

# MVPC Happenings....



**Please Join us** in welcoming Rev. Barrett Abernethy and his family this morning as Barrett brings his first message during today's service. You are encouraged to wear your name tag to help the Abernethy's learn names. If you have lost or need a name tag, contact [jill@mvpchurch.org](mailto:jill@mvpchurch.org).

**Thank you to all who participated** in our "Choir Member for a Day" event this past Sunday. Your presence and voice made an excellent contribution to our worship service, and I hope that you will consider joining the choir this Fall to help us make a joyful sound unto the Lord. Rehearsals begin Wednesday, August 14th at 7:30 PM! If you have any questions, please contact Matthias Young: [matthias@mvpchurch.org](mailto:matthias@mvpchurch.org).

**The Senior Adult Ministry Team (SAM)** Matinee Movie event, originally scheduled for August 17, has been cancelled due to scheduling conflicts. Call Elizabeth at the church office if you have questions.

**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!

Remember the old timey Pounding Parties where we would bring a pound of this or a pound of that to someone who moved here? We are recreating that idea with a modern twist at the Installation BBQ on Sunday, Aug. 25, for Barrett and his family! Please bring a pound of something OR a gift card to Target, Publix, Kroger or your favorite store. (Please note: Braegan is lactose intolerant and does not eat red meat.) If we receive several pounds of something so as to be impractical, we will donate that to CAC. Let's make sure Barrett, Braegan, and Evelyn have everything they need to start their new lives here!

**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).

**August 11, 2019**

**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.!

**SCAM ALERT:** There is yet another type of email scam going around requesting the purchase of Google play gift cards. The emails say *"I need you to quickly purchase Google Play gift cards at the store. Can you do this for me? Let me know so as to advise the denomination and quantity to purchase."* Please DO NOT respond to these emails! It is a scam!

**Presbyterian Women:** Starting in September, the Day Circle and the Sunday Circle will be doing the Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone: A Fresh Look at the Ten Commandments*, by Eugenia Anne Gamble. Rev. Gamble is a pastor who has served the church for more than 30 years. Sarah Chalpan and Pearl Attaway attended the workshop held at Columbia Theological Seminary and led by Rev. Gamble. The study guide will be available for purchase at our barbecue on August 25. The Sunday Circle will meet on September 8 after the 11:00 service. The Day Circle will meet on September 10 at 10:00. The Book Circle will meet on September 13 at 10:00. They will be reading *Mademoiselle Chanel* by C. W. Gortner.

PW welcomes all women of MVPC to attend the 2019 – 2020 Horizons Bible Study, *Love Carved in Stone*, beginning in Sept. Please pick up a preview of the author and her lesson synopses in the Narthex this Sunday, August 11th. Come join us in our journey in faith building.

Pick up a copy of the PW newsletter in the narthex.

**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 Fall 2019 schedule of classes** for Perimeter Adult Learning & Services (**PALS**) is available in the narthex and the church office. The classes will run Mondays from September 9th—November 4th at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church.

**The Church Directory for 2019-2020:** Deadline is August 19. Changes can be made in the attendance booklets on Sundays or emailed to [jill@mvpc.org](mailto:jill@mvpc.org). Thank you!

**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.

### Sunday: August 11

#### 11:00 Sunday Activities

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

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

*Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-11 Being Faithful*

*Adults will explore the meaning and role of faith in their Christian journey.*

**No Children or Youth Activities for the summer**

### Financial Update

	Week of 7/29-8/4	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$13,945	\$350,682	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$87	\$8,670	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,032</b>	<b>\$359,352</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>

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).