

# MVPC Happenings....



\*Please remain seated until pastor and choir stand.\*

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

**Commitment Cards:** It's not too late to put your card in the offering plate as it is passed!

**The November Communion Offering** is non-perishable food for *Stirred Up Ministries* to prepare Thanksgiving baskets and distribute to needy families in the East Lake neighborhood of Atlanta. Most needed items include grocery store gift cards (to buy hams and turkeys), canned vegetables (green beans, peas, corn, sweet potatoes), cranberry sauce, cornbread mix, rice, stuffing mix, canned fruit, cake mix, pie crust mix, canned pie filling, and Jello. Food donations may be placed in the outreach bin near the church office any time until **November 22**. Please place gift cards in the offering plate or in Yvonne's box in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

**Officer Training:** All incoming elders need to attend upcoming Officer Training with Pastor Barrett. Training will take place after the 11:00 a.m. service on **Nov. 24** in the Session Room.

**A New Member/Inquirers Class** is running through the **month of November**. Rev. Abernethy will be leading Presbyterian 101 that will run during the 10:00 a.m. 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 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 [debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:debbie@mvpchurch.org) so we can have sufficient materials for everyone.

**Senior Adult Ministry (SAM):** We will attend the Thanksgiving Concert held at St Luke's Presbyterian to benefit Family Promise **today** at 4:00 p.m. Anyone who wants to carpool can meet at the church at 3:15 p.m. We will go to dinner after the concert. You're all welcome to come and bring a friend!

**Church History:** Linda Bhamé has gone through the church records and put together a history of the church. If you would like a copy, they are available in the narthex or contact Debbie at [Debbie@mvpchurch.org](mailto:Debbie@mvpchurch.org).

**Liturgist Needed:** Contact Barrett if you would like to serve as a liturgist at either the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. service.

**Prayer Concerns:** Family of **Margaret Craig** who passed away on 11/2, family of **Nan Whitacre** whose memorial service was 11/9, **Ross Mielke** recovering from shoulder surgery, **Kirk Pumphrey** at Manor Care in Marietta.

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**Presbyterian Women:** The Day and Sunday Circles studied lesson two, *Third Word, Don't Trivialize My Name*, in *Love Carved in Stone*. The Circle of Grace met on November 10 at the home of Debbie Barclift. The Book Circle met on November 8 and reviewed *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. **Save the Date for Sunday, Dec. 15** at 4:00 p.m. for the Christmas celebration "High Tea" in the Fellowship Hall followed by a program in the Sanctuary. The menu will include small sandwiches, scones, cookies, and cake. All women are invited. You can pick up a copy of the Special Edition MVPC PW Newsletter and the PW Newsletter in the narthex.

**AMIS:** AMIS is seeking volunteers to extend friendship and hospitality to international students this holiday season. For more information visit their website at <https://www.amis-inc.org/>.

**Family Promise:** Thanksgiving Concert benefiting Family Promise of North Fulton/Dekalb. MVPC and Saint Luke's invite you to a musical program of celebration and thanksgiving at Saint Luke's, **today** at 4 p.m.

**CAC to Open Dunwoody Office:** CAC announces the opening of a new branch office in Dunwoody. The office will be located at 5 Dunwoody Park #113, Dunwoody GA 30338, and is expected to open in November 2019. The office hours will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Volunteers are needed to meet with clients seeking assistance and to distribute food. To volunteer, contact Nolan at [volunteer@ourcac.org](mailto:volunteer@ourcac.org). For more information, visit [www.ourcac.org](http://www.ourcac.org).

**Christmas Open House:** Please feel free to stop by from 6–10:00 p.m. on **Saturday, Dec 7** to celebrate the Christmas Holiday season with our fellow church members. We understand how busy this time of year is, so we want to invite everyone for a time of fellowship, even if you can only stop by for a bit. Hope to see everyone! The Rays, 565 Carriage Drive, Sandy Springs.

**The MVPC Stephen Ministry:** Are you in the midst of a difficult time? 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.

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

	<b>Week of 11/4—11/10</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD Annual Budget</b>
Member Giving Pledge	\$5,475	\$387,668	\$463,700
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$1,435	\$59,713	\$60,000
Loose Offering	\$148	\$12,011	\$5,000
Prepaid 2019 Pledges	\$0	\$18,300	\$18,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,058</b>	<b>\$477,692</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>

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](mailto:terri@mvpchurch.org).