



March 2021

Good News

Month At-A-Glance

March 7
Outdoor Worship 11am

March 10
Taizé 6:30pm

March 14
Daylight Saving
Fellowship Zoom 12pm

March 17
St. Patrick's Day

March 21
Outdoor Worship 11am
Annual Meeting 12pm

March 28
Outdoor Palm Sunday
Worship & Baptism
11am

March 29, 30, 31
Holy Week Digital
Devotional



**Sunday 11 A.M.
IN-PERSON**

LIVE OUTDOOR WORSHIP

March 7, 21 & 28

We will hold outdoor live worship services on
March 7, 21, & 28.

Service will still be viewable online.

[If viewing online, signup here!](#)



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SUNDAYS 11 AM

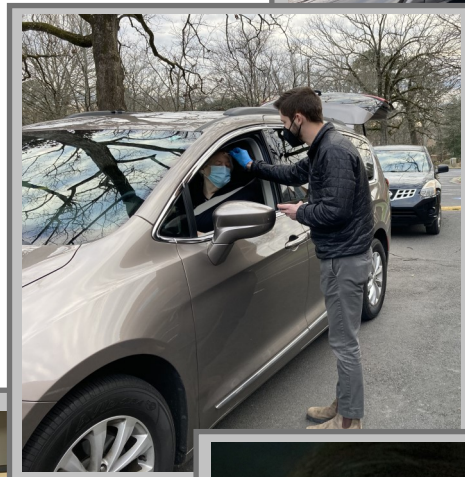
ASH WEDNESDAY



If you missed the Drive-In Ash Wednesday Service, you can [watch it here](#) if viewing online, or visit our website at mvpchurch.org/livestream-worship!

To view 2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10 *Bonded Dust* from Ash Wednesday you can [access it here](#).

PANCAKES & ASHES



Covid Fund Update

Through the Covid Fund, Mount Vernon has provided financial assistance to the New Church Development Commission (NCDC) of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta who in turn assists congregations composed mostly of refugees and immigrants greatly affected by the pandemic. Below is a letter (slightly edited for brevity) from Rev. Dr. Lindsay Armstrong, President/CEO of the NCDC:

Dear MVPC Covid Task Force and the many generous supporters of this Fund and Church,

I am honored and humbled to receive your latest contribution of \$2,500 to your Atlanta-area friends and neighbors in new worshipping communities who are suffering economic hardship during the pandemic. Truly this season has stretched and challenged us all, taking much but also bringing us closer in unexpected ways.

In fact, you are now closer to:

A family who took in additional family members whose jobs disappeared early in the pandemic. A 1600 square foot, 3-bedroom house now is home to 11 people. Financial assistance from MVPC paid their utility bill and provided food from Kroger gift cards. Because of you, 11 people including 5 children are staying warm, fed, and out of homeless shelters.

Three refugee families forced from their homes and relocated to Clarkston, GA. Their sole sources of income are minimum wage jobs at a poultry processing plant. After 3 months of eating almost nothing but rice, your donations covered the cost of bags of rice and Kroger gift cards which provided them food, medicine, a thermometer, bathroom tissue, and peace of mind.

You also provided a lifeline to another family their pastors knew about – a family that looks and acts fine but cannot pay bills because of a layoff and unexpected financial turn. Your Kroger gift cards, and their ingenuity kept food on the table, fear at bay, and knowledge that they are not alone. Because of you they made it and one parent recently regained employment. Your gifts saw them through and are seeing many others through as well.

Mount Vernon, thank you. You're not only providing life altering, emergency assistance. You are also providing your outreach, care, love, and support for new Presbyterians and people who could so easily be feeling overlooked, helpless, hopeless, and unloved. Because of you, they know love, care and needs met.

It is an honor to steward so much of your generosity. We will continue to be about this work until emergency need related to this pandemic are more fully subsiding. I am giving. You are giving. We are all in this together, and it is making a difference.

In Christ's love and in shared ministry,

Lindsay Armstrong

Wishing Dale and Bruce
Moline a wonderful 50th
Wedding Anniversary that
occurred on Feb 13th.



