

MVPC Happenings....



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.

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!

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.

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!

The Senior Adult Ministry Team (SAM) is holding a Saturday Matinee on Saturday, August 17, at 1 pm in Gailey Hall. Popcorn and snacks provided! Bring your own sweet self (Mom talk for "Be there!") and remember you're always free to bring a friend. We will vote on the movie when you get here. Call Elizabeth at the church office if you have questions.

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 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@mvpcchurch.org or indicate the changes in the worship attendance books on Sundays. Deadline is August 19. Thank you!

August 4, 2019

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.

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.

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.

Presbyterian Women: Presbyterian Women will not meet until September. Our **Summer Newsletter** is available in the Narthex or on the church website.

Sunday: August 4

11:00 Sunday Activities

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

Adult: *Feasting on the Word* (Chapel-Mike Gillespie)

Luke 12:13-21 Rich Toward God

Like the rich man, adults will be challenged to respond to what it means to be rich toward God.

No Children or Youth Activities for the summer

Financial Update

	Week of 7/22-7/28	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$6,622	\$336,737	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$212	\$8,583	\$5,000
Total	\$6,834	\$345,320	\$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.