the summer season.

See the pictures below for a sampling of the special treats and gifts we were able to provide the staff, thanks to your donations!



Ice cream makes summer sweeter!



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MWBC News and Upcoming Events

Graduate Recognition Sunday — On June 4 we will recognize the following graduates for 2023 as well as those who have completed continuing education. They will be honored with a breakfast in Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. and will be recognized during worship at 10 a.m. Please join us as we celebrate their accomplishments!

Grace Adams — Anderson High School

Tacie Anderson — Xavier University, Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Shannon Ely — Rasmussen University, Florida, BSN-RN

Darby Atchison — Miami University, continuing education for teacher licensure

Andy Bartmess — VO101 (Voice Over One Oh One) Intermediate and Advanced voice training

Stellar VBS Comes to MWBC! Vacation Bible School 2023 will be held June 12-16, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, with registration beginning at 9:00. We welcome kids in grades pre-K through sixth as we explore God's created universe through music, drama, stories, and crafts. Please join us in inviting all the children in your personal orbit to come be a part of this fun event, and in praying for all the kids whom we'll be serving. Group Publishing's Stellar VBS rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun!



Baby Bottle Campaign — Our annual Baby Bottle Campaign is underway! If you haven't already, please pick up a baby bottle from the table in the lobby area, take it home, and fill it with your spare change (cash or coins) to support A Caring Place. This local organization supports pregnant women, families, and children in need through no-cost services, parenting classes, and much-needed items such as car seats, formula, diapers, etc. The Mission Board will collect them on Father's Day. Thank you for your support!

Pastor Karen's article (*continued from page 4*)

talk with each other. You bring excitement to see what will happen in Worship today. I'd say you are mostly comfortable with who you are as a church. And there is enthusiasm building. You are getting ready to surge ahead into a new day with a new pastor.

And that's it. No list of bad things, no condemnation for what is in the past. No part two where I point out stuff that ought to change. MWBC is doing great. Keep going. Keep loving. Keep God in your midst.

In the interim, Pastor Karen Johnson

If you'd like to submit an article for the newsletter, please do so by the 15th of each month.



... at VBS this summer!



Music

The song "Before the Parade Passes By" is not a sacred/church song. It is a song from the musical *Hello, Dolly!* and is sung by the lead Dolly Levi as she comes to the decision to put her past sorrow behind her and reenter life. With this attitude adjustment she feels empowered to take control of the circumstances around her and make positive decisions. The words to the song are reflective as Dolly understands life will go on whether or not she decides to join it and be a part of it. They are positive as she feels her life coming alive again with her commitment to remember the past but not be held a prisoner by it. The song is set in an actual parade and ends as Dolly aims toward her new life as she becomes a part of the parade itself.

The reason for this musical memory is the parade aspect. I want the church to be a bigger part of the Mt. Washington community, and to that end, I reached out to the Mt. Washington Council and submitted our application to be a participant in the annual July 4 parade. The parade will be held on Monday evening, July 3, at 7 p.m. this year. We as a church need to put the past sorrows of COVID and other challenges behind us and rejoin our community. We've done that with our Live Nativity and our Missions to the needy during the holidays, and I hope this event shows the community our commitment to it during a new time of the year. I'm looking for people to help in the parade itself, people to help decide how we want to present the church to parade viewers, and people to view the parade that evening. Please let me know who wants to join me in this project.

Rev. Jim Cagle,
Minister of Music



From *Hello, Dolly!* with Barbra Streisand & Walter Matthau

Missions

SPOTLIGHT ON ABCUSA MISSIONS: One Great Hour of Sharing 2023



So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up.... ~Galatians 6:9

This scripture held special meaning for us in the past year. War in Ukraine persists, communities from Kentucky to Puerto Rico are in the throes of long-term recovery from tornadoes, floods, and hurricanes, while wildfires continue to imperil western U.S. states. And those are just a few of the life-changing hardships people faced in 2022. In the midst of it all, American Baptists have responded through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, and we are seeing the harvest indeed.

Together, we provide immediate relief and long-term recovery support after disasters; equip churches and leaders in disaster preparedness measures; offer assistance to displaced people; and support global development projects that empower communities around the world to thrive. Our partners have persisted in this life-saving work despite the challenges of the pandemic and in the face of other disasters and humanitarian crises that continue to escalate in frequency and severity.

We are called to witness to this gospel truth: despite evidence to the contrary, even in the most difficult of circumstances, love remains. When you give to **One Great Hour of Sharing** you put love into action. Your giving shares faith, hope, and love all around the world. But the greatest of these is love.

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Giving envelopes and additional information will be available at MWBC through the month of June.

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Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

The vision of Mt. Washington Baptist Church is to be an eternal family. We seek to live as strong families who are fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. We are passionate about helping people find their place in God's family. Our hope is to bless families for generations through worship that is a sacrifice of praise, deep relationships, spiritual transformation, and meaningful ministry.

A handful of months, that's how I would describe the length of time I've been here at MWBC. Each day I am with the church family, and each time I am in the church offices, I learn something new. And I receive a blessing from being your interim pastor. Perhaps it's time to reflect back to you some of the great things I see.

In the first quarter this year, we ordained Rev. Jim Cagle and licensed Fred Anderson to preach. Such a thing is very rare. You are a sending church, one that encourages continuing education and following God's call to various types of ministries. Many churches go for generations in between two such events.

The world is still emerging from COVID. I see interest for re-engaging in activities and church programs that were once a vital part of church life. We don't know how the experience of the pandemic will affect our lives and our institutions in the long run. I see, and I think you must have exhibited these traits before COVID as well as now. Y'all's know the Bible. Yes, you, and you, and you, and well, all of you! You may not feel you are a Bible scholar, but you have a familiarity greater than most with God's Word.

As individuals, and as a congregation, there is a high level of involvement, and a willingness to work together. These are both excellent traits. It means that whatever the world is going through, you turn to this church for encouragement, fellowship, and a word from God. Clearly you care about MWBC, and you want to continue our journey of growing closer to our Savior. You are kind to pastors and church employees. You may think that is normal, and it should be, but some churches are not. I, for one, am very grateful that you are. And you also seem to think that you should be able to have fun, and share that fun with the neighborhood.

When I look out at the congregation on Sunday morning, I see a strength in how you come to church. Many couples who are committed members, some folks with older and younger generations of your family, some people on your own, and some who bring a friend. You welcome each other,

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Messages for June

June 4, 2023
Great Expectations
Matthew 7:7-12

June 11, 2023
Don't Give Up!
Galatians 6:7-10

June 18, 2023
Father's Day
Filling the Toolbox with Light
Matthew 5:13-16

June 25, 2023
Each One of Us
Matthew 18:10-14

"In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."
(Matthew 5:16)