

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.

NO CHILDCARE TODAY

Coronavirus Response: We are wiping down doorknobs, light switches, and table surfaces. During the passing of the peace—you may greet with the “peace” sign. And for communion we will be taking extra precautions by using hand sanitizer before breaking the bread and tearing off larger pieces for participants to subtly dip the bread so as to not put their fingers in the cup. If you are uncomfortable with communion, please feel free to come forward to be offered a blessing or please remain in your pew/ chair. If you are sick, please stay home and livestream the service at www.mvpcchurch.org

The March Communion Offering is for the House of Moses crisis nursery in Lusaka, Zambia. Barbara Hughes will be traveling to Zambia on April 1 and will personally deliver our donations. 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!

Everyone is Invited to a lecture that Rev. Barrett is giving at Holy Innocents on Wednesday, **March 11** from 6–7:00 p.m. on “Lenten Themes”. There will be a soup supper provided.

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 : In March we will study lesson seven, *Eighth Word: Do Not Steal*, in our Bible study, *Loved Carved in Stone*. The Sunday Circle will meet on **March 8** and the Day Circle will meet on **March 10**. The Circle of Grace will also meet on **March 8**. The Book Circle will meet on **March 13** and review *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens.

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!

Holy Week:

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

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Youth: Hunger Walk – **March 15**, Atlanta Mission – **March 22** from 12–3:00 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 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: 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 the dinner on **March 21** at the home of Wit & Robin Truitt.

<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 is this week! Right now we are still in need of volunteers to provide dinners through the week and also contribute to our store cupboard. Please contact Moira Speirs.

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.

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

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

February 24–29	Actual	Actual YTD	2020 Budget
Pledge Member Giving	\$4,120	\$68,582	\$439,217
Non-Pledge Member Giving	\$400	\$6,105	\$80,000
2020 Prepaid Pledges	\$0	\$21,983	\$21,983
Loose Offering	\$0	\$1,475	\$15,000
Total	\$4,520	\$98,145	\$556,200
Worship Attendance 3/1	9:00 39	11:00 89	Total 128
Livestream	22		

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.