



August 2021

Good News

*Sermon Series:
Leisure & Labor
July 11 - September 5*





PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome!

Over the past few months your church staff has spent a significant amount of time evaluating how we communicate to you. We have examined all the ways in which we talk to you: email, social media, website, and this newsletter. I hope you will appreciate what you see before you.

Going forward, our aim for this publication is to answer one simple question: What happened? To that end, what you will see in these pages is a snapshot of how you lived out our Christly calling to glorify God and make God's name known over the previous 30 days. Hopefully, you will read how you carried out that calling through the words you type as well as the pictures you share. Now don't worry, there is a calendar of events enclosed that will let you know what is coming up at MVPC, but if you want details on what is happening in the present, go to our weekly emails that come out each Thursday or keep that handy insert you receive each Sunday with your worship bulletin.

The goal of all this is simple: we want to communicate with you effectively and efficiently. So enjoy this new edition of the Good News and over the next several days, join with God in making some more. Because if you do, we'll be sure to share it here.

Grace and Peace,
Barrett

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"The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thundereth; the LORD is upon many waters."

Psalms 29:3

Fellowship Luncheon June 2



Steve Ray, Ann Williams, Mary Kilgore,
David & Debbie Barclift



Stan & Ann Williams



Beth & Nathan Abernethy



Mary Lea Woods, Brent Schwieger



Mary & Sam McClurg, Helen Johnson,
Pat Bartee, Bob & Ann Addison



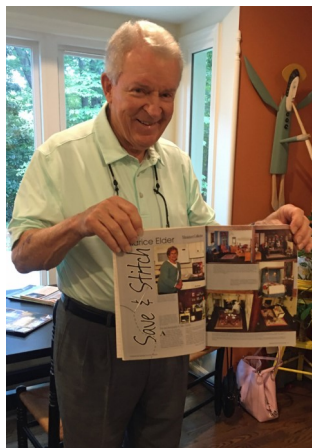
Isaac & Christina Toney-Schmitt, Carrie & Tim Southard



Kirk & Sarah Chalpan, Pat Bartee, Malinda Holmes,
Betsy Cozine, Vivien Rothwell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

In June, Gene Elder invited Presbyterian Women to see many of Clarice's miniatures and artwork. He and their daughter, Sara, showed us the fascinating collections and told some of the stories behind Clarice's creations.



Gene Elder



Beth Abernethy, Ann Williams, Beppie Lever

The Bible Study for the upcoming year will be the Horizons Bible Study, *What My Grandmothers Taught Me: Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus*, by Merryl Blair. The study guide will be for sale during August before and after the Sunday service. The cost is \$10.

The Fall Issue of THE MVPC MEMBERS' GIFT OF WISDOM will be available in September at the entry table, or online.

Los Niños Sunday – June 20



Ken Mead &
Karla



Luna Ramirez



Nares Family



Maritza Morelli Appreciation Day
May 21

Happy Birthday!



Barbara Hughes



Beverly Northrop



June/July Birthdays

Jack McGuire	Mary Sanford
Heidi Nelson	Rebecca Simon
Jeff Schneider	Joy Carden
Tracy Hahn	Lorry Clark
Jack Allen, Jr.	Barbara Hughes
Dale Morine	Robin Truitt
Melisha Gilreath	Susan Fields
Robert Barclift	Carol Beckman
Allison Eustis	Linda Bhame
Brent Schwieger	Peter Thomas
Carrie Southard	Martha Baitcher
Rachel Reid	Sally Williams
Susan Simon	Chris Sprung
Braegan Abernethy	Debbie Barclift
Addison Baitcher	Aubrey Forlines
Cole Truitt	Carly Forlines
Ross Truitt	Connor Hughes
MacKenzie Truitt	Glenn Grove
Dee Bradford-Smith	Gail Williams
Don McAdam	Gill Christian
Amanda Badenhorst	Warren Gray, Jr.
Mavis Boadi	Ellen Ballard
Beverly Northrop	Verne Bliss
Low Baine	
Julie Chesnutt	
Denise Hunt	
Joan Rownd	
Lauren cClintock	
Katy Thompson	



