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Got News? We'd love to hear from you! Send us your news so we can celebrate, laugh, and/or cry with you. After all, we are FAMILY. Deadline for news is the third Tuesday of each month for the *next month's* newsletter. Send your submissions to lauren@mvpchurch.org. *If you'd no longer wish to receive the Good News monthly, please email Lauren McClintock, lauren@mvpchurch.org.*

Good News!

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WELL BOYS, I HAVE TO SAY IT'S BEEN NICE HAVING THREE DOGS THESE PAST YEARS ... BUT NOT SO MUCH TODAY



PRAISE. LISTEN. LOVE. SERVE.

Good News

June & July 2018

Months At-A-Glance

- June 2-8**
 - ◇ Youth Mission Trip
- June 4**
 - ◇ A Rabbi and a Minister
- June 4-29**
 - ◇ Los Niños Primero School
- June 17**
 - ◇ Father's Day
- June 24**
 - ◇ Los Niños Worship
- June 25-29**
 - ◇ Vacation Bible School
- July 4**
 - ◇ Church Office Closed
- July 8-22**
 - ◇ Family Promise

Congratulations on the election on May 20 of the Pastor Nominating Committee: David Barclift, Carol Beckman, Pat Davis, David Hill, Bruce Morine, Larry Peji, Robin Truitt. You have elected these MVPC members to discern together the person God is calling to be Mount Vernon Presbyterian's next installed pastor.

If you are from a different denominational background than PCUSA – Presbyterian Church (USA) – the process the PNC will use during their search may be totally foreign to you. You may be accustomed to the next pastor being appointed by a bishop or the church being the only entity involved in the process. The PC(USA) is a connectional church. That means we have support in this process from both the Presbytery (ours is the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta) and at the General Assembly level.

Here, very briefly, is the process the PNC will follow.

- Creation, approval, and distribution of the **Ministry Information Form**. Think of this as MVPC's resume. As our PNC will look at the **Personal Information Forms** of interested pastors, so they will look at our MIF. The MIF is a very detailed document and takes time and energy to complete to ensure it adequately reflects this congregation as well as some of its hopes and dreams.
- The PNC will then begin to receive PIFs from interested pastors from three sources:
 - 1) The PC(USA)'s Church Leadership Connection office
 - 2) Self-referral by interested pastors
 - 3) Referral by others, including MVPC members

This is the most time intensive time of the process and the one that requires the most patience by both the PNC and the church.

- After the PNC has decided on its final candidate, there is a detailed approval process to be followed. This process is designed to ensure our PNC has found the person God desires for MVPC's next pastor. The final step is a meeting of the congregation where the PNC will present its recommendation for MVPC's next installed pastor.

We will post a timeline of the process in a highly visible place in the church this summer so that you are fully aware of the search process. What can you as a member of MVPC do to support the PNC?

- 1) Pray for the PNC...seriously **pray for them!** This is hard, demanding, time consuming work and the PNC will be encouraged and empowered by knowing your prayers are accompanying them in their work.
- 2) Be patient and give the PNC the time they need to do their work. This is not a quick process. At the previous church where I served as interim, the PNC was elected in May of 2016 and their new pastor began October 1, 2017. Remember that just as you have jobs, families, and other responsibilities, so do these seven people. Your patience with their work is a much-appreciated gift to them.

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Youth Ministry

I want to take a moment to congratulate our High School Graduates this year!

Richard Green is the son of Ricardo and Reyna Green, and is graduating from Dunwoody High School. He plans to work after graduation.

Mitch Lutes is the son of Shannon and Troy Lutes, and is graduating from Mount Vernon Presbyterian School. Mitch will be attending Loyola Chicago this fall.

Chris Sprung is the son of Curtis and Melanie Sprung, and is graduating from Riverwood High School. Chris will be attending UGA this fall.

Congrats to these awesome young people!

Please keep us in prayer as 14 teens and 2 adults go to Lexington, Kentucky, June 2-8 to do a week of mission work. We are all pretty excited, and we look forward to representing you and then sharing our week with you when we return!

Peace, Elo

Other Graduates:

Congratulations to:
Nicholas Austin, who received his Masters' Degree in Computer Science from College of Computing. Nicholas is the son of Cathy and Bill Austin.

Sarah Hibbard Bahorich, who received her Masters' Degree in Education from Georgia State. Sarah is the daughter of John and Patricia Hibbard.

