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PASTOR'S DESK

Welcome!

Outreach: The Front Door of MVPC

Everyday when someone comes through our door even before they arrive at the church office, the first thing they will see is the wooden bin denoting "Outreach Donations" are accepted here. Theologians declare that the sacraments are the "visible signs of God's invisible grace," and if that is the case then Outreach is the visible sign of the invisible grace within Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

Throughout its history, MVPC has prided itself on welcoming others to its campus and being a laboratory of creation meant to serve the least of these. The Community Assistance Center and Los Niños Primero immediately come to mind while beyond our 7 acres we have forged lasting relationships with Alliance for Children Everywhere and Garden Presbyterian Church in Lusaka, Zambia among so many others.

Led by a wonderfully energetic group, your Outreach Team continues to breathe life into what is already deep within our communal body and there are always several ways you can help and support these efforts.

Pickup an Outreach Bag

This new initiative of the Team invites us all to come back to the bin by the front door each month. Simply pickup a blue MVPC Outreach bag and find out which organization we are supporting this month (it's Family Promise in May), fill it up with donations and return it to the bin. Each month we focus on a different partner organization so the benevolence can be spread around.

Give Your Treasure

I know it's not the most exotic, but for so many of our partners what they need in a moment of need is money. Last month, we were ecstatic, but not surprised, that you all chose to give nearly \$2,500 to our One Great Hour of Sharing Easter Offering. Part of these monies will go to support wonderful denominational organizations like Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA), which is currently in eastern Europe supporting Ukrainian refugees. If you would like to continue giving to efforts such as this write a check denoting as such or give online through mvpchurch.org/give or at the PDA website (pda.pcusa.org).

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What's Coming Up

On September 25, we will welcome the CEO of Alliance for Children Everywhere, Gabriel Walder, to preach and share with us the work they are doing to support the children of Lusaka, Zambia. We hope you will go ahead and mark this date in your calendar as we will celebrate World Communion Sunday and hold other events recognizing our hope to share Christ's love for children everywhere.

To God be the glory for all the work Mount Vernon has done and will do!

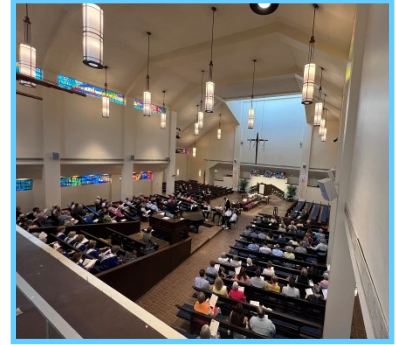
Grace and Peace,

Barrett

Easter Sunday, April 17



6:45am Sunrise



10:30am Service



Kwaku & Mavis Boadi



Gray Family



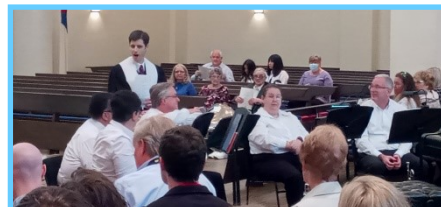
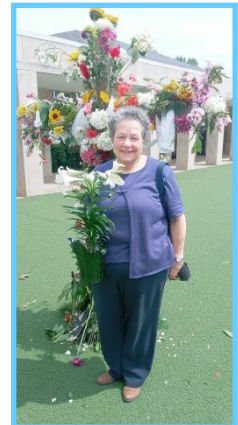
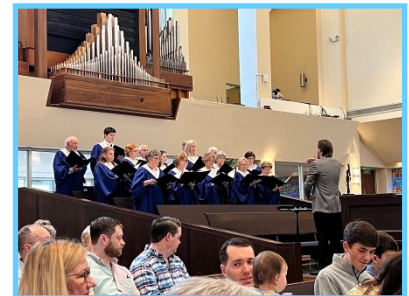
Nelson Family



Smile! You're on Candid Camera!



Sarah Bradley



Brass Band

Photos courtesy of Dee Bradford-Smith & Steve Ray



Palm Sunday Egg Hunt



Kwaku & Mavis Boadi



Clark Nelson



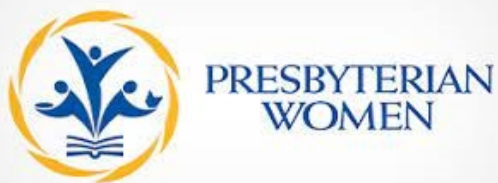
Sophie Cuteness!



