

## MVPC Happenings....



**May Communion Offering:** is for the Drake House, a transitional housing facility for homeless mothers and their children located in Roswell. The biggest need at present is for grocery store and gas station gift cards. A car is a necessity for the women to get to jobs and keeping gas in their cars is sometimes a challenge. Other needs include canned goods (mandarin oranges, fruit cocktail, pineapple, cream of mushroom or chicken soup, and tomato paste), kids cereal, diapers (size 1, 5, and 6), plastic storage containers with lids, liquid dish soap, and household and bathroom cleaners.

Please place your donations in the outreach bin outside the church office any time during the month of May. Gift cards may be placed in the offering plates on Sunday morning or given to Jill or Yvonne in the church office. For more information about the Drake House, please go online to [thedrakehouse.org](http://thedrakehouse.org).

**The annual Mother's Day Offering** for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia will be received this morning at both services. All donations go to the Caring Hands Fund which provides nursing care and support to over 400 residents who have outlived their financial resources and ensures that no resident is ever turned away due to an inability to pay for services. More information on Presbyterian Homes of Georgia can be found online at [phgainc.org](http://phgainc.org).

**Youth Group:** No youth group tonight due to Mother's Day! Don't forget our year end party on May 19 from 4-7pm at Sky Zone. Parents must sign a waiver which can be completed online at <https://skyzoneroswell.pfestore.com/waiver/>. Please RSVP to Sylvia McAdam at [sylvia.mcadam@yahoo.com](mailto:sylvia.mcadam@yahoo.com).

**Children's Outing at Rise Equestrian:** June 8th from 10-1 pm, 1035 Blackwell Road, Marietta, GA 30066. Rising Star Equestrian Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving lives through equine assisted activities. Join us at the farm with pigs, goats, a mini donkey, and a duck. We will learn how to groom and ride horses. Then we will stay for a picnic lunch. Please RSVP to Carrie Southard at [tkscns@bellsouth.net](mailto:tkscns@bellsouth.net). There are a limited number of spaces available.

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**Children's Outing at the Dunwoody Nature Center:** June 29 from 10-1pm 5343 Roberts Dr., Dunwoody, GA 30338. Connect with God's creation by taking a hike through the woods and then learning how to paint a nature picture with MVPC artist, Donna Martin! Afterward, stay for a picnic lunch and fun on the playground and rock hopping in the creek. Please RSVP to Carrie Southard at [tkscns@bellsouth.net](mailto:tkscns@bellsouth.net).

**Stephen Ministry:** Initial training is winding down as Stephen Ministers become more knowledgeable about anger, grief, loss, depression, and chronic illness. As they learn, they are embracing spiritual disciplines that will ground them in their faith. They are practicing new caring tools that improve communication and convey the highest levels of caring.

Commissioning of this group of well-trained laypeople will be on Sunday, July 7. After that date, the Stephen Ministry is operational for referrals and will offer one on one, confidential care for individuals eighteen and older. They will be present during and after the traumatic event, during a long illness, as a companion to navigate a loss, a transition, or loneliness; a Stephen Minister will walk through it with you and you will not be alone.

All referrals go through the pastors.

**Presbyterian Women:** Presbyterian Women enjoyed the program last Sunday, "*Weaving a Spiritual Tapestry*", presented by Daphne Reiley. The Circle of Grace will meet on May 19 at the home of Meg Christian. The Book Circle met last Friday, and reviewed *The Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck.

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

**The Upper Room** devotionals for May-June are available in the narthex and in the church office. Pick one up and one to share.

### Financial Update

	Week of 4/28-5/5	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$8,013	\$202,088	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$119	\$4,672	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,132</b>	<b>\$206,760</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>



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