

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.), Donations can be placed in the outreach bin near the church office at any time until December 14. Thank you for your generosity!

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.



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



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 Wednesday, Dec. 19.



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 this afternoon at 4 pm. We will have light refreshments available in the Narthex following the concert.



Youth: Don't forget our Christmas Party tonight from 5-7 in Gailey Hall! We will do a tapas style dinner, so bring your favorite sweet or savory snack and a wrapped "White Elephant" gift to exchange. Friends are always welcome!

December 9, 2018



New QUEST Class Study Begins: 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 this next quarter.

From 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...."

This adult class meets from 10–10:45 in the Session Room. Our DCE is the discussion facilitator.



AMIS: 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, 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.



Family Promise: Family Promise dates are December 30–January 6. Please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10coe4baaa72fa02-december>. We need overnight hosts. For January 1st, we would like to give our guests a traditional New Years dinner. We already have the Chicken and the Black eyed peas covered . We need Ham, collard greens and another veggie. We know a lot of people are with their families that day so Moira Speirs would be happy to pick it up the day before as long as the food is in a disposable container. Please email Moira or put a note in Gill Hutt's box in the church office: moiralife@gmail.com. Thank you!

Advent Schedule

- 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 6:30pm 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

Financial Update

	Week of 11/26–12/2	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$10,212	\$546,681	\$695,545
Loose Offering	\$84	\$4,600	\$7,000
Total	\$10,296	\$551,281	\$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.