



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

APRIL 2024



A Note From The Pastor

BY REV. BARRETT ABERNETHY

April Blessings at Mount Vernon

Just because Easter Sunday has formally passed doesn't mean we are slowing down at MVPC! The old hymn declares "Up from the Grave, He Arose!" and as such we are moving with vigor to live into this season of new and abundant life.

April 7: Holy Humor Sunday

The Sunday after Easter historically is seen as a bygone affair for many- we had our big spectacle and now we need a break- but at MVPC that is not the case! We will dive ever more deeply into the joy (and hopefully laughter) of this season by

celebrating the *Risus Paschalis*, or the Easter laugh. Holy Humor Sunday, as it is commonly called, dates back to the time of early Christianity when Christians believed the resurrection was God's supreme joke over the devil. We will celebrate with saints near and far and we hope you leave with a smile on your face! The title of the sermon is "*Sunday Funday*" and the scripture reading is Psalm 126.

Immediately following worship please stay for an important congregational meeting where we will vote on a property matter between the Church and the City of Sandy Springs.

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April 14: Children/Youth/Young Adult Sunday

April will continue with our children, youth, and young adults leading us in worship. I am excited as Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt and others will guide us through worship utilizing their various gifts and talents as we celebrate current and future leaders of the church.

Afterward, we will hold an Inquirer’s Lunch for new and returning visitors and anyone else who would like to know more about Mount Vernon Presbyterian. If there is someone you think fits this description, please let us know so we can invite them to join us.

April 21: Columbia Theological Seminary President Dr. Victor Aloyo

We are excited to welcome the 11th President of Columbia Seminary, Dr. Victor Aloyo. Last fall, several of us attended a fundraiser for Columbia and that lead to an overture from them for Dr. Aloyo to preach and lead Sunday School- which we eagerly accepted! Founded in 1828, Columbia is one of nine seminaries affiliated with the PCUSA. These seminaries are vital to sustaining the commitment

Presbyterians have to the development of educated clergy. To learn more about Dr. Aloyo, read his impressive biography within this publication. His sermon is titled “*Does My Life Matter*” and he will focus on Psalm 80: 1-7 and John 10: 11-18.

April 28: Earth-Care Sunday; Outdoor Service

I know many of you enjoy the outdoor services and we will return to the courtyard to close out the month. As we worship Christ outdoors, we will do so in celebration of God’s abundant creation. The sermon title is “*How to be Content?*” and the scripture is Philippians 4: 4-13. As always, if the weather does not cooperate, we will come indoors to worship.

It will be a wonderful series of Sundays in between Easter and our grand 70th Celebration of MVPC on May 19! Remember to RSVP for that service at debbie@mvpchurch.org. We look forward to seeing you and may Easter blessings abound!

*Grace & Peace,
Barrett*

January-February, 2024	Actual YTD	2024 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$136,834	\$467,555
Member Giving Non- Pledge	\$5,470	\$60,000
Non member giving & Loose offering	\$997	\$9,000
Total Received	\$143,301	\$578,000

2024 Session Members & Ministry Teams

Moderator(s)
Rev. Barrett Abernethy
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt

Clerk of Session
David Hill

Christian Education
Mary McClurg
Meg Christian

Congregational Care
Pat Barteo
Htet Nyunt

Fellowship
David Barclift
Keith Bumgarner

Finance/Administration/
Stewardship
John Hibbard

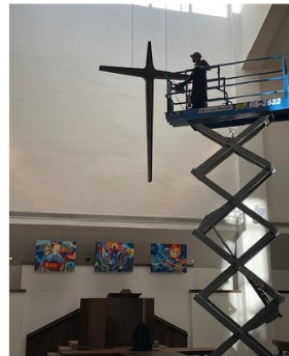
Outreach
Beppie Lever
Braegan Abernethy

Senior Adults
Dee Bradford-Smith

Witness
Lois Johnson

Worship
Gloria Gillespie
Malinda Holmes

HOLY WEEK



GIFTS OF WISDOM

Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church:

A Place of Welcome

Pat Bartee

Jesus left us the purest examples of welcome in his attentiveness to each individual (Martha & Peter), in his focus on those on the fringes (the tax collector & Mary Magdalene), those in need (Mary and Martha, the woman with the sick child, the thieves on their crosses), and the way He showed willingness to reach out physically and personally (the Samaritan woman at the well and the children who had been shooed away). He showed us that true welcome starts in our hearts. By inviting Christ into our lives, it becomes natural to “include” others, rather than to exclude them.

