November 2020



## Good News

#### Month At-A-Glance

November 1
Daylight Saving
Outdoor WorshipOrdination &
Installation/Lunch
(Isaac) 11am

November 11 Taizé 5pm

November 15
Outdoor WorshipStewardship
Commitment Sunday
11am
Congregational
Meeting 12pm
Tithe-Thru/Food
Drive 12-2pm
Chrismon Tree
Decorating 12-2pm

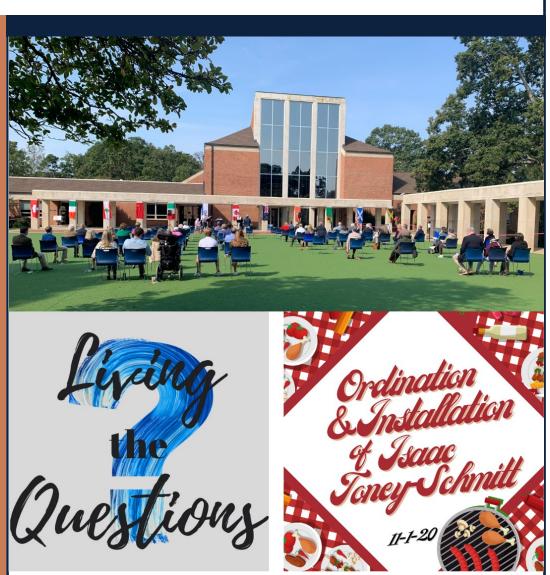
November 26 Thanksgiving

COVID 19 Protocols for Outdoor Gatherings

Outdoor events for up to

15

people have been
approved.
View the Protocols here.



#### Lunch Celebration for Isaac Toney-Schmitt Ordination and Installation

Whether you plan to join us online or you made reservations to attend the Outdoor Live Worship & lunch on November 1 (Daylight Saving), we look forward to celebrating with you!

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#### Grace

By: Wendell Berry

The woods is shining this morning.
Red, gold and green, the leaves
lie on the ground, or fall,
or hang full of light in the air still.
Perfect in its rise and in its fall, it takes
the place it has been coming to forever.
It has not hastened here, or lagged.
See how surely it has sought itself,
its roots passing lordly through the earth.
See how without confusion it is
all that it is. Running or walking, the way
is the same. Be still. Be still.
"He moves your bones, and the way is clear."

I often turn to poems like these when I want to feel grounded to the eternal. Poets like Wendell Berry capture the balance between the beauty of the present moment and the eternity that bookends the present moment. He offers us an effort to focus all attention on one moment while not forgetting where this moment came from.

We do the same thing when we celebrate. This past month we celebrated the culmination of Confirmation in a wonderful service filled with liturgy written by confirmands, statements of faith, commitments to the mission of the church, plenty of gifts, and well wishes. Soon we will celebrate my ordination and installation as well, alongside guests from the presbytery and lunch served afterward. These celebrations are our way of not taking the gift of Christian relationship lightly. They ground our often-scattered attention into one moment to recognize the eternal at work, the exacting love of God that finds us when we gather.

We do the same thing when we meet in small groups, witness to one another's story, and fellowship with each other. Each of these become a moment to recognize that the person across from us is "perfect in its rise and in its fall, it takes the place it has been coming to forever. It has not hastened here, or lagged." These are moments to be amazed by the present and enlivened by the eternity that supports the present.

Our faith journeys take many turns, and this season is only one turn among many. I pray that we continue to walk forward in grace, expecting to recognize the beauty around us, and allowing ourselves to Be Still.

-Isaac







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#### A Pastoral Stewardship

My goal in serving you and your church is to leave you better than I found you. I could pepper you with flowery theological language, but it would amount to the same sentiment. I bring this up because a few weeks ago I pulled up the goals I had for 2020, both as a church and as your pastor. I shared this document with your church Session at our retreat back in late January. As I reread what I wrote, I couldn't help but shake my head and smirk with naivety, for if we only knew what 2020 would bring...

