

MVPC Happenings....



PRAISE. LISTEN. LOVE. SERVE.



Outreach Tree for the Homeless – Help decorate the outreach tree in the narthex during Advent by bringing grooming supplies and new or gently used clothing for men, women, and children to be distributed to the homeless. Most needed items include gloves, scarves, hats, jackets, sweatshirts, socks, hand warmers, and small or travel-size soap, deodorant, toothpaste, shampoo, hand lotion, and lip balm.

The Christmas Joy Offering being received on December 23 is one of four yearly offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA) that assists leaders and their families– past, present and future. The offering supports church workers and their families who have retired, those who continue their ministry and those who will be our future leaders.



Reception for Ricardo Sunday: Hopefully you know by now that Rev. Ricardo Green, who has led our Spanish Languages Ministry for the past two and a half years, will be leaving MVPC at year's end. We will miss Ricardo and want to celebrate his ministry here among us by hosting a reception in Fellowship Hall for Ricardo following the 11 a.m. worship service today.



Caroling: Meet at Mount Vernon Presbyterian on the Johnson Ferry Road side this afternoon at 5 p.m. We will leave at 5:15 and go to share Christmas joy with some of our members who are home bound. Following the caroling, we will go to Mellow Mushroom for dinner. If you can be a driver for this event, please let Susan Haynes know. susan@mvpchurch.org



Daily Devotionals for January–March are available in the narthex and church office. Please pick one up and one to share!



Poinsettia Orders: Order a poinsettia to honor or remember someone special in your life while beautifying the Sanctuary for the Advent season. Forms are available in your bulletin, in the Narthex, church office or the Good News. You can also email jill@mvpchurch.org. Order deadline is this Wednesday, Dec. 19.



Youth: Join us tonight for a Study Break with S'mores any time between 5–7 pm! You can come and go whenever is best for you – we just wanted to give you a break! (We'll have some pizza to go with your S'mores.) Hope to see you there!

December 16, 2018



QUEST Class: WHAT'S THE LEAST I CAN BELIEVE AND STILL BE A CHRISTIAN? This study includes 10 things Christians don't need to believe and 10 things Christians do need to believe. This adult class meets from 10-10:45 in the Session Room. Our DCE is the discussion facilitator.



Presbyterian Women: We really enjoyed hosting the Christmas dinner and program. Thanks to all who attended and helped to make this a special occasion. Also, thanks to everyone who worked to make it a success. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

The **Book Circle** will next meet on January 11 to discuss "*The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story*" by Diane Ackerman.

Our **PW Winter Newsletter** is now available online here or you can grab a copy in the narthex.



Family Promise update: Family Promise dates are December 30-January 6. We have already got almost all slots filled! Thank you for all those who have stepped up! We still need:

December 31st (2) overnight hosts

January 1st 2 overnight hosts

January 5th 2 slots- provide hot breakfast and serve as morning hosts

We have a couple of 'nice to have' extra dinner hosts for several evening slots.

Contact Moira Speirs to volunteer or for more information moiralife@gmail.com. Thank you!

Advent Schedule

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

Financial Update

	Week of 12/3 - 12/9	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$41,067	\$587,748	\$695,545
Loose Offering	\$84	\$4,684	\$7,000
Total	\$41,151	\$592,432	\$702,545



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.