Summary of the Stated Meeting of the Session Sunday, February 21, 2021

Rev. Abernethy called the meeting to order and opened with prayer at 1:00 pm. The Session continues to meet using Zoom video conferencing. All but one elder was present along with both pastors.

Announcements/Reminders:

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the outdoor worship service on March 21st. The 2020 Annual Report will be presented; the congregation will be asked to approve Rev. Abernethy's revised terms of call; and the congregation will elect the Nominating Committee, MVPC Foundation Officers, and officers for the Corporation.

We received a letter from Rev. Lindsay Armstrong from the Presbytery's New Church Development Commission (NCDC) thanking MVPC for our recent \$2,500 contribution from our COVID-19 Fund. This contribution will help support families who have lost their housing because of job losses during the pandemic. MVPC has made previous contributions to NCDC that go into helping metro Atlanta families. The letter gives a lot of detail regarding specifics of our support. God is working through our congregation to touch the lives of so many less fortunate people! Thanks to Carol Beckman and the COVID Task Force for their work in coordinating with NCDC and other partner organizations!

Various ministry teams gave reports including Christian Education which reported that a new children's curriculum, *Godly Play*, will be used during the outdoor worship services.

Children will gather on the patio and will be led by Braegan Abernethy during a portion of the worship service. Braegan will go through training; Mount Vernon School will allow MVPC to use the program materials so no purchase will be necessary. In addition, the weekly phone devotional has been extended by 10 minutes to allow unstructured talk time so participants can talk informally. The response has been very positive. As previously announced, small group studies will begin after Easter on April 11th and run five to six weeks. Multiple study offerings will be available and will be announced in March. The group that normally meets at Mount Vernon Towers has been approved to meet indoors there as long as participants have been fully vaccinated and follow pandemic safety measures.

The Congregational Care ministry team reported that Stephen Ministers continue to reach out to isolated shut-ins to provide support and maintain a regular line of communication to meet their needs.

David Barclift reported that the drive-in Ash Wednesday pancake dinner went well and thanked those who helped. Providing the dinner in to-go boxes was a good way to safely provide the meals. Those who participated enjoyed the meal and the short service our pastoral team provided in the parking lot. The Fellowship team hopes we will be able to schedule additional fellowship opportunities while following safety guidelines.

The Finance/Administration ministry team announced that January giving was good and is on target to meet budget needs. The team discussed improved signage at parking lot entrances but will want to coordinate with the upcoming road construction around the church. The team did discover an error in the proposed 2021 budget that was approved at the January Session meeting. The corrected budget was reviewed and then approved by the Session.

Going forward, financial processes and timelines are being reviewed by the ministry team and staff and will be in place when next year's budget is developed. The new processes will create a longer timeline for budget development as well as greater input from ministry teams.

The Outreach ministry team reported that Family Promise families are moving from St. Luke's to Roswell Baptist and will be housed there for a while. MVPC will be responsible for providing food and other items as well as overnight hosts for the second week of March. People need to use Sign-up Genius to volunteer support for Family Promise. The Ash Wednesday dry goods donations were overwhelming. These donations will go to the Community Assistance Center. The third Sunday of each month has been designated for sandwich-making and delivery of sandwiches to the Clifton shelter – volunteer sandwich makers are needed! The team reported that donations to the COVID-19 Fund are down right now, but more money is needed because the needs of families remain great during the pandemic.

The Witness Ministry Team designed and purchased banners to display at the two main church parking lot entrances. The banners advertise to the community the opportunity to worship at MVPC online. The team will focus this year on a variety of ways of getting the community involved in our church.

The Worship ministry team has added a once-a-month fellowship opportunity using Zoom technology following the church service. Details will be announced. The team is also working on a worship plan for Good Friday with plans to be announced soon. We begin outdoor worship services in March with three outdoor services (March 7 and 21 and then on Palm Sunday, March 28). The pattern of outdoor services on the first and third Sundays will continue in April and beyond with online services on other Sundays.

Jon Barber and Rev. Toney-Schmitt pointed out the excellent job the youth did in leading the Youth Sunday worship service.

Rev. Abernethy noted the church staff continues to do an excellent job under the trying circumstances of the pandemic. A quarantine leave policy for staff recently has been developed. While most staff are able to work from home, the policy makes accommodation for those who may not be able to do so.