Being attentive to others demands our entire focus just on the other person. On a Sunday morning or at an event, there are distractions, but that direct, unwavering eye contact lets one know you are listening and hearing them.

Seeking out those on the fringes and in need (newcomers, those who are less mobile, the timid and shy, visitors, those in grief or battling disease, those traveling from a facility) is a way of spreading the welcome mat to be inclusive. Going out of our way to speak to our older members and visitors and to let our children know how happy we are to see them at church unites us.

Jesus even shared the personal water bucket of the very different woman at the well. A warm handshake, a sharing of peace, and a conversation over a cup of coffee is a physical way to say, “We want you here.”

We want our doors and our hearts “open” to be all that we can be (and can become) as the body of Christ here at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church.

SUNDAY BULLETINS

SHARI FREEMAN

Have you ever noticed the headings in our Sunday bulletin – Gathering, The Word, Response, and Sending? These headings denote the four different movements in our Sunday worship service.

Gathering

Worship begins as we gather for the service, greeting one another, listening to music, sharing announcements, praying, speaking aloud the call to worship, and singing the morning song. Once we have settled into worship and praised the holiness of God, we also face the sinful state of the world and our lives through the prayer of confession. The pouring of water at the baptismal font reminds us of our Baptism and God's abundant love, grace, and mercy poured out for each of us. We conclude our time of gathering with the children's moment and sharing Christ's peace with one another.

Word

The second movement in the service is focused on the Word of God. The minister reads the selected scripture and then offers a homily, proclaiming the good news of the risen Lord. Through the homily, we encounter Jesus Christ in God's word, are equipped to follow him more faithfully, and are inspired to proclaim the gospel to others through our words and deeds.

Response

The third movement in the service is where we respond to the word. We affirm our faith using a section from the Book of Confessions. We offer intercessory prayer for our congregation, community, and the world. The offertory from the choir and the gathering of our tithes and offerings is an act of thanksgiving to God. A member of the congregation offers a Prayer of Thanksgiving. Our regular participation in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper is also a response to God.

Sending

We conclude our worship services with the movement of Sending. We offer a final act of commitment to God through a closing hymn designed to send us forward to live out the gospel in our community. We close with a benediction, blessing, and charge to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world.

Of course, Christian worship and service do not end at this precise moment. Instead, we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Thank you to all the MVPC members who donate their time and energy to benefit our community! The Outreach Ministry Team “spotlights” our members to share their volunteer experiences and the many opportunities available. If you know of someone who should be spotlighted, please contact Beppie, Braegan, or Christy.

Marguerite began answering the CAC helpline weekly in the mid-1990s when CAC was in Gailey Hall and Tamara Carrera was the only employee.

She and her husband, Tom, occasionally helped serve meals at Clifton beginning about 2000. “Clifton was my only outreach involvement at this time in addition to the monthly outreach contributions made by all our members.”

In the early days of Los Niños Primero, over 20 years ago, Marguerite scheduled volunteers for serving meals and drove the small bus to transport the children to and from LNP classes. “When the LNP fundraisers were small events, I made several items which sold at the fundraising auction. My favorite was a framed Latin cross made from discarded door keys when all the locks at our church were replaced more than 20 years ago.”

“I served as Outreach elder for the class of 2003. It was a pleasure to have John Hibbard serve with me. Thankfully, Carol Beckman was always on call for my questions.”

While serving on session Marguerite directed three Red Cross Blood Drives. Because our church wanted a new outreach project, she set up the Meals on Wheels program for us with the Benson Center in Sandy Springs. Drivers are needed and you may choose your day(s) and route.”

Service minded with a heart to help others, Marguerite agrees with Barrett that our Outreach bin remain located in a prominent location. “It is important to me personally that our church is committed to “the least of these”.”

OUTREACH

The Senior Adults, Youth, and Friends gathered for a book sorting for the Sandy Springs Education Force on February 25.



