



# Good News

August 2019

## Month At-A-Glance

### August 1

- ◇ MVPS Teacher's Return

### August 3

- ◇ Young Adult Outing Sweetwater Creek State Park 10:00 am

### August 4

- ◇ Join the Choir 9:20 am

### August 13

- ◇ MVPS School Starts

### August 16

- ◇ Regular Office Hours Resume

### August 24

- ◇ Canine Assistants Children's Outing 10:30 am

### August 25

- ◇ Installation of Rev. Barrett Abernethy 10:00 am
- ◇ Kickoff BBQ 11:00 am



Preachers are supposed to be wordsmiths...able to turn a phrase or communicate an idea in such a way so those listening to their sermons will be challenged, encouraged, and inspired. However, this preacher is at a loss of words to express to the congregation of Mount Vernon Presbyterian what she is feeling in these final days of her tenure here at MVPC.

On Sunday, July 21 at the summer picnic, I experienced a celebration of my ministry unlike any I have experienced before. Your words, both spoken and written on those sheets of paper, the hugs, the cards, the incredibly generous love offering, all combined to leave me yet once again in awe of this church family.

It is this that makes me so excited for the future of MVPC. As MVPC moves into this new season of its life, led by God's Spirit working through each one of you, the MVPC Session, and Rev. Barrett Abernethy, I very much expect this church will not only survive, it will thrive!

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You have heard me say innumerable times, no one person has all the answers and can do all the work. It will take every person in this congregation giving of what they have and doing what they can do for this church to thrive. That will mean something different for each person because each has different gifts, and each is at a different place in life. Regardless of what you have and where you are in your life, there is something you can do to be a part of and support the worship, ministry, and mission of this church. Never feel that your gifts are insignificant or not needed. It will take what each person offers to fully realize God's vision for this wonderful church. My prayer is that each member of this church will listen to God's call to them *and* respond so that God's vision for MVPC can be fully realized and lived out in the weeks, months, and years ahead.

Thank you for inviting me to be a part of this church family and your lives these past 18 months. I leave with sadness that I won't be seeing you as I have over these last months, but I leave also with joy for the privilege of having served among you and for the friends and family you have become.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

*Susan*

## FALL KICK-OFF SUNDAY BBQ



**JOIN US IN  
FELLOWSHIP  
AFTER WORSHIP  
TO CELEBRATE  
THE  
INSTALLATION OF  
REV. BARRETT  
ABERNETHY!**

**AUGUST 25, 2019**

**11:00 AM**

## Attention all of our lovely Adult Seniors!

We've got all kinds of great events coming up for our Senior Adults, sponsored by the Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) team! Put these dates on your calendar to make sure you don't miss any of them:

8/17 TBA

9/14 Five to Thrive (easy and healthy recipes with 5 or less ingredients)

10/6 Christmas Card Countdown with Donna Martin

10/15 Senior Adult Ministry Day at Camp Calvin

10/20 Churchwide Pumpkin Palooza and Chili Cook Off

11/9 Lunch and a movie

12/7 SAM Christmas Party

12/15 Corovocati Christmas Concert

More details about each event are to come. In the meantime, put them on your calendar so you won't miss them!

Elo

P. S. Feel free to call me or Donna Martin with any questions – and know that we love it when you bring friends!



The Lunch/Games day held by SAM showed we have some serious competitors!



## We are excited to announce the call of Rev. Barrett Durham Abernethy as our next pastor!



Barrett begins his ministry at Mount Vernon August 5th with his first Sunday service on August 11th at 10:00 AM. Barrett, his wife Braegan, and two-year old daughter Evie come to us from First Presbyterian in Livingston, Alabama. Barrett's seminary work was at Austin Presbyterian Seminary. A native Texan, Barrett's undergraduate degree is from Hardin-Simmons University. He earned a MA degree from the University of Alabama, and his M.Div. degree from Austin Seminary.

If you are viewing online, check out the "Reporter Newspapers" article [here](#).