Rev. Abernethy closed the meeting with prayer. Stated Session meetings are scheduled for the third Sunday of each month (there is no June meeting). The next meeting will be March 21st.



Youth Group

March 21 & 28



More details coming soon!

Dear Friends,

With shock, sadness, and the heaviest hearts, we announce the passing of Sandra Levinson, our beloved ministry partner, co-founder of ACE Zambia, and sister in Christ.

Sandra's love of the children of Zambia, her dedication to their welfare, and her commitment to preserving families and providing them a future was, as she often said, "the most important work God placed in my life."

It is not just the children and families in Africa who benefitted from her service—it was each person who ever met her. Knowing her made all of us better people.

Sandra was incredibly passionate about ACE's crisis nurseries. In her honor, and at Virginia Wood's request, we are creating the Sandra Levinson Memorial Fund to support the House of Moses and the Bill and Bette Bryant Crisis Nursery. Each donation to this fund will not only give a child in our crisis nurseries shelter, protection, and hope. It will honor Sandra's legacy and continue her mission.

While it will be difficult for all of us to move forward without hearing her voice or spending time with her, she will remain with us as we continue this vital work.

Each time we look into the eyes of an abandoned baby who we shelter, a baby who we help stay with their family, a child for whom we find a new loving family and safe home, a student whose body and mind has been nourished in our schools, a university student who is fulfilling his or her potential, a colleague who lives ACE's mission every day because of her inspiration, Sandra will be there.



To donate to Sandra's memorial fund, click on the photo.

The legacy of Sandra's warm heart, hard work, and her love for each of us will continue to be the foundation of everything we do.

God bless—

Gabriel Walder
Executive Director

Pam Hove
Board Chair

Clare Boals
Board Vice Chair

P.S. We will follow up with additional details for a memorial service as they become available.



Lent at Home for the Month of March

You're right. Lent started on February 17th so perhaps you already have your discipline(s) in full swing, but, if not, let me share this calendar that has several options that might be helpful for your daily spiritual practice. Each day is based on a six-word story of faith one of your fellow congregants submitted. The six words are in *italics*, the action is in **bold**. Join with us as we prepare for the holiest of days.