Photos courtesy of Dee Bradford-Smith & Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Maundy Thursday Hand Washing





Presbyterian Women will conclude our Horizons Bible Study in May. Pat Davis will lead our study with Lesson Eight "Mary in the Faith and Tradition of the Church" The **Day Circle** will meet on Tuesday, May 10 at 10:00 am in the Chapel. **Sunday Circle** will meet May 8 in the Session Room after the church service.

The **Book Circle** will meet on Friday, May 13 at 10:00 am in the Session Room. Marion Satterfield will lead the review of "The Killer Angels" by author Michael Shasta.

Presbyterian Women provided delicious lunches after the Holy Week devotionals.



The Spring/Summer issue of THE MVPC MEMBERS' GIFT OF WISDOM will be available in May.

Getting to know.....

Mary McClurg, Elder
Christian Education



What would you rather ride: a bike, a horse, or a car?

I have enjoyed all three at different times in my life, but presently I prefer the car.

Would you rather vacation in Hawaii or Alaska?

I would rather vacation in Hawaii. I have already enjoyed a cruise to Alaska, but have never been to Hawaii.

What are your hobbies?

I like to bowl. I have been in a league play since moving to Milwaukee in 1969. I played tennis year round when we moved to Atlanta until my knees gave out. I have always enjoyed bridge: starting in High School, a little during my college years, played a lot as an Army wife, played the 3 years we were in Hong Kong, and now play in 4 different groups.

Are you a clean or a messy person?

I like to keep things picked up and orderly. I rearrange ornaments on the Christmas tree almost until it is time to take it down.

How old were you when you learned Santa wasn't real? How did you find out?

What do you mean Santa isn't real!!!! My family believes that he is. If you stop believing, he won't come.

OUTREACH



The May Communion Offering is for the Day Center and Administrative Office of Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb which has recently relocated to the Roswell area. In addition to providing office space for all Family Promise staff, the Day Center is available from 9 – 5 Monday through Friday for families currently enrolled in the program if they have not yet found work. Spaces include a career center with computers to work on resumes and job searches, a playroom and daybeds for children, a kitchenette, a laundry room, and private conference space for counseling and case management. Emergency services such as food and gas cards are also provided by the staff to additional homeless families, some living in their cars, while they wait for placement in a shelter.

The blue “Shopping for Outreach” bags will be available beginning on Sunday, May 1. If you already have a bag at home, a shopping list will also be available for your use.

For more information about Family Promise of North Fulton/DeKalb, please go online to: familypromisenfd.org

The Mother’s Day Offering for Presbyterian Homes of Georgia will be received on Sunday, May 8. All proceeds from this offering go to the Caring Hands Fund which provides financial assistance to the most vulnerable residents of all Presbyterian Homes and insures that no resident will ever be asked to leave because they have outlived their financial resources. For more information about Presbyterian Homes of Georgia, go online to: phgainc.org.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – Thanks to the congregation’s generosity, \$2,496 was donated on Easter Sunday. Anyone else wishing to make a contribution may do so by writing a check to the church (please note it as a special offering) or by going to the church website (please select “donate” and then “special offering” from the menu options). All donations will go to the General Assembly’s office of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to be used for assistance to Ukrainian refugees.

The International Women’s House sent this note of appreciation for the generous donations to the March Communion Offering:

Please accept our gratitude for the donation of an incredible quantity of sorely needed items including food, diapers, paper goods, cleaning supplies, underwear, and gift cards. Here at IWH we treasure our partnership with Mt Vernon Presbyterian Church and so very much appreciate the generosity of your congregants. It is organizations such as yours who help make the journey from living with violence to violence-free living an easier path to travel.

THIS AND THAT!



Youth at an Escape Room. They made it out!



Behind the scenes Easter prep.

Church Bulletin Bloopers



Ushers will eat latecomers.



Taizé is a simple, meditative form of worship.

May 10, 7pm in the Sanctuary

At its recent Volunteer Recognition event, the Community Assistance Center (CAC) gave a special award to our own Beppie Lever as the "Jill of All Trades" in recognition of her many volunteer services. Beppie also was recognized as a 20 year volunteer and Sally Williams as a 15 year volunteer. Congratulations, Beppie and Sally!



Join us on Tuesdays at 2 pm
for a phone devotional!

