

# MVPC Happenings....



**One Great Hour of Sharing:** One of four annual offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be received on Easter Sunday, April 21. Each year, Presbyterians join with millions of other Christians to share God's love with people experiencing need. Our gifts support ministries of disaster response, refugee assistance and resettlement, and community development that help people find safe refuge, start new lives and work together to strengthen their families and communities. The Presbyterian Hunger Program receives 36 percent of undesignated gifts, while Self-Development of People and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance each receives 32 percent.

**April Communion Offering:** Still needed are paper towels, bathroom tissue, household cleaning supplies, laundry and dish detergent, non-perishable pantry goods (especially sugar, flour, spices, etc.), children's arts/crafts and school supplies, umbrellas, diapers, and grocery store gift cards. Please place your donations in the outreach bin outside the church office any time during this month. Thank you for your generosity!

**Easter Prayer Vigil:** Just a reminder to sign up for the Easter Prayer Vigil beginning at noon on Good Friday (April 19) and continuing until 7 a.m. Easter morning when we will have the Easter Sunrise Service in the garden. Sign up online or in the narthex if you'd like to participate. You can pray at home or you can come to the church chapel where we will have stations for prayer and meditation from noon until 9 p.m. Good Friday evening and 9 a.m.– 8 p.m. on Saturday.

**Youth:** Youth group tonight from 5–7 pm in Gailey Hall. Come join us and bring a friend!

**Senior Adult Gathering:** All Senior Adults are invited to come watch the Masters' Tournament after church today in Gailey Hall. Come and enjoy food and fellowship!

Don't forget to use your Lego piece to remind you to pray daily for the people/events you've assigned to each peg – or to remind you to pray in general – during this Lenten season. (If you didn't get a piece, you can pick one up on Sunday or in the church office.) Please bring your piece back on Easter Sunday (either service) for a meaningful end to this Lego Challenge!

**2019 Grant Application:** Download a copy of our 2019 Foundation Grant Application from our website or pick one up in the church office.

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**Presbyterian Women:** This week Rev. Susan Haynes met with the Day Circle and discussed issues in the Presbyterian Church that unite and divide us. She also discussed some survey findings about measuring vitality in a church. Rev. Haynes will also be meeting with the Sunday Circle this afternoon. Thank you Susan!

The Book Circle will meet in May and review *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck. The Circle of Grace will meet today at the home of Shelly Ray.

**Save the date!** Presbyterian Women will sponsor a program on May 5th after the 11:00 service. All women of the church are invited. Daphne Reiley will present, "*Weaving a Tapestry of Spiritual Practices*". Ms. Reiley is the co-author of the book, "*A Tapestry of Love*". She is also a spiritual leader in her home church, First Christian Church of Decatur. A light lunch will be provided.

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

**Stephen Ministry:** Stephen Ministry trainees are excited about providing another level of caregiving to Mount Vernon's congregational care program. They have completed the first month of training and, heading into the second, are seeing growth in their prayer and spiritual lives and growth in their caregiver skills. This dedicated team (Patricia Hibbard, Mary McClurg, Joy Carden, Bruce Morine, and Carolina Kirby-Smith) is preparing to serve us when we are at our lowest place. Pray for them as they continue to prepare.

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

April 13: Children's Easter Party, 2-4pm at McAdam Residence in Mount Vernon Woods Subdivision

April 14: Palm Sunday Services 9 & 11 am

Palm Sunday Brunch & Egg Hunt, 10 am in Fellowship Hall

April 18: Maundy Thursday Service, 7:30pm in Sanctuary

April 19: Good Friday Service, 7:30 pm in Sanctuary

April 21: Easter Sunrise Service, 7 am on Patio; Easter Service, 11am in Sanctuary

### Financial Update

	Week of 4/1-4/7	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$14,785	\$136,616	\$523,700
Loose Offering	\$394	\$2,962	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,179</b>	<b>\$139,578</b>	<b>\$528,700</b>

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.