### **Gratitude**

Christian Sympathies to the families of Barbara Bobeng, who died on June 29th, Darlene Jones, who died on July 4th, and Margaret Blackley, who died on July 15th.

### **Concerns of the Congregation**

Hospitalized: Rev. Jenny Hammett

In extended care: Jack Ward and Bert Hels. Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

## Session Synopsis

### From the July 21, 2019 Stated Meeting of the MVPC Session

- The meeting was opened with prayer and the lighting of the Christ candle to remind the Session that the Spirit of Christ is always present during its deliberations.
- Announcements and reminders were shared. Of particular importance: Rev. Barrett Abernethy's first day at MVPC on Monday, August 5 and his installation as MVPC's pastor on Sunday, August 24 followed by the BBQ kick-off celebration.
- Elder Holmes presented the devotional which shared bible verses related to the work of a pastor. Rev. Haynes shared her story about her call to professional ministry.
- The following have been elected as elder commissioners to the August 17 meeting of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta: Pat Davis, Christy Hill, and Donna Martin. Other elders were encouraged to attend in support of Rev. Abernethy as he will be received as a minister member of the Presbytery at that meeting.
- After the Session affirmed together their faith using an excerpt from the Confession of Belhar from the PCUSA Book of Confessions, ministry team reports were presented.
- Highlights from Ministry Teams:
  - ◊ Finance/Admin – Elders Charlie Gray and Wit Truitt – The search for an organist/accompanist will begin after Rev. Barrett Abernethy's arrival. Financials through the end of June showed total giving at 58% of the annual budget and expenses at 50% of the annual budget.
  - ◊ Fellowship Ministry – Elder David Barclift and Melinda Carden – The July 14 picnic was a great event with good attendance. The Kick-Off Sunday BBQ will also celebrate Rev. Abernethy's installation as MVPC'S new pastor.
  - ◊ Outreach Ministry – Elder Gill Hutt – The two-week session of Family Promise was a great success. Gill asked for continuing prayers for Brian and Brandon as Brian continues chemo treatment.
  - ◊ Strategic Planning – Elder Donna Neumann – The revisioning process will continue after Rev. Abernethy's arrival.
  - ◊ Witness Ministry – Elders Pat Davis and MacKenzie Truitt – Bulletin boards have been installed by the Session Room for all ministry teams to post information and photos regarding their ministry. A motion was made by the Ministry that was approved by the Session to remove the names of 61 members from the Active Member Roll. All have been contacted via letter to ascertain their wishes regarding continuing membership at MVPC.

MVPC's membership on Dec. 31, 2019	474
- Deaths	- 8
- Transfers to other churches	- 3
- To inactive roll via member request	- 4
- To non-resident inactive	- 6
- Removed by member's request	- 5
- Removed by action of Session	<u>-61</u>
ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP as of 7/21/19	387

- ◇ Worship Ministry – Elder Christy Hill – At the July Worship Ministry Team meeting, members compiled worship information that will be helpful to Rev. Abernethy.
  - ◇ Youth Ministry – Elder Jon Barber – Elder Barber will meet with Rev. Abernethy as soon as possible to begin the search for a Youth Director. Lay leaders will continue to work with the 7-10 youth who have been attending Sunday night Youth Group.
  - ◇ Senior Adult Ministry – Elder Donna Martin – The next SAM gathering will be July 27 with a salad lunch and board games. The ministry has planned activities for the remainder of the year and will be publishing that calendar also in the ongoing Fellowship Events calendar.
  - ◇ Christian Education – Elders Mary McClurg and Carrie Southard – A motion was made by the Ministry that was approved by the Session to approve the new Children and Youth Protection Policy. Rev. Haynes thanked the CE Ministry and particularly Mike Gillespie, DCE, for their work on this project. The Ministry Team will offer a course entitled “Darkness to Light” for all volunteers working with children and youth.
- Other Items:
    - ◇ Elder Donna Neumann asked each Session member to provide a short bio sketch to help Rev. Abernethy get to know the Session members.
    - ◇ The Young Adult Task Force continues to meet for social events and communicate with each other often.
  - Pastor’s report: Rev. Haynes shared words of thanks for the showering of love and support she has received during her time as the Interim Pastor of MVPC. She thanked the Session for all their hard work, for making difficult decisions, for being wise, thorough, committed, and willing to make necessary changes for MVPC to be able to move into its future. She encouraged the elders to continue to get members involved and connected to the life of the church.
  - The observers for the meeting shared Ways in Which We Have Seen God at Work and Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession.
  - Elder Holmes led the Session in a litany of thanks and love for the ministry of Rev. Haynes and the meeting was concluded with The Lord’s Prayer.