There is one goal, however, the first one I wrote down, that I can still read with resolve.

That by the end of the year I will have met, spoken, or made contact with every church member. I will maintain my relationships with active members through fellowship events and reaching out to inactive members to get their input as to what is missing from our ministry that they would like to see.

Non-existent fellowship meals aside, I know I have faithfully attempted to contact every household in our directory and have either spoken with you or left you a message. Some of you I have gotten to know more than others. Some of you I have yet to connect with, but I hope we do between now and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Because this is not about some goal to achieve, rather this is about forging Trust with the body of Christ. That has been the best thing I have done as your pastor this year. Pacing my backyard and bedroom with my ear to the phone as you shared with me stories of Mount Vernon past, your old college days, or of your fears. We had to get creative to find trust. We couldn't find it in those natural ways of gathering at fellowship events or by being present in the sanctuary with one another. No, we had to work for this one

this year. I believe it paid off (no pun intended) because our stewardship is all about **Trust(ing)** in the Lord. The way I have tried to be a good steward is to connect with you, to let you know I am present with you.

So, sure, we may define stewardship as a season, and dedicate a Sunday for you to bring your pledge card, but I also believe that my stewardship is rooted in my relationship with you. Over the years I have shared that when someone asks me my favorite scripture, I often reply "Whatever I am preaching on this coming Sunday." My point is this, each Sunday is Stewardship/Dedication/Pledge Card Sunday as far as I am concerned. I believe that because our faith must constantly be massaged. If it's not, then it becomes hardened, stale, and rigid. As your pastor, I pledged to serve you with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, and I believe these qualities amount to being a good steward to you because you then, will respond in kind.

I look forward to dedicating another year to serve and glorify God with you on November 15<sup>th</sup>, but more importantly, I look forward to building the collective trust already constructed between many of you. For these are the relationships built over a lifetime of Sundays and the way we live out our calling to **Trust in the Lord**.

Grace and Peace,

Barrett

## Letter to Congregation 2021 Giving

Click on the links above to read Barrett's letter to the congregation and to make your 2021 pledge.

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#### November 15

#### **Tithe-Thru/Food Drive**

Won't be able to attend the November 15 service but want to contribute? Drive-thru with your pledge card and canned goods from 12-2 pm.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

Mark your calendars. We will have a congregational meeting on November 15, 2020, following outdoor worship at 11 am.

The Communion Offering for November will be food items for Stirred Up Ministries to prepare and distribute Thanksgiving Baskets to vulnerable families in the East Lake area of Atlanta. Please bring donations to the outdoor worship services on November 1 and 15 or to the Tithe-Thru stewardship event on November 15 from 12 Noon until 2 PM. Donations may also be dropped off at the church office at any time until November 22. Most needed items include canned vegetables and fruits, cranberry sauce, instant mashed potatoes, canned sweet potatoes, rice, macaroni and cheese, jello, cake mix, pie filling, tea or lemonade mix, stuffing mix, cornbread mix, and grocery store gift cards (to buy hams and turkeys).



## Click here to read the announcement of CAC's CEO Tamara Carrera's retirement.

Thank you, Tamara, for your leadership in the transformation from a small ministry located in our Gailey Hall to the outstanding program CAC has become.

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**Clothing Donations for Homeless Shelters:** As cooler weather approaches, our friends at homeless shelters will need warm clothing. Sweaters, jackets, scarves, socks, and casual shoes/ work boots for men and women may be left in the donation bin at the church. Please note: no dressy shoes and clothing or men's suits can be accepted, especially dry-clean-only items. Due to limited storage space, the shelters are no longer taking summer clothing.

Gently used clothing for men, women, and children may also be taken directly to the Thrift Shop at CAC. Please go online at ourcac.org for more information on the location and hours donations are received.

Please contact Carol Beckman if you need more information on clothing donations.