Yessica Para, who received her degree in Modern Languages from Caldas State University in Colombia. Yessica is the friend of our whole congregation from the many times she stayed with Carol Beckman for medical treatment.



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July 2018

July 1

SCRIPTURE: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Communion

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study: Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – David Hill
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

July 8

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 123 & 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study: Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Sam McClurg
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

July 15

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:3-14

Communion

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study: Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Mike Gillespie
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

July 22

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:11-22

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study: Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Pearl Attaway
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

July 29

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 145:10-18 & Ephesians 3:14-21

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study: Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Pat Davis
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

June 2018**June 3 Communion**

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 139:1-6; 13-18 & 2 Corinthians 4:5-12

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study:Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – David Hill
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

June 10
 SCRIPTURE: John 8: 1-11

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study:Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Mike Gillespie
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

June 17 Communion
 SCRIPTURE: Psalm 92:1-4;12-15 & Mark 4:26-34

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study:Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Pearl Attaway
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

June 24 Los Ninos Primero Sunday

9am *Estudios Bíblicos en Español* (Session Room) – Ricardo Green
11am **Adult Bible Study:Feasting on the Word** (Chapel) – Pat Davis
Bible Study on the passage of the day.
Childcare: Sanctuary Building 120

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Cadet John Stabler, who graduates this summer from the Military Academy at West Point. His Brother, Ensign Charles Stabler graduated the Naval Academy last summer and is currently at the Naval flight school in Pensacola. They are the great nephews of Ann and Stan Williams.

Jake Bailey, who graduates this summer from York College in Pennsylvania as a Mechanical Engineer. Jake is the great nephew of Stan and Ann Williams.

**Children's Ministry**

Vacation Bible School
Shipwrecked
Rescued by Jesus

June 25th-June 29th
 9:00am-12:00pm

At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear *that* phrase a lot! Your kids will also participate in a hands-on mission project, through a program called Operation Kid-to-Kid™, that will provide seeds for families in Haiti to grow food.

Register online [here](#) or on our website, www.mvpchurch.org.

Contact: katelyn@firstpresptc.org

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Monday Study Group

The Monday morning 10:00 Bible Study class (four members missing from photo) has recessed for the summer, and would like to invite other church members to participate when they start back in the Fall. They just completed a 10-week study of the Old Testament, using "A Brief Survey of the Bible" DVD series by John Walton. The group will continue with the second half of this same DVD series with a study of the New Testament by Mark Strauss on September 10th. Bob Addison has been, and will continue to be, the facilitator for this particular study. The class is composed of a very congenial group of people who are enjoying learning together about God's word and who would be happy to have others join them in the Fall.



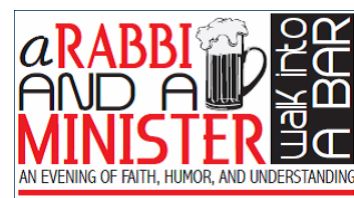
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Rabbi and a Minister

The next installment of **A Rabbi and A Minister** is Monday, June 4 at 7 p.m. at 5 Seasons Brewery. The topic is "The Stained Glass Ceiling: Men and Women in the Clergy"



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1 Spanish Bible Study 9 am Worship 10 am Adult Bible Study 11 am	2	3	4 4th of July Church Office Closed	5	6 Coffee Ministry 6:00 am	7
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Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's Salad Supper
 Tuesday, June 12, 6:30pm
 Fellowship Hall



Please bring a salad to be shared and a serving utensil. New officers for 2018-2019 will be installed.

We will also set aside some time to help with a Community Mission project - putting together hygiene bags for our youth to distribute to the homeless.

We will have several toiletries available but any contributions would be appreciated. Below is a list of Items needed for each bag:
 Soap, Shampoo, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Shaving cream, Razor

We can also include Gold Bond foot powder and deodorant. Please do not include mouth wash. We also will need gallon size freezer bags.

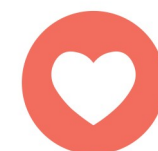


Our **PW Quarterly Newsletter** is available on our website under the news tab on our homepage. If viewing this online, click [here](#) to download a copy. Printed copies are available in the Narthex.

We have collected over \$850 in gas cards and an enormous box of items for the **Drake House**. Bring your donations to the church office if you'd like to contribute!

Online Prayer Vine

We are looking for members to join our new online prayer group. We will send prayer requests by email and invite you to join us in prayer. Email Joy Carden at pjcarden@bellsouth.net if you are interested in joining.



