

Season of Generosity Begins



CONNECT - Merriam-Webster defines it as "to become joined".
Connect people in faith, hope and love.

500 years ago this month, Martin Luther's actions began the Reformation. It was a pivotal time for the Christian faith and it meant joining with like-minded people in shaping changes to the church. From that action, came one of the tenants of the Presbyterian faith ... "reformed and always reforming".

MPC continues to live into the "reformed and always reforming". Just this past February, we voted on a new Mission and Value statement ... which is Connect, Inspire, & Serve.

INSPIRE ... to influence, move or guide by divine or supernatural inspiration
Inspire lifelong discipleship and spiritual growth.

Sunday, October 1 began the first of 6 Sundays in our Season of Generosity. During these weeks, we will celebrate what it means to Connect, Inspire, and Serve - and where we hope to go from here. We will hear from members of our congregation as they share their experiences and we will be asking you to share your stories using the storyboards posted in the narthex.

Write your stories on these story boards - Who originally connected you to MPC? How are you connected now? What inspires you in your faith journey? Who inspires you to become engaged? How to you chose to serve in answer to God's call? Where do you do serve within and beyond the walls of MPC?

SERVE ... to be of use; to be worthy of reliance or trust
Serve our neighbors near and far.

Throughout these 6 weeks of our Season of Generosity, we ask that you prayerfully consider and commit your gifts of resources, time and faith for the coming year. You have most likely have received your mailing with your pledge card, and you can also find it [here](#). At any time between now and November 5, you can return your pledge cards to the church office or by putting your pledge card in the offering plate. On November 5, we will dedicate our Generosity Pledges as we look forward toward living into our mission statement of Connect, Inspire & Serve.

"Ecclesia Reformata, Semper Reformanda" ... the Church Reformed is always being reformed according to the Word of God. As we enter this Season of Generosity, we invite you to fully live into our new mission statement and embrace the Spirit of God and reforming MPC toward a bold future. ~ *Emily Guttenberg*