



# MVPC Happenings....



PRAISE. LISTEN. LOVE. SERVE.


 **Listening Session:** We will have a Worship Task Force listening session immediately following the 11 am service in the Sanctuary. Please make every effort to attend as all member input is valued.


 **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.

 **Presbyterian Women:** In January, 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. The **Book Circle** will meet on January 11 and review *Murder on the Orient Express*.

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

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

 **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](http://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.

 **Christmas Eve Photos:** If you have any photos from the Christmas Eve service that we can use on the website or social media, please send them to [lauren@mvpchurch.org](mailto:lauren@mvpchurch.org).

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**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.

### Financial Update

	Week of 12/23 - 12/31	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$40,340	\$669,943	\$695,545
Loose Offering	\$113	\$5,053	\$7,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,453</b>	<b>\$674,996</b>	<b>\$702,545</b>

\*The report that was in the weekly email incorrectly included money that was given to special offerings such as the Kirk Center renovation. The above numbers report member giving only to the MVPC operating budget.



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](mailto:lauren@mvpchurch.org).