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Clifton Sanctuary Ministries

Barbara Bruce and Carol Beckman (along with a few others) have been serving dinner every third Sunday of the month for over 10 years together at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. We appreciate their service with this wonderful organization we support as a congregation.



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Summer Worship Schedule

May 27–August 12:
10am worship only
Spanish Bible Study 9am
Adult Bible Study 11am

No Children’s or Youth Group
Childcare provided from 10am–12pm

(...letter from Rev. Susan Haynes continued from page 1...)

3) Respect the confidential nature of the PNC’s work. The PNC will provide regular reports to the congregation regarding where they are in the process. What they cannot do is give information about who they are interviewing. You have elected the people you have for a reason so please trust them to do the work God and you have called them to do.

One last word...as we enter the summer, enjoy your vacations and special times with family and friends and be safe as you travel. When you are in town, please make every effort to be in worship at 10 a.m. on Sunday morning. Your presence is such an encouragement to your fellow MVPCCers and to those who are visiting with us!

Blessings,
Susan Haynes
Interim Pastor

June Birthdays

Barbara Bobeng	2-Jun	Susan Simon	16-Jun
Jack McGuire	3-Jun	Addison Baitcher	18-Jun
Amelia Simcox	3-Jun	Dee Bradford-Smith	18-Jun
Heidi Nelson	5-Jun	John Roberson	18-Jun
Jeff Schneider	6-Jun	Chet Seiple Jr.	18-Jun
Jack Hensler	6-Jun	Ross Truitt	18-Jun
Banks Bliss	7-Jun	Cole Truitt	18-Jun
Leah Ferrill	7-Jun	MacKenzie Truitt	18-Jun
Tracy Hahn	7-Jun	Addison Baitcher	18-Jun
Megan Murphy	7-Jun	Vivian McCoy	19-Jun
Claire Thompson	7-Jun	Don McAdam	20-Jun
Arthur Dreger	8-Jun	Amanda Badenhorst	20-Jun
Eric Teja	9-Jun	Fred Ballard	21-Jun
Jack Allen Jr.	9-Jun	Mavis Boadi	21-Jun
Dale Morine	9-Jun	Beverly Northrop	23-Jun
Pierce Walker	10-Jun	Lorraine Moore	24-Jun
Melisha Gilreath	13-Jun	Lou Baine	25-Jun
Robert Barclift	13-Jun	Julie Chesnutt	25-Jun
Allison Eustis	13-Jun	Denise Hunt	26-Jun
Brent Schwieger	13-Jun	Lauren McClintock	28-Jun
Sarah Hibbard	14-Jun	Joan Rownd	28-Jun
Carrie Southard	14-Jun	Priscilla Kahale	29-Jun
Alex Tyler	14-Jun	Melissa Teja	29-Jun
Rachel Reid	15-Jun	Katy Thompson	29-Jun
Mary Kate Swanson	15-Jun	Debby Thomson	30-Jun

July Birthdays

Mary Sanford	1-Jul	Aubrey Forlines	16-Jul
Joy Carden	3-Jul	Jim McCormick	17-Jul
Rebecca Simon	3-Jul	Russell McCarty	17-Jul
Lorry Clark	4-Jul	Carly Forlines	18-Jul
Barbara Hughes	5-Jul	Connor Hughes	18-Jul
Robin Truitt	5-Jul	Andrew Sevcik	19-Jul
Susan Fields	5-Jul	Elizabeth Wingate	23-Jul
Jamie Pierce	7-Jul	Gail Williams	24-Jul
Carol Beckman	7-Jul	Glenn Grove	24-Jul
Linda Bhame	7-Jul	Ron Gilreath	25-Jul
Claire Eustis	8-Jul	Gill Christian	25-Jul
Gloria Bennett	11-Jul	Darlene Jones	26-Jul
Peter Thomas	11-Jul	Warren Gray Jr.	26-Jul
Susan Wingate	11-Jul	Madeline Hazelwood	26-Jul
Allan Baitcher	12-Jul	Ellen Ballard	27-Jul
Martha Baitcher	12-Jul	Kelton Southard	30-Jul
Sally Williams	12-Jul	Verne Bliss	30-Jul
Chris Sprung	14-Jul	Reid Ferrill	31-Jul
Debbie Barclift	15-Jul		
William Austin	16-Jul		

Family Promise

Our next session hosting Family Promise is July 8-22. Since this is a 2 week session, we will need lots of supplies, food and volunteers. Sign up online here, <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054daba92ca20-july5>. We need all the help we can get to make this a great experience for our families.

