

JUNE 2017

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Welcome Pastor Troy!

I'm not sure who is more excited to have Pastor Troy and his family join us in the ministry at MBC, us, or Pastor Troy? It has been a long time coming. Pastor Jesse's last day was one year ago, May 31st, 2016. During that year, the search committee had to keep reminding themselves that God was working and that the circumstances probably weren't quite right for the right guy yet. Well, the Lord was working in Pastor Troy's heart during that time too, to consider moving to another ministry and another church.



Pastor Troy's title is Associate Pastor of Family Ministries. By not replacing our departing youth pastor with another youth pastor, and by issuing a title that is unfamiliar with the majority of our congregation, questions have arisen. Admittedly, I only knew of one Family Pastor when we started, and he was in a much larger church. Since then I've met two more, and had some people commend us for moving in this direction. So, let me try to shed a little more light on what Pastor Troy will be doing.

The timing has coincided with the development of our new vision, and the unique "building families" piece of that vision statement. Here it is: ***Our vision is to glorify God by making disciples who join Christ to build families that transform communities.*** As the vision team sought the Lord's direction, they saw the breakdown of the family as one of the areas of need in our community. Then they saw the investment our church already makes in children, youth, and marriage through our existing ministries. It was clear that God had already positioned us to focus on ministry to families.

The next logical question was, "What does God say about the family?" A New Testament central passage for the family is Ephesians 6:1-4. Verse 4 says, "Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." (*Ephesians 6:4, NASB*). Christian parents are exhorted to, through discipline and instruction, teach their children to follow the Lord. Moving back in time to the time of David we see the same thing. "For He established a testimony in Jacob And appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children, ⁶That the generation to come might know, *even* the children *yet* to be born, *That* they may arise and tell *them* to their children, ⁷That they should put their confidence in God And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments." (*Psalms 78:5-7*). Again, we see that spiritual instruction for children is given to parents, fathers in particular. This has its root in the Old Testament Law given through Moses. "These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. ⁷"You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. (*Deuteronomy 6:6-7*).

The Biblical principle is that parents have the primary responsibility for the spiritual upbringing of their children. They shouldn't just leave it to the church. The ministries of the church exist to support, not replace, parents in this God-given responsibility. That will be Pastor Troy's ministry, helping parents (and grandparents and other adults) spiritually teach their children.

Here's his job description. The Associate Pastor of Family Ministries will be responsible for:

- ◆ Helping develop a family ministry philosophy and strategy that is based on sound Biblical principles, and coordinates the focus of our children's, youth, and adult ministries to work alongside parents for the spiritual development of their children
- ◆ Helping ministry leaders develop programs to equip parents, and the church, to disciple children and students, and reach families outside the church
- ◆ Giving support and oversight to youth, children's, and adult ministry leaders as it pertains to the family ministry strategy
- ◆ Recruiting and training leaders in family related ministries

Will he work with our youth and children? Yes. But that will not be his only focus. It's a tall order, and we realize we need to be careful not to put too much on his plate as the details of day to day ministry are sorted out. Please warmly welcome Pastor Troy and his family. And pray for him, and for me, as we shape and develop this new ministry.