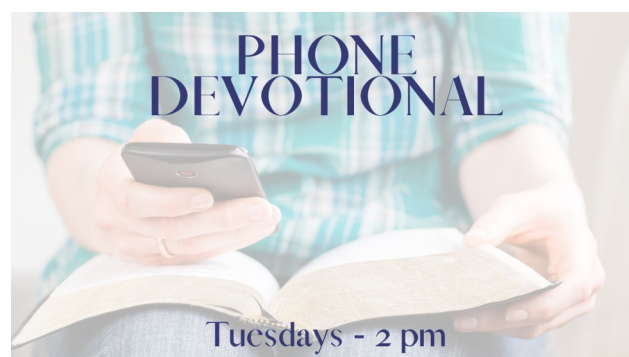
Peace,
Barrett

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	¹ <i>Growing each day closer to God.</i> Read & Reflect on Romans 12: 4-13; the focus passage for March 7th.	² <i>O Christ, surround me every day.</i> Join us for the weekly MVPC Phone Devotional at 2pm.	³ <i>God said, "Don't!" I listened.</i> What are some temptations you want to avoid this Lent? Write them down and put them somewhere where you will see them.	⁴ <i>Motivates action, love, trust, thankfulness, forgiveness.</i> Reach out to a friend or family member and express either love, trust, thankfulness, or ask for forgiveness for a wrong you have done	⁵ <i>Proof God has a sense of humor.</i> Think or Share the funniest thing that you have ever seen at church. What made it funny and where was God in the laughter?	⁶ <i>Do justice, show kindness, walk humbly.</i> Donate to the Clifton Sanctuary; the March MVPC Communion Offering
⁷ <i>Jesus is Lord, Now and Always.</i> Join us for worship in the courtyard or at mvpchurch.org	⁸ <i>Mother's faith became mine. Still is.</i> On this International Women's Day, give thanks or contact a woman in your life.	⁹ <i>Surprised as heck by God's interest.</i> Commit a random act of kindness toward a stranger. Pick up trash in your neighborhood or buy coffee for the person behind you.	¹⁰ <i>Listen for God all around us.</i> Join us for Taize worship at 6:30pm and listen for God amid silence, scripture, and song.	¹¹ <i>Great is the mystery of faith.</i> Read & Reflect on Matthew 13: 10-17; the focus passage for March 14th.	¹² <i>God's faithfulness eternal despite my unbelief.</i> Think or Share about a time you felt far away from God. Looking back, where do you see God in that moment?	¹³ <i>Aim for Heaven, Delight in Earth.</i> Hike a trail or spend some time outdoors.
¹⁴ <i>Wherever two or more are gathered.</i> Join us for Second Sunday Fellowship on Zoom at noon.	¹⁵ <i>God's love is unending and unchanging.</i> Find your oldest Bible and read the first verse you knew or memorized; recall who gave you the Bible and why that verse was/is important.	¹⁶ <i>Jesus loves me this I know.</i> Join us again for the Phone Devotional at 2pm.	¹⁷ <i>Not always literally, but always seriously.</i> Read & Reflect on Genesis 28: 10-17 ; the focus passage for March 21st.	¹⁸ <i>Ministering to the least of these.</i> Make a donation to the church's Covid-19 Fund which supports mission partners offering relief to families hurting most.	¹⁹ <i>God gives us what is best.</i> Think or Share with others what has been your Rose (best), your Bud (hope), and your Thorn (worst) part of the week. Offer a prayer of thanksgiving to God.	²⁰ <i>Nurtured by family, loved by God.</i> Spend quality time with loved ones.

21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>Leaning on love and Faith Always.</i> Pray for MVPC as we hold our Annual Church Meeting following worship.	<i>Under His wings you find refuge.</i> Pray for the children of the church as they have a lesson with Carrie Southard at 1pm.	<i>Caring for others, deepening faith, striving for wisdom</i> Read & Reflect on Mark 11: 1-11; the focus passage for March 28 th .	<i>Jesus is my Lord and Savior.</i> Recall when you joined or were confirmed as a member of the church, how has your faith changed sense then?	<i>Thou shalt love neighbor as thyself</i> Two options: (1) Contact a church member you have not spoken to since before the pandemic; or (2) look in the church directory and contact the church member listed right after you.	<i>Faith in God's promise, we persevere.</i> Think or Share what has left you weary during the pandemic, and in that weariness where have you drawn strength?	<i>God's love over all for all</i> Be in prayer for our Jewish friends as they begin Passover
28	29	30	31			
<i>Spreading God's love, peace, hope, joy</i> Join us in-person or online for Palm Sunday worship.	<i>It is well with my soul.</i> Offer a prayer of lament for those who have died from Covid-19.	<i>God will never leave us.</i> Take 15 minutes to sit in solitude without a device. Seek the presence of God.	Upward & onward, think positively with Christ. Look back at some of the practices of this past month. What is one you want to continue beyond Lent?			



March 10, 2021
6:30 pm
[Signup here!](#)



Join us on Tuesdays at 2 pm
for a phone devotional!
Dial 701-802-5094
Access Code: 5154569

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



The March Communion Offering is for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, a Presbyterian-affiliated homeless shelter serving older men and veterans, most with health issues.

Most needed items include:

Pine Sol and Clorox
Cereal, Instant Oatmeal, and Instant Grits
Coffee, Sugar, and Creamer
Styrofoam Bowls
Lunch and Sandwich Bags-size Ziplock's
Items for Sack Lunches (cookies, chips, granola bars, juice boxes)
Men's Deodorant
Toothbrushes and Toothpaste
Reading Glasses
First Aid Supplies (bandages, peroxide, rubbing alcohol, foot powder, skin cream)
Single Bed Sheets and Pillowcases

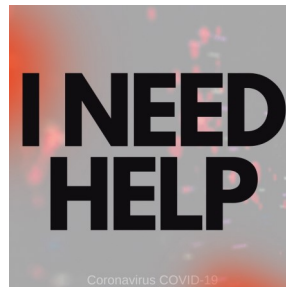
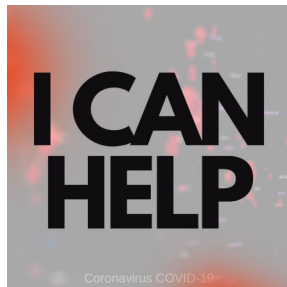
Donations may be left at any time in the outreach bin outside the entrance to the office wing at the church. Thank you for your generosity.



