

# MVPC Happenings....



**The Session** has called a meeting of the congregation today immediately following the 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.

**Be a Choir Member for a Day!** Come make a joyful noise unto the Lord on Sunday August 4th as we bid farewell to Rev. Susan Haynes. Any member of the congregation who would like to sing with the choir that day is welcome! For one day only, you can have the experience of singing in the choir. And who knows, you might enjoy it so much that you decide to stay! We'll rehearse briefly before the service at 9:20. Fear not—The music will be easy! Come join the choir for a day and let's make some music together!

**August Communion Offering:** The offering is for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, a homeless shelter and transitional housing facility located in the Lake Claire neighborhood of downtown Atlanta. For more than 15 years, MVPC has partnered with the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and other Presbyterian churches to provide financial support, meals, and other donations to help men seeking to overcome homelessness. For more information about Clifton, go online to [cliftonsanctuary.com](http://cliftonsanctuary.com).

Current needs include: paper towels, bathroom tissue, laundry detergent, bleach, dish detergent, household cleaning supplies, coffee, cereal (Cheerios, Frosted Flakes, and Raisin Bran are favorites), twin size sheets and pillow cases, bath towels and washcloths, items for sack lunches (ziplock sandwich bags, chips, granola bars, juice boxes, etc.), and grooming supplies (men's deodorant, shaving cream, toothbrushes, and toothpaste).

Please place your donations in the outreach bin near the church office any time during the month of August. Thank you for your generosity!

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

**Our Prayer Team** has become quite active in the last few months, praying weekly for many of our members who are struggling while also rejoicing in the good. We would love to have you on the Team! You will NOT be bombarded with emails - instead, you'll get one every Thursday and one whenever we have an emergency. If you're not an emailer, I can call you and give you the requests. It's a very simple yet incredibly powerful way to engage in your church family. Let Elizabeth know if you're interested by calling the church office or emailing her.

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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](mailto:tkscns@bellsouth.net).

**Fall Kick-Off Sunday BBQ Celebration:** August 25, 2019 at 11:00 am. Join us after worship in celebrating the Installation of Rev. Barrett Abernethy, as we fellowship and enjoy some BBQ!

**Family Promise Update:** Thank you to all of you who took part in making this a successful session. Look out for more news as we continue to support our families and prepare to sign up for our Christmas week.

**Clothing Donations Update** - Thanks to donations from MVPC and other congregations, the homeless shelters where we take clothing have an oversupply of summer clothing on hand. Due to limited storage space, they are unable to take out-of-season clothing. Please do not place any fall/winter clothing donations in the outreach bin at the church until late September/early October when they will be needed. The women's shelter accepts some household goods (dishes, glassware, housewares, and linens); please call Carol Beckman for more information.

Clothing and other donations may be dropped off at the Community Assistance Center (CAC) Boutique at any time, 8607 Roswell Road. They have a current need for gently used children's/youth clothing and like-new children's toys.

**The MVPC Stephen Ministry:** Having difficulty with a stressful event in your life? Need a helpful, non-judgmental companion to walk through it with you? Call Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, or the Pastor to make a referral.

We are an adult ministry (18 years and over) to congregants and community members and offer confidential, one-on-one, Christian, caring relationships to those overwhelmed by grief, job loss, transitions and moving, mid-life and aging issues, divorce, spiritual questioning, cancer, chronic illness, and dying. Please utilize our trained care givers.

**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](mailto:jill@mvpchurch.org) or indicate the changes in the worship attendance books on Sundays. Deadline is August 19. Thank you!

## Sunday: July 28

### 11:00 Sunday Activities

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

**Adult:** *Feasting on the Word* (Chapel-Pat Davis)

*Luke 11:1-13 Teach Us to Pray*

*Adults will explore Jesus' teachings on prayer and the implications for their own lives.*

### No Children or Youth Activities for the summer

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](mailto:terri@mvpchurch.org).