

# 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 in the Fellowship Hall.

**Called Congregational Meeting** will be at the end of each service on **Sunday, December 15** 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!

**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 before going out to carol at various locations **TODAY** at 5:45 p.m. Afterwards we will eat at Mellow Mushroom at 7:30!

**Atlanta Concert Band (ACB):** Bring a friend and join us for hot cocoa and spectacular holiday sounds. Always free to the public. **TODAY** at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**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 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).

**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/I285SR400> . Barrett will not accept "the exit was closed due to road work" for not coming on Sundays.

**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; **John Roberson** is in hospice care; **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, December 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 Winter Newsletter in the narthex or on our website: [mvpchurch.org](http://mvpchurch.org).

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

**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:** Three weeks to go until we welcome our families for Christmas week! 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 sign up.

**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.

**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 11/25—11/30</b>	<b>YTD 2019</b>	<b>YTD Annual Budget</b>
Member Giving Pledge	\$4,400	\$398,205	\$463,700
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$2,509	\$65,947	\$60,000
Loose Offering	\$90	\$12,275	\$5,000
Prepaid 2019 Pledges	\$0	\$18,300	\$18,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,999</b>	<b>\$494,727</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).