

MVPC Happenings....



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Farewell Reception for TJ Shirley – Feb. 3: As you know, TJ Shirley, our Music Director, will be leaving MVPC on February 8. Since February 3 is his last Sunday with us, we want to host a farewell reception for him in the Kirk Center, following each service (10 am and noon). Please join us to celebrate his ministry with us over the last 8 years.

Annual Meeting – Feb. 10: During the Sunday School hour on February 10, we will have our annual meeting to discuss 2018. Please make every effort to attend as we review this report.

Garden Hill Scholarship update: Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Garden Hill Scholarship Fund this year! Your contribution will benefit 28 deserving students attending Garden Hill High School in Lusaka, Zambia. Please help us reach our goal of \$5000 to pay tuition for all 28 students, including Edward Phiri and Lackson Nkata. Edward wants to become a pilot after he graduates and Lackson wants to become a nurse. Please help them achieve their goals by donating through our website or making a donation to the church as Garden Hill Scholarship fund. Thanks, Hannah Hagenau.

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. Duties are simple – 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 – so easy! 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.

Youth: Tonight is Youth Group from 5-7. You're always welcome to bring a friend.

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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).

Presbyterian Women: We started the New Year with presentations by Sylvia McAdam and Marguerite Nelson about missions here and throughout the world. We also enjoyed fellowship and reviewing the book, *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie.

Save the date! In February, the Day Circle and the Sunday Circle will meet jointly on Sunday, February 10, after the 11:00 service for lunch and a presentation about Family Promise by the director, Andrea Brantley. Lunch will be provided, and everyone is invited!

The Book Circle will meet on Feb. 8th and review *The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story* by Diane Ackerman. Circle of Grace will meet on the 10th at the home of Lisa Cumming.

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

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.