	Week of 7/22-7/28	YTD 2019	YTD Annual Budget
Member Giving	\$6,622	\$336,737	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$212	\$8,583	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,743</b>	<b>\$233,608</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>

## 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.



**When:** Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:30am -12:00pm

**Where:** Canine Assistants

3160 Francis Rd

Alpharetta, GA 30004

**Who:** All children of the church (and bring a friend!)

Space is limited to approx. 12 children

Parents are welcome, but optional

**What to wear:** clothes and shoes that can get dirty  
(those puppies like to play in the dirt!)

**What to bring:** picnic lunch

RSVP to Carrie Southard  
at [tkscns@bellsouth.net](mailto:tkscns@bellsouth.net)

## A Glance at our July Outing



The children had a wonderful time connecting with God's creation at Dunwoody Nature Center. They had a blast on the playground, enjoyed a picnic, hiking, rock hopping and painting a nature picture with MVPC artist Donna Martin!

## Thank You

Dear Mount Vernon Church Family,

How do I say thank you—except to say *thank you* for being there for my family and me as we mourn Barbara's passing. We really feel loved and supported as we read your sympathy cards and speak with you on the phone. Barbara and I truly have a caring church. We missed you when we moved to Michigan, but we have kept you close to our hearts.

Jack Bobeng

## Above & Beyond Award



The Above & Beyond award goes to Russell & Derrin!

## Communion Offering



**The August Communion 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.

## 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 clothing donations in the outreach bin at the church until late September/early October when the weather turns cooler and fall/winter clothing is needed. The women's shelter also accepts some household goods (dishes, glassware, housewares, and linens); please call Carol Beckman for more information.

**FYI** - 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.



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.



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.



WOW! What an extraordinary experience we have had with our Family Promise guests and volunteers. Our Families have now moved on to the next Congregation, Kingswood United Methodist Church in Dunwoody. They left in good spirits all expressing their thanks for being able to be in the same place for two weeks. There was the usual flurry of activity packing everything away back under the stairs in the Narthex closet. What an accomplishment. Such an air of satisfaction all round.

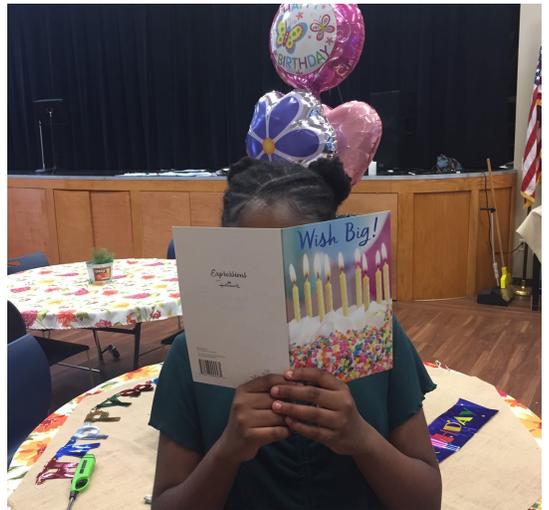
This session we had several volunteer families who came to be hosts or to sleep over, it was especially heartwarming to see families eating and talking and playing together, that's why Family Promise is so important. People from different backgrounds, different faiths, on different paths all merging for dinner and fellowship. There is no doubt that this is an opportunity to show our faith by helping others. Providing food, friendship and shelter are unambiguous acts of kindness.