The Information Center is outside the Church office if you need Upper Room Devotionals (March-April) These Days Devotionals, the Good News, Stephen Ministry information, The MVPC Members' Gift of Wisdom, or Care Notes.

Feb 18-24	Actual	Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$2,985	\$117,372	\$438,290
Member Giving Non- Pledge	\$0	\$3,870	\$70,000
Non member giving & Loose offering	\$0	\$112	\$6,000
Total for week	\$2,985	\$121,354	\$514,290

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



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Sandy Springs, GA 30328**

2021 Session Members and Ministry Teams

Christian Education
Carrie Southard

Clerk of Session
David Hill

Congregational Care
Joy Carden

Fellowship
David Barclift

Finance/
Administration/
Stewardship
Charlie Gray
John Hibbard

Moderators
Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Rev. Isaac Toney-
Schmitt

Outreach
Carol Beckman
Brent Schwieger

Personnel
Vacant (merged with
FAMT for 2021 only)

Senior Adults
Mary Kilgore

Stewardship
Wit Truitt

Witness
Angie Hawthorne

Worship
Wendy Hagenau
Dale Morine
Amy Kiley

Youth
Jon Barber
Ben Barber

The Presbyterian Women's mission program this year was a video tour of the Community Assistance Center (CAC) and a discussion of the years of involvement and service by Tamara Carrera. Ms. Carrera began working with CAC in 1997 and under her leadership, it has become widely recognized as the cornerstone emergency human services agency preventing homelessness and hunger in the Sandy Springs and Dunwoody communities. Ms. Carrera and Marguerite Nelson talked about the important work that CAC does. Beppie Lever conducted a tour of the food pantry and the boutique. Many thanks to Matthias Young for filming and preparing this video. It can still be viewed at the end of the February 7th church service via Live Stream.

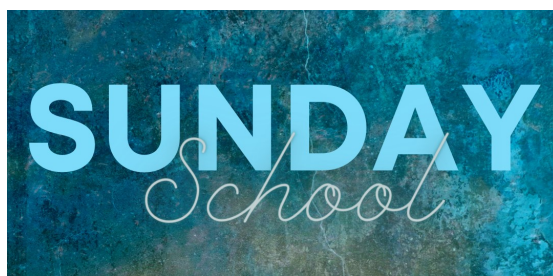
[Access the video here!](#)



The Day Circle will meet on March 9 and Sunday Circle will meet on March 14. Sarah Chalpan will lead the Bible study, *Lesson 8: Ninth Word: Speak Truthfully*. The Book Circle will meet on March 14 and review *The Hamilton Affair* by Elizabeth Cobbs.



The newly formatted **Winter Issue 2021, an MVPC PW Publication, THE MVPC MEMBERS' GIFT OF WISDOM**, is available! It can be viewed on the MVPC website and by a link in the Happenings. You can also pick up a printed version outside of the church office, at the Information Center. [If viewing online, click here.](#)



Discovery—Sundays 10 am via Zoom
Preschool Zoom—Mondays 1 pm
Elementary girls—once a month in person outside

Don't forget to share your Six-Word Story of Faith on [Facebook](#) or by emailing Barrett! Watch Barrett's video above by clicking on the photo or visiting our Facebook page if you missed it.



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 [click here.](#)

Children's Ministry- March Good News

Our children's ministry at MVPC continues to gather digitally and in-person. See the many ways we've gathered this month, as well as the activities on the horizon!



Each Monday we host a 20-25 minute Preschool Zoom Get Together of fun songs and Christian lessons. These get togethers are open to any young friend who would like to join and often brings together friends from across the country. Please invite your friends and relatives! You can contact the leader of this group, Carrie Southard (tkscns@bellsouth.net), to receive the Zoom link.