#### **Chrismon Tree**

Advent will be here soon! We will not have our typical Hanging of the Greens service but on Sunday, Nov. 15 until 2 pm, after the outdoor worship service, please help us decorate our Chrismon trees! You may go into the sanctuary to hang Chrismon's one family or one person at a time and wearing masks or you may hang a Chrismon on one of our Narthex trees which we will have just

outside the Narthex. Social distancing will be practiced, and masks are

required.

#### **Nativity Christmas Tree Advent Craft Kits**

Be sure to pick up a craft kit from Carrie for your family/household after worship on Nov. 15th until 2 pm.

We look forward to seeing you!





Our next Online Taizé Worship Experience will be November 11 at 5 pm outside of Gailey Hall. Reservations are required and space is limited to 15. Signup here.



Advent Sermon Series
"Celebrating the 4 Songs of Advent" beginning 11/29

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#### Covid 19 Fund

#### **Because of Your Generosity**

The Covid 19 Fund was established in April and just six months later more than \$57,000 has been donated with more than \$53,000 already dispersed to our ministry partners to help meet almost overwhelming needs due to the pandemic.

The generosity of the congregation is truly making a difference in our neighborhood, the greater Atlanta area, and across the world in Zambia.

Because of your generosity, the Community Assistance Center (CAC) is providing food and financial assistance to vulnerable families to prevent hunger and homelessness in our local neighborhood.

Because of your generosity, Family Promise, the Drake House, and the International Women's House continue to serve homeless families with children, allowing them to safely "shelter in place".

Because of your generosity, Stirred Up Ministries is providing food and financial support to vulnerable families in the East Lake area of Atlanta.

Because of your generosity, Garden Presbyterian Church in Lusaka, Zambia has provided food to some truly desperate individuals and families in their congregation and neighborhood.

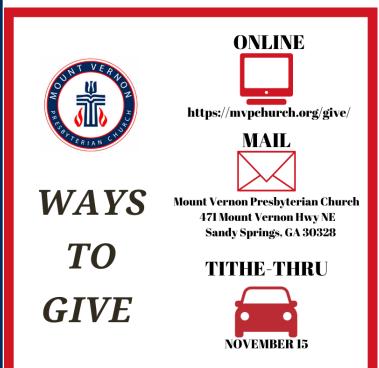
Because of your generosity, the Alliance for Children Everywhere (ACE) in Zambia has PPE equipment for its staff, milk and medicine to distribute to families with young children, medical supplies for two crisis nurseries, and food for children enrolled in FaithWorks Schools.

Because of your generosity, children enrolled in the Los Niños Primero program have the necessary resources for virtual learning.

Because of your generosity, our Presbytery's New Church Development Commission provided food and other assistance to refugee and immigrant families already experiencing hardships which only increased due to the pandemic.

The needs continue to be great - please continue to generously support the Covid 19 Fund. Thank you.

If you would like to know how you can help, or if you need help during these unprecedented times, please visit our website at <a href="mayerunden.org">mvpchurch.org</a>. If viewing online click on the links below.







2020 Session Members and Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Carrie Southard

Senior Adults Mary Kilgore

Fellowship David Barclift

Outreach Carol Beckman Brent Schwieger

<u>Finance/Administration</u> Charlie Gray

Stewardship Wit Truitt

<u>Youth</u> Jon Barber Bryce Cumming

Congregational Care Joy Carden

<u>Witness</u> John Hibbard Mackenzie Truitt

<u>Worship</u> Wendy Hagenau Dale Morine

Clerk of Session David Hill

Moderator Rev. Barrett Abernethy Page 12 Good News

#### To our members of MVPC Congregation

Thank you for your recent generous contributions to the Zambia College fund which provides scholarships for aspiring college students in Zambia. The annual goal of \$10,000 has been *reached* and our 10 students will return to their respective college, January 1st to continue their education. In previous correspondence provided, you have seen the progress our students are making. Six have graduated to date and 4 more are scheduled to graduate end of 2021. Each year we strive to have 8 to 9 students enrolled in college.

