

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 today 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.

This year's **Christmas Eve Offering** is for Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb. Family Promise provides shelter to homeless families in the area through a network of 13 Christian and Jewish congregations. It assists the families in finding permanent housing, jobs, and other social services. You will be able to make your donation online at our church website or place your gift in the offering plate. Thank you for your generosity!



Family Promise update: Our Families Arrive on December 30th. Thank you for such a fabulous response! For those who have volunteered to provide gift cards please have them in the office before Dec 30th . You can put them in Gill Hutt's mailbox in church office. URGENT: We do still need overnight hosts for December 31st and January 1st. Please let Moira know if you are available for either: moiralife@gmail.com. Thank you!



NO Sunday School classes for 1st-5th Graders or adults on December 30.



Youth: No Youth Group tonight. Have a Merry Christmas!



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

December 23, 2018



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!

Book Club update: The book being reviewed on January 11 is “*Murder on the Orient Express*” by *Agatha Christie*.

The **Day Circle** will meet on January 8 and the **Sunday Circle** will meet on January 13. They will hear a discussion by Marguerite Nelson and Sylvia McAdam about the work that Presbyterian Missionaries do throughout the world.

Circle of Grace will meet on January 13 at the home of Sylvia McAdam.

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



PNC Update: The PNC worked through the fall preparing our Ministry Information Form. The MIF followed the many congregation listening sessions of the summer and early fall and the geo-demographic report. The most recent Church Assessment Tool – the Holy Cow survey – from a couple of years ago was also utilized. The MIF follows a standard Presbytery format and provides information about our church, our ministries, and our vision and goals. Leadership Competencies that we desire in our next pastor are listed. Our MIF has been approved by both Presbytery and Session and is now posted on the PC(USA) website. Through that, our MIF will be matched with Personal Information Forms (PIF) of potential candidates. And this will begin the next phase of the work of the PNC, reviewing PIFs and prayerfully searching for our next pastor.

The MIF will be available in the church office. The timing is now right, if you have someone in mind who you would like to recommend to the PNC for review and consideration.

Advent Schedule

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 12/10 – 12/16	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$58,030	\$645,778	\$695,545
Loose Offering	\$144	\$4,828	\$7,000
Total	\$58,174	\$650,606	\$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.