

# 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.

**Congregational Meeting:** Today 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!!!** Today from 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" this afternoon at 4:00 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.

**Officer Training:** All incoming elders need to attend upcoming Officer Training with Pastor Barrett. Training will take place after the 11 am services on Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 in the session room.

**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](mailto:jill@mvpchurch.org) so we can have sufficient materials for everyone.

**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.

**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, **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**, recovering from recent surgery.

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**Presbyterian Women:** In November we will continue our Bible study, *Love Carved in Stone* by Eugenia Gamble, 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. The Circle of Grace will meet on November 10 at the home of Debbie Barclift. We will also participate in the Thank Offering which funds mission projects in the United States and internationally. You can pick up a copy of the PW newsletter in the narthex.

**Family Promise:** All three of our Families will be graduating by the end of the month! We have one new family joining us this week and are in the process of phone screening other families now for the end of the month. **Family Promise Giving Day is October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019.** We've kicked off our 2019 Fall Giving Campaign with a \$25,000 fundraising goal. Your support can help change the trajectory of families' lives. Your support enables Family Promise to interrupt the poverty cycle and alter the lives of our guests. Take a moment to help today. Your contribution will help to end homelessness one family at a time. Donations can be made via our website at <http://www.familypromisefnd.org/>.

**Clifton Sanctuary Ministries:** Everyone is invited to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on Sunday, **October 27**, from 3 - 5:00 PM to celebrate the 40th anniversary of its founding. Mt Vernon Presbyterian Church has been a supporting congregation for almost 20 years and provides volunteers, dinner the 3rd Sunday of every month, financial support, and a member of Clifton's Board of Directors. The shelter is located at 369 Connecticut Avenue (at the intersection with McLendon Avenue) in the Lake Claire neighborhood east of downtown Atlanta. Please go online to [www.cliftonsanctuary.com](http://www.cliftonsanctuary.com) for more information.

**The MVPC Stephen Ministry:** Feeling beat down by losses and multiple health issues? Could you use a companion during hospitalizations and Rehab? Needing encouragement after Rehab? Grieving? Starting retirement without a future plan? Moving to a new city, community, facility, and feeling lost? Dealing with a terminal diagnosis? Having difficulty after childbirth or death? Considering divorce and need a neutral and nurturing voice? Lost a beloved job and discouraged in the new career hunt? Depressed? Lonely? Your Stephen Ministry, a trained, confidential, Christian caring ministry, is anxious to help. We are operational and already serving care receivers in our church and from our community. Contact Barrett, Elizabeth, or Pat Barte, Stephen Leader, or just alert the church office.

**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.

### **10:00 Sunday Activities**

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

Copies of **The Upper Room** devotionals for November - December are available in the information centers or the church office. Pick one up and one to share with a friend!

	<b>Week of 10/7-10/13</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD Annual Budget</b>
Member Giving Pledge	\$7,310	\$363,096	\$463,700
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$450	\$53,093	\$60,000
Loose Offering	\$29	\$11,433	\$5,000
Prepaid 2019 Pledges	\$0	\$18,300	\$18,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,789</b>	<b>\$445,922</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>