MVPC successfully hosted two families March 10-17 for Family Promise North Fulton/Dekalb, with assistance from our support congregations (B'nai Torah, Misty Creek, Dunwoody Community Church, & SSUMC). One child from a returning family commented, "This is my favorite church!" Carol Beckman reported that Family Promise leftovers (condiments, beverages, cereal, cold cuts, etc.) will gladly be accepted by Darrell Jones for Stirred-Up Ministries. We are so grateful these items will no longer go to waste!

CAC Hightower is doing some renovations and Outreach will benefit by receiving sturdy wooden shelves to update and provide additional storage in Gailey Hall.



The February Communion Offering for Clifton Night Shelter included requested food items, cleaning supplies, paper goods, sheets, towels, and Home Depot Gift Cards. During worship on February 25, the Clifton Board President, Leslie Prince, gave a Minute for Mission and honored Carol Beckman for her many years of service. Most of the communion offering donations were picked up by the Clifton visitors that day.



The March Communion Offering was for the Food Pantry at Columbia Theological Seminary. The April Communion Offering is for the CAC Food Pantry



CELEBRATIONS

We would like to thank all the people who helped with Holy Week preparing lunches for the daily devotional services, buying/delivering/setting all the beautiful lilies, the hours to stuff Easter bulletins, setting the tables for the Agape Meal, placing the paraments and draping the cross.

Senior Adults
La Madeleine
March 3

Smith-Gilbert
Gardens
March 23



THIS & THAT

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

April Events:

Men's Breakfast
April 7

Inquirers Lunch
April 14

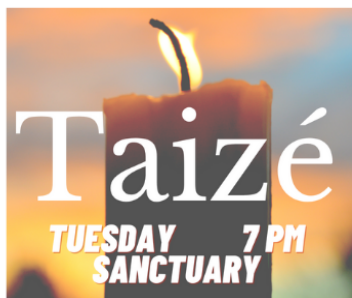
Dr. Victor Aloyo
Columbia Theological
Presentent
April 21

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April 23

Earth-Care Sunday
Outdoor
&
Lunch Bunch
April 28



Inquirers
FOR THE CURIOUS NEWCOMER



**LUNCH
BUNCH**

*Photos courtesy of: Dee Bradford-Smith, Christy Hill, Donna Martin, Beppie Lever, Barrett Abernethy, Isaac Toney-Schmitt, Shari Freeman
(Please send any pictures to debbie@mvpcchurch.org)*

Bulletin Bloopers:

“Please welcome Pastor Don, a caring individual who loves hurting people.”

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jeanne Gilliland	4/2
Dave Whitacre	4/8
James McGuire	4/8
Clark Nelson	4/8
Walk Walker	4/11
Stan Williams	4/12
Worth Williams	4/14
Iva Corbin	4/15
Linda Thomas	4/15
Lisa McGuire	4/17
Gene Elder	4/18
Elizabeth Abernethy	4/18
Thomas Hughes	4/19
Patricia Hibbard	4/29
Sage Allen	4/30
Nancy Nutter	4/30



If you have a birthday in April and don't see your name on the list, please contact debbie@mvpchurch.org or call the office.

Staff Birthdays

Yvonne White	January 26
Shari Freeman	June 11
Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt	June 14
Debbie Nysewander	July 2
Rev. Barrett Abernethy	October 30
Steve Ray	December 1