This past January, the fourth-grade girls gathered on Zoom to decorate lunch bags for the Clifton Night Shelter. They shared many kind messages and bits of art!



This past February, all of the children gathered on Zoom to make Valentine's Day cards and sent them to elder members of our church. We hope these spread love and created a few bright spots in the mail.



On the horizon for March, our card ministry will continue as we gather on Zoom to make Easter cards for members of our church. Additionally, on March 21, we will host our first Godly Play lesson during outdoor worship at 11am. Godly Play lessons lead children through the Bible with interactive storytelling, wonder-based questions, and craft activities. To participate in these lessons, please register your family for the March 21 outdoor worship service and make a note on SignUpGenius that your child will participate in Godly Play. All the children will sit with their family at the start of outdoor worship, then will leave for the picnic area beside the Fellowship Hall about ten minutes into the service. Godly Play will wrap up when the outdoor service concludes.

Contact Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt (isaac@mvpchurch.org) or Carrie Southard(tkscns@bellsouth.net) if you would like more information or would like to join!

This month's bite of poetry at the center of the Good News leads us right into Lent. Our author, Rainer Maria Rilke, calls us to the moment God animates our dusty lives. Here is a reminder of what we are and why we are: made by God and called to embody God in the world. I hope you feel the intimacy of God's presence in this poem. Return here, to this dusty beginning and enlivening call, throughout Lent.

Peace,

Isaac

Go to the Limits of Your Longing:

By Rainer Maria Rilke, translated by Joanna Macy

*God speaks to each of us as he makes us,
then walks with us silently out of the night.*

These are the words we dimly hear:

*You, sent out beyond your recall,
go to the limits of your longing.
Embody me.*

*Flare up like a flame
and make big shadows I can move in.*

*Let everything happen to you: beauty and terror.
Just keep going. No feeling is final.
Don't let yourself lose me.*

*Nearby is the country they call life.
You will know it by its seriousness.*

Give me your hand.

*This poem comes from *Rilke's Book of Hours: Love Poems to God*, translated by Joanna Macy and Anita Barrows. If you would like to hear the poem read by the translators, visit this link: <https://onbeing.org/poetry/go-to-the-limits-of-your-longing/>



Church Office Hours

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The church office is open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The doors remain locked at all times. Please call upon arrival so someone can let you in. Yvonne is in the office from 8–12, and Debbie is in the office from 12–4. Pastors are available by appointment.

Sundays 3–5 pm

Thursdays 8–10 am

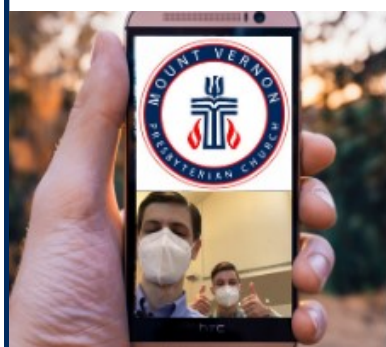
Appointment Only-Contact Barrett

Pastor Office Hours

Tuesdays 8–10 am

Wednesdays 12–2 pm

Appointment Only-Contact Isaac



STAY CONNECTED!



Check out our [Facebook page](#) where we bring a Mount Vernon Moment each weekday!



How does one surmount this long onslaught of isolation and depression? There are several ways Stephen ministers have coped and we share them with you. We have:

Engaged in a deeper prayer life and personal Bible study.

Started or continued with a hobby we enjoy or that jumpstarts our brains.

Helped financially, physically, and spiritually, specific people in need and organizations who are actively engaged in paying rent and providing food.

Reconnected with cousins and life-long friends.

Checked on neighbors who live alone.

Filled and expanded our minds with good books and good movies.

Limited our t.v. viewing to once a day and limited social media.

Found some form of exercise to renew our strength and energy.

Helped with the church's Congregational Care needs during the pandemic.

Cooked, Sewed, and shared with others.

Helped friends and neighbors get vaccination information.

Took moments each day to experience and be reassured and renewed by nature whether from a window, a cul-de-sac stroll, a dog walk, or a visit to a park.

Praised God continually for his protection and care.

We hope these strategies are helpful to you. As always, we are here to interact personally with you in a confidential, non-judgmental way as we cope together. Contact Barrett, Isaac, or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get connected.