This session was marked by three birthdays all with little miracles thrown in. Each time we were able to provide a cake, in the favorite flavor and/or the favorite icing color all of which were donated by Publix. One of the birthdays was the same day as our church picnic and I know those of us there were very touched by the speech made by the teenage son of our single Dad. The two younger children's birthdays were made more special by the Stars and Strikes gift cards and the movie tickets which were so greatly appreciated.

A huge vote of thanks goes to our many volunteers that helped make this possible and we logged about a whopping 781 volunteer hours just in the two weeks. We could probably add another 100 or so with the preparation time! Our Target cards came in use as we had to fill up with fruit for snacks and purchase essentials. All the dinners were gratefully received, and any leftovers were used for lunch or donated to the Clifton Center.

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.

# Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb



## **NEW CHILDREN/YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**

The new Children/Youth Protection Policy developed by the C.E. Committee was adopted by Session July 21. This comprehensive new policy will now enable MVPC to spread a bigger and better umbrella of protection over all our children and youth. It will mean that all volunteers (including youth who volunteer in our children's ministry) working with children and youth will have to go through a new screening and orientation process as this new policy is implemented in the weeks ahead.

We do not think the new screening/orientation requirements will be burdensome or time consuming. The C.E. Committee will provide several opportunities for parents, youth and other volunteers to attend a one-time orientation session at a time most convenient to them. These orientation times will be announced in September.

A copy of this new policy is available on the information table in the narthex.

## **SMALL GROUPS START UP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

The next round of our small group meetings begin Sunday, September 15 and continue for 5 weeks to October 13. We are scheduling 4 groups at times similar to our Lenten series. We would like to add a 5<sup>th</sup> group (5-6:30, Sundays, Session Room) but the C.E. Committee has been unable to secure leadership for that expansion. If you feel the spirit might be moving you to lead a small group please contact Mary McClurg.

This time around there will be different topics for discussion among the groups instead of each group focusing on the same topic. This will hopefully create some new interest from those of you who did not participate in the Lenten series. If you enjoyed the group you were with before we encourage you to participate with them again. Please let your facilitator know that so we can get your name on the sign-up sheet. Of course, you are free to join another group if the topic is more appealing to you. We will have a complete description of group topics in the *Small Group Brochure* available on celebration *Sunday, August 25*.

Here are the times/places/leadership for the groups:

Group 1: Sundays, 12:30-2:00 Session room/Chapel

Jeanne Mielke, facilitator

Group 2: Sundays, 5:6:30 Gillespie House (Dunwoody)

Gloria Gillespie, facilitator

Group 3: Sundays, 5-6:30 Southard House (Dunwoody)

Tim/Carrie Southard, facilitators

Group 4: Mid-week at the Towers (Day/time TBA)

Pat Davis, facilitator

## **'WHAT WE BELIEVE AS PRESBYTERIANS' SERIES**

Replenished copies of our "What We Believe as Presbyterians" series are now available on the information table in the narthex. A new "Part 2" grouping of topics has also been added. These 2 collections are filled with pamphlets targeting a variety of topics related to theology, polity, and social issues and the approach or view point the PCUSA has taken. It will definitely spur your thinking and create opportunities for dialogue.

## **NEW SPIRITUAL FORMATION OPPORTUNITY COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

The C.E. Committee noticed that many of you First Cup attenders enjoy a time of coffee and fellowship after the service. It might just be a great environment to add a new Christian education component.

We want to invite all you First Cuppers to stay for our new Second Cup class to be facilitated by David Hill.

Grab a cup of coffee and enjoy a challenging 30-45 minute faith-stretching discussion built around a 10-12 minute video presentation by Rob Bell. There is never a dull moment with this challenging presenter and David will be sure to keep the questions flowing and the class dialogue brisk and engaging.

Our other two Adult Classes will meet in the Chapel and Session room at 10:00.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASS**

This September a new confirmation class will begin meeting. This group of 6-7<sup>th</sup> graders will be exploring a variety of topics designed to help them journey toward a life-changing decision for Christ. We appreciate the leadership of Martha Baitcher and Beppie Lever who will be teaching the class.

