



## Weekly Announcements for May 5, 2024

### The Ant and the Grasshopper: a New Musical Radio Drama from the Youth Chapel Choir – Sunday, May 12, 2024

In a quiet corner of the countryside, where the sun shines bright and the breeze whispers through the trees, a tale unfolds, capturing the hearts and minds of all who hear it. It's the story of The Ant and the Grasshopper, a fable as old as time itself, but now with a modern twist! We welcome you—distinguished congregation members—to this thrilling live radio broadcast of The Ant and the Grasshopper, brought to you by Holy Miracle Flour—the flour that works miracles in your kitchen! Come friends, folks, family, and fans! Prepare to be transported to a world of wonder and whimsy as we delve into this timeless and captivating saga!

### Strengthen The Church Offering May 19, 2024

Our annual Strengthen the Church Offering will be collected on May 19, 2024. We believe that God calls us together into a strong community that goes beyond our individual churches. This offering reflects outreach to others near and far. Early donations can be made via the Give page on MPUC's website: [www.macalester-plymouth.org](http://www.macalester-plymouth.org). Select "Pentecost – Strengthen" in the "Select a fund" drop-down menu. You can also send a check with that notation in the subject line.

### Interfaith Builders Habitat for Humanity 2024 Work Weeks!

For the 24th year MPUC will partner with seven other faith communities to work with Habitat for Humanity this summer. Our Interfaith Builders group has signed up for two weeks of work: **June 24, 25, 27 & 28 (4 days, no work on June 26) and August 5-9, 8:30-3:30**. Sign up to volunteer and fill out your waiver using the QR code. Questions? Please contact Janeen McAllister ([jemcall@comcast.net](mailto:jemcall@comcast.net)) or Jack Schaffer ([jack\\_b\\_schaffer@yahoo.com](mailto:jack_b_schaffer@yahoo.com))



## Volunteers Needed for Spring Work Day June 15, 2024

Please join us on June 15, 2024, from 9 am to 12 noon each day, for the final spring work day this year. You are not obligated to be there for the full three hours. There are both outdoor and indoor tasks. Please consider coming to enjoy the camaraderie and sense of common purpose. And to get work done! Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Questions? Contact Rick Lancaster at 612-817-0130 (mobile) or [AbbyRick0408@gmail.com](mailto:AbbyRick0408@gmail.com).

## Share Your Prayer Requests

We are a praying congregation! Share your prayer requests, your joys and concerns, by emailing [MPUCPrays@gmail.com](mailto:MPUCPrays@gmail.com).

## Construction on Grand Avenue Starting

Grand Avenue is undergoing construction starting this year and ending in 2025. You may need to take a detour during construction months to get to Church. If you are traveling from the north and west, you'll want to take Lincoln starting at Fairview. Or you can drive down Summit and take Macalester St. See the *Here and Now* for more information.

## MPUC Land Acknowledgement Statement

*We gather today on the homeland of the Dakota people. We acknowledge the role Christianity played in removing the Dakota people from their sacred land. We also acknowledge the historical role churches, including our denominations, played in establishing boarding schools designed to erase Indigenous culture. We honor the Dakota, the Anishinaabe, and our other Indigenous neighbors. We pledge to learn from them and to walk in solidarity with them. To read the full statement, visit our website: <https://www.macalester-plymouth.org/land-acknowledgement>.*

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