Our Families will be at First Baptist Church in Roswell for the month of March. We will be supporting the week of 3/7 - 3/14. We will provide families with meals as well as an overnight host each evening. The families can cook only on the weekend so this time we will provide meals for the families for four nights.

Please review the available slots on the sign-up and choose how you would like to help. If you would like to provide a hot meal for the families, you may either deliver it to First Baptist Roswell or arrange to meet at Mount Vernon Presbyterian and someone will take it to Roswell. Details will be sent once you sign up.

Thank you all for your continuing support! We are helping a lot of people over this difficult time!

[View the Family Promise Signup link and information here.](#)



SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups Are Coming!

The dates are set for our next round of small group studies. Mark your calendars for an April 11 start with studies going for five to six weeks (ending on May 9 or May 16). Because of the ongoing pandemic, groups may meet outdoors on campus or use ZOOM. Any changes that Session may make regarding meeting options will be announced. Even though the announced dates are Sundays, groups may decide to change meeting dates for ZOOM meetings, and on campus outdoor meetings can take place any day of the week provided on campus school functions have ended for the day.

The Christian Education Ministry team is finalizing the course offering which will be announced by mid-March. There will be three to five topics to choose from. We will be forming a small group for young adults that Rev. Toney-Schmitt will lead. Stay tuned for details!



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.

Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Praise the Lord! Charlie Gray's relative, Don Kid, is home now and feeling better!

Praise the Lord! Associate Pastor, Isaac and his wife Christina's father, Brian, feels great and tested negative!

Praise the Lord! Anna Morine's MRI was completed!

Prayers for a perfect transition for Lisa Gray's mother, Mary Ann, who has moved to a memory care home.

Prayers for continued healing for Bill Norman, Charlie Gray's friend and a PC Student Center pastor in Athens; following back surgery.

Prayers for recovery for Kirby Smith's relative Red Hermann, who has pneumonia and other health complications. He continues to decline. He is now suffering from bruises from a fall.

Prayers for perfect healing for Patricia Hibbard's brother, James Ballew, following colon surgery.

Prayers for successful radiation treatment for Julie Chesnutt.

Prayers for peace and comfort for Karen, Mary Lea Woods' sister, who has inoperable brain cancer.

Prayers for recovery and improvement for Corny Laube.

Prayers for Rylynn. She is making progress with walking and PT, but is really struggling mentally with not being able to climb stairs or do other things she used to do independently.

Prayers for freedom from addiction for Rob Southard.

Prayers for the use of his left hand and arm for Kirk Pumphrey.

Praise the Lord for three vaccines approved for Covid!

Prayers for everyone affected by COVID-19.

March

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.
	1 Preschool Zoom 1pm	2 Coordinating Team 10am Phone Devotional 2pm CE 5:30pm	3 Staff Meeting 9:30am	4	5 Budget Meeting 9am	6
7 Discovery Zoom 10am Outdoor Worship 11am	8 Preschool Zoom 1pm Finance Admin Zoom 5:30 MVS Spring Break	9 Day Circle Zoom 10am Phone Devotional 2pm Worship Committee Zoom 4pm	10 Staff Meeting 9:30am Taizé 6:30pm	11	12 Book Circle Zoom 10am	13
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March Birthdays

Rachel Barclift Emery	3/1	Michelle Smart	3/20
Pat Hudgins	3/1	Mary Kilgore	3/21
Alice Ann Lever	3/3	Lisa Mielke	3/21
Gill Hutt	3/6	Bruce Hagenau	3/22
John Hibbard	3/9	Mike Gillespie	3/23
Bruce Northrop	3/11	Connor Plumly	3/24
Alex Sprung	3/12	Jodi Jackson	3/26
Pat Davis	3/13	Kirk Chalpan	3/27
Elizabeth Small	3/14	Katie Sprung	3/27
Avery Fisher	3/18	Beppie Lever	3/28
Deborah Galloway	3/18		

If you have a March birthday and your name does not appear in our birthday list, please contact Debbie@mvpchurch.org.



FELLOWSHIP zoom



MARCH 14, 2021

Look for the link to join
at noon!



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