

MVPC Happenings....



Summer Picnic & Ice Cream Social: Join us this afternoon at 5 pm for fellowship, dinner and games! We will also be honoring Rev. Susan Haynes as we say farewell.

The Session has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, July 28 immediately following the 10 a.m. worship service for the purpose of electing the 2019 Church Nominating Committee. The Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church by-laws require that 5 people serve on the Church Nominating Committee. Per the PCUSA Book of Order, 2 of the 5 must be elders, one of whom must be currently serving on the Session, to serve as moderator and vice-moderator. The Session has appointed Gill Hutt as moderator and Charlie Gray as vice-moderator. The following will be nominated to serve on the 2019 Church Nominating Committee representing the congregation: Meg Christian, Gloria Gillespie, Barbara Hughes.

July Communion Offering: The Communion Offering for July is for school supplies for the Community Assistance Center (CAC) and other agencies that assist needy children. A \$40 donation to CAC allows them to purchase school supplies wholesale and provide each student with a backpack filled with appropriate items for each grade level. If you prefer to purchase school supplies, those will be given to Stirred Up Ministries and the International Women's House (a shelter for homeless women and children).

Checks may be placed in the offering plate any Sunday in July or left in the church office. Please write "CAC school supplies" on the memo line. Other donations (pencils, erasers, notebook paper, composition books, writing pens, markers, backpacks, etc.) may be placed in the outreach bin at any time during this month. Thank you for your generosity!

Family Promise update: Our Families are settled in at Fellowship Hall. We have three families with us, and they are wonderful. Our support team at Family Promise has been supporting everyone in the ongoing mission to find employment, find affordable housing and move back into independent lives. They couldn't do it without the support of all our congregations. Both teenagers have found summer jobs, and one of our moms will be starting her new job next week. All of these were found through leads from members of our congregations. What a network of support Family Promise provides! To that end one of our Moms is looking for a job that would suit her many talents and pay a living wage, she is multilingual, English, Spanish and Japanese, has some background in marketing and is technology savvy. Some part-time hours for summertime and downtime during school hours would be perfect. Let Moira know if you have any leads.

There are still some slots available on the Sign-Up Genius! Do please consider signing up either as a host or to bring dinner. It truly is a wonderful way to do exactly what we Christians are known for - helping others!

Do you feel a need for prayer? Have our Prayer Vine pray for you! Email your requests to prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org or call the church office at 404-255-2211.

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Canine Assistants Children's Outing: Do you love puppies and farm animals? Have you ever wondered how service dogs are trained? Come join Christy Hill and Lisa Cumming at the Canine Assistants farm in Alpharetta to find out! They will be giving us a private tour of the facility which includes the puppy classroom, the barn for the farm animals, and the whelping room where we will be able to interact with the puppies. At the end, we will all have a picnic lunch together.

Date and time is Aug. 24th from 10:30am -12:00pm. All children of the church are invited (and bring a friend!). Space is limited to approx. 12 children. Parents are welcome, but optional. RSVP to Carrie Southard at tkscns@bellsouth.net.

The Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) will be hosting a Salad and Games lunch on Saturday, July 27, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your favorite salad to share! Drinks and watermelon provided. Bring your best competitive game play or just come and hang out with us! Friends are always welcome. Please let Elizabeth know if you're coming by calling the church office or emailing elizabeth@mvpchurch.org.

Presbyterian Women: Presbyterian Women will not meet until September. Meanwhile, have a wonderful summer!

Our **Summer Newsletter** is available in the Narthex or on the church website.

The Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Stephen Ministry was commissioned for service on Sunday, July 7. The ministry adds an additional layer of support for those undergoing stressful times. We offer care and support in Spanish, as well. Women are assigned to women and men to men in a confidential one-on-one relationship. Referrals go through the pastor. Please utilize this team of trained laypeople who will journey the hard times with you.

The Church Directory for 2019-2020 will be coming out August 25th. If you have any changes to your address, email address, or phone number(s), please email your updates to Jill at jill@mvpchurch.org or indicate the changes in the worship attendance books on Sundays. Deadline is August 19. Thank you!

Sunday: July 14

11:00 Sunday Activities

Childcare: (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)

Adult: *Feasting on the Word* (Chapel-Pearl Attaway)

Luke 10:25-37 Travelers on the Road

Hearing Jesus' story of the Good Samaritan, adults will be challenged to expand their definition of neighbor.

	Week of 7/1-7/7	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$12,440	\$323,148	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$366	\$7,765	\$5,000
Total	\$12,806	\$330,913	\$547,000

If you have any announcements that you would like to appear in the *Happenings*, weekly email, or *Good News* please email them to Terri Clayton, terri@mvpchurch.org.