APRIL CALENDAR

Apr 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

MVPC Events, MVFC Vacation

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<p>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:30pm - AI Anon @ Chapel 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>10am - Presbyterian Women 10:30am - Staff Meeting @ Chapel 1:30pm - Staff Worship Planning 3pm - Stephen Ministry @ Session 5pm - CE Meeting Zoom 7pm - AA-Women's Big Book @ 8pm - AA @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8am - School Chapel @ Sanctuary 6pm - 70th Anniversary 7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</p>	<p>7:45am - NVAA @ Session Room 12:45pm - PreSchool meeting @ 6pm - Safety Committee @ 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>8pm - AA-Primary Purpose @</p>	<p>Los Niños Primero @ Session 9am - Bagpipe Practice @ Gailley 2pm - Louise Lord Memorial</p>
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<p>8:30am - Men's Breakfast @ Kirk 9:30am - Crossroads Class, 9:30am - Discovery Class, Sunday 10:30am - Worship @ Sanctuary 11:30am - Congregational 12pm - Acolyte Training @ 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center 7pm - Atlanta Concert Band @</p>	<p>1pm - Senior Adult Meeting @ 6:30pm - AI Anon @ Chapel 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>7:30am - NV Parent Network @ 9:30am - Staff Meeting @ Chapel 10am - Day Circle - Session 1:30pm - Staff Worship Planning 3pm - Stephen Ministry @ Session 7pm - AA-Women's Big Book @ 8pm - AA @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8am - School Chapel @ Sanctuary 11am - Stephen Ministry Team @ 2pm - Worship Team Meeting @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</p>	<p>8:30am - NVPN @ Session Room 11am - Vernon Springs Worship 12:45pm - PreSchool meeting @ 2pm - General Ledger 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>8am - Finance/Admin PRE-MEET 10am - Book Circle, Presbyterian 8pm - AA-Primary Purpose @</p>	<p>7am - LNP School @ Education</p>
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<p>9:30am - Crossroads Class, 9:30am - Discovery Class, Sunday 10:30am - Worship @ Sanctuary 11:30am - Inquirer's Lunch @ Kirk 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center 7pm - Atlanta Concert Band @</p>	<p>5:30pm - Finance/Admin Meeting 6pm - Magic Club @ Fellowship 6:30pm - AI Anon @ Chapel 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>10:30am - Staff Meeting @ Chapel 1:30pm - Staff Worship Planning 3pm - Stephen Ministry @ Session 7pm - AA-Women's Big Book @ 8pm - AA @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8am - School Chapel @ Sanctuary 5:30pm - Mission and Ministry @ 7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</p>	<p>12:45pm - PreSchool meeting @ 6:30pm - Magic Club 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>8pm - AA-Primary Purpose @</p>	<p>8:30am - Los Niños Primero @ 10:30am - LNP @ Session Room</p>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<p>9:30am - Joint Sunday School, 10:30am - Worship, Victor Aloyo 11:30am - Session Mtg @ Kirk 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center 7pm - Atlanta Concert Band @</p>	<p>6:30pm - AI Anon @ Chapel 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>10:30am - Staff Meeting @ Chapel 1:30pm - Staff Worship Planning 3pm - Stephen Ministry @ Session 6pm - AMIS Board Mtg. @ Session 7pm - AA-Women's Big Book @ 7pm - Taize @ Sanctuary 8pm - AA @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8am - School Chapel @ Sanctuary 7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</p>	<p>12:45pm - PreSchool meeting @ 7pm - LNP Board Meeting @ 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>8pm - AA-Primary Purpose @</p>	<p>9am - Bagpipe Practice @ Gailley 9am - LNP Festival- Church</p>
28	29	30	1	2	3	4
<p>9:30am - Crossroads Class, 9:30am - Discovery Class, Sunday 10:30am - Outdoor Worship @ 11:30am - CE Cleaning Out 4pm - Book Sorting SSEF @ Gailley 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center 7pm - Atlanta Concert Band @</p>	<p>6:30pm - AI Anon @ Chapel 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>9am - Greater Atlanta Presbytery 1:30pm - Staff Worship Planning 3pm - Stephen Ministry @ Session 7pm - AA-Women's Big Book @ 8pm - AA @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>8am - School Chapel @ Sanctuary 7pm - Choir Rehearsal @ Choir</p>	<p>12:45pm - PreSchool meeting @ 7pm - LNP Board Meeting @ 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center</p>	<p>8pm - AA-Primary Purpose @</p>	<p>9am - Bagpipe Practice @ Gailley 9am - LNP Festival- Church</p>

The church calendar is now available on our website! Go to the website, click on "News & Events" at the top, then click on "Calendar". This is our Google calendar and is the most current calendar.