Dial 701-802-5094



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY-THURSDAY
8AM-4PM
FRIDAY 8AM - 2PM

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Sandy Springs, GA 30328

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Sandy Springs, GA 30358

May Calendar of Events



Sunday, May 1

Worship – 10:30am

Called Session – 10:00am

May Day Garden Party – 4–7pm

Youth @ CAC – 5:00pm

PW CT Zoom – 10:00am

Phone Devotional – 2:00pm

CE Meeting – 5:00pm

Staff Meeting – 10:30am

Ministry & Mission – 5:30pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm

Budget Prep – 9:00am

Outdoor Worship – 10:30am

Sunday Circle – 12:15pm

FAMT – 5:30pm Zoom

Staff Mtg. – 9:30am

PW Day Circle – 10am

PW CT 10:00am Zoom

Phone Devotional – 2:00pm

Worship Meeting – 4:00pm

Taizé – 7:00pm

Witness Meeting – 4:00pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm

Book Circle – 10:00am

Worship – 10:30am

Session Meeting – 11:30am

Youth 5:00pm

Stephen Ministry – 2:15pm

Staff Mtg. – 9:30am

Phone Devotional – 2:00pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm

Good News Deadline

Baccalaureate – 3:00pm

Worship – 10:30am

Staff Mtg. – 9:30am

Phone Devotional – 2:00pm

Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm

Publish Good News

Last Day of School

Worship – 10:30am

MEMORIAL DAY – OFFICE CLOSED

Staff Mtg. – 9:30am

Phone Devotional – 2:00pm

Tuesday, May 3

Wednesday, May 4

Friday, May 6

Sunday, May 8



Monday, May 9

Tuesday, May 10

Wednesday, May 11

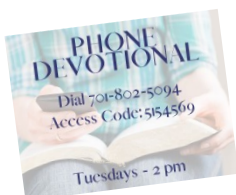
Friday, May 13

Sunday, May 15



Monday, May 16

Tuesday, May 17



Wednesday, May 18

Thursday, May 19

Friday, May 20

Sunday, May 22

Tuesday, May 24

Wednesday, May 25

Thursday, May 26

Sunday, May 29

Monday, May 30

Tuesday, May 31




May Birthdays

Shelly Ray	5/1	Helen Bigham	5/22
David Hill	5/2	Jon Barber	5/22
Andrew Nelson	5/2	Ed Spain	5/23
Sam Nelson	5/2	Laura Northrop	5/26
Brad Skidmore	5/4	Dale Lewis	5/28
Mike Smith	5/5	Wynn Sims	5/29
Guy Lever	5/6	Spencer Ponsell	5/29
Kendra Boyer	5/7		
Helen Johnson	5/13		
Tim Southard	5/15		
Anmadri Badenhorst	5/16		
Catie O'Hare	5/20		
Robin Lindsey	5/20		
Nathan Abernethy	5/20		






ONLINE



<https://mvpchurch.org/give/>

MAIL


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TO
GIVE**

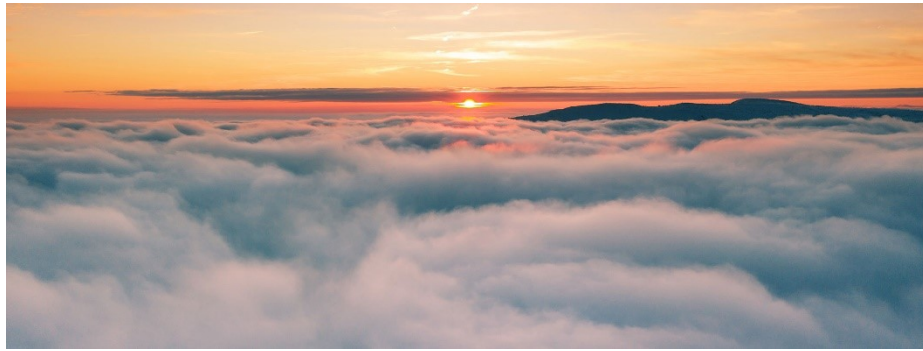
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January 1- March 31, 2022	Actual YTD	2022 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$157,844	\$449,000
Member Giving Non- Pledge	\$7,723	\$60,000
Non member giving & Loose offering	\$2,213	10,000
Total Received	\$167,780	\$519,000

If you have a May 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.

Bob Addison – strength, peace, and comfort for Bob and his family after the loss of wife, mother, and grandmother, Ann Addison.

Martha Baitcher – request for healing and full recovery and Andy Nelson's mother, Irene Nelson, who is in a hospital in Florida recovering from a fall and having procedures to correct problems with a pacemaker.

Shari Freeman – continued prayers for her family in their losses of aunt and niece. Also, prayers of healing, peace, and strength for Shari Freeman's deceased niece's spouse, Geoff Freeman, who is grieving and trying to be the primary care-giver to three young children.

Jeannie Lee – peace and comfort for Jeannie whose doctor has decided to forego chemo for her pancreatic cancer.

Mrs. JB – continued prayers for a bone marrow donor, Moira O'Hare's teacher.

Rev. Asa Meadows – healing and strength for our former minister, who is battling bladder cancer.

