MVPC Happenings....



The February Communion Offering will be for the Food Pantry at the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Most needed items include peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables, soup, cereal, oatmeal, grits, canned meats, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta meals (i.e., Spaghetti-Os), instant mashed potatoes, rice, fruit or applesauce cups, and juice. Donations may be brought to the church at any time in the month of February and placed in the Outreach bin outside of the office. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Our dates for Family Promise are March 3-11. We need your help with hosting, serving, cleaning, making food, set-up and transporting supplies so please sign-up online. Reach out to Wendy Hagenau if you have questions, hagenau@comcast.net.

YOUTH: We will <u>not</u> meet tonight due to the holiday. Thanks to all who made our Valentine's Day Party for the Homeless such a success!

Village Driver Needed: We are looking for a driver to pick up residents at the village for church on Sunday mornings. The driver will pick them up at 10:45 am, bring them to church and then drive them home afterwards. You will be sharing the responsibility with others so you will only drive 4 Sundays a year. Please contact Mary Kilgore if you are interested.

The first Youth Reunion is coming on February 24-25! If you have ever been involved with the youth program at MVPC on any level, then you are invited! On Saturday, we will meet in Fellowship Hall from 2-4 pm and reminisce. If you have photos or memorabilia, bring them with you. Sunday, we will meet in Fellowship Hall at noon for a reception with all current and former youth and their families.

🔘 Presbyterían Women News

The program last Sunday, "Human Trafficking, A Growing Problem in Metro Atlanta" was very interesting and informative. Stacy Sanders and Alberto Cruz from the Sandy Springs Police Department spoke to us about human trafficking that is going on in our community and why it is hard to identify and stop. A group from the Wellspring organization that helps so many recovering victims was also in attendance.

We are now collecting costume jewelry. There is a box in the church office where you can place donated jewelry. The last day for collection is March 25. This project is sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women. The week before Mother's Day, they hold a pop-up jewelry store event in each of four Title 1 elementary schools. Volunteers help each child select a special gift for their mother or caregiver for Mother's Day.

We will also be collecting clothing for Mission Haven and the Drake House. The Drake House is located in Roswell, GA, and is the next step for many of our Family Promise moms. The clothing drive will run from March 4 to March 25. Children's and men's clothing will go to Mission Haven. Women's clothing will go to the Drake Closet which is a thrift shop in Sandy Springs that supports the Drake House. All clothing needs to be in good condition, clean, and in current styles.

The **Knitting Circle** will be meeting as a Sunday School class on February 18 in the Mushroom (off of the Kirk Center). This Circle will also begin meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 10:00. Location to be announced.

Save the date! The Presbyterian Women's Retreat will be on April 10! The retreat will be held at Lost Corner in Sandy Springs. More information will be coming soon.

The Upper Room devotionals for March-April are available in the narthex and church office. If you would like to download a copy of the devotionals visit their website at https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals

Upcoming Events

February 24 & 25 -	Youth Reunion
February 26 –	Rabbi and a Minister
March 25 – March 29 – March 30 –	Palm Sunday Maundy Thursday Good Friday
April 1 -	Easter