Pressing Forward,
Pastor Dan



June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		May 30 Donation drop off for Guatemala Garage Sale Fundraiser - 1-8 pm, NC	May 31 Donation drop off for Guatemala Garage Sale Fundraiser - 1-8 pm, NC	1 Garage Sale - 8 am - 6:30 pm, NC AV Tech Mtg. - 6 pm, NC/K Choir - 6:30 pm, S NA - 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team - 7:45 pm, S	2 Garage Sale - 8 am - 3:30 pm, NC Team A - 7:30 pm, East Field Team C - 8:30 pm, East Field Team B - 9:30 pm, East Field Team C Ump. - 9:30 pm, East Field	3 Men's Breakfast - 8 am, NC/K
4 Worship Services: 9 & 10:30 am No Sunday School or ABF's—on Summer Recess Ignite Finale - 4-6 pm, LL #106 Next Steps—Step 1 (1 s.) - Noon Lunch, NC/K Next Steps—Step 5 (1st s.) - 6:30 pm NC	5 Ministry Leader Annual Reports Deadline Missions Mtg. - 6 pm, LL #106 Prayer Mtg. - 6:30 pm, LL #102	6 Primitimers Lunch & Games - 10 am-1 pm, NC/K	7 Men's Study - Noon, LL #106 Women's 7 week Study Starts - "The Armor of God" - 6:30-8:30 pm, NC	8 AV Tech Mtg. - 6 pm, NC/K Choir - 6:30 pm, S NA - 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team - 7:45 pm, S	9 Mission Monroe: Concerts on the Square - 5:30-9 pm A - 7:30 pm, East B - 8:30 pm, East C - 9:30 pm, East B Ump. - 7:30 pm, East	10 Guatemala Preparation Party, 9 am - 11 am, NC
11 Worship Services: 9 & 10:30 am Deadline for Elder/Deacon Nominee concerns Next Steps—Step 5 (2nd s.), 6:30 pm NC Silas Setterstrom Graduation Party - 4-8 pm (W4872 Montgomery Rd.)	12 Prayer Mtg. - 6:30 pm, LL #102 Elder Bd. Mtg. - 6:30 pm, LL #106	13	14 <i>Flag Day!</i> Men's Study - Noon, LL #106 Women's 7 week Study - "The Armor of God" - 6:30-8:30 pm, NC	15 JULY NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE! AV Tech Mtg. - 6 pm, NC/K Choir - 6:30 pm, S NA - 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team - 7:45 pm, S	16 Primitimers 11:15 am Pizza Hut lunch A - 7:30 pm, West C - 8:30 pm, East B - 9:30 pm, West C Ump. - 7:30 pm, East	17
18 Worship Services: 9 & 10:30 am <i>Happy Father's Day!</i>	19 Prayer Mtg. - 6:30 pm, LL #102	20	21 Men's Study - Noon, LL #106 Women's 7 week Study Starts - "The Armor of God" - 6:30-8:30 pm, NC	22 AV Tech Mtg. - 6 pm, NC/K Choir - 6:30 pm, S NA - 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team - 7:45 pm, S	23 A - 8:30 pm, East B - 9:30 pm, West C - 9:30 pm, West A Ump. - 9:30 pm, East	24
25 Worship Services: 9 & 10:30 am	26 Prayer Mtg. - 6:30 pm, LL #102	27 Pleasant View Service - 9:30 am Deacon Mtg. - 6:00 pm, LL #106	28 Men's Study - Noon, LL #106 Women's 7 week Study Starts - "The Armor of God" - 6:30-8:30 pm, NC	29 AV Tech Mtg. - 6 pm, NC/K Choir - 6:30 pm, S NA - 7 pm, LL #102 Worship Team - 7:45 pm, S	30 B - 7:30 pm, East C - 8:30 pm, East A - 9:30 pm, West C Ump. - 7:30 pm, East	Looking ahead: July 3 & 4—MBC Office Closed July 3—Brewers Baseball Game. Leaving MBC 9 am July 8-15 Guatemala Mission Trip July 23—Clarno Woods Service/Baptism/Picnic July 26-28 — Girls Retreat July 30 — Annual Congregational Mtg. July 31—Aug. 4 — VBS

- 1 Brenda Rossing
- 2 Joyce Coplien
Parker Ferreri
- 3 Logan Ferreri
- 5 Kathy Krauss
Lyla Ritschard
- 6 Alexis Elgin
Joan Haight
Steven McNett
- 7 Henry Morris
- 8 Rebekah Thoman
- 10 Vicki McNett
- 12 Ezra Kramer
Tracy Petersen
Luke Skoumal
- 13 Gloria Ringhand
- 14 Jady Elgin
Christian Holverson
Patrick White
- 16 Ashley Bruehlman
Katie Demianiuk
Chloe Thompson



- 19 Noah Eddy
Carol Hasselmann
Jennifer Krahenbuhl
Lucy Whyte
- 20 Gianna Ferreri
- 20 Roger Stauffacher
- 22 Andy Grebner
Allyse Troemel
- 28 Shyanna Kelley
Andy Thoman
- 30 Madelyn Thoman



- 4 Erik & Amy Haworth
- 6 Tim & Sherry Thomas
- 10 Milt & Suzette Sherman
- 13 Roman & Luba Dechtiarenko
- 15 Jim & Becky Brown
Charles & Julie Champlin
- 17 Paul & Anna Ritschard
- 18 Dan & Celia Keen
- 19 Al & Colleen Ostenson
- 21 Ralph & Margie Johnson
- 25 Gilberto & Christina Bravo
Ron & Chris Faith
- 26 Chris & Bobbi Thompson
- 27 Kyle & Amanda Ohlrich
- 28 Andrew & Jennifer Boom

Let's talk Worship....

