MVPC Happenings....



Grubb Burger Fundraiser Day: Help us raise money for the Zambia mission trip by eating at Grubb Burger on Sunday, January 20th! We will receive a percentage of the sales when anyone mentions they are eating for Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church on the 20th. They have delicious food and are located on the corner of Peachtree Dunwoody Rd. and Hammond Dr. across the street from Einstein Bros. Bagels. The address is 1110 Hammond Dr #35, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. Check out their website www.grubburgerbar.com. We hope you will share a meal with other church members after service on Sunday and use this as a time to fellowship.

Financial Contribution Statements: If you did not pick up your statement last Sunday, they were mailed out this past week. If you did not receive your statement in the mail or have any questions or concerns, contact yvonne@mvpchurch.org.

Garden Hill Scholarship: Hannah Hagenau and Katieanne Peterson are beginning fundraising for the Garden Hill Scholarship fund once again. This fund goes to support graduates of Garden Presbyterian School as they move into secondary school at Garden Hill Secondary School. Our church has always done an awesome job of supporting students during their years at Garden Presbyterian, but they still need help even after they have graduated. Last year, we were able to send 22 students to high school and raise over \$5000. This year we aim to raise \$5000 and send 28 students to high school. Please help us achieve are goals by donating through our website https://highschoolforzambia.wixsite.com/gardenhill or making a donation to the church as Garden Hill Scholarship fund.

Food for First Cup: We would love for YOU to sign up to bring food for the First Cup service. If you haven't volunteered before, it is an easy way to get involved. Please sign up online at www.mvpchurch.org or speak to Christy Hill if you are interested. All you do is add your food and juice and ice/water in the pitcher provided. Everything is in the cabinets in the Kirk Center and the coffee is provided. You are welcome to leave your receipts (with your name and address) in Christy Hill's mailbox in the church office for a mailed reimbursement.

Presbyterian Women: The **Day Circle** met last Tuesday and heard a discussion by Marguerite Nelson and Sylvia McAdam about the work that Presbyterian Missionaries do throughout the world and community missions that we support. The **Book Circle** will meet on February 8 and review *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie.

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

Youth: Tonight is Youth Group from 5-7, and we want YOU to be there! Bring \$5 for dinner. You're always welcome to bring a friend.

Restart of The Stephen Ministry: Looking for compassionate and committed men and women!

The Stephen Ministry, a lay ministry for assisting people in crisis (death, divorce, loss of job, injury, illness, or other) will resume, under the leadership of Pat Bartee, who is attending training Jan. 13–19. Training for a Mount Vernon church team will begin in early February. Those entering training must be, 1) a past Stephen minister or, 2) a person who can easily keep confidences and keep information private, 3) a person who is more willing to listen than to advise (You will be trained to do this!) and, 4) one who will commit to mandatory training (The Stephen Ministry is a licensed program).

The Stephen Ministry can become a true asset to our church by supplementing and assisting pastoral and congregational care and supporting and befriending our members during crises. If you are interested in the ministry, please contact Pat Bartee during January. Text and email will be best during Pat's week of intensive training (1/13–19).

Los Niños Primero featured at MLK Day at Sandy Springs City Center: Have you heard that Los Niños Primero will be featured as the city's non-profit organization making a difference in the community? We are thrilled! Several of our students, volunteers, parents and teachers will make brief presentations. We are so indebted to the church for the support and love we receive. We hope that church members will join us and revel in what they have contributed to LNP and to the Sandy Springs community. If it weren't for the church members taking the initiative to serve the community, we would not be here today! It will begin at 10 am and last about 60 to 90 minutes.

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.