



MOUNT VERNON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOOD NEWS

REACHING OUT TO ... *WELCOME. WORSHIP. SHARE. SERVE.*

MAY/JUNE 2026



A Note From the Pastor

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes

We have spent this Eastertide exploring what the earliest followers wrestled with after the death and resurrection of Jesus. As I noted last month, "It's one thing to follow a man named Jesus who is speaking truth to power, healing and performing miracles. It's another thing entirely to follow the resurrected Christ who you can no longer see or hear." What we learned, and will continue to learn is that the Holy Spirit moves in and among us, encouraging us and advocating for us.

It is that same Spirit that fills us with imagination and sparks in us a creativity and was present from the very beginning. We'll spend most of our summer moving through some of our most foundational stories in Genesis, and tapping into our own creativity in a couple of different ways.

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Our Creation Creativity will show up in worship! You should expect opportunities to both be creative and experience creative worship this summer. There will be coloring and music and so many other ways to tap into your own creativity. And our worship will be creative too! Pentecost outside with ways to celebrate the breath of the Spirit that fills each and every one of us! A chance to sing some of your favorite hymns, as well as some new ones as we continue to get to know the new hymnal. We'll celebrate with our beloved friends from Los Ninos Primeros at the end of their summer program too! Did you know you can do a music and scripture service that isn't Christmas Lessons and Carols? Really! Join us on July 5th to find out more!

Have you ever wondered what it takes to put together a sermon each week? Join the preaching team Wednesdays in June on the Patio at El Azteca for Sermons and Cervazas from 6-7:30pm. Grab your dinner (and the beverage of your choice) and we'll look at the text for the coming Sunday and learn from each other. Just know, something you say might end up in the sermon that Sunday!

We're also going to find times this summer to enjoy each other and welcome our neighbors to our busy campus. I hope you will join us for some fun events that we have planned this summer:

June 12 - Movie Night in the Courtyard
 July 12 - Family Game Night in Gailey Hall
 August 7 - Movie Night in the Courtyard

Peace,
 Kate

April 30, 2026	Actual YTD	2025 Budget
Member Giving Pledge	\$202,713	\$460,000
Member Giving Non-Pledge	\$19,994	\$60,000
Loose Offerings	\$2,715	\$7,500
Total YTD	\$225,422	\$527,500

2026 Session Members & Ministry Teams

Moderator(s)

Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes
 Rev. Isaac Toney-Schmitt
 Rev. Shari Freeman

Clerk of Session

Donna Neumann

Christian Education

Carrie Southard

Congregational Care

Barbara Brooks
 Sharon Murphy

Fellowship

Keith Bumgarner
 Joey Noszek
 Ed Spain

Finance/Administration/ Stewardship

Ben Cumming

Outreach

Mike Havey
 Kathryn Wade

Senior Adults

Mary Lea Woods

Witness

Worship

Penny Kiel
 Donna Martin

OUTDOOR WORSHIP



OUTREACH

Our April Blue Bag offering was for the CAC food pantry. This photo shows Anna Marine receiving our delivery on May 4.



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 Marietta, Georgia 30066
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Community Assistance Center gratefully acknowledges a non-cash donation from:

Donor Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: _____
 Description: _____
 Donor's estimated value of donation: 84 lbs
 Received by: Anna
 Date: 5/4/26 ☐ Opt out of mailing list

The donor received no goods or services in return for this contribution. PLEASE KEEP THIS RECEIPT FOR YOUR TAX RECORDS.

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Donor Name: MVPC
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____
 E-mail: diaper@mvpc.org
 Description: 36 lbs
 Donor's estimated value of donation: _____
 Received by: Anna
 Date: 4-29-20 ☐ Opt out of mailing list

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Preparing dinner for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries



Anna and Dale Morine and Mike Havey attended the CAC volunteer appreciation luncheon on April 24. This photo shows Anna and Tatiana.



Photos of new computers provided by members of MVPC Congregation for Jana Christian school (formerly Helen Devos school), Lusaka, Zambia. Also funded Starlink connection providing stable internet service access.

ZAMBIA NEWS



Here is the latest correspondence with my "son" in Zambia that I supported through ACE. It is nice to know that the impact we have on individuals there lives on through additional generations.

Deborah Galloway

From Lloyd Chama:

... I really love the pharmacy business, I made errors along the way as a result of poor planning, lack of cost analysis and impact, I have since then learned a lot of lessons, the need to calculate the cost impact before pursuing any project. My other plan In future by God's Grace maybe next year June or January 2028 I want to start my masters in Supply chain management, so that I learn more about supply chain.

