

MVPC Happenings....



We welcome all who gather in worship and fellowship. Please take a moment to fill out the attendance pads located on each pew.

SAM is going to Camp Calvin for the day! Join us Tuesday, October 15, from 10 am to 3 pm as we enjoy some great activities, food, and fellowship with Seniors from churches around the Presbytery. We can carpool together, so no worries about driving. Call Elizabeth ASAP if you want to go!

Congregational Meeting: On Sunday, October 20th, after both the First Cup and 11 am services, we will hold a Congregational Meeting to elect officers to serve on the Session starting in January 2020. Please be in prayer for the Nominating Committee as they complete their work and bring to the congregation their slate of candidates.

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. All ages are welcome. 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 church office for more details.

A New Member/Inquirers Class is running through the month of October. Rev. Abernethy will be leading Presbyterian 101 that will run during the 10 am 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 can have sufficient materials for everyone.

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. The deadline for bringing candy is **Friday, October 18**. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Prayer Concerns: the family of **Nan Whitacre** who died on 10/6, **Lesley Hudgins** on the death of her husband Richard on 9/28, **Moira Speirs** recuperating at home, **Kirk Pumphrey** remains at Emory Rehab Hospital, **Catherine Bathgate** at Life Care Center in Lawrenceville recovering from a broken pelvis, and new church member, **Debbie Holland**, at Northside Hospital.

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Clothing donations update: As the weather turns cooler, homeless shelters will need fall/winter clothing items for both men and women. Most needed items include sweatshirts, hoodies, jeans or casual pants, flannel shirts, jackets, rainwear, gloves, scarves, and sneakers/casual shoes. All items should be wash and wear; no dry-clean only items, please. The women's shelter also accepts some household items (dinnerware, pots, pans, etc.) and children's clothing. Please check with Carol Beckman. Business/dressy attire and shoes may be donated to the CAC boutique and can be dropped off directly to their facility at 8607 Roswell Road.

Presbyterian Women: We had a wonderful time at the retreat last week. Eleanor Barron spoke on *"Intimacy: Both Relational and Spiritual"*. The program was informative and inspirational. We enjoyed Lost Corner Preserve and a great afternoon of fellowship.

In November, we will resume our Bible study with lesson two, *Third Word, Don't Trivialize My Name*. The Sunday Circle will meet on November 10 and the Day Circle will meet on November 12. The Book Circle will meet on November 8 and review *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover.

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.

Family Promise: Our Families have been with several of our other congregations, Unitarian Universalist Metro-North, Northbrook UMC, Roswell Methodist, Northminster Presbyterian, Sandy Springs United Methodist, and Roswell Baptist. It makes my heart feel lighter to know that all these different congregations work together to help homeless families.

How **YOU** can be involved! Would you like to be one of our coordinators? Our group at Mt Vernon/B'Nai Torah would love to have one or two more people to help coordinate Family Promise. If you think you would be interested please reach out to Moira for details by email at moiralife@gmail.com.

The MVPC Stephen Ministry: Our training since Commissioning in July has focused on aging, long term care, hospitalization, death, divorce and childbirth events. Experts in their fields have shared with us and we have learned strategies and resources to help us minister to those in our congregation and nearby community who need us to walk with them temporarily. Our confidential program is operational and already serving care receivers. Please tell Barret, Elizabeth or contact Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to refer yourself, or alert us of a need for support. You may also just call the church office.

Please pray for us as we continue to learn how to *"feed the hungry and thirsty, free the imprisoned, and welcome the stranger"*.

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 a complete list, please see the black display cases located around the church campus or the narthex table.

	Week of 10/1-10/6	YTD 2019	YTD Annual Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$9,515	\$355,786	\$463,700
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$645	\$52,643	\$60,000
Loose Offering	\$364	\$11,404	\$5,000
Prepaid 2019 Pledges	\$0	\$18,300	\$18,300
Total	\$10,524	\$438,133	\$547,000