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### **News from your Mount Vernon Presbyterian Foundation**

This year the Foundation granted a total of \$30,000 to worthy missions. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided a total of \$344,000 for many organizations enabling them to continue to do God's work. Please continue to support the Foundation with your gifts of cash, stocks and consider including the Foundation in your Estate Planning and Wills. Thank You.

## Zambia Scholarship

Update from one of our recent college graduates, Tanagachi Mvula.

Dear Sponsor,

It is my hope and trust that you are doing fine, as we head to the mid-year month. Personally, I am well and kicking!

Life after university is a double experience for me, in that it is a huge feeling of relief from the stressful and hectic nature of school and its routines. On the other hand, this means the beginning of a new era for me, facing the reality of having to fight for a place in the income share of society by means of securing a job for myself or venturing into meaningful entrepreneurial activities.

School life has always been a life changing process for my personal growth in both academics as well as the way school sharpens a person's intra and inter personal skills. Placing myself in a profession of my own choosing ignited the strengths and passions that have always been lying dormant in me, this helps me to make sure I am able to positively impact the well-being and welfare of the people I will be privileged to have an opportunity to serve.

Currently, I am looking for a job, applying to various organization with high hopes of being considered, whilst awaiting my graduation ceremony in October. Apart from this, I am also looking for internship opportunities from reputable institutions as a way of gaining enough experience relevant to my field. Besides looking for such formal opportunities, realizing that the economy of our country is not quite friendly and stable, I make an effort to do odd jobs so that I can be able to raise my graduation fees and all the necessary requirements before October. It's challenging as these odd jobs are inconsistent and sometimes I have to wait for an opportunity hoping that I would come across any. I also hope I can involve myself in some entrepreneurial activities as soon as I have an opportunity to access resources, as this is inspired by some business plans that I have written down in my diary.

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I also hope to do a project in my local community that's aimed at identifying young children with special talents such as artistic painting, arts and designing, singing, sports, technology and discovery, etc. as a way of creating a platform through which they can sharpen their skills and have their talents managed in preparation for future survival and success. I am hopeful that if this idea can have the necessary and needed support, then even children who don't go to school can attain education through this project.

I hope to hear from you and would gladly indicate that I am forever grateful for the gesture that you showed to me by paying for my tuition fees. This really changed my life. May the Lord Almighty continue blessing you for your kindness and nature of love and compassion.

Yours with Love,

Tanagachi Mvula

For additional information please contact  
 Stan Williams  
 404-245-6749  
[aswilliams@bellsouth.net](mailto:aswilliams@bellsouth.net)

### Young Adult Group

Over the last couple of months, the Young Adult Group has grown and flourished within the church. The group meets for regular after church brunches, weekend dinners and attends fun local events. Over the summer they visited the Georgia Renaissance Fair, attended the Dunwoody Fourth of July Parade and celebrated multiple birthdays! Their next group activity is Saturday, August 3rd where they will be going for a hike at Sweetwater Creek State Park. If you are interested in joining or want to know about other upcoming events please email MacKenzie Truitt at [mtruitt618@gmail.com](mailto:mtruitt618@gmail.com).

#### 2019 Session Members and Ministry Teams

##### Christian Education

Mary McClurg  
 Carrie Southard

##### Senior Adults

Donna Martin

##### Fellowship

David Barclift  
 Melinda Garden

##### Outreach

Gill Hutt

##### Finance/Administration

Charlie Gray

##### Stewardship

Wit Truitt

##### Youth

Jon Barber

##### Congregational Care

Joy Garden

##### Witness

Mackenzie Truitt  
 Pat Davis

##### Strategic Planning

Donna Neumann

##### Worship

Christy Hill

##### Clerk of Session

Malinda Holmes

##### Moderator

Rev. Barrett Abernethy



## Presbyterian Women

In June we held our annual Salad Supper. We enjoyed the fellowship and the many good salads! Anne Baynham received the Honorary Lifetime Membership Award, and Rev. Haynes installed the new officers for 2019-2020.

