

# 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.

**Reception** for Elizabeth Small immediately following the 11:00 service on **December 22** in the Kirk Center.

**Called Congregational Meeting** will be at the end of each 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!

**Youth Group** will meet **today** at the Cumming's home from 5–6:30 p.m. Bring a “white elephant” gift to exchange and enjoy dinner.

**CAC Adopt-a-Family** Make a child's wishes come true! Give children of local families in need, holiday gifts from their wish list. View Families for “Adoption” on the CAC website and adopt online. Give Families Hope!

**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. Most needed items for both men and women include gloves, hats, scarves, warm socks, coats, jackets, sweaters, flannel shirts, sweatshirts, sweat pants, jeans, sturdy shoes or sneakers, rainwear, and blankets. Please, no dressy shoes or clothing and no dry-clean only items except for heavy sweaters, coats, and rainwear.

**Church History:** Linda Bhome 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:** **Melinda Carden** continues to heal from a concussion; **Kirk Pumphrey** will be staying with his brother through the end of the year. Address: 296 Jack Thomas Dr., Manchester, TN 37355. Family of **John Roberson** on his death December 10—Memorial Service TBD

## Upcoming Schedule:

December 22	One Service at 11:00 (Lessons & Carols), Reception to honor Elizabeth Small in Kirk Center
December 24	Live Nativity at 5:00 p.m., Candlelight Service at 5:30 p.m.
December 25 & 26	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
December 29	One Service at 10:00 (Carols & Casseroles) in the Kirk Center
December 31	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
January 1, 2020	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
January 5	One Service at 10:00 (Epiphany)

**December 15, 2019**

**Presbyterian Women :** Please come **TODAY** 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 Winter Newsletter in the narthex or on our website: [mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org).

**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/>.

**Poinsettias:** Would you like to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas by ordering a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one? Please fill out the order form included in this bulletin and place in the offering plate. **Deadline: Wednesday, December 18.**

**The 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. Gifts for all ages from infants to teenagers are needed. Walmart and Target gift cards are always a big hit with the teenagers. Gift cards may be placed in the offering plate or left in Yvonne’s box in the church office; please label “For Women’s Shelter”. The deadline for bringing items to the church is **Thursday, December 19**. For many years, Mt Vernon has provided toys and new clothing to help children living in this shelter have a wonderful Christmas. Thank you for your generosity!

**Family Promise:** One week to go until we welcome our families on **December 22** for Christmas week! Since schools will be out, our families will need somewhere to go during the day. Gift cards to movies or bowling along with restaurant gift cards would be a nice treat for them. Please consider volunteering your time to our Families the week from Dec 22–29. Volunteers are urgently needed! Email Moira at [moiralife@gmail.com](mailto:moiralife@gmail.com) with any questions or to signup.

**Christmas Joy Offering,** one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), will be received on Sunday, **December 22**. A portion of the proceeds from this offering goes to the General Assembly to provide financial assistance to current and retired church workers experiencing health and other challenges. The remaining funds are used to support Presbyterian-affiliated schools and colleges that serve racial and ethnic minorities. Thank you for your generosity.

**The MVPC Stephen Ministry:** When we started this ministry a year ago, each person who committed to the ministry felt strongly called to it. We felt all along that God wanted us involved. Here, a year later, all Stephen ministers are serving care receivers. It seems like God has provided what our congregation and community needed. We will consider training more ministers in the fall. If you are interested, contact Pat Bartee.

**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.

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

	<b>Week of 12/1–12/8</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD Annual Budget</b>
Member Giving Pledge	\$14,430	\$412,635	\$463,700
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$3,075	\$69,022	\$60,000
Loose Offering	\$682	\$12,958	\$5,000
Prepaid 2019 Pledges	\$0	\$18,300	\$18,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,187</b>	<b>\$512,915</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).