



Good News

Month At-A-Glance

May 5

- ◇ Graduate Recognition
- ◇ Cinco de Mayo Gathering 4-7pm
- ◇

May 17

- ◇ MVPS Baccalaureate

May 18

- ◇ MVPS Graduation

May 26

- ◇ 10 am Summer Worship Begins

May 27

- ◇ Memorial Day
- ◇ Office Closed

May 2019

He is Risen.



Christian Education

Recognition of Kathy Grawe

On Sunday morning, April 14, we celebrated 30 years of wonderful care giving that Kathy Grawe has provided our nursery. It was a special morning as we presented Kathy with a gift and a Memory Book of comments church members had written her who had children pass through the nursery under her care. We are so appreciative of Carrie Southard for organizing this tribute for Kathy.



Palm Sunday Brunch

A big thank you to David Barclift and his team for another wonderful brunch on Palm Sunday. We had about 60 people attend and a good time was had by all!



Neighborhood Kid's Celebration April 13

It was a fun-filled afternoon for the families of Mt. Vernon Woods as we gathered at Sylvia and Don McAdam's house. The bouncy house provided energy release for the kids as parents enjoyed casual conversations together. The "egg coloring" table was a big hit as there seemed to be a steady flow of eager hands and smiling faces all afternoon. Of course, there was also a well visited snack table and other fun games for the kids.



New Children and Youth Protection Policy

The Christian Education Committee is in the process of developing a new Children and Youth Protection Policy. This new policy moves us into the future and provide us with new and more comprehensive guidelines for protecting the well being of all children and youth in our care.

The C.E. committee will finalize the draft of this new policy at their May 7 meeting and then pass it on to the Session for review and final approval. Once adopted by Session, our new Children and Youth Protection Policy will make it necessary for any Mt. Vernon member who is or will be working with children or youth in any capacity to go through a new screening and training process on this updated policy.

Children's Outing June 8

Just a calendar note that there will be a special kid's outing on Saturday, June 8. We will be heading off to enjoy a day at Anna's barn. We will have a picnic lunch together, and groom and ride horses. Fun with other animals will also be part of the adventure. More details will be coming soon but get the date reserved now. Grab a friend or two and bring them along. If you need more info right away then please contact Carrie Southard.

Small Groups Wrap Up Their Lenten Studies

Participants in our four Lenten small groups met for six weeks and enjoyed a wonderful experience together. We want to thank our small group facilitators (Sam McClurg, Gloria Gillespie, Pat Davis, Tim/Carrie Southard) for their preparation work that contributed to such positive responses from group participants.

Sam McClurg's Small Group



Here are some comments that were echoed by many.

1) What did you enjoy most about your small group experience?

"Great fellowship, great friends, and awesome discussions."

"Getting to better know the participants and interacting with them."

"Getting to know members and their opinions. Interesting discussions that made me think."

"The interaction with others by studying/learning together."

"Creative discussions around the topic of Lenten/Easter scripture."

"It's easier to share in small groups. I appreciated praying for others."

"The joys and concerns prayers."

"Stretching my own thinking."

2) What are the most important aspects of a small group experience for you?

"Content, discussions and sharing, connections to scripture."

"Study, fellowship, and learning together."

"Getting to know people."

"Learning new things and having a place where it is easy to talk to others."

"Building relationships with the congregation."

"The ability to share faith and fellowship with my church family."

"Discussing faith in a safe environment."

"An opportunity to share, pray together, learn from each other, socialize, and stay connected in an enjoyable venue/format."

The Christian Education Committee will be reviewing all the evaluations and using them to make our next round of small groups even better. Small groups will return in September. In the meantime, we encourage all our small group participants to stay in touch with one another and plan a get together or two over the coming weeks so you can continue those conversations and enjoy the fellowship.

If you did not participate in a small group this time around then talk to someone who did. You will discover that they are special places for fellowship, interaction, faith sharing, prayer, and discussions that will stretch your thinking.

Gloria Gillespie's Small Group



Youth Ministry

Below is the sign-up link for serving as the second adult and for dinner for Sunday night youth group. We must always have two adults signed up otherwise we are unable to have youth group. Please consider signing up to serve as the second adult.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2738651/false#/invitation>





Presbyterian Women

In April, Rev. Susan Haynes met with the Day Circle and the Sunday circle and talked about the Presbyterian Church and the issues that unite and divide us. She also discussed some survey findings about measuring vitality in a church. Thank you Susan! The Book Circle reviewed *The Last Lecture* by Randy Pausch and Jeffrey Zaslow.