We look forward to hosting our guests this summer.

Thanks, Wendy Hagenau



SERVE

Community Assistance Center (CAC) Ribbon Cutting

CAC opened a new building on May 1 with a brand new, larger food pantry, boutique and storage area. The church staff attended and accepted a plaque for church member, Carol Beckman, as she was named their most loyal servant leader. The door to enter the food pantry was dedicated to her.

“Moved by the Spirit, we serve our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others”



Summer Music

Do you have a hidden musical talent that you are willing to share? Have you been feeling guilty about a decade of piano lessons not being put to good use? Don't fret! Now's your chance to share your musical abilities with the church. TJ is looking for people to serve as featured musicians throughout the summer. All musical abilities are welcome! You can play or sing as a soloist or, if you are not comfortable doing that, TJ can work you in as a part of an ensemble. If you are willing to share your talents, please contact TJ at tjs@mvpchurch.org.



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Church Directory

The Church Directory for 2018-2019 will be coming out in August. If you have any changes to your address, email address, or phone number(s), please indicate the changes in the worship attendance books on Sundays or email your updates to Jill at jill@mvpchurch.org. Thank you!

Church Summer Office Hours

June 1-August 10

Monday-Thursday: 8-4 pm

Friday: 8-2 pm

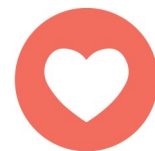
2018 First Cup Hospitality Needs You!

We are in need of a few great volunteers to help with the First Cup Hospitality Table on Sundays in the fall. The First Cup cart is kept loaded and ready in the Sacristy located behind the pulpit. Hospitality tables will already be set up in the Narthex. All that is needed is a simple set-up before and clean up after the service. If you would be willing to help, you can sign up [online here](#) or contact Christy Hill, christy.hill123@comcast.net. Thank you!



Food that Rocks Benefitting Community Assistance Center

Eat, drink and party with a purpose at [Food that Rocks](#), a celebration of Sandy Springs! Enjoy samples from more than 20 favorite Sandy Springs restaurants, wine, beer and cocktail tastes with live music from local musicians! Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. – 11 p.m. CAC is pleased to be one of three nonprofit beneficiaries of 2018 Food That Rocks. Purchase your [tickets online using this special link](#) and \$5 of your purchase price will be donated to CAC!



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Concerns of the Congregation

In extended care: Margaret Blackley, Lela Griffin, Lorraine Moore and Jack Ward. Please keep all of these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Our Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Doyne Michie, who passed away on May 14.



Communion Offering

The communion offering for **June** is for the Food Pantry at Community Assistance Center (CAC). Most needed canned items include: fruit, meats, vegetables, soup, tomatoes and pastas. Other items needed are cereal, jelly, pastas, potatoes (dry/can) and rice. Donations may be left in the baskets in the Narthex on Sunday, June 3 or in the outreach bin outside the church office any time during the month of June.

The communion offering for **July** is for school supplies. If you donate online (ourcac.org) or put a check in the offering plate marked for CAC, your donation of \$35 provides for two backpacks and supplies to fill them. If you choose to purchase items yourself, they will be shared with Stirred Up Ministries and Lake Forest Elementary School. Items needed are: pencils, sharpeners, notebooks, folders, binders, and rulers.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Los Niños Primero Summer Program

Los Niños Primero School will run from June 4-29 in the Kirk Center. The theme this year is: Born to Bloom. Find out more information on their website, <http://www.losninosprimeroga.org/summer-program/>.



2018 Session Members and Ministry Teams

Adult

Donna Martin
Mary McClurg
Pat Davis

Intergenerational

Outreach

Gill Hutt
Quinton Fisher

Children

Hannah Hagenau
Heidi Nelson

Finance/Administration

Charlie Gray

Youth

Brad Hahn

Congregational Care

Joy Carden
Mary Lea Woods

Witness

Mackenzie Truitt
Rita Sheffey

Stewardship

Wit Truitt

Strategic Planning

Barbara Hughes
Donna Neumann

Worship

Christy Hill
Katherine Koops

Clerk of Session

Malinda Holmes

Moderator

Rev. Susan Haynes