

MVPC Happenings....



Flags up in the Sanctuary: The flags representing the nations of the world are in the Sanctuary in celebration of World Communion Sunday. The following nations are represented today: Canada, Cherokee, Chile, China, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, Hong Kong, Honduras, Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Lebanon, Macedonia, Malta, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Panama, Scotland, South Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom, Venezuela, Wales, and Zambia. If you would like to have a flag of a country not currently represented, please email jill@mvpchurch.org.

A New Member/Inquirers Class which started today, 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 can have sufficient materials for everyone.

Church Organ: As you may have noticed, last week we did not use the organ during the service. Our much beloved instrument, through years of constant use, was in dire need of some major repair work. The nature of this mechanical instrument is such that it requires routine maintenance to keep it functioning properly. Some of you may not realize the cost involved, but to have a *grand* instrument such as this, it takes more than a *grand* to maintain. As it has been an integral part of our worship here at Mount Vernon, we want to keep this instrument running for generations to come. Please consider giving generously with your tithes and offerings.

The Peace and Global Witness Offering, one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be received today. 25% of 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.

Presbyterian Women: The PW retreat is after the 11:00 service today at Lost Corner Preserve (in Sandy Springs at the corner of Brandon Mill Rd. and Dalrymple Rd). The program is *Intimacy: Relational and Spiritual*. It will be led by Eleanor Barron (Meg Christian's mother). Lunch will be served at 12:30 and the program will start right after. We look 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 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.

October 6, 2019

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.

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. 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.

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. **Everyone is doing well, gainfully employed or in school or both. Do please keep praying** for accommodations to open up for all of our families, and as always, if you have any leads on privately rented accommodations, please let us know. 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: 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.

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: **Lesley Hudgins** (previous church financial secretary) 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**, recuperating from an illness.

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.

Financial Update

	Week of 9/23-9/30	Year to Date 2019	2019 Budget
Member Giving	\$8,170	\$398,268	\$542,000
Loose Offering	\$176	\$11,039	\$5,000
Total	\$8,346	\$409,307	\$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.