Yesterday I was testifying at church on the goodness of God how he took me from a place of no hope, brought you in my life to make my dream a reality. You will forever hold a very special place in my heart, I truly love you Mama. I haven't yet made it in life but with whatever God has been giving me I intern help a number of people and I see myself as the extension of your hand. I tell my nephews I support at school the exact words you told me way back that "the greatest payback you can give me is to help others in need", it's a seed that was planted in me and I'm glad to plant it in others.

In recognition and celebration of Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church's strong support of missions, you are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 7 immediately after the 10:30 service.

Gabriel Walder, CEO of Alliance for Children Everywhere (ACE) will provide an update of the activities of ACE's Zambia Mission. MVPC is a major supporter of Garden Presbyterian School & Church in Lusaka, Zambia and the overall African mission.



We hope you will attend and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

Your Outreach Ministry Team



EVENTS TO CELEBRATE



Bepie Lever spoke at the SSEF breakfast

June Birthdays

Htet Nyunt	6/3
Heidi Nelson	6/3
Jeff Schneider	6/6
Anubhav Tirkey	6/7
Megan Murphy	6/7
Sam Block	6/8
Dale Morine	6/9
Jack Allen, Jr.	6/9
Allison Eustis	6/13
Robert Barclift	6/13
Brent Schwieger	6/13
Carrie Southard	6/14
Susan Simon	6/16
Addison Baitcher	6/18
MacKenzie Truitt	6/18
Cole Truitt	6/18
Ross Truitt	6/18
Dee Bradford-Smith	6/18
Mavis Boadi	6/21
Julie Chesnutt	6/25
Joan Rownd	6/28



Our choir along with Holy Innocents
choir singing at the Love Your
Neighbor CAC concert

May Birthdays

Shelly Ray	5/1
David Hill	5/2
Andrew Nelson	5/2
Sam Nelson	5/2
Brad Skidmore	5/4
Guy Lever	5/6
Kendra Boyer	5/7
Helen Johnson	5/13
Tim Southard	5/15
Anmadri Badenhorst	5/16
Catie O'Hare	5/20
Inez Cole	5/20
Helen Bigham	5/22
Jon Barber	5/22
Ed Spain	5/23
Laura Northrop	5/26
Keith Bumgarner	5/28
Spencer Ponsell	5/29



Piper Neumann's School Recital
(last cello on right)



Congratulations to Anna Morine after
winning 1st and 4th place at the Rising Star
Equestrian Walk Trot!

SESSION SUMMARY



April 19, 2026, Stated Session Meeting Meeting Summary

The MVPC Session met for its regular monthly meeting on April 19 and conducted the following business:

- Session members reviewed the outputs of their Spiritual Gifts Inventories, discussing their results in small groups followed by a large group discussion.
- Session voted to approve an announcement in the bulletin that John Chesnutt is collecting funds to support former member and staff member Elizabeth Small, who has suffered health problems and financial issues.
- Pastors provided reports. Highlights included:
 - Rev. Kate Colussy-Estes reported the church nominating committee would have its first meeting during the week of April 20.
 - Rev. Shari Freeman announced that Mary Lea Woods will preach at the Mansions of Sandy Springs in June. We have committed to delivering a 15-minute sermon 6 times per year. Interested elders or other church members can volunteer for future sessions.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna Neumann

MAY CALENDAR

MAY 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
9:30am - Crossroads 9:30am - Discovery Class, 10:30am - Worship @ 5pm - Circle of Grace 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center 7pm - Atlanta Concert	3 9am - Los Niños Primero 6:30pm - Al Anon @ 7pm - NABB 7pm - Scouts @ Galley 8pm - AA @ Kirk Center	4 6:45am - G5 Bridging 10am - Staff Meeting @ 11am - Staff Worship 4:30pm - ES BB @ gym 5:30pm - CE Meeting 7pm - AA-Women's Big	5 7:30am - Chapel @ 11:30am - Book Sorting- 1pm - Preschool meeting 2pm - Nominating 5pm - Los Niños Primero 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center	6 4:30pm - ES BB @ gym 5pm - Los Niños Primero 6pm - YMSL @ FH CH 7pm - North Atlanta	7 5:30pm - Los Niños 8pm - AA-Primary Purpose	8 6:30am - Los Niños 8am - Bagpipes @ GH
9 8am - Beppie @ GH 8am - LNP @ Kirk Center 8am - LNP youth training 11:30am - NCL @ FH 2pm - Organ Practice @ 2pm - Sam Brasher						
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JUNE CALENDAR