I have attached a letter from Jacob, our most recent recipient, which conveys what this scholarship effort is accomplishing. Like all of our students, Jacob has truly sacrificed to achieve an education. As I read this emotionally stirring letter, dedication to providing these individuals an opportunity to become educated is substantially reinforced. The Lord has blessed us with so much and we need to be a blessing to others. I am pleased to observe Mount Vernon congregants demonstrate this benevolence every day.

In God's Glory,

Stan Williams



My name is Kawang'u Jacob. I was born in 1996 in a family of seven with three sisters and four brothers and I am the second born. Both parents are alive but divorced.

I started my primary school at Presbyterian community school in 2005 from grades one to seven. When I reached grade seven, I was being kept by my elder brothers' friend because of a misunderstanding between parents. Within the same year, I wrote my grade seven and passed with good results in 2012.

I started my junior secondary at Northmead secondary school. My brother's friends couldn't continue staying with me; my mother took me to her brother (my uncle). He kept me for a year while attending grade eight; after a while, my uncle couldn't continue staying with me. I started staying with my friend in an unfinished building because I wanted to complete my school.

This was the hardest moment I experienced as a pupil in terms of food and shelter, but I thank God for that moment I became a born again Christian praying for my success. I started working night shifts in Industries while during the day I was schooling and passed my grade nine in 2014 with good results.

I continued at the same school because I had no one to buy me new school uniforms and no place to stay because my friend's family relocated to a new area where they built a house. I moved to stay at church alone while working nights and learning during the day.

I worked very hard during my final year of senior secondary and I decided to focus on my studies only and stopped working in industries. To God be all the glory, I managed to have five distinctions and three merits in all eight subjects after results came out in 2017 as a grade twelve student.

I applied at the University of Zambia and I was accepted in the school of education to study the program of Bachelor of Arts with education and I was given a 75% bursary but 25% has really been a challenge for me to raise. The odd jobs I do couldn't afford me to raise even a K100; it's hand to mouth only for upkeep.

Kawang'u Jacob

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At the Day Circle on October 13, we awarded the Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Membership to Sarah Chalpan and Sylvia McAdam. Many of their relatives were able to attend via zoom. We reviewed their leadership, their services, and their many, many accomplishments – the awards are well deserved!

In November, the Sunday Circle will meet on the 8th and the Day Circle will meet on the 10th. Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt will meet with both circles, and we look forward to getting to know him even better. We will also take up the Thank Offering. This offering helps to fund ministries here and throughout the world. At least 40% goes to health ministries. The Book Circle will meet on November 13 and will review *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

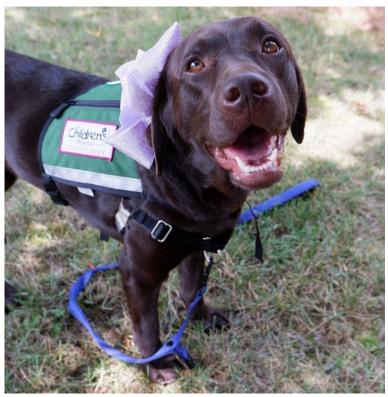
All meetings will continue to use videoconferencing.

We are also accepting members' yearly pledge. Checks can be designated for Presbyterian Women and mailed to the church.

The Fall Quarter of the MVPC PW Newsletter can be viewed here as well as on the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church website. You can pick up a printed version outside of the church office at the information center.

Christy and David Hill are excited to announce **Congratulations** to sweet **Melitta** as she graduates as a Service Dog and begins her new job at The Children's Hospital at OU in Oklahoma City. She is in charge of "Bravery" in the surgical unit and Emergency. She holds the distinct title as Canine Assistants' First Chocolate Facility Dog. During the last two years, Melitta has attended many First Cup and Sanctuary services, exercised in the courtyard between Sunday School and church; attended and enjoyed fellowship gatherings, and has even assisted as an "overnight host-pup" at Family Promise many times. We will miss her, but she is making life brighter for children.