Beatrice Grady Chalpan

June 10

Parents: Kevin & Lizzie Chalpan

Proud Grandparents: Kirk & Sarah Chalpan

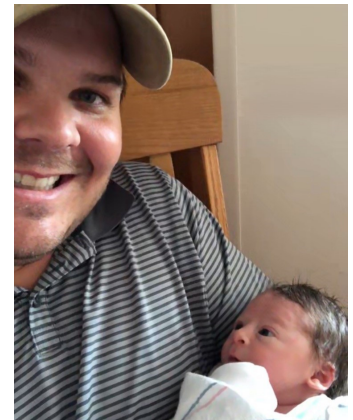


Stephen Alan Hagenau

June 14

Parents: Kyle & Caroline Hagenau

Proud Grandparents: Bruce & Wendy Hagenau



Anna Kent Hunter

July 4

Parents: Matthew & Kathleen Hunter

Proud Grandparents: Ron & Melisha Gilreath

Jacob Parker Donaldson

July 25

Parents: Stephen & Margo Donaldson

Proud Grandparents: Charlie & Lisa Gray



SENIOR ADULT LIFE

Apron & Ladle July 11



Worth & Barbara Williams, Iva Corbin, Mary Kilgore,
Jeanne Hagenau

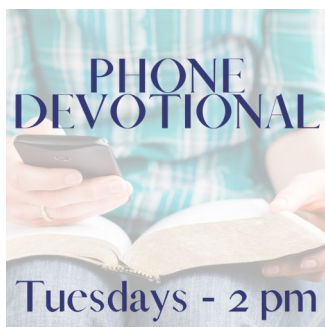


Jeanne Hagenau, Mary Kilgore, Iva Corbin, Barbara Williams



Pat Davis, Alma Dowdakin,
Nathan & Beth Abernethy

Photos submitted by Dee Bradford-Smith



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



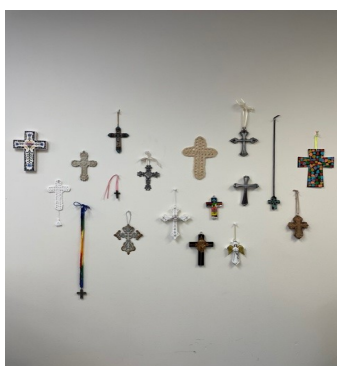
Taizé is a simple, meditative
form of worship beginning on
August 10 in the
Sanctuary @ 7pm.

Staff Happenings



Lunch on Barrett's Patio

Steve Ray, Barrett Abernethy, Yvonne White, Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Matthias Young, Debbie Nysewander behind the camera



Have you seen the growing cross collection on the wall in the office?

June/July Birthdays



Debbie Nysewander
Matthias Young
Isaac Toney-Schmitt



**CHURCH OFFICE
HOURS**

**MONDAY-FRIDAY
8 AM - 4 PM**

**New Mailing address:
MVPC
PO BOX 76051
Sandy Springs, GA 30358**

August Calendar of Events

August 1	Worship – 10am Fellowship Lunch – 11am
August 2	Mount Vernon teachers return
August 3	Staff Mtg – 9:30am Phone Devotional – 2pm CE Meeting – 7pm
August 8	Worship – 10am Town Hall – 11am Youth Kick-off – 5pm
August 9	FAMT – 6:30pm
August 10	Mount Vernon School begins Staff Mtg. – 9:30am Phone Devotional – 2pm Taize – 7pm
August 15	Worship – 10am Session Meeting – 11:30pm Youth – 5pm
August 17	Staff Mtg. – 9:30am Phone Devotional – 2pm
August 18	Good News deadline
August 22	Worship – 10am Youth – 5pm
August 24	Staff Mtg. – 9:30am Phone Devotional – 2pm
August 26	Good News published
August 29	Worship – 10am Youth – 5pm
August 31	Staff Mtg. – 9:30am Phone Devotional – 2:30pm

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.](#)

August Birthdays

Pieter Badenhorst
David Barclift
Pat Bartee
Linda Bliss
Bob Boyer
Martha Chambliss
Jeff Chesnutt
Alma Dowdakin
Cameron Gray
Wendy Hagenau
Brad Hahn
Duncan Jackson

Joanna Mielke
Julia Northrop
Sarah Northrop
Ethan Ray
Tom Rounds
Doug Sawyer
Susan Sawyer
Daniel Schafer
Moira Speirs
Paul Wade
Kathryn Wade



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



Please keep these individuals and their families in your prayers.

Anne Baynham – is receiving excellent rehab and walking with a cane!

Julie Chesnutt – Infusions every three weeks until September

Eleanor – suffers from severe depression, nine year old granddaughter of Tom Rounds, prayers also for her parents Joel & Betsy

Bruce Hagenau – successful treatment and elimination of cancer

Pastor Jane – has recovered but still a high death rate in Zambia due to COVID

Corny Laube – slow recovery and movement

Alistair Morine – beginning radiation for brain cancer, brother of Bruce Morine

Richard Player – diagnosis and cure for heart symptoms, member of MVPC young adult small group

Kirk Pumphrey – gain strength and movement in left hand and arm

Kirby Smith – praise for successful surgery and recovering at daughter's home

Rob Southard – freedom from addiction

Dave Whitacre – suffered a stroke

Prayers for strength, provision, health and wholeness for 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.

