

MVPC Happenings....



March Communion Offering: Our food drive for the Community Assistance Center (CAC) will continue through the month of March. They are in desperate need of food since their shelves are almost empty. Most needed items include canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham, spam, etc.), canned peas and vegetables, cereal, macaroni and cheese or canned pasta meals. Please place your donations in the Outreach bin outside of the office anytime during the month of February or March.

Lenten Small Group Sign up this Sunday: The C.E. committee is excited to be offering a new opportunity for congregants to once again participate in small groups. Groups will meet for 90 minutes weekly during the six weeks of Lent starting the week of March 10.

Groups will range in size from 8-12 people. They will offer an opportunity for building new relationships, fellowship together, and spiritual growth. There will be 4 group options meeting at these times and places. (If needed, additional groups will be added)

1) Tower Group – meets at The Towers during the week. (Day/Time to be decided by members)

Facilitator: Pat Davis

2) Sunday noon church group meets after the 11:00 service (12:00-1:30)

Facilitator: Sam McClurg

3) Sunday evening church group meets from 5:00-6:30

Facilitator: Gloria Gillespie

4) Sunday evening home group meets at the Southard's house from 5:00-6:30

Facilitator: Tim Southard

Each group will focus on the theme of "WHAT MAKES A HERO." It is an engaging study with a short DVD presentation followed by a lively discussion led by the group facilitator. Detailed brochures about the study are available on the resource table in the narthex.

The church will provide participant books that will be available for pick up March 3. If you would like, you can reimburse the church the book cost of \$11.50. If needed, the church will also reimburse any child care expenses incurred by study participants.

Sign up for a group after the 9:00 and 11:00 service starting this Sunday and also Sunday, Feb. 24 and March 3.

February 17, 2019

Senior Adult Ministry: The Senior Adult Ministry Team is inviting all Senior Adults to join us on Saturday, March 2, for the Tiny House Convention in Macon, GA. We will meet at the church at 8 am and drive down there together to see all kinds and styles of tiny houses! The cost is \$20 for admission (ages 60 and older are half price!) – bring money for lunch as well. Central City Park will be full of fun and creative tiny houses for us to see and tour. Plus it will be great fun for all of us to hang out together outside! Please let Elizabeth Small know ASAP if you're interested so we can get a good head count.

Our Senior Adult Ministry Team is having a Soup and Salad Lunch on Saturday, March 9, at 12:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. We hope all of our Senior Adults will join us for great food and great fellowship! Please contact Elizabeth in the church office to reserve your spot!

Young Adult Outing: Join a group of young singles and marrieds in their 20's-40's for a fellowship event on Saturday, March 2nd at 7:30 pm! We are going to Porter Pizza Brewery in Sandy Springs (6370 Powers Ferry Rd. N.W. Ste. 101 Atlanta, GA 30339). This will be a casual evening to get to know each other better. We hope you can attend! RSVP to lauren@mvpchurch.org or through the Facebook event

Youth: Youth Group from 5-7 this Sunday night. You're always welcome to bring a friend!

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. Training for a Mount Vernon church team will begin this month. 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 this ministry, please contact Pat Bartee.

Financial Update

	Week of 2/4-2/10	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$5,438	\$67,143	\$523,700
Loose Offering	\$131	\$480	\$5,000
Total	\$5,569	\$67,623	\$528,700

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.