

MVPC Happenings....



PRAISE. LISTEN. LOVE. SERVE.



The Communion Offering for September is for the Food Pantry at CAC. Most needed items are canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham, etc.), canned fruit, dry pasta, rice, cereal, small bottles of cooking oil, and toothpaste. Items may be left in the Outreach Bin outside of the church office anytime throughout the month of September. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) Listening Sessions: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) continues to conduct congregational listening sessions. During these sessions we encourage discussions on our strengths and opportunities and listen to you for insight on qualities of our new pastor. Congregational input helps the PNC prepare to be successful in this search. The goal is to have 12 – 15 participants per session. The next general session is on Sunday, September 9 at noon in the Kirk Center.



11 AM Worship Leaders Needed: To provide meaningful opportunities for members of all ages to become actively involved in the 11:00 worship service, the Worship Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as worship leaders (also referred to as “liturgists”) to lead the congregation in the responsive readings of the Call to Confession and Assurance of Pardon. Training will be provided. Adults, youth, and children are welcome—Session membership is not a requirement. If you are interested, please email Katherine Koops at kkoops@bellsouth.net.



Greeters wanted: We would love for you to help greet on Sunday mornings. If you are already planning to attend, this is a great way to get involved! Please sign-up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa8aa2cab9-mvpc> if you are interested.




Birthday Cake Outreach: We are in the process of working with Lake Forest Elementary to provide personalized, homemade Birthday Cakes for children who might not otherwise have a cake that celebrates them. We're still in the process of working out the details, but please let Elizabeth know (elizabeth@mvpchurch.org) if you are at all interested in being a part of this new ministry.




If you have not picked up a **new church directory** yet, they are in the church office or Jill can mail one to you. Email jill@mvpchurch.org if you would like to have one mailed to you.

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 **YOUTH:** The Youth will not meet tonight due to the holiday. Thanks to all who made our Ice Cream Party for the Homeless a huge success! Regular Youth Group will be back on 9/9 from 5-7 in Gailey Hall.


La Fiesta in the Park will take place on Sunday, 9/30, from 4-7 pm. Volunteers are needed. Signup information will be available soon.


 **Presbyterian Women:** The Coordinating Team met to plan for another wonderful year. TJ will meet with the **Sunday Circle** on Sunday, September 9, and the **Day Circle** on Tuesday, September 11. He will discuss the history of music in worship, Loving God Through Music. Lee C. Dunn, author of *Cracking the Solid South*, will meet with the Book Circle on September 14.


The Knitting Class will meet on September 9 during the Sunday School hour to begin knitting warm scarves for Mount Vernon Youth service projects with the homeless. Please join us!

Our next **Circle of Grace** gathering is on Sunday, September 9 from 5-6:30 pm at Lisa Cumming's house. There will be a devotional and light snacks.


 **Engaging Visitors and Members:** Do you have ideas for engaging fellow members of MVPC or bringing in and welcoming visitors and potential members to our fellowship and community? Please share those ideas with the elders leading the Witness Ministry Team, Rita Sheffey and MacKenzie Truitt. Contact them for specific ways you can help make our family even more vibrant. We need you!

 **Kirk Center renovations:** The Renovation is complete! Please head downstairs and take a tour of the new space on Sunday if you haven't already. If you want to support this renovation financially, please indicate Kirk Center Makeover on the memo of the check or online donation.

 **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.

 **First Cup Hospitality:** Do you enjoy the refreshments on Sunday mornings during the First Cup service? We would love for you to volunteer! You can sign up for one Sunday or multiple Sundays to bring fruit and pastries for the table. The next Sunday available is September 16. Coffee will be set up for you that morning. 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 and clean up before the service. If you would be willing to help, you can email Christy Hill at Christy.hill321@comcast.net.

 **The Fall Presbyterian Women Newsletter** is available on our website. Printed copies are also available in the Narthex and church office.

 If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings*, weekly email, or *Good News* please email them to Lauren McClintock, lauren@mvpchurch.org.