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



Why would one ask for a Stephen Minister? Here are several good reasons:

A Stephen Minister adds one more person to your support team in a difficult time.

That Stephen Minister can hear and keep confidential feelings and information you don't share with family but also help you deal with it.

A Stephen Minister has gone through a long and comprehensive training to appropriately listen, hear, comfort, encourage, share scripture and prayer support, offer resources, and help you find professional help, if indicated.

There is no cost. Stephen Ministers have chosen to do this as part of their service tour church community and as their way to serve God.

Please don't hesitate to utilize this remarkable, skilled group whose training has been funded by our Session



January 1 - June 30, 2021		Actual YTD	2021 Budget
Member Giving Pledge		\$276,815	\$438,290
Member Giving Non- Pledge		\$15,731	\$70,000
Non member giving & Loose offering		\$5,729	\$6,000
Total			



**WAYS
TO
GIVE**

ONLINE



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SESSION MEETING

Summary of Session Meeting July 18

Ministry Team Reports:

Christian Education – Small Groups for the fall will meet September 26–October 24. Opportunities to sign-up will be announced soon. Surveys will be emailed soon asking for feedback about the spring groups and input regarding upcoming small group opportunities.

Fellowship – The next event will be lunch following the worship service on August 1.

Finance and Administration reported that pledges are coming in on time and we are on track to be within what is budgeted for the year. The PPP loan that was part of the federal pandemic relief program has been forgiven as was expected.

Outreach reported that the COVID Fund has received just over \$89,000. The Fund will close at the end of July.

The Senior Adult Ministry Team is finally able to plan and host events for Seniors. Recently, the group went to lunch. More events will be planned for the coming months.

The Witness Ministry Team continues to work on getting the word out about our church. Over the past few months this has paid off with an increased number of visitors. Witness and Christian Education are discussing a fall event aimed at bringing the community to the MVPC campus.

The Worship Ministry Team is gathering information through the townhall meetings regarding ideas for how we structure Sunday mornings. There will be Town Hall meeting on July 25 and August 8. Then recommendations will go to the Session that will meet on August 15 to approve plans for the Sunday morning structure.

Business Items:

The Session created a committee to review the MVPC By-Laws to determine if any revisions need to be made. For example, the pandemic forced the church to put aside the By-Laws regarding holding congregational meetings in the sanctuary or Fellowship Hall. The committee of Session members will make recommendations to the Session. The Session will then bring any recommended changes forward to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.

Commissioners were elected for a called Presbytery Meeting on July 24 as well as the regularly scheduled Presbytery Meeting on August 14.

The Session heard a report regarding the City of Sandy Spring's offer for the purchase of a small piece of property just below the lacrosse field (behind Fellowship Hall) for the expansion of Mount Vernon Hwy. The Session is recommending the congregation approve the sale at the July 25 Congregational Meeting.

The Session voted to change the August Communion offering to have the offering go to Clifton Ministries.

2021 Session Members and Ministry Teams

Moderators

Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Clerk of Session

David Hill

Christian Education

Carrie Southard

Congregational Care

Joy Carden

Fellowship

David Barclift

Finance/

Administration/

Stewardship

Charlie Gray
John Hibbard

Outreach

Carol Beckman
Brent Schwieger

Personnel

Vacant (merged with
FAMT for 2021 only)

Senior Adults

Mary Kilgore

Witness

Angie Hawthorne

Worship

Wendy Hagenau
Dale Morine
Amy Kiley

Youth

Jon Barber
Ben Barber



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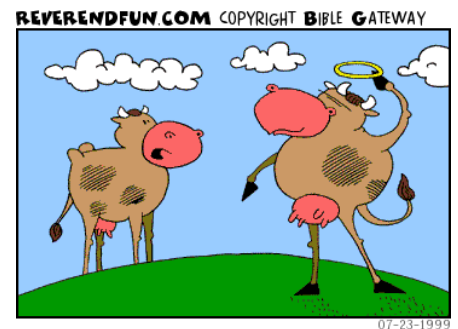
Return Service Requested

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 Wednesday of each month for the *next month's* newsletter. Send your submissions to debbie@mvpchurch.org. *If you'd no longer wish to receive the Good News, please email send an email to debbie@mvpchurch.org.*

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I THINK THAT WHEN FARMER BOB SAID
"HOLY COW" HE WAS JUST USING A FIGURE
OF SPEECH

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