

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 this month. Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Easter Party: On April 13 from 2-4 pm, Sylvia and Don McAdam are hosting an event in their yard across from the church in Mount Vernon Woods (6422 Vernon Woods Drive NE Atlanta, GA 30328). We will have a bounce house, ring toss and more for the kids! We also plan to dye and fill Easter eggs for the church egg hunt the following day. Light refreshments will be served. We hope you can make it! This event is open to everyone so please invite your friends and family.

We are requesting donations to fill the Easter Eggs such as candy, toys, bubbles, etc... that will fit into standard 2.5 inch plastic Easter Eggs.

Palm Sunday Brunch & Easter Egg Hunt: Save-the-date for our church Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday, April 14! Brunch is at 10 am in Fellowship Hall with the egg hunt in the courtyard.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast: Our 'Fellowship of the Carpenter' men's breakfast is fast approaching. We gather Sunday morning, March 31, 7:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Another one of David's delicious meals awaits. We will enjoy a time of fellowship together, share in a morning devotion led by Charlie Gray, and discuss what the group will be doing in the future.

PLEASE SIGN UP this Sunday or March 24 so we can get a head count for the meal.

Stephen Ministry Update: On Sunday and Thursday nights until June 9, our trainees for the Stephen Ministry are learning how to deepen their spiritual lives, how to build non-judgmental, confidential relationships, how to identify and reflect feelings, and how to listen attentively so they can be available to support the rest of us who go through difficulty and need someone with us. These committed individuals are training for fifty hours to bring a new skilled level of Christian care-giving to our church. Pray for them as they prepare to serve us.

March 17, 2019

Youth: Youth group this Sunday from 5-7 pm in Gailey Hall. Bring a friend!

Presbyterian Women: We had a wonderful meeting this week with Mike Gillespie, our Interim Director of Christian Education. He discussed what a Christian Education program is and some of the new ideas in Christian Education. Thank you, Mike! In April, the Day Circle will meet on the 9th and the Sunday Circle will meet on the 14th. Rev. Susan Haynes will talk to us about the Presbyterian Church and the issues that unite and divide us. The retreat that we usually have in April will take place next fall. The Book Circle will meet on the 12th and review *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch and Jeffrey Zaslow. The Circle of Grace will meet on the 14th at the home of Shelly Ray.

Our Spring Newsletter is now available in the Narthex or on our website.

Yarning for You: There is a new knitting class at the **Community Assistance Center** every Friday from 10-11:30am. Beginners are welcome! The veteran knitters will help beginners learn to knit. Contact Monica.fernandez@ourcac.org if you have questions.

Village Drivers needed: We are looking for two drivers to pick up members of our church from the Village on Sunday mornings. The riders are picked up at 10:45am and returned to the Village following service. You will coordinate with the others drivers and only have to drive about 4-6 times a year. Please contact Mary Kilgore to sign up: mnk1936@gmail.com or 404-259-4036.

Church Phonetree: Several of you have inquired about the Church Phonetree. We are no longer able to use this tool because it does not work with the updated version of the church's database. In order for the Phonetree to work, it has to interact with the database. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Financial Update

	Week of 3/4-3/11	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$5,670	\$104,957	\$523,700
Loose Offering	\$204	\$827	\$5,000
Total	\$5,874	\$105,784	\$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.