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Love Offering



This week, every MHBC member and family will receive a letter from the Personnel Team inviting you to express appreciation to **Susan Prather** as she completes five years as our Minister to Youth & Children (August 1). **A Love Offering will be received all during July** to be presented to Susan in August. (See letter attached to this *enewsletter*) A letter and love offering envelopes will be available for you at church this Sunday, too. We all appreciate Susan's hard work, dedicated service, and loving spirit more than we can say in words. -- **The Personnel Team**

Bill Green	Gina Thompson
Linda Meyerhoeffler	Ken Paul
Mary Ann Mann	Rick Witt



During VBS, the children collected \$98.65 to send Bibles to children in Latin America. At \$2 a piece, this means 50 Bibles will be sent, along with the 55 backpacks our children made last week

Hyaets Mission Trip: August 25-28, Charlotte, NC

Mission projects planned: community meal, household repairs and general maintenance of the Hyaets home, in addition to a school supply distribution.

Would you like to join this team? Contact Susan Prather for details.



Donations of school supplies and new or gently-used backpacks
for children in the Hyaets neighborhood can be brought
to church now through Aug. 25

While Rev. Ellison is on study leave July 4 – Aug 14,
MHBC will enjoy Sunday morning messages by:

July 10 – Mark Gafford	July 31 – Liz Thompson
July 17 – Rev. Ed Powell	Aug. 7 – Rev. George Fleming
July 24 – James Wilson	Aug. 14 – Susan Prather

Sunday – June 26, 2011

Contributions – \$ 2,981.00	Sunday School – 43
Avg. weekly need – 3,836.00	Worship – 144
Building Fund – \$125.00	

Contrib. to date – \$ 95,516.00
Avg. needs to date – 99,736.00

Special Gifts ...

In memory of Phil Blankenship by Betty Hill

In memory of Robert Manley and Phil Blankenship by John & Lottie Morris

New & Updated Prayer Concerns...

Joanne Winn, in Johnston-Willis following knee surgery

Sunday ministers

Nursery Care:

July 3 – Stephanie Hancock

Children's Church:

July 3 – Penny Godsey

Ushers:

July 3 – Brian Nichol, Bill Hall, Chip Hancock, Levis Crump

July 10 – Wayne Boothe, Eff Ayers, Russ Hancock, Mary Ann Mann

Happy Birthday!

July 3 - Mary Hatcher 7 - Doug Kunkel, Jr
3 - Janet Lewis 7 - Chip Hancock
5 - RJ Hancock 8 - Craig Rudd



Quotes for Independence Day

There, I guess King George will be able to read that. - John Hancock
on signing the American Declaration of Independence

**This nation will remain the land of the free
only so long as it is the home of the brave. - Elmer Davis**

**America is much more than a geographical fact. It is a political and moral fact - the first
community in which men set out in principle to institutionalize freedom, responsible
government, and human equality. - Adlai Stevenson**

Freedom is nothing but a chance to be better. - Albert Camus



From the Pastor

Love Your Country?

During this year's NHL Stanley Cup finals between the Boston Bruins and the Vancouver Canucks, each game played in Vancouver was preceded by the singing of both the American and Canadian national anthems. The Vancouver crowd stood respectfully during *The Star-Spangled Banner*, but didn't sing. Why would they? The USA is their neighbor, but not their nation. During the singing of "O, Canada", however, every Canadian in the arena seemed to join in loud and strong, with feeling and enthusiasm. They obviously love their country and are proud of it. (And it helps that "O, Canada" is much more sing-able tune!)

I'll bet you love your country. Most people are endeared to their homeland. How nice! But lest we think that America holds a special place in God's heart compared to the rest of the world, let's remember that God has about 132 other nations He cares about. To believe He favors the good old USA over all the rest is childish and narcissistic. In Acts 10:34 Peter shares what he learned about our Heavenly Father: **"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right."**

On Christian Citizenship Sunday, we don't elevate nation to the level of deity. To do that is idolatry. We recognize God's blessings on our land and honor His supremacy over all countries as God builds a Kingdom from the fabric of all human-kind. Wherever there is faith, kindness, right-living, honesty, integrity, fairness, and generosity... there is a member of Christ's nation. – That's the "nation" that will live with Him forever.

Yours in Him,

Lee

July 3, 2011

Christian Citizenship Sunday

Our Nation- Inspiration

Scripture Psalm 33:12,20-22 Bill Hall, Sr.

Invocation Prayer

Call to Worship *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory* Choir

* Song of Praise 630 America, the Beautiful

* Pledge to the Christian Flag

Jesus Shall Reign 587, v.1

* Pledge to the U.S. Flag

The Star-Spangled Banner, v.1

* Greet the members of the Kingdom of God

America

Welcome and Church Highlights

Children's Time Lee Ellison

The Bible Says... Philippians 3:17-21

* Offering Song 631 We Utter Our Cry

* Offering Statement & Prayer Bill Hall, Sr.

Special Music *I Will Heal Their Land* Choir

Message **Serious Citizens** Lee Ellison

The Lord's Supper

The Bread: a gift from God that we might live

The Cup: a gift from God that we might live free

* Commitment Song 634 My Country, 'Tis of Thee

* ***I Am the Flag***