REV. DR. VICTOR ALOYO

The Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, born in Brooklyn, NY, is the son of the late Esperanza Aloyo and Victorino Aloyo from Vieques, Puerto Rico. He has been married to Suzette Aloyo for over 36 years and is blessed with two daughters, Kayla Cristen, an aerospace engineer working in Huntsville, AL, and Alyssa Nicole, serving as a DEI administrator in Nashville, TN. Victor currently serves as the 11th President of Columbia Theological Seminary. Previously he served as the Associate Dean of Institutional Diversity and Community Engagement at Princeton Theological Seminary and as Organizing/Lead Pastor of Iglesia Presbiteriana Nuevas Fronteras in North Plainfield, NJ. Victor received a Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies and Sociology from the College of New Rochelle, a Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate in Executive Higher Education Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, focusing his dissertation on navigating diversity and inclusion within a framework of social justice.



As the Chief Diversity Administrator at Princeton, Dr. Aloyo was directly responsible to the seminary president on diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence. Victor served as the institution's Primary Designated School Officer with the United States Customs and Immigration Service, the Title IX and Title VI Coordinator, and the Director of the Office of Multicultural Relations. Victor led the institution in developing a Diversity Action Blueprint detailing specific goals, objectives, and assessment criteria for all DEI and Belonging Initiatives. Victor served as Interim Director of Alumni Relations within the Advancement department, a member of the Committee on Accreditation for three cycles, Task Force on the Historical Audit on Slavery, and Long-Range Strategic Cohort. Victor also directed the Seminary's Urban Ministry and community engagement efforts by cultivating sustainable partnerships with community organizations, educational institutions, worship centers, and community residents in the City of Trenton and Greater Mercer County.

Dr. Aloyo's leadership responsibilities included service as Director of Urban Ministry at the New York City Mission Society, Senior and Organizing Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of The Redeemer of East Brooklyn for 10 years, moderator of the Presbytery of New York City, and chair of the General Council of the New York City Presbytery. Victor also served as a member of the board of trustees of the New York Theological Seminary, the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center in Holmes, NY, and the New York City Presbytery, while spearheading the organization of La Promesa Presbyterian Church in Flushing, Queens (currently Iglesia Cristiana La Promesa). Dr. Aloyo, with a cohort of elders, deacons, and young adults from churches in New York, New Jersey, Long Island, and Pennsylvania, for over 30 years, directed a youth camp; young adults ministry predominantly from inner-city contexts at the Presbyterian Center in Holmes, NY. Victor is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Presbyterian Foundation, the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico, and the Covenant Architects Network. For 18 years in Plainfield, NJ, Victor served as a field education supervisor/mentor for over 63 seminarians creating a unique teaching church ministry model.

Dr. Aloyo mentions that he "is blessed and humbled" in leading, with the support of the Board of Trustees, Faculty, Students, and Administrative Staff, a world-class institution serving the Southeast, the nation, and the globe. At Columbia Seminary, Dr. Aloyo posits that in collaboration, "we will continue to bring to life the Seminary's critical mission of inspiring and challenging every student to a life of leadership and purpose for the glory of God. We will strive to embrace every story through our curriculum, policies, campus life, and virtual platforms because we belong to each other on this journey to become world changers, discoverers, explorers, curators, and stewards of God's abundance and grace."

Getting to Know...

CHRISTY HILL

Which would you rather do: wash dishes, mow the lawn, clean the bathroom or vacuum the house?

MOW THE LAWN, hands down! When David and I first moved to Atlanta, we lived in a townhome with a teeny tiny back yard. We did everything we could do with that little patch of ground and after eight years decided we needed more dirt to play in. So we bought a house with a side and back yard that had never been landscaped! That made for a nice, productive Pandemic Project! And we are still working on it! So fun!

What is your favorite thing about your career?

TEENAGERS! Teens are energetic, brutally honest, a reflection of their experiences (and often need help with that). They are more intelligent and more socially savvy than many parents/adults give them credit for. They are rebellious and true to their individuality. They are hopeful; they are fun; they are our future. I've never met one I didn't like! My 32 years as a high school teacher and counselor with high school kids challenged me, made me grow, and enriched my life – one kiddo at a time!

Would you rather win the lottery or work at the perfect job? And why?

I had the perfect job. See answer above. So, if I won the lottery, I would have resources to help my daughter (who is a mighty fine teacher) and the teachers of our grandchildren. People really have NO idea how much of their personal money public school teachers spend on their students and classrooms ...not only to make it appealing, but for supplies for the children who don't have what they need to learn. In addition, salaries for US teachers rank behind Germany, Canada, Netherland, Australia, and Ireland. And unlike businesses who often "send" and pay for their employee to receive advanced training, teachers' foot the bill for any higher education. Geesh....I need to change questions!

