MVPC Happenings....



- **Pumpkin Palooza:** Join us this afternoon for our Pumpkin Palooza! We will paint pumpkins at 4pm followed by dinner at 5pm. Everyone in the congregation is invited to join us for a fun, fall celebration! Paint and dinner provided. Bring your own pumpkin!
- Senior Adults: The Senior Adults will have a luncheon on Saturday, October 27 at noon in Fellowship Hall. We may have witches brew and eye of newt or we may have something else! Come join us to see. You can let Pat Davis know if you wish to attend by email at pdavisatlanta@aol.com or telephone her at 770-394-3254. Hope to see you there!
- Author Talk with Eve Hoffman: The Friends of the Sandy Springs Library would like to thank MVPC for allowing them to host an Author Talk in the chapel while the Sandy Springs Library is closed for renovation, and MVPC members are invited to attend. Join us for an Author Talk with Eve Hoffman about her new book "Memory & Complicity" on Sunday, October 28 from 3:00 5:00 in the Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church Chapel. Storyteller and poet Eve Hoffman, a sixth generation Georgian, is rooted in red clay and grew up on a dairy farm by the Chattahoochee River. Along the way, she graduated from Smith College, studied in Africa, lived in San Francisco, worked at Stanford and then settled back to the land she loves to raise a family. Her lineage includes a Revolutionary War soldier, a mill owner "hung near to death" by Yankees, a suffragette leader and a grandfather who helped shape the south as chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Eve has held public office, impacted education and environmental policy, founded a statewide K-12 writing competition and backed her car into a fire hydrant after swim practice, about which her kids still tease her. She has been recognized by her alma mater, Smith College, as a "Remarkable Woman" and by Georgia Trend as one of Georgia's 100 influential people.
- **Lake Forest Candy:** Once again this year, we will be helping Lake Forest Elementary with their Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 26. This event allows children from the school to trick-or-treat in a safe place. We are the only outside group that gets to help. Please drop off donations of bagged candy at the church office between 10/7 and 10/24. Thank you so much for your generosity!
- The Monday Morning Bible Study Group recently began 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.

Youth: Come paint pumpkins with us at Pumpkin Palooza on this afternoon at 4! Don't forget to bring your own pumpkin. We will eat dinner with everyone at 5, and then have Youth Group at 5:30. The Senior High Girls' Bible Study will also meet at 5:30. Hope to see you

Presbyterian Women: In November, Presbyterian Women will host two presentations on "Caregiving for Family and Self". The first one will be on November 11 after the 11:00 service in the Session Room. It will be led by Raina Nadler, an attorney who has worked in the areas of probate, criminal, and family law, and Daphne C. Reiley, who co-authored "A Tapestry of Love: The Spirituality of Caregiving". A light lunch will be provided. The second presentation will be on Tuesday, November 13, at 11:00 in the Kirk Center. It will be led by Michael Johnson, LCSW, a licensed social worker and certified Aging Life Care Manager, and Peggy Barrett, MSW, who has a Masters in Social Work Administration and chaired the Meals On Wheels America Board. Come at 10:30 for light refreshments. Everyone is invited to these presentations, men and women!

The **Book Circle** will meet November 9th to discuss "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. **Circle of Grace** will meet on November 11th at the home of Joy Carden.

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. 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.

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