

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Holy Week is upon us and soon we will proclaim:

Christ is Risen!

He is Risen Indeed!

I don't know about you but it's been a long Lent, so I am ready for that joyful good news. As we look toward Easter this year, we step into a season where we are called to look for the Risen Christ among us and to bear witness to that good news for others when we see God at work.

We've spent Lent in the heaviness of our broken world. We've lost a saint of the church. We've witnessed the world try to diminish the worth of beloved children of God. We've grieved another act of gun violence in our schools. And all of us have parts of our own stories that are broken and in need of God's grace. But amidst all that we have held during Lent, God's grace still breaks through.

Frederick Beuchner once wrote, "This is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Do not be afraid." And so as we walk this Holy Week together and look to Easter, may we sit in the tension of our broken world and God's redeeming, amazing, abundant grace in Christ.

When I was a campus minister, a student named Courtney stopped by my office nearly every day with two questions: "What was the best part of your last 24 hours?" and "Have you had a God-sighting this week?" Her simple questions became acts of profound proclamation of resurrection. Sometimes the God sightings were simple things--a hug from a friend, the trees blooming, something funny a roommate said that caused guttural laughter that is good for the soul. And sometimes the best part of the day was a reminder that there is goodness in our broken world, and we are called to see it and share it.

Easter is coming and we will once again proclaim, Alleluia!

WITH EASTER HOPE, PASTOR KATIE



SUNDAY, APRIL 2 Palm Sunday

Join us at Sidney Marcus park for a time of palm waving and fellowship before we process with our siblings from Haygood UMC from the park to our respective congregations for worship!



APRIL 3 - APRIL 6 Walk the Labyrinth

We will open the fellowship hall to those who would like to walk a prayer labyrinth, an ancient prayer practice that offers a way of engaging in reflection on Christ's walk to the cross and the promise of new life to come.



THURSDAY, APRIL 6 Maundy Thursday

Click [here](#) to sign up to gather with your church family in homes as we break bread together, hear the story of Jesus' last supper and share in the sacrament of communion. Sign-ups will begin later this month.



FRIDAY, APRIL 7 Good Friday

Worship with us at 7 pm for a service of lessons and hymns as we descend into the depths of Good Friday and await the promise of the resurrection.



SUNDAY, APRIL 9 Easter Sunday

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Celebrate the resurrection with worship including special music and communion at 9 am and 11 am. Bring flowers from your garden to decorate the flower cross with signs of new life!



Easter Flower Cross

Let resurrection beauty shine! On Easter Sunday, bring flowers from your garden to help us decorate the flower cross on the front lawn so that the whole neighborhood can see new life spring forth!



Easter Tributes

DUE THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Submit your Easter Floral Tribute by 4/6 for inclusion in the bulletins for Easter Sunday. Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10 payable by cash, check or via Realm (choosing "Easter Tributes" from the drop-down menu). Please submit one form per tribute. The list of tributes will also appear in the May MAG.

[Submit Tributes](#)

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Palm Sunday, April 2

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25, that in every time and season, the Church connects with itself and its Savior through relationships with those who have least. For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has been the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to support **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, and the **Self-Development of People**. This offering will be collected during our Palm Sunday worship service on 4/2. Click [here](#) to donate now.

"This kind of generosity is like a huge wave of compassion to reach those who may have lost sight of the truth that God loves them and that there are communities of caring who surround them."

- Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson,
Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

MPC STAFF UPDATE

- Be praying for **Megan Reader** and her husband Josh as they prepare to welcome a son into the world later this month. Megan will be out on maternity leave for twelve weeks and we will welcome college student and church member **Sophie Ryan** to the desk as our Interim Administrator for the summer!
- **Jonathan Crutchfield** will be on Sabbatical from Sunday, 5/21 through Sunday, 7/30. **Randy Romig** will cover his role as organist/choir master.

happy anniversary MEGAN READER

This month we celebrate Megan Reader's 5 year work anniversary with Morningside! During her tenure she has been the communications voice for MPC keeping us connected and informed, and she has blessed us with her operatic voice in worship and at all kinds of special programs. When you see her, be sure to thank her for being a joyful, hospitable presence for Morningside during the week!

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN APRIL

Palm Sunday 4/2
"What forgiveness does for the world" Pastor Katie, preaching Luke 23

Easter Sermon Series The Church in Action

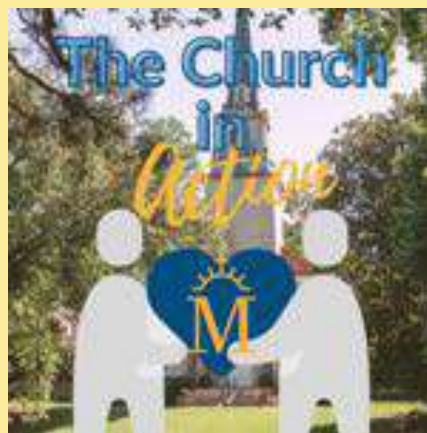
In the Easter season we celebrate the way the Risen Christ is alive in the life of the church. We will dive into the Acts of the Apostles and each week, we will explore different actions of the church that reveal the way resurrection is lived out in our life together.

4/9 Easter Sunday Acts of Resurrection
Pastor Katie, preaching Matthew 28:1-10; Acts 10:34-43

Acts of Witness 2nd Sunday of Easter 4/16
Pastor Emma, preaching Acts 2:22-32

4/23 3rd Sunday of Easter Acts of Welcome
Pastor Katie, preaching Acts 2:36-41

Acts of Community 4th Sunday of Easter 4/30
Pastor Katie, preaching Acts 2:42-47



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

- April 9 - No Sunday School on Easter Sunday
- April 16 - Guest leader, Rev. Dr. Mark Douglas, Christian Ethics Professor at Columbia Theological Seminary
- April 23 - Viewing and discussing "Sacred Waters: The Okefenokee in Peril."
- April 30 - Guest leader, Dr. Chelsea Williams, Bible & World Religions teacher at Rabun-Gap Nacoochee School

Sunday School





MPC KIDS! FELLOWSHIP, PIZZA DINNER, CHILDREN'S CHOIR

After Easter, on April 12, MPC Kids will meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.

We are no longer splitting up by age, rather all ages are welcome on these evenings. A pizza dinner begins at 6 pm - for \$2 per slice! Children's Choir resumes, too from 6:30 - 7 pm. The singers will be preparing to sing on Children's Sabbath on Sunday, May 7.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH

Sunday, May 7, 11 am

Our children will be leading worship on May 7. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. A great way for our elementary students to join in is by participating in the Children's Choir!

Please click [here](#) to sign up your child to participate. We will be in touch with information about run-throughs and rehearsals for our worship leaders.



MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

- **NFRAS CME Schubert Trio** - Saturday, April 15 @ 7 pm. Click [here](#) for more information on this group. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.



On Friday March 24, MPC hosted the University of South Carolina's Concert Choir and three other collaborating high school choirs from the surrounding area. The program "Stars I Shall Find" featured poetry by Sara Teasdale and Diane Thiel, with music composed by Frank Ticheli and Dale Trombore. The concert was well attended and we are grateful to have a facility that offers a friendly, warm space that is the perfect environment to appreciate music and art.



COMING THIS SUMMER

Calling all heroes! It's time to register for this year's Vacation Bible School. Hero Hotline activities will be from 9 am - Noon, June 12-16. We will also be offering optional aftercare for younger children and a mission camp for older elementary students until 3 pm.

VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL



HERO HOTLINE!
**REGISTRATION
OPEN NOW!**

Click [here](