

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.

Called Congregational Meeting at the end of the service **today** to elect the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC).

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

Hanging of the Greens: TODAY at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Dinner to follow in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

December Communion Offering is new, unwrapped toys and clothing items for the Santa Shop at the International Women's House, a shelter for abused refugee and immigrant women and their children. The deadline for bringing items to the church is Thursday, **December 19**. Again, thank you for your generosity!

Senior Adult Ministry (SAM): The Senior Adult Ministry is holding it's Christmas Celebration on **Saturday, December 14**, from 12-2 in Fellowship Hall. Lunch is catered and FREE – just please make a reservation with Elizabeth so we know how many to serve. Also please bring a wrapped White Elephant gift to exchange. You're always welcome to bring a friend!

MVP Youth: We will gather at Gailey Hall for a quick meal and then we will do some caroling at Vernon Springs on **December 8**, 6:00 p.m.

Atlanta Concert Band (ACB): All are welcome to attend their Christmas concert, **December 8** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Church History: Linda Bham 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.

Road Projects: As you have all seen, the road projects in Sandy Spring are going to be a nightmare this next year. Thanks to John Hibbard, here is a link that gives you updates on areas and closings <http://www.dot.ga.gov/BS/Projects/SpecialProjects/1285SR400> . Barrett will not accept "the exit was closed due to road work for not coming on Sundays".

Prayer Concerns: **Melinda Carden** continues to heal from a concussion; **Ross Mielke** recovering from shoulder surgery; **Kirk Pumphrey** will be staying with his brother through the end of the year. Address: 296 Jack Thomas Dr., Manchester, TN 37355.

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Presbyterian Women Save the Date: 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. The Book Circle will meet on **December 13** for a Christmas brunch at the home of Gigi Gunter.

Outreach Tree for the Homeless: Please help decorate the tree with new or gently-worn warm clothing items to be distributed to several Atlanta area homeless shelters in late December and early January.

Family Promise: The next session is December 22-29 during Christmas. Please consider being an overnight host if you can! Contact Moira on moiralife@gmail.com for information about training and with any other questions.

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/>.

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: The holidays, though a time of joy and gathering for many, can be a stressful and lonely time for others. Grief can re-emerge, relationships can teeter, and depressive thoughts can isolate. Please reach out to your Stephen Ministers who are here to walk with you through the difficult times. Call Barrett, Pat Barteel, Stephen Leader, or the church office to refer yourself or others.

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.

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!

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

	Week of 11/18—11/24	YTD 2019	YTD Annual Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$1,327	\$393,805	\$463,700
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$1,530	\$63,438	\$60,000
Loose Offering	\$84	\$12,185	\$5,000
Prepaid 2019 Pledges	\$0	\$18,300	\$18,300
Total	\$2,941	\$487,728	\$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.