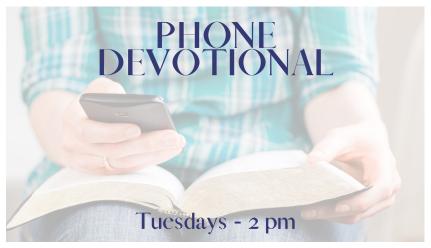
Thank you, Mount Vernon friends, for helping us teach Melitta how to "do church."

Anyone who is interested in hosting a Zoom meeting, please contact Terri Clayton at terri@mvpchurch.org.

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Click here to signup for Prayer in the Sanctuary.



Dial <u>701-802-5094</u> Access Code: 5154569

The Information Center is outside the Church office Mon.-Fri. from 9-5 if you need Upper Room Devotionals, These Days Devotionals, the Good News, Stephen Ministry information, the MVPC PW Fall Newsletter, or Care Notes.







Small groups began September 27th but it's not too late to join! We will focus on topics relating to racial reconciliation. Please reach out to David or contact the church office to learn more about these offerings or to join a group.

The Discovery class meets
Sundays at 10 am via
Zoom.



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Whether it's chicken wings with Barrett or getting to know Isaac, you can make an appointment with one of them during the office hours above.

Sundays 3-5 pm
Thursdays 8-10 am
Appointment Only-Contact Barrett



Tuesdays 8-10 am
Wednesdays 12-2 pm
Appointment Only-Contact Isaac



Contact the church office for our lost and found.





Do you feel a need for prayer?
Have our Prayer Vine pray for you!
Email your requests to
<a href="mailto:prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org">prayerrequests@mvpchurch.org</a>
or call the church office at 404-255-2211.



We are so excited to join with over 200 Family Promise Affiliates to raise awareness about the challenge's families are facing ever day, and the innovative solutions FP uses to support them!

During this COVID-19 pandemic you have helped Family Promise support almost **3,000** community members in their time of need with:

- Food Needs
- Diapers, wipes, and baby formula
- Case management
- Bill assistance
- Safe and clean housing
- 3 meals a day
- Cleaning supplies

**Together** we are doing incredible things for this community! We could not do it without you! *Thank you!* 

Join us at <a href="https://www.familypromisenfd.org/emergency-relief-fund.html">www.familypromisenfd.org/emergency-relief-fund.html</a>!

If you are not receiving our weekly emails and would like to stay up to date on the latest MVPC news, please subscribe on the contact page of our website or <u>click here</u>.

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#### MVPC October 18, 2020, Session Meeting Summary

The Session held its monthly meeting via ZOOM. Rev. Abernethy opened the meeting with prayer and the clerk noted that 15 of the 16 members were present. Rev. Abernethy welcomed visitors to the meeting who included Sybil Washington and Nathan and Elizabeth Abernethy. Rev. Abernethy reminded the group that the Ordination and Installation service for Isaac Toney–Schmitt will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> and that Stewardship Sunday will be November 15th.

The Session voted to receive Sybil Washington as an Affiliate Member. Ms. Washington is a long-time member of Decatur Presbyterian but has been active at MVPC since she moved to Sandy Springs. Affiliate Members may participate in all activities of the church, but do not have voting rights in Congregational Meetings. The Session also voted to receive as members Nathan and Elizabeth Abernethy who have moved to Sandy Springs from Kilgore, Texas, where they were active in the First Presbyterian Church.

#### **Ministry Team Reports**

The Finance/Administration team reported that church finances remain in good shape despite the impact of the pandemic. It was noted, however, that the giving did drop off in September. The Stewardship Campaign is underway and will culminate on Stewardship Sunday (November 15<sup>th</sup>) where members can turn in pledge cards during the outdoor worship service or during a "tithe –through" where members can drive through the church campus to deliver their pledge cards.

