

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.

COVID-19: Please take the proper precautions to ensure your health and well-being. The church is closed to all Sunday services, meetings/events, and staff until Monday, March 23 when we will re-address the situation. In the meantime, please keep these in mind: if you feel sick, stay home. If you are 75 or older or have underlying health issues, stay home. If you are uneasy being in groups, stay home. The service will be livestreamed at mvpchurch.org.

The March Communion Offering is for the House of Moses crisis nursery in Lusaka, Zambia. Most needed items include: sterile medical gloves, baby wipes, cloth and disposable diapers (sizes preemie to age 2), baby burp cloths/pads, and baby feeding bottles. Please place your donations in the outreach bin near the church office at any time during the month of March. Cash donations are also welcome and will be used to purchase needed items available in Lusaka. Please write "Zambia Mission Trip" in the check memo line and place in the offering plate or in Yvonne's box in the church office. Thank you for your generosity!

APNC will be holding a general listening session for all on Sunday, **March 15** at 10:00 a.m. in the Kirk Center. Please plan on attending.

Presbyterian Women : The Day Circle and the Sunday Circle met last week and studied, *Eighth Word: Do Not Steal*, in our Bible study, *Loved Carved in Stone*. The Book Circle met on March 13 and review *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

Youth: Hunger Walk - **CANCELLED**, Atlanta Mission - **CANCELLED**; Youth Mission Trip to Asheville—**May 31 - June 5**. Do not let money be a deterrent. Scholarships are available for those in need.

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!

Easter Flowers: Please feel free to bring flowers to help decorate the Easter Cross that will be out on the lawn on Easter morning.

Holy Week:

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| April 5 | One Service at 10:00 a.m. | Palm Sunday Egg Hunt after the service Lunch in Fellowship Hall |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Merav Eldan Recital |
| April 9 | 7:00 p.m. | Maundy Thursday Service |
| April 10 | 7:00 p.m. | Good Friday Service |
| April 12 | 7:00 a.m. | Sunrise Service |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Easter Service |

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Lent Small Groups are happening now! The Sunday 12:15 Chapel group is using the book “The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World” by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. All the rest of the groups are using a book entitled “I Said This, You Heard That” by Northpoint Ministries. You are welcome to join one of these excellent learning experiences with your Mount Vernon friends.

Dinner With Friends: Dinner on March 21 at the Truitt’s—**CANCELLED**. 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. Sign up **NOW** for future dinners at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040e48a8a922a3fb6-dinner>

The Worship Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to serve as Funeral/Memorial Service Coordinators. For question or more info, contact Malinda Holmes malinda128.holmes@gmail.com, Clarice Elder cpelder@bellsouth.net, or Beppie Lever beppielever@earthlink.net if you are interested.

Worship Committee has formed a Sanctuary redesign task force including Wendy Hagenau, Dale Morine, David Barclift, Malinda Holmes, Shelly Ray, and Bruce Hagenau. The committee welcomes your feedback and suggestions!

Family Promise: Thank you to everyone who has donated food, prepared dinner, or stayed overnight. These families really appreciate YOU!

The MVPPC 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.

Need Ushers: We are in need of additional ushers at the 11:00 service. If interested, please contact Wendy Hagenau or Clarice Elder.

Membership: If you are a visitor or frequent attendee of MVPPC 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.

Prayer Concerns: Evelyn Allen; Inez Cole; Kirk Pumphrey; Lorenzo Small (father of Minnie Robinson); Karl Hagenau passed away Feb. 20, service April 18 @ 11:00.

Financial Update

| March 1-7 | Actual | Actual YTD | 2020 Budget |
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| Pledge Member Giving | \$8,545 | \$77,127 | \$439,217 |
| Non-Pledge Member Giving | \$725 | \$6,830 | \$80,000 |
| 2020 Prepaid Pledges | \$0 | \$21,983 | \$21,983 |
| Loose Offering | \$218 | \$1,693 | \$15,000 |
| Total | \$9,488 | \$107,633 | \$556,200 |
| Worship Attendance 3/8 | 9:00 20 | 11:00 90 | Total 110 |
| Livestream | 32 | | |

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.