In September the Day Circle will meet on September 10. The Sunday Circle will meet on September 8. The Book Circle will meet on September 13 and will review "Mademoiselle Chanel" by C. W. Gortner. Meetings for the Circle of Grace will be announced soon. The Day Circle and the Sunday Circle will conduct the Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*.

Our **PW Quarterly Newsletter** is available on our website under the news tab on our homepage. If viewing this online, [click here](#) to download a copy. Printed copies are available in the Narthex. The Fall Quarterly MVPC PW Newsletter will be available in the Narthex the first Sunday in September.



## August Birthdays

Jeff Chesnutt	1-Aug	Brad Hahn	16-Aug
John Kapsaroff	1-Aug	Joan Malcolm	16-Aug
Susan Sawyer	1-Aug	David Barclift	18-Aug
Daniel Schafer	1-Aug	Nnaoke Ufere	18-Aug
Joanna Mielke	3-Aug	Nan Whitacre	18-Aug
Julia Northrop	4-Aug	Pat Bartee	20-Aug
Sarah Northrop	6-Aug	Duncan Jackson	21-Aug
Moira Speirs	6-Aug	Tom Rounds	21-Aug
Wendy Hagenau	7-Aug	Linda Bliss	24-Aug
Martha Chambliss	8-Aug	Kathryn Wade	25-Aug
Paul Wade	8-Aug	Evelyn Allen	26-Aug
Britney Bliss	10-Aug	Pieter Badenhorst	27-Aug
Douglas Sawyer	11-Aug	Cameron Gray	29-Aug
Bob Boyer	14-Aug	Kyle Hagenau	29-Aug
Alma Dowdakin	14-Aug	Ethan Ray	29-Aug
John Robert Christian III	16-Aug	Nneka Ufere	30-Aug

### Summer Worship Schedule

**May 26 - September 1**

10am worship only

Adult Bible Study 11am

No Children's Sunday School or Youth Group

### Church Office Hours

#### Summer Hours

May 31 - August 9

Monday-Thursday 8 am -4 pm

Friday: 8 am -2 pm

#### Regular Hours Resume

Beginning August 16

Monday-Friday 8 am -4 pm

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> MVPS Teacher's return	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Young Adult Outing 10 am
<b>4</b> Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Join the Choir 9:20am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Christian Education 7pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am	<b>12</b> Finance Admin Meeting 6:30pm	<b>13</b> MVPS School Starts	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Sam's Event
<b>18</b> Worship 10am Adult Sunday School 11am Session Meeting 11:15am	<b>19</b> Magic Club 6pm	<b>20</b> Worship Ministry 7pm Good News Deadline	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Los Niños Board Meeting 7pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Canine Assistants Children's Outing 10:30am
<b>25</b> 10am Worship & Installation of Rev. Barrett Abernethy Kick-Off BBQ 11am Magic Club 5pm Stephen Ministries 7pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> PW Coordinating Team Meeting 10am	<b>28</b> Good News Published	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>

**August 2019****August 4**

SCRIPTURE:

11:00 This Sunday Activities**Childcare:** (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)**Children:** (Kirk Center, Grades 1-5)**Youth:** (Gailey Hall)**Adult:** *Feasting on the Word* (Chapel) – Mike Gillespie**August 11**

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11:00 This Sunday Activities:**Childcare:** (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)**Children:** (Kirk Center, Grades 1-5)**Youth:** (Gailey Hall)**Adult:** *Feasting on the Word* (Chapel) – Pearl Attaway**August 18**

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No Class

**Outdoor Picnic and BBQ After Worship**



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Sandy Springs, GA 30328

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STAMP  
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Return Service Requested

**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](mailto:terri@mvpchurch.org). *If you'd no longer wish to receive the Good News monthly, please email Jill at [jill@mvpchurch.org](mailto:jill@mvpchurch.org).*

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**Good  
News!**

### Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church Staff

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