

MVPC Happenings....



A New Member/Inquirers Class is starting Sunday, October 6th and running through the rest of the month. Rev. Abernethy will begin a class called Presbyterian 101 that will run during the 10am Church School hour. This class will be for visitors who are curious about Presbyterians, new members who are wondering "What have I just joined?" and even longtime members who are sitting there in the pews thinking, "Now why am I here?" I hope you will consider this class if you fall into one of these categories.

If interested in this class, please email Jill at jill@mvpchurch.org so we will know where to hold the class and have sufficient materials for everyone.

Senior Adult Ministry: Are you overwhelmed by the selection of Christmas cards every year? Want to make your own at low to zero cost? Our SAM is giving you a shot at doing just that! On Saturday, October 5, Donna Martin will meet with any and all Senior Adults from 1-3 pm in the Session Room to show us how. Please sign up by calling or emailing Elizabeth at the church office so that we can make sure we have enough supplies. Bonus: snacks provided for all!

Presbyterian Women: The PW retreat is next Sunday, October 6 after the 11:00 service at Lost Corner Preserve (in Sandy Springs at the corner of Brandon Mill Rd. and Dalrymple Rd). The program will be *Intimacy: Relational and Spiritual*. It will be led by Eleanor Barron (Meg Christian's mother). All women of the church are invited. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Pick up a copy of the Special Edition MVPC PW Newsletter in the narthex. The **Fall Newsletter** is also available in the Narthex or on the church website.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be received on World Communion Sunday, October 6. 25% of the the offering received at Mount Vernon will go to Atlanta Ministry with International Students (AMIS) with the remainder going to the Presbyterian Mission Agency and other denominational programs that advocate for peace and justice in this country and around the world.

The MVPC Trip to Zambia leaves on October 11th. If you would like to donate anything to the House of Moses or Garden Presbyterian School, please place cash or check in Gill Hutt's box no later than October 6. Due to the size of the team, no physical donations (diapers, wipes, pencils, etc) will be brought over. All money will be used to purchase those items in Zambia. If you have any questions, please contact Gill.

The October Communion Offering will be candy for the Trick and Trunk event at Lake Forest Elementary School here in Sandy Springs where many of the Los Niños Primero participants are enrolled. This event is sponsored by the school's parents association and provides students and their families a safe environment to trick or treat. All varieties of individually-wrapped candy and treats are welcome. Donations may be placed in the outreach bin near the church office any time until October 18. Thank you for your generosity.

September 29, 2019

Pumpkin Palooza and Chili Cook-Off!!! Sunday, Oct. 20th 4:00-7:00 pm. This event is for all ages! There will be Pumpkin decorating, Balloon animals, Live music, and more! Bring your own pumpkin to decorate. Come join the fun!

The Atlanta Concert Band presents "Musical Globetrotters" on October 20th in the Studio at the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center. This will be a colorful concert featuring music from around the world! The concert is free and open to the public. The concert will feature music from Aaron Copeland's "El Salon Mexico" and Rossini's "Italian Girl in Algiers, plus other music from around the world. Please see the flyer in the narthex for more details.

Liturgist Needed: Contact Barrett if you would like to serve as a liturgist at either the 9 or 11am service.

These Days Daily Devotions for Oct-Dec are available in the narthex and in the church office. Pick one up and one to share with a friend!

The MVPC Stephen Ministry: How can we support, utilize, and unleash the gifts, talents, training, and power of this group? Pray for them as they continue on-going training and begin to minister to us. Let our friends and neighbors in the community and in our school know about them. Utilize them as we, ourselves, have difficult times.

Our Stephen Ministers have a toolbox of resources and comfort to bring to you. Our church is a loving one and no one should ever feel they walk alone, nor should our friends and neighbors. Contact Pastor Barrett, Elizabeth, or Pat Bartee, Stephen leader to refer yourself or another.

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.

10:00 Sunday Activities for 9/22/19

Childcare: (Sanctuary Building, Room 120, Infants-K)
Children: 1-5 Grade, *Growing in Grace and Gratitude* - Kirk Center
Youth: C.E. Building, Room 213
Adults: *Quest* - Session Room | *Discovery* - Chapel

Financial Update

	Week of 9/16-9/22	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$4,495	\$398,005	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$153	\$10,417	\$5,000
Total	\$4,648	\$408,422	\$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.