Job experienced severe trials in his life. Trials that, for most of us, are unimaginable. He went from riches to rags. From a life of privilege and blessing, to a life stripped of all creaturely comforts. He lost his children, his possessions, his health, and his friends. Had God abandoned him? Why did God allow such terrible things to happen to him? Did he do something to deserve such treatment? As we read the story of Job, we are led to ask why?

We are facing difficult times. A virus is spreading throughout the world. Racial tensions are at a high. Many in our congregation are facing personal difficulties of various kinds. What is going on? God, where are you? God, why are you allowing these things to happen? God, when will it end? Are we going to see another spike in virus cases leading to another shutdown? Will changes in society reduce racism, or only stir up more hatred? We, like Job, want answers.

Job asks God for answers. He learns an important lesson near the end of the book. Beginning in chapter 38, God begins to question Job. “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding.” (Job 38:4) “Dress for action like a man; I will question you, and you make it known to me. Will you even put me in the wrong? Will you condemn me that you may be in the right? Have you an arm like God and can you thunder with a voice like his?” (Job 40:7-9) God does not give Job an answer. God refuses to explain Himself, and His providential dealings with His creatures.

Job learns that his calling is to trust and obey God. It is not his business to understand why God does what God does. He must trust that God is good and does good in His creation. In the final chapter of the book Job says, “I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted...I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.” (Job 42:2, 5-6) We don’t have the answers to why things are as they are. We don’t know why God is doing what He is doing. What we need to do is trust the Lord with all our heart and know that He is good. The lesson Job is teaching us can be summed up in the words of the 17th century hymn-

What e’er my God ordains is right:

His holy will abideth;

I will be still what e’er he doth,

And follow where he guideth.

He is my God; though dark my road,

He holds me that I shall not fall:

Wherefore to Him I leave it all.

(Samuel Rodigast, 1675)
We Have Missed YOU!

Get your creative juices flowing and put the artist in you to task!!
Come join your friends at Main Street and have fun with “Miss” Shirley creating your very own masterpiece!

**Dates & Times:** July 14 - 16; 9:00-11:30

**Age Groups:** *Having completed*
- Tuesday, July 14: *K4 – 1st Grade*
- Wednesday, July 15: *2nd – 4th Grade*
- Thursday, July 16: *5th & 6th Grade*

Maximum number of children per age group is 10. Let us know if you can attend and we will sign you up!

mspcedu@gmail.com 662-574-5303 - Colleen

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**LET’S PUT ON A SHOW!**

**PUPPETS WITH “MISS” IVY!!**

**When:** Wednesday, July 29 – Friday, July 31

**Time:** 9:00 – 11:30

**Age Groups:** Having completed K4 – 2nd Grade, Grades 3 – 5

Using songs from Seeds Family Worship, children will learn choreography that reinforces basic puppetry skills while memorizing the Scripture song! The groups will rotate between puppetry and music.

Maximum number of children per age group is eight, so, reserve your spot soon! Call/Text Colleen at 662-574-5303 or email at mspcedu@gmail.com

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On Friday, July 31, at 11:30, parents are invited to watch what their puppeteers have learned!
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*“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people he chose for his inheritance.”*  
*Psalm 33:12*
Women in the Church
Tracy Elgersma

We are so very thankful that church services have started back up for corporate worship. Women’s Bible Study has started back up for the summer, and our thankfulness grows. The group is studying “Twelve Extraordinary Women: How God Shaped Women of the Bible and What He Wants to Do with You” by John MacArthur. We have been meeting at Bethany Hairston’s house, 1804 Pine Knoll Dr, at 7pm on Tuesdays. Due to COVID 19 concerns, the group meets outdoors whenever the weather permits. We would be delighted if you were able to join us.

FAITH PROMISE
2020

$45,000 Operational Goal
Continues current pledge levels

$55,000 Praise Goal
Would represent growth

$65,000 Hallelujah Goal
Would reach historical high

Pledges as of June 30, 2020
$23,950

Praise:
Nell Fleming (recovering from knee surgery)

Prayer:
MSPC Elders and Deacons
Our Shut-Ins:
    Louise Armstrong
    Betty Weaver
    Phillip Goodwin
    Debbie Jenkins
    John Mark Russell
    Billy Swedenburg
    Faith Whitlock

President Donald Trump
Officials in Washington
Governor Tate Reeves
Mayor Robert Smith
Police Chief Fred Shelton
Sheriff Eddie Hawkins
State, City, and County Officials

Helping Hands
Life Choices Pregnancy Center
Palmer Home
All Churches and Pastors in Columbus

Coronavirus
The financial pressures of small business owners, our congregation, and local businesses
The financial needs of the Church

Budget Report
June Offerings
$ 33,838
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "... plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11, NIV
Sunday Schedule
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship

Main Street Presbyterian Church