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 Spiritual Tapestry". Ms. Reiley is the co-author of the book, "A Tapestry of Love". She received Spiritual Direction training and certification from Columbia Theological Seminary. She is also a commissioned minister and a spiritual leader in her home church, First Christian Church of Decatur. A light lunch will be provided.



Eagle Scout Project

Big thanks to Jack McGuire on completing his Eagle Scout project. He assembled a team of 12 MVPS student volunteers. The front of the Sanctuary looks amazing! Great job and congrats Jack!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Hannah Hagenau, who was named Co-Salutarian of her class at Mount Vernon Presbyterian School. She will attend Georgia Tech this fall.

Graduate Recognition

If you have a loved one graduating this year from college or grad school, we would love to recognize that person on these pages. Please include the following:

Name of school and degree

How this person relates to you (child, grandchild, mom or dad, etc.).

If the student knows what comes next – a job, more schooling, etc., please add that. Send this info to Elizabeth@mvpchurch.org by 5/16. We want to celebrate you!

Thanks so much!
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Senior Six

Our Senior Six (in which either Senior Adults or high school seniors answer the same 6 questions) profile this month focuses on the fabulous Lorry Clark!



1. How did you end up at MVPC?

I had met Betsy Cozine, and we visited the church together. We both wanted to join, and were in the same Inquirers' class!

2. What keeps you coming back?

I really enjoyed the Sunday School classes, because everyone got very involved in the discussion. I can't get there on Sundays now, but I've been watching the service on the Live stream since the very beginning!

Senior Six

3. What's one thing most people don't know about you?

After my first husband died, I never thought I would marry again. I had been very happy with him and our life together. But then I met Jim while we were both walking our dogs, and we got to know one another. He proposed to me and I turned him down! I just didn't think I would marry again. But then I said, "Maybe this is something the good Lord wants me to do. He's throwing it in my lap." Fortunately he proposed again, and that time I said yes!

4. If you had a time machine, would you use it to go back in time or into the future? Why?

I would go back to a time when sheer companionship was valued and enjoyed, and I would go forward because of the new "techy" things that would be available.

5. What would your superpower be and why?

That I could give even more than I do now.

6. What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

Just to keep in mind that life is not forever, and don't bemoan what might happen or what has happened because tomorrow is not promised to us.

Summer Worship

Don't forget, beginning Sunday, May 26, we will only have our 10 am worship in the Sanctuary. Sunday School classes will take place at 11am following service.

Stephen Ministry

Your Stephen Ministry Team finishes training on June 9! They will be commissioned for service on Sunday, July 7. Please join us in celebrating the addition to Congregational Care of these caring, skilled laypeople to meet with and walk with us through our darkest times.

All self and other referrals to the ministry will go through our pastoral staff. The Stephen Leader will be alerted and will meet with you in order to tell you about the program and what to expect. She will match you with a Stephen Minister who will be assigned to meet with you weekly on a totally one to one, confidential basis until your difficulty lightens.

Your Stephen Ministers feel very strongly that God led them to this ministry. They are grateful to God for strengthening their faith during this spiritual training and they feel they have learned new caring tools to use to help others through their lowest periods.

Concerns of the Congregation

In extended care: Margaret Blackley, Lorraine Moore, Jack Ward, Bert Hels and Nancy Nutter. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.



Circle of Friends

This year at the Los Ninos Primero Circle of Friends we had many things to celebrate. We had three recipients of the Martha Mead Scholarship. Two of them have been connected to the program since they were 4 years old. We celebrated our honorary chair, Sam McClurg for all his work and support to LNP.

We had about 260 attendees and we raised over \$140,000, this will allow us to serve 310 children this summer at four sites: Mount Vernon Presbyterian, Holy Innocents, Vickery Mill, and Hapeville elementary schools. The success of Los Ninos Primero would not be possible without the support of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church and school. Thank you to all the community supporters that attended the Gala and believing in the work we do to impact the most underserved population.



Zambia Scholarship

Dear sponsor,

Greetings to you and your family, my family and I are doing fine.

My name is **Suzyo Nyirenda**; I am under ACE/CACZ sponsorship. I started my first year of Registered Nursing in January 2019 at Lusaka Institute of Applied sciences. First and for most I would like to thank you for the job well done and for remembering me.

I never imagined that I would start my nursing program, God is really great and may he continue blessing you together with your family

My first days in college where exciting as I have been dreaming about it. The lectures have been fine and enjoying .I promise to work extra hard even though am trying to cope up with new things.

This is more like a dream come true I am very excited. Once more I thank you very much and may God continue adding more years.

Yours Faithfully,
S.Nyirenda,
Suzyo Nyirenda.



Communion Offering

The 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.

The annual Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia will be received on Sunday, May 12. 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.