Ladies Retreat Oct 6-8 2017

Save the date! Cost: \$140



Prayer Ministry



Are you praying for those officials in local, county, state, and federal government? Hopefully you're praying for your city officials, including your local school board. After the National Day of Prayer breakfast, a group gathered at the Green County Justice Center to pray for the Green County officials. Our Governor, Lieutenant Governor, State Senators, Representatives, and all those working in our state government need our prayers. On the national level our President, Vice President, Senators, Representatives, the Supreme Court, the Cabinet officials, all other federal judges, and officials desperately need our prayers. The United States of America is in great need of all believers to pray for our country. God's Word admonishes believers to pray for those in authority. They need God's wisdom. Make a prayer list of those mentioned in this article.

While I was in Michigan last month, I talked with the Clinton County Chaplain. He recalled a group of students going to the Sheriff's Department and asking if they could pray for them. The Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, some deputies and CO's, and office staff were gathered and prayed for by the students. Most of the personnel were moved to tears as the students prayed for them. I believe most government officials covet our prayers. Let's pray for them on a regular basis.

Dan Keen, Prayer Ministry Leader

July 31–August 4

9 am – 12 noon

Cokesbury's

SURF SHACK!

Catch the Wave of
God's Amazing Love

**IT'S
VBS
TIME!**

Celebration Sunday—August 6—Twining Park

Saturday, June 3rd, 8 am



**Save the date – a few
tickets remain!**



The annual **Brewers Baseball** outing will be Monday, July 3rd vs the Baltimore Orioles. Everyone is invited this year: families, men, women, and children. The game is at 1 pm and we plan to leave church at 9 am.

Tickets are only \$10.

We will tailgate before the game.

Any questions, contact Bernie Roidt at 558-3293. Sign-up at the Welcome Center.



NEXT STEPS

Step 1—"Our Missions & Vision" (1 s.) Sunday, June 4th at Noon, NC. Lunch is provided.

Step 5—"On Mission" 2 sessions: Sundays, June 4th and June 11th at 6:30 pm, NC. It is recommended that you attend Step 4 first.

Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center for a listing of the 2017-2018 classes.

Sign up at the Welcome Center!

Primetimers

The Primetimers will meet for Games and Lunch on Tuesday, June 6th, beginning at 10:00 AM in the Nehemiah Center. Please join us for fellowship, games, and a light lunch. A freewill offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. You may come and go as your schedule permits, but we usually end about 1:00 PM. After this meeting, we will adjourn for the remainder of the summer until the Fall. Watch for an announcement.

Lunch at the Pizza Hut, always the third Friday of the month, will continue throughout the summer. The next meeting will be Friday, June 16, at 11:15 AM. This time of fellowship and a buffet lunch continues to be a well attended, enjoyable event. Please join us if you are an "empty nester". Reservations are not necessary.

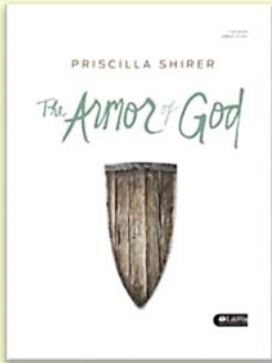
June Graduation Open House



Silas Setterstrom will be attending UW Madison in the fall where he has been admitted to the School of Engineering. A graduation party will be held for him on Sunday, June 11th from 4:00 pm — 8:00 pm at his home, W4872 Montgomery Rd., Monroe, WI.

GRADUATION!





Summer Women's Bible Study

“The Armor of God” by Priscilla Shirer
beginning June 7th, meeting for 7 weeks.

6:30–8:30 pm

Cost: \$13

Sign up at the Welcome Center!

“All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you – unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny.

But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you.”

Welcome Ewan!

Congratulations to the Justin & Jaclyn Miller Family who welcomed Ewan into their family on Saturday, April 29th. He was 8 lbs, 5 oz. and 21” long. Ewan joins siblings Benson, Thadeus, and Joel at home. May God bless your family!



