

MVPC Happenings....



PRAISE. LISTEN. LOVE. SERVE.



Electing New Elders: The session has called a meeting of the congregation on October 7th for the purpose of electing new elders. The meeting will convene immediately following First Cup worship so that those attending First Cup can vote. Then the meeting will be reconvened following the 11:00 service for members attending that service.



The **Monday Morning Bible Study Group** will begin (on October 8) a seven week study on the Reformation. We will explore the rise of Christianity from the home community churches in the Apostolic period to a Roman Catholic Church in the 1500's which had a powerful political influence throughout Europe. We will explore Martin Luther's life and his activities which triggered the Reformation. Last October commemorated the 500th year since Martin Luther's reformed theology split Christianity into many Protestant forms. We will also discuss the consequences of the Reformation which led to social, political and religious changes we still see today. Join us at 10 am in the Session room.



Prayground: Our new *“Pray Ground”* is located in the area right of the pulpit with two tables and chairs set up for children and parents to use during the worship service. We would like this area to be limited to the resources in our worship packets and would appreciate it if parents would not bring toys from home. A favorite stuffed animal that provides security is perfectly fine. Parents or kids are invited to pick up a worship packet when they enter the sanctuary.

The area will be available to preschool and elementary age children. Parents (or grandparents) of preschool children should sit with their child when using this area. Elementary children can use the area alone or with a parent present. Mike Gillespie, our DCE, (or other volunteer) will also sit in that area to help children during worship.


Our *“Pray Ground”* can be accessed anytime during the service so parents and children should feel free to move to that area with a child during the service if necessary. Sitting up front near this area would make transition to the tables easier during the service.


You will also find additional ways to make our service more inviting for children by reading the *“Welcoming Children In Worship”* brochure on the narthex resource table.




La Fiesta in the Park: Come and enjoy fun activities and delicious traditional meals from all over Latin America today from 4-7 pm. There will be a Balloon Artist, face painting, a petting zoo, bounce houses and more! The cost is \$1 per meal ticket, \$5 for activity wristband (children 3+) or \$25 per family, children 2 and under are free.

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 **Youth:** Come join us on Sunday night from 5-7 in Gailey Hall! Bring \$5 for dinner, and note that you are always welcome to bring friends! Don't forget to sign up to help with La Fiesta in the Park on 9/30. We miss your smiling face when you're not there, so hope you can come!

 **Presbyterian Women:** In October, Elizabeth Small will meet with the Day and Sunday Circles to present "Feed My Sheep", a story about her years of feeding the homeless. The **Book Circle** will discuss *Shadow Song* by Terry Kay. The **knitting class** will meet on October 7. Participants will be knitting warm scarves for Mount Vernon Youth service projects with the homeless.


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

 **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.

 **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 October 7. 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.

 **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.

 Copies of **These Days daily devotionals** for October – December are available in the info centers or the church office. Pick one up and one to share with a friend!

 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.