Alistair Morine – peace and comfort who is diagnosed with a brain tumor and has stopped further treatment. Bruce leaves this week to travel to New Zealand to see him.

Bev Northrop – restored strength as she responds to a new health plan. She is now attending all meals in her facility.

Rob Southard – Request for preparedness and strength as he celebrates two full years of sobriety in two weeks and moves out of his sober living house.

Jody Travis – gratitude for healing and recovery for Jody Travis, Charlie Gray's sister. The family thanks you for prayers.

Dave Whitacre – gratitude for his improved health. His pain has been reduced by new medication and procedures.

Bravery and courage for the **Ukrainian people** as they face a new onslaught. If you want to help financially, remember Presbyterian Disaster Relief, whose reputation for being there and staying the course is well known.

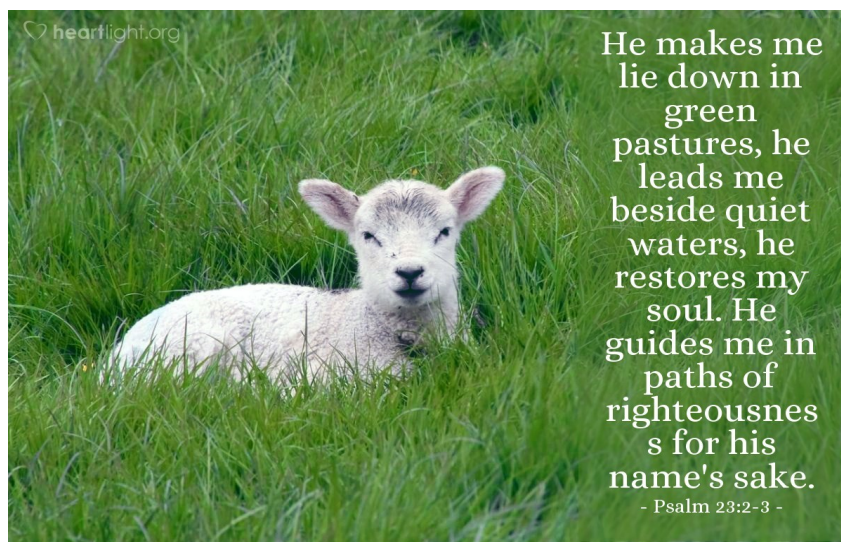
Continued prayers for the vulnerable men, women, and children MVPC serves through our outreach programs here in Atlanta (Los Ninos, CAC, Stirred-Up Ministry, International Women's House, Clifton Men's Shelter, and Family Promise) and the church, schools, and crisis nurseries we support in Zambia. To help financially, remember The Stan and Ann Williams Scholarship and the Hannah Hagenau Scholarship.

Do you feel a need for prayer?
Have our Prayer Vine pray for you!
Email your requests to
pbartee@yahoo.com
or call the church office at
404.255.2211



Stephen Ministry is a quiet force within our church. Through confidential, consistent, loving care , the Stephen Ministers help individuals who are grieving, facing health crises, dealing with multiple issues, changing homes and jobs, and any turmoil that causes despair.

Contact a minister or Pat Bartee, Stephen Leader, to get connected.





SESSION MEETING

Summary of Session Meeting April 24, 2022

The Session met on April 24 in its regular monthly meeting. Following is a summary of that meeting:

The Worship Committee will use Elder classes to serve communion. The Class of 2022 will serve in May; each month a different class will serve. If needed Elders not currently on Session will participate.

The Youth group assisted with the annual Easter Egg Hunt and will be providing volunteer support in the near future for CAC.

The Finance and Administration Ministry Team reports that church finances remain on target. The HVAC system in the Sanctuary Building has failed and only part of the system can be repaired. The main system that cools the sanctuary and the first floor classrooms must be replaced. A temporary rental unit has been installed but is inadequate to fully cool the area. The church and school partner in expenses for maintenance and replacement and are working on a long-term solution.

The baptism of Stephen Hagenau has been approved for May 8.

Piper Neumann, our lone confirmand this year, gave her faith statement. The Session approved her confirmation which will be held May 1.

Several members who have moved and are attending other churches were removed from the MVPC rolls.



“The Ben Burdett home built in 1907 was the first brick house in Sandy Springs. The house was used in 1954 by the newly organized Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church for worship service. It was razed in 1968 for the Church to build a sanctuary.”

2022 Session Members and Ministry Teams

Moderator
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Outreach
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Beppie Lever
Brent Schwieger

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Youth
Kyle Cumming



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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 no longer wish to receive the Good News, please send an email to debbie@mvpchurch.org.

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