


# MVPC Happenings....




PRAISE. LISTEN. LOVE. SERVE.

 **The Communion Offering for December** is donations for the Santa Shop at the International Women's House, a shelter for abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. Most needed items are new, unwrapped toys and clothing for children of all ages from infants to teens. Target and Walmart gift cards are also appreciated by the teenagers. In addition, the shelter always has a need for household paper products, cleaning supplies, and grooming supplies (soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, hand lotion, etc.), Please place your donations in the baskets in the narthex on Sunday, December 2, or in the outreach bin near the church office at any time until December 14. Thank you for your generosity!


 **Youth:** Join us tonight from 5-7 in Gailey Hall for Youth Group! Please bring \$5 for dinner – you're always welcome to bring a friend.

 **Advent Devotionals:** 2018 daily Advent devotionals are available in the Narthex if you would like to pick one up on Sunday.

 **During the 9:00 service on December 2,** we will be giving Bibles to our new 2nd graders as part of a long tradition at MVPC. It is a wonderful way to start these young Christians on that thrilling journey through the scriptures. If you have a new 2nd grader who should receive a Bible we hope you will contact Mike ([mike@mvpchurch.org](mailto:mike@mvpchurch.org)) and let him know.

 **Atlanta Concert Band Concert:** Join us for this free concert, *Holiday Cards*, a musical celebration of the holidays. The concert will take place in the Sanctuary on Sunday, December 9 at 4 pm. We will have light refreshments available in the Narthex following the concert.

 **Family Promise:** We are approaching our Family Promise dates December 30-January 6. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baaa72fa02-december>. Thank you!

 **Presbyterian Women:** We are starting to plan the Christmas Dinner and Program. This event will be on Tuesday, December 11. Dinner will be at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall followed by the program in the Sanctuary. The cost is \$12. We will be taking reservations before and after the 11:00 service and after the 9:00 service today and on December 2. People can also email Sarah Chalpan at [sarahchalpan@gmail.com](mailto:sarahchalpan@gmail.com) or call her at 770-394-8380 to reserve a spot. Payment can be made in cash or by check (made out to "PW MVPC"). Child care will be provided if needed.

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**New QUEST Class Study Begins December 2:** Ever wonder WHAT'S THE LEAST I CAN BELIEVE AND STILL BE A CHRISTIAN? That's the title of the book the Sunday morning Quest class will be studying in the next quarter.

Here's part of the author's preface. *"Part 1 covers 10 things Christians don't need to believe. In short, Christians don't need to believe in closed minded faith. Part 2 presents 10 things Christians do need to believe – what matters most, if you will. They need to believe in Jesus – his life, teachings, example, death, and resurrection. A great benefit of these beliefs is that they provide promising answers to life's most profound questions, including Where is God? What brings fulfillment? What about suffering? And is there hope? Many people in the 21<sup>st</sup> century hunger for an alternative expression of Christian faith that's different from the judgmental and narrow-minded caricatures they see on religious television and in the news. This book offers such an alternative."*

Copies of the book will be available but reading it ahead of time is not required for class participation.



**AMIS:** Can you make space for an international student at your Thanksgiving Day celebration? Help AMIS offer friendship and hospitality to international college and graduate students in our city who would like to experience our unique American holiday. For many, this will be a rare opportunity to be in an American home and taste our traditional turkey dishes (although traditional dishes are not necessary!).

Christmas International House is a program of hospitality for international college and graduate students during their winter break, allowing them to travel to a new city and stay in an American home to learn about our culture and experience first-hand how we celebrate Christmas. International students (studying at other colleges/universities in the US) will be coming to Atlanta and AMIS is looking for hosts for 3-4 nights anytime during December 18 to January 2. If you are interested and would like to learn more, please go to their website: [www.amis-inc.org](http://www.amis-inc.org), or email: [office@amis-inc.org](mailto:office@amis-inc.org), or call: 404-846-4396. You can also contact John or Patricia Hibbard with questions, [patricia.hibbard@yahoo.com](mailto:patricia.hibbard@yahoo.com).

### Advent Schedule

**December 2:** 1st Sunday in Advent – Hanging of the Greens at 5 pm followed by dinner in Fellowship Hall

**December 9:** 2nd Sunday in Advent – Atlanta Concert Band Christmas Concert at 4pm

**December 11:** Advent dinner and worship service hosted by Presbyterian Women at 6pm in Fellowship Hall

**December 23:** 4th Sunday in Advent – Lessons & Carols Worship Service at 11am (no First Cup Service)

**December 24:** Christmas Eve – Live Nativity 5 pm & Candlelight Worship Service at 5:30 pm

**December 30:** First Sunday after Christmas – Carol Sing, Worship and Fellowship at 10am in Fellowship Hall



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](mailto:lauren@mvpchurch.org).