MVPC Happenings....



Stewardship Commitment Sunday: Sunday, November 11 is Stewardship Commitment Sunday. Pledge cards were mailed out this week so you should receive them soon. Please bring them with you to service on November 11, mail your pledge card to the church by Friday, November 30 or email your commitment to yvonne@mvpchurch.org. Extra Estimate of Giving Cards are available in the Narthex.

The Communion Offering for November is Thanksgiving baskets distributed to Stirred Up Ministries to needy families in the East Lake area of Atlanta. Most needed items include grocery store gift cards (to buy hams and turkeys), canned vegetables (green beans, peas, and corn), sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, corn bread mix, stuffing mix, canned fruit, cake mix, Jello, pie crust mix, and canned pie filling. Donations may be dropped off in the bin outside of the church office any time before November 18. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Family Promise: We are hosting Family Promise December 30-January 6. We are going to need a lot of help, so please reserve the dates on your calendar. Sign up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baaa72fa02-december. Thank you!

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 our website: www.amis-inc.org, or email: office@amis-inc.org, or call: 404-846-4396. You can also contact John or Patricia Hibbard with questions, patricia.hibbard@yahoo.com.

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. Feed the Homeless has been rescheduled for Nov 11 at 6 am, so please put that on your calendar.

- The teachers and administrators at Lake Forest Elementary School want to thank you profusely for all of the candy you provided for their Trunk or Treat event. Because so many of their students live in places where trick or treating is unsafe, this event is hugely important to them. They couldn't do it without your help please know how grateful they are!
- The Winter 2019 schedule of classes for Perimeter Adult Learning & Services (PALS) is available in the narthex and the church office. The classes will run from January 7th March 4th at Dunwoody Baptist Church.
- **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! We are especially in need of 9am greeters. Please sign-up at https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805094aa8aa2cab9-mvpc if you are interested.
- Presbyterian Women: Presbyterian Women will host two presentations on, "Caregiving for Family and Self" this month. 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: Have you missed the coffee and breakfast on Sunday mornings when there is no one signed up? You can help! December 2, 9 and 16 are available. All you have to do is bring juice and pastries. Grab the First Cup Cart and do a simple set-up/clean-up. Coffee will already be set up for you that morning. If you would be willing to help, you can sign up online here or email Christy Hill at Christy.hill321@comcast.net.
- 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.