

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 **today** in the Kirk Center.

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

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.

Cakes for Kids: Our Cakes 4 Kids was a wonderful success and great blessing to those children attending Lake Forest Elementary School. With Elizabeth leaving, we need someone to be the coordinator. If you're interested, please let Elizabeth know before Dec 31.

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.

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: **Evelyn Allen** is home recovering; **Inez Cole** is recovering at home following surgery; **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:

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| 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 22, 2019

Presbyterian Women : We had a wonderful time at our Christmas High Tea and Program last Sunday. We sang carols and learned about their history and how they came to inspire so many Christmas traditions. Thank you to our soloists, PW choir members, organist, pianist, and everyone who helped to make this a memorable occasion.

In January the Sunday Circle will meet on the 12th and the Day Circle will meet on the 14th. Both Circles will study Lesson 3: *Fourth Word: Keep Sabbath*. The Book Circle will meet on the 10th and review *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography by Harold Smith*. The Circle of Grace will meet on the 12th. 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.

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/>.

Youth: Youth Mission Trip to Asheville, May 31 – June 5. Do not let money be a deterrent. Scholarships are available for those in need.

Family Promise: Today we welcome our families for Christmas week! Since school 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 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 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!

| | Week of 12/9–12/15 | YTD 2019 | YTD Annual Budget |
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| Member Giving Pledge | \$6,900 | \$419,535 | \$463,700 |
| Member Giving Non-Pledge | \$1,360 | \$70,382 | \$60,000 |
| Loose Offering | \$139 | \$13,097 | \$5,000 |
| Prepaid 2019 Pledges | \$0 | \$18,300 | \$18,300 |
| Total | \$8,399 | \$521,314 | \$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.