

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.

Quarterly Ministry Team Meetings: Starting Sunday, **Feb. 16**, all 10 of our ministry teams will gather in the Fellowship Hall during the 10 a.m. hour to meet and do committee work. Come and learn about the following ministries: Christian Education, Congregational Care, Fellowship, Finance/Administration, Outreach, Personnel, Senior Adults, Stewardship, Witness, Worship, Youth

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.

The February Communion Offering is non-perishable food for the Food Pantry at the Community Assistance Center (CAC). Most needed items include canned meats and beef stew, canned fruits and vegetables, cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, canned pastas, spaghetti sauce, rice, instant potatoes, dry or evaporated milk, soup, crackers, and cookies. Paper and plastic grocery bags are also needed.

Presbyterian Women : The Day and Sunday Circles will not have their regular Bible study meetings in February. The Book Circle will meet on **February 14** and review "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng.

Save the date! The PW Mission Lunch and Program will be in the Kirk Center **TODAY** 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.

Zambia Scholarships: The new school year started in January and there are numerous students who need assistance. Your donations help cover tuition and testing fees. All assistance is appreciated!

Youth: Youth Sunday is **February 23** at both services. Hunger Walk is **March 15**. Mission Trip to Asheville, **May 31 - June 5**. Do not let money be a deterrent. Scholarships are available for those in need.

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Lent Small Groups begin **Feb. 23** (Feb. 27 for the group meeting at Mount Vernon Towers). Sign-up before and after the 9:00 and 11:00 services in the narthex. Join one of these excellent learning experiences with your Mount Vernon friends!

Dinner With Friends: Do you like to eat? Do you like to meet people? Do you actually want to get to know your pastor? We are introducing Dinner with Friends! We have put together a Sign-up Genius with different dates throughout the year. Each host will coordinate the menu and everyone signed up will bring something from the menu. The link to sign up will be in next week's newsletter.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48a8a922a3fb6-dinner>

AMIS: You are invited to **AMIS Day 2020 TODAY** from 2-4 pm at North Avenue Presbyterian Church (607 Peachtree St. NE) in the Overlook Hall as we "Celebrate the Sweetness of International Friendship" with desserts from around the world. We will gather with AMIS international students from colleges/universities all over Atlanta, enjoy sweets, music, and hear from a panel of international students who will share about their experiences. Go to www.amis-inc.org/events to register.

Family Promise: Our next session begins on **March 8**.

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.

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.

Prayer Concerns: Evelyn Allen; Linda Bhame; Inez Cole; Kirk Pumphrey; Lorenzo Small—father of Minnie Robinson; family of Shirley (Smelter) Espy on the death of her husband, Carl Espy on 1/28, Brian (Family Promise single father) passed away last week.

Financial Update

January 27-February 2	Actual	Actual YTD	2020 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$22,625	\$48,407	\$439,217
Non-Pledge Member Giving	\$1,815	\$3,715	\$80,000
2020 Prepaid Pledges	\$0	\$21,983	\$21,983
Loose Offering	\$49	\$921	\$15,000
Total	\$24,489	\$75,026	\$556,200
Worship Attendance 2/2	9:00: 38	11:00: 83	Total: 121

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.