The Outreach Ministry Team reported the COVID-19 Task Force continues to disperse funds to various organizations in support of their work during the pandemic. Many people are in great need because of lost employment or inability to pay housing expenses. To date MVPC



has raised more than \$55,000; the task force has dispersed most of these funds. Carol Beckman thanked fellow team member Brent Schwieger for his successful efforts in securing a large food donation for CAC from Whole Foods.

The Personnel Team is developing a staff performance evaluation form that Rev. Abernethy will use in the staff evaluation process. In addition, the team is developing a process for making decisions regarding end of year staff bonuses.

The Witness Ministry Team reported a loss of membership through transfer to another church (T.J. and Maggie Shirley) and through the October 1<sup>st</sup> death of Clarice Elder.

The Worship Ministry Team reported that no one has yet signed-up for prayer in the sanctuary. The Session approved a plan last month that allows members to pray in the sanctuary following specific guidelines to ensure safety. The children of the church will have the opportunity to make tree decorations that can be placed on the church's Christmas trees. The kits for making the decorations will be distributed on November 15<sup>th</sup> and decorating will take place during Advent activities.

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The Youth Ministry Team reported that high school youth are meeting outside on Sunday evenings and that turnout has been good. The youth are beginning to plan service opportunities within the limits of what can be done during the pandemic.



#### **Old Business**

During the pandemic, the Session continues to list the use of the church campus as an item of business each month. Three proposals related to the use of the campus were presented:

Because of the success of the two most recent outdoor worship services, Session approved a proposal from the Worship Ministry Team to hold outdoor 11:00 services on two December Sundays, the 6<sup>th</sup>, and the 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, a Christmas Eve 5:00 service was approved minus the usual nativity scene. Session also voted to increase participants from 75 to 125 beginning in November, still maintaining appropriate social distance and wearing masks. The courtyard area can easily and safely accommodate this increase.

A second proposal, also from the Worship Ministry Team, was to allow the pastoral staff to conduct various small outdoor services such as the Taizé service. Session approved this proposal with a limit of 15 people in attendance wearing masks and socially distancing.

The third proposal under old business came jointly from the Worship Ministry Team and the Fellowship Team. The Session approved the proposal from these teams that wish to jointly host a box lunch event following the 11:00 worship service on November 1st to celebrate the ordination & installation of Isaac Toney-Schmitt. Outdoor worship protocols that include social distancing and wearing masks (except while eating) will be used.

#### **New Business**

The only item under New Business was approval of the transfer of membership of John and Audra Kapsaroff to Sequoyah Hills Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, Tennessee.

#### **Pastors' Report**

Rev. Abernethy will notify the congregation of the Congregational Meeting to be held November 15<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of electing new Session members to replace those whose terms are ending in January. Rev. Abernethy reports he will begin yearly reviews of staff in November. Plans are being made for Isaac's ordination and installation. Isaac continues to engage with the youth. He will begin to work on engaging with middle school youth.

Rev. Abernethy asked Isaac Toney-Schmitt to close the meeting with prayer.

Oct 23-27	Actual	Actual YTD	2020 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$2,435	\$343,179	\$439,217
Member Giving Non- Pledge	\$150	\$59,339	\$80,000
2020 Prepaid Pledges	\$0	\$21,983	\$21,983
Loose Offerings	\$0	\$17,019	\$15,000
Total for week	\$2,585	\$441,520	\$556,200

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## <u>Please keep these individuals and</u> <u>their families in your prayers.</u>

Eleanor Brazell, who is at Sandy Springs Health & Rehab. Catie O'Hare asks for your prayers for Etta's preschool teacher's 7-year-old daughter, who had a roller-skating accident on Sunday.

Pray for healing and strength for Elizabeth Small, who is recovering from a stroke and returned home on 10/22.

Healing of a broken arm for Barbara Hughes.

Don Deal, Kirby Smith's former husband and father of her children, who is in hospice care.

Julie Chesnutt as she continues chemotherapy.

Prayers for freedom from addiction for Rob Southard.

Prayers for the use of his left hand and arm for Kirk Pumphrey. Vulnerable children, families, and staff we support at schools

and an orphanage in Zambia, with Los Niño's Primero,

Community Assistance Center, and with Family Promise.