If you could share a meal with any four individuals, living or dead, who would they be?

- My Daddy, Tarver McAfee, whom I lost when I was 14.
- My Mother, Margie McAfee, who could answer so many questions! I've learned so much, but not enough, from my genealogy research.
- My maternal Grandmother, Mary Emily Cochran, who was the closest to an "Earth Angel" as anyone I ever knew. My daughter, Emily, is her namesake.
- David's Dad, Edgar Hill, known as Papa. Another Earth Angel with so much wisdom he could share.
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What are your hobbies?

Gardening; my grandkids; anything "dog;" grandkid activities; Atlanta Lab Rescue where I help dogs find their furever homes; CHOA Scottish Rite where I volunteer in the gift shop



Needing someone to talk to who will not presume, judge, belittle or tell another your business? Needing a companion to walk with you through the situation to dry land? Needing someone who can encourage and support you and help you clarify your goals? We are right here on campus.

Please contact Stephen Ministry today by calling Pat Bartee or a pastor.



STEPHEN
MINISTRY

SESSION SUMMARY

Session Meeting Summary March 17, 2024

The MVPC Session met in its regularly scheduled meeting on March 17, 2024, and conducted the following business:

- Approved the Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on February 18, 2024.
- Called a Congregational Meeting for April 7, 2024, for the purpose of addressing a property exchange between the church and the City of Sandy Springs.
- Approved a motion that will be presented and recommended for congregational approval at the called Congregational Meeting.
- Approved wine to be served as part of the annual Maundy Thursday Dinner to be held on March 28th.
- Heard Shari Freeman's Statement of Faith and her Faith Journey as part of her application for candidacy in the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta; the Session voted unanimously to recommend Shari for candidacy.
- Shari Freeman and Rev. Toney-Schmitt have started holding a once-a-month worship service at Vernon Springs Senior Living. This is in addition to the regular Bible Study that has been offered there for several months.
- Rev. Toney-Schmitt shared that Family Promise will be housed on our campus for two weeks during July. He will be receiving feedback regarding the recently completed Family Promise week.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be on Sunday, April 21.

PRAYER VINE



Bob Addison - confidence in physicians as he undergoes exploratory surgery.

Jeannie Chettleburgh - sister-in-law of Shari Freeman, who is beginning chemo and radiation after brain surgery.

Willard Deal - patience & faith for brother of Malinda Holmes, as he waits on a late April test.

Eliana - faith & success with physical therapy for her back.

Gloria Gillespie - praise that physical therapy is working on her back.

Bruce Hagenau - continued success as he continues his new treatment for cancer.

Mark Hughes - peaceful, loving transition for Julie Chestnutt's brother-in-law in hospice care.

Megan Kendall - joy for completing a round of post-surgical radiation.

Chuck McCrory - strength and faith for Amy Kiley's boyfriend's father, as he battles cirrhosis.

Karen Morine - continued mercies and blessings as her doctors figure out next steps.

Meredith Nash - brave cancer warrior as she goes on "maintenance" drugs and is able to return to her kindergarten class.

Maria Nyunt - strength and comfort for Htet Nyunt's mother in Myanmar who is recovering from a fall, heart infection, and concussion.

Mrs. JB - still waiting on a bone marrow donor.

Greg Slingerland - grandson of Bob Martin and nephew of Donna Martin who is recovering and healing from a fire in an apartment in Harlem, NY.

Maeve Ross - healing for this toddler who is receiving chemo and is losing weight.

Isabelle Vannucci - courage and strength for a friend of Christina Toney-Schmitt in CA continues healing from being hit by a car.

Allen Wade - thanksgiving for Paul Wade's father as he recovers from pneumonia

Blessings on our new Stephen Ministry trainees as they continue learning how to serve our church in a unique way. Blessings upon all the ministries our church supports here and around the world.

Do you need prayer?
Have our Prayer Vine pray for you!
Email your requests to pbartee@yahoo.com



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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.

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