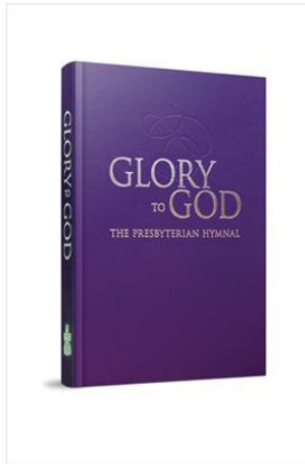
MVP Events

Jun 2026 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31 7:30am - LNP Summer 9am - Los Niños Primero 1pm - Senior Adults 6:30pm - AI Anon @ 7pm - NABB	1 7:30am - LNP Summer 10am - Staff Meeting @ 11am - Staff Worship 1pm - Music Lessons @ 4:30pm - ES BB @ gym	2 7:30am - LNP Summer 11:30am - Book Sorting- 5pm - Los Niños Primero 6pm - MB soccer @ Field 6pm - Sermons and 7pm - AA @ Kirk Center 7pm - North Atlanta	3 7:30am - LNP Summer 4:30pm - ES BB @ gym 5pm - Los Niños Primero 7pm - North Atlanta	4 7:30am - LNP Summer 4:30pm - ES BB @ gym 5pm - Los Niños Primero 7pm - North Atlanta	5 7:30am - LNP Summer 5:30pm - Los Niños 8pm - AA-Primary Purpose	6 6:30am - AA @ FH 8am - Bagpipes @ GH 2pm - Organ Practice @
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ADOPT A HYMNAL



On Easter Sunday, we started using the newest hymnal from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), *Glory to God*.

The process to develop this new hymnal began in 2008 with the formation of the Presbyterian Committee on Congregational Song (PCOCS). Over a three-and-a-half-year period, the committee met and considered thousands of hymns and songs. Each song was reviewed and sung on its own merits, with the author, composer, and copyright information blocked. The goal of the committee was to develop a hymnal to serve as an instrument of God's grace.

From the PCOCS:

- We know this hymnal will change lives, inspire the church, enliven worship, and speak truth.
- We pray that, from this hymnal, we will have a deeper sense of our unity in the body of Christ and experience surprises and new life in our churches.
- We hope that the hymnal is well used, with wrinkled pages, for generations to come.

We encourage you to look through the new hymnal and take note of the hymns that are familiar or new to you. If you see one of particular interest, let us know, and we will include it in an upcoming service.

You can also dedicate one of these new hymns to a family member or loved one, and have a dedication card placed in the front of the hymnal on their behalf. To do so, please contact the church office to request a dedication form.



Needing another perspective and a listening ear without judgment? Your Stephen Ministers are here to walk with you through trying times. Their goal is to provide presence and listening so that you can be empowered to clarify your path forward. Confidentiality and the presentation of resources you may not know about are part of the relationship with your Stephen Minister.

Please contact Pat Bartee or a pastor if you are ready to be involved.

PRAYER VINE



In honor of Memorial Day and in remembrance of the brave men and women who served our country and died to protect us, may we all pray for peace.

“Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.”

John 15:13

Christian Sympathy to the friends and family of Sam Brasher who died March 13. A service was held Saturday, May 9.

Carol Beckman - healing and comfort as she recovers from chemo and waits for the next round of chemo

Kristen Bennett - friend of Andy & Heidi Nelson who was in ICU after suffering a fractured skull and is home to finish her recuperation

Dee Bradford-Smith - good news that her last cast was removed and will begin physical therapy

Betsy Cozine - surround her with peace and comfort as she adjusts to her new home at Somerby

Bruce Hagenau - prayers for stamina, comfort and healing as he continues radiation infusion treatments

George Hammett - prayers that the doctor will get an embolization treatment approved

David Hill - prayers for healing who still has Afib after an ablation several weeks ago

Nancy Kennedy - continued healing from a broken wrist

Megan Kendall (niece of David & Christy Hill) - continued prayers for a miracle, recovery, and strength. She has begun a trial at Emory. The medication is managing her pain but growing weaker.

Kathryn Mackie - prayers as she deals with dementia and Alzheimer's

Patricia (Kathy Harbin's sister) - prayers for peace, comfort, and recovery from vascular surgery last week. The surgeon is pleased with her progress.

Barbara Pirkle - has received good news that she can drive so she can begin physical therapy for her wrist

Do you need prayer?

Have our Prayer Vine pray for you!

Email your requests to barbara@babrooks.com



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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.

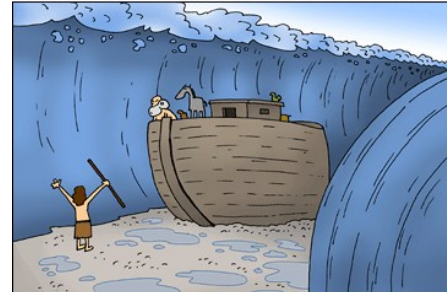
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