Garden Hill Scholarship

As we begin to wrap up our fundraising, we would like to thank all those who have donated to the Garden Hill Scholarship Fund this year! Your contribution has truly made an impact on the lives of some incredible students! If you still wish to donate, you can do so by writing a check out to MVPC designated for the Garden Hill Scholarship Fund or by going to the donate page of the church website and selecting Hannah's Zambia Scholarship Fund!

Thank you for your support!

Thanks,
Hannah Hagenau

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
			1 PGA Due N. Clergy 11:30am Choir 7:30 pm	2 Young life 6 pm Stephen Ministry 7pm	3	4 Student Recital 3pm
5 Graduate Recognition PW Circle 12 pm Cinco de Mayo 4-7 pm Youth Group 5pm	6	7 PW-CT 10am CE 7pm	8 Stephen Ministry 5:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	9 Young life 6 pm Stephen Ministry 7pm	10 PW Book Circle 10am	11 LNP Teacher Training 9 am LNP Pretest 9 am
12 Mother's Day	13 Finance Admin. 5:30pm	14	15 Stephen Ministry 5:30pm Choir 7:30 pm	16 Young life 6 pm Stephen Ministry 7pm	17 MVPS Baccalaureate 4pm	18 MVPS Graduation
19 Session Meeting 12 pm Circle of Grace 5 pm Youth Group 5pm Stephen Ministry 7 pm	20 Magic Club 6 pm	21 PNC 7 pm Worship Ministry 7 pm Good News Deadline	22 Cobb Co. School Out	23 DeKalb/Fulton Co. School Out LNP Board 6 pm Stephen Ministry 7:30pm	24 MVPS School Out	25 LNP Parent Orientation 10 am
26 10 am Worship Only Stephen Ministry 7 pm	27 Office Closed	28	29 Good News Published	30	31 LNP Teen Vol. 12pm Church Office Summer Hours Start	

May Birthdays

Jacob Hughes	1-May	Mitch Lutes	10-May	Jon Barber	22-May
Shelly Ray	1-May	Becky Hague	11-May	Helen Bigham	22-May
David Hill	2-May	Helen Johnson	13-May	Emili Earhart	23-May
Andrew Nelson	2-May	Linda Boadi	14-May	Ed Spain	23-May
Brad Skidmore	4-May	Caroline Kilgore	15-May	Warren Aldrich	24-May
Mike Smith	5-May	Tim Southard	15-May	Laura Northrop	26-May
Guy Lever	6-May	Anmadri Badenhorst	16-May	Arshad Siddique	27-May
Kendra Boyer	7-May	Mary Earle Pelfrey	19-May	Dale Lewis	28-May
Cameron McClintock	7-May	Catie O'Hare	20-May	Spencer Ponsell	29-May
Emily Grove	8-May	Robin Lindsey	20-May	Wynn Sims	29-May

May 2019**May 5**11:00 This Sunday Activities

- Childcare:** (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)
Children: (Kirk Center, Grades 1-5)
Youth: (Gailey Hall)
Adult: 1. ***Feasting on the Word*** (Chapel) – Joy Carden
Acts 9:1-20 God Changes a Life
2. **Quest** (Session Room)
Jesus' Vision: What is God's Dream for the World?

May 1211:00 This Sunday Activities:

- Childcare:** (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)
Children: (Kirk Center, Grades 1-5)
Youth: (Gailey Hall)
Adult: 1. ***Feasting on the Word*** (Chapel) – Sam McClurg
Psalm 23 I Shall Not Want
2. **Quest**
A Final Question: Do Mainline Christians Believe in Getting Saved?

May 1911:00 This Sunday Activities

- Childcare:** (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)
Children: (Kirk Center, Grades 1-5)
Youth: (Gailey Hall)
Adult: 1. ***Feasting on the Word*** (Chapel) – David Hill
Rev. 21:1-6 A New Heaven
2. **Quest**
Searching for Happiness: Contented People Use Trials as Growth Opportunities

May 2611:00 This Sunday Activities

- Childcare:** (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)
Children: (Kirk Center, Grades 1-5)
Youth: (Gailey Hall)
Adult: 1. ***Feasting on the Word*** (Chapel) – Pearl Attaway
Acts 16:9-15 Paul and Lydia
2. **Quest** (Session Room)
Searching for Happiness: Contented People Cultivate Optimism



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Got News? We'd love to hear from you! Send us your news so we can celebrate, laugh, and/or cry with you. After all, we are FAMILY. Deadline for news is the third Tuesday of each month for the *next month's* newsletter. Send your submissions to terri@mvpchurch.org. *If you'd no longer wish to receive the Good News monthly, please email Jill at jill@mvpchurch.org.*

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