Children, parents, and teachers at school and for those who opt for homeschooling or a gap year navigating education during a pandemic.

Financial stability and recovery for those who have lost employment or whose revenue is drastically reduced, and business owners who are trying to stay in business.

Prayers for containment, cure, and a vaccine for the coronavirus. Family, friends, church members, our elderly, health care workers, first responders, grocery store workers, and those who are most vulnerable.

Prayers for an end to the fires in our country that threaten life and property, and for the volunteers who work to contain them. People who struggle with loneliness from isolation due to the pandemic.

# ARE YOU EXPERIENCING PANDEMIC FATIGUE?



Are you feeling exhausted from all the disruptions to life brought on by the pandemic? Are you or someone you know struggling with challenges like . . .

- ISOLATION AND LONELINESS
- ANXIETY OVER HEALTH
- GRIEF DUE TO MANY DIFFERENT KINDS OF LOSSES
- TENSION FROM JUGGLING WORK, CHILDCARE, AND SCHOOLING
- FINANCIAL STRAIN OR JOB LOSS
- UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THE FUTURE
- OTHER UNEXPECTED LIFE CHALLENGES?

If so, you don't have to face it alone. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support.

A Stephen Minister will meet with you privately—by phone, by video chat, or, if safely possible, in person—to offer care and support. It's free and completely confidential. For more information, call our church office.



"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

## November

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
1 Daylight Saving Outdoor Worship Installation & Ordination of Isaac Toney- Schmitt 11am Lunch Following— RSVP	2	<b>3</b> Coordinating Team 10am Zoom Phone Devotional 2pm	4	5	6	7
8 Online Only Worship 11am	<b>9</b> Finance Admin 6:30pm	10 Phone Devotional 2pm Day Circle 10am Zoom Worship Commit- tee 4pm	<b>11</b> Taizé 5pm	12	<b>13</b> Book Circle 10am	14
15 Outdoor Worship 11am (Stewardship) Congregational Meeting 12pm Chrismon Tree Decorating/Tithe- thru 12-2pm	16	<b>17</b> Phone Devotional 2pm	18	19	20	21
<b>22</b> Online Only Worship 11am	23	<b>24</b> Phone Devotional 2pm	25	<b>26</b> Thanksgiving	27	28
<b>29</b> Online Only Worship 11am	30					

Check out our Facebook page

where we bring a Mount Vernon Moment each weekday!



## FALL BACK 1 HOUR

Daylight Saving Time Ends Sunday, November 1

### November Birthdays

Steve Whisenan	t 11/1	Carolina Kirby-Smith	11/12
Barbara Brooks	11/1	Lindsay Southard	11/17
Donna Martin	11/2	Kate Bissell	11/17
Anne Baynham	11/5	Mary McClurg	11/20
Kyle Cumming	11/5	Allison Duncan	11/24
Ken Mead	11/6	Caroline Ballard	11/25
Phyllis Gustely	11/9	Vivien Rothwell	11/25
Jeanne Hagenai	յ 11/11	Jessie McCormick	11/30
leanne Mielke	11/12		

#### **Welcome New Members**

Pictured left to right, Nathan Abernethy, Elizabeth Abernethy, and Sybil Washington.





#### **Gratitude**

Our Christian Sympathies to the family of Clarice Elder, who passed away on 10/1.



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Return Service Requested

**Got News?** We'd love to hear from you! Send us your news so we can celebrate, laugh, and/or cry with you. After all, we are FAMILY. Deadline for news is the third Tuesday of each month for the *next month*'s newsletter. Send your submissions to terri@mvpchurch.org. If you'd no longer wish to receive the Good News monthly, please email Debbie at debbie@mvpchurch.org.



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THIS YEAR WE'RE GOING TO BE THANKFUL THAT ALL THE TURKEYS ARE STILL GOING TO BE AROUND NEXT YEAR

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