

MVPC Happenings....



Please remain seated until pastor and choir stand.

Please welcome Alexandra Hutson to Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church as we celebrate Theology Education Sunday. Alexandra is a senior at Columbia Theological Seminary. She and her husband live in Alpharetta but is a native of Tuscaloosa, AL.

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

Membership: If you are a visitor or frequent attendee of MVPC and interested in becoming a member of our church, please feel free to speak with the pastor after the service or a member of our church Session.

Annual Meeting of the Congregation will take place on **February 2** during Church School in the Fellowship Hall. Brunch food will be served.

Presbyterian Women : In January the Sunday Circle met on the 12th and the Day Circle met on the 14th. They studied Lesson 3: *Fourth Word: Keep Sabbath*. The Book Circle met on the 10th and reviewed *Eleanor: A Spiritual Biography by Harold Smith*. The Circle of Grace met on the 12th. The Day Circle also prepared gift bags to be taken to members who can no longer attend church services.

Save the date! The PW Mission Lunch and Program will be in the Kirk Center on **February 9** right after the 11:00 service. Rev. Fahed Abu-Akel will be the speaker. He was born in Kafr Yasef, in the Galilee, of Christian Palestinian parents. He will be speaking about his personal journey as a Christian living in Palestine. Rev. Abu-Akel has served the Presbyterian Church in many capacities and has served on the board of numerous ministries. He has received many awards and honors for his work. We look forward to his presentation!

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.

Youth: Meet in Gailey Hall, **today**, 5-7:00 p.m.; Atlanta Hawks Game, **January 26**, 5-9:00 p.m.

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

Lent Small Groups: Plan to join one of the four groups for study, fellowship and, food beginning Sunday, February 23. Signups begin on February 2. Participants will be asked to pay \$10 for study books—materials will be provided for those unable to pay. More details to follow.

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Church History: Linda Bhame 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.

Pictures? Did you take pictures from Elizabeth Small's party on 12/22? Elizabeth is asking for any pictures to be sent to her at elizabethsmall00@gmail.com. Thank you!

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.

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

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!

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

Moved? New Phone Number/Email? Please contact the office or put your new information in the attendance pad as it is passed.

Weekly Newsletter? Are you receiving the MVPC Weekly? If not, please give us your email address so you can read the latest news here at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

Prayer Concerns: Amy Kiley; Evelyn Allen; Inez Cole; Kirk Pumphrey; family of John Roberson on his death December 10—Memorial Service TBD; family of Viola Crawford on the death of her brother, Glenn Morris, on January 11.

Financial Update

January 6-12	Actual	Actual YTD	2020 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$6,255	\$17,550	\$439,217
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$20	\$1,050	\$80,000
Loose Offering	\$134	\$178	\$15,000
Prepaid 2020 Pledges	\$0	\$21,983	\$21,983
Total	\$6,409	\$40,761	\$556,200
Total Worship Attendance 1/12	127		

2019 contribution statements have been mailed out.
If you have not received your Giving Book, please let Yvonne know.

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.