Father's Day
Sunday, June 18th

My Father's Daughter Retreat

MBC'S
4TH Annual
Young Ladies Retreat
July 26th-28th, 2017

Young ladies, ages 13 and up, who are ready for the exciting adventure of knowing Christ Jesus more intimately are invited!

Begins Wednesday, July 26th, at 11:30 AM. Concludes: Friday, July 28th at 8:30 PM.

At Monroe Bible Church, 2613 8th Ave., Monroe, WI

\$45 per girl before July 5th/\$50 after July 5th. Space is limited!

Send your check (made payable to Monroe Bible Church) and completed registration form to:
Sarah Skelton; W5841 Old Argyle Rd Monroe, WI 53566

The registration form can be found online at:

<http://myfathersdaughterretreat.blogspot.com> or you can pick one up at Monroe Bible Church, or call/email and we will send one to you!

Questions? Call Amy Breuscher at 608-577-8494, or email: breuscher@mac.com

MISSION:MONROE contact Carol Larson at
larson8@gmail.com or call 588-1475.

Mission: Monroe is continuing to schedule additional events this summer. For the most current updates, please check the Mission: Monroe FB page. Information is posted in the bulletin, newsletter, and email, while sign-up is at the Welcome Center.

Currently we are manning the pizza tent for Family Promise at Concerts on the Square June 9th, from 5:30-9:00 PM. More volunteers are needed.

Monroe Area Community Closet (MACC) is still accepting volunteers. Our church has consistent presence in this growing ministry. Please email monroearcommunitycloset@gmail.com or follow this link <https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=qcmvas8s367j6d816jt9l83mis%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/Chicago> if you would like to volunteer!

Looking ahead: October 2nd, we are adopting Care Net to take over the volunteer positions, as well as providing desserts, for the spaghetti supper. This will be a chance for all of you to contribute. Shift schedules and duty descriptions will be available at a later date. Start your recipe search now for a scrumptious dessert that you can bring.

just for kids!

HELD IN
YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

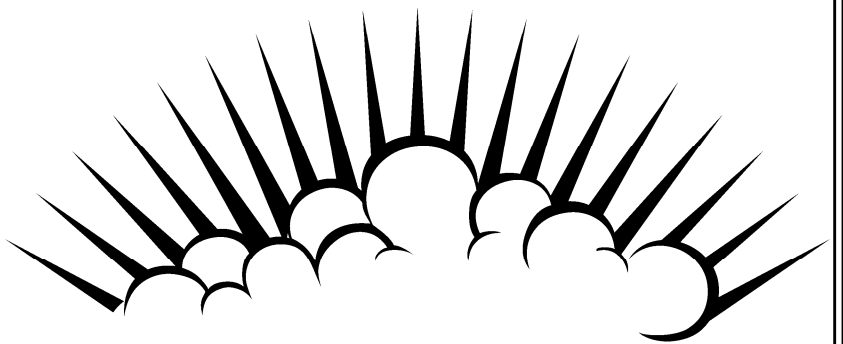
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



“H_ w_ll c_ll _ _ t t_ m_ ,

‘Y_ _ _ r_ m_ F_th_r, m_

G_d, th_ R_ck m_ S_v_ _r.”

Ps_Im 89:26, N_V

MBC LIBRARY NEWS

**NEW to the MBC Library!! A variety of books to choose from
for summer reading!**

ADULT FICTION

Lauraine Snelling: *Song of Blessing* series

To Everything a Season (1) Beloved author Lauraine Snelling returns again to her popular Red River Valley setting.

A Harvest of Hope (2) Miriam Hastings has her future plans in place, but Trygve Knutson is intent on changing them.

Streams of Mercy (3) Deborah longs to marry, but she never thought she'd have to choose between an old love and a new possibility.

From This Day Forward (4) Anji's return to the Red River Valley offers a fresh start—and a surprising second chance at love.

Nancy Moser: *The Good Nearby* Sometimes good things are closer than you think.

Bonnie Leon: *Touching the Clouds* Kate Evans went looking for adventure...and found more than she bargained for.

Maggie Brendan: *Heart of the West* series

No Place for a Lady (1) Can a Southern belle claim the heart of a rugged cowboy?

The Jewel of His Heart (2) The Big Sky Country holds two treasures worth pursuing—which will Josh choose?

A Love of Her Own (3) April has everything her heart desires...except the one thing money can't buy.

ADULT NON-FICTION

Stephen Mansfield: *The Faith of George W. Bush*

David Roper: *Out of the Ordinary* - *God's Hand at Work in Everyday Lives*

Holley Gerth: *You're Already Amazing!* - *Embracing Who You Are, Becoming All God Created You to Be*

Kelly Minter: *The Fitting Room* - *Putting on the Character of Christ*

Susie Larson: *The Uncommon Woman* - *Making an Ordinary Life Extraordinary*

RUTH TUCKER: *Not Ashamed* - *The Story of Jews for Jesus*

CHILDREN

DVD: *Thank You God For...Colors and Shapes* (Boz, *The Green Bear Next Door*)

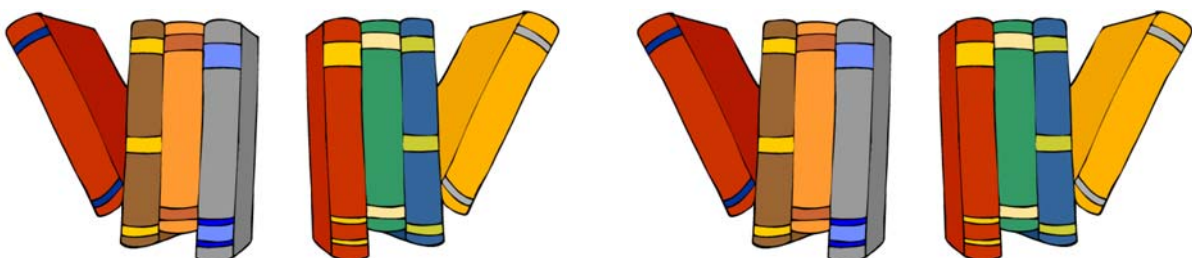
WENDY LAWTON: *Daughters of the Faith* series

Almost Home...A Story Based on the Life of the Mayflower's Mary Chilton

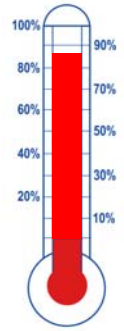
Ransom's Mark...A Story Based on the Life of the Pioneer Olive Oatman

Shadow of His Hand...A Story Based on the Life of Holocaust Survivor Anita Dittman

Freedom's Pen...A Story Based on the Life of Freed Slave and Author Phillis Wheatley



Missions Ministry



Guatemala Mission Trip: We have raised 86.6% of our \$18,200 goal! Thank you for everyone's prayer and financial support!



Our last fundraising event is a **Garage Sale** in the Nehemiah Center June 1 & 2. Donated items may be dropped off May 30 & 31 from 1-8 pm at the church. If you can help with set-up, transporting large items, or the sale itself, please sign up at the Welcome Center, or contact Deb Hurlbert at 325-3430.

The Guatemala fund pays for the Mission Team's transportation, housing, and food; on the ground costs in Guatemala such as transportation and interpreters; and supplies for the work project and Vacation Bible School. This year we are partnered with Hebron Church in Itzapa City for the VBS. The team will help install a prefabricated wall around a piece of land where Oscar's ministry CTEN (Commission to Every Nation) will build a training center for pastors and church leaders.



Guatemala VBS Preparation Party Saturday, June 10th, from 9-11 am

Come when you can for however long you can to help cut, print, glue, assemble, etc. projects for the Vacation Bible School. Our theme this year is "The Wordless Book."

Guatemala Playground Fund: Missions Ministry has committed to a 4-5 year campaign to raise \$15-20,000 for a Kids Around The World (KATW) playground. KATW "harvests" unwanted commercial grade playgrounds in the US, refurbishes, and ships them to countries in need. We are raising funds for the cost of a project and will send a team to Guatemala to install the playground, under the guidance of KATW staff. In our 1st year of fundraising, we have raised \$3,554.41 (+ the May 24th Papa Murphy's proceeds) towards the purchase of a playground! Thank you for your support!



One Meal Program: This year we raised \$4,000 which purchased 16,000 meals through Kids Around The World. On April 29th over 50 men, women, and children gathered at the Monroe Middle School to package the meals. Hungry children in Nicaragua will not only receive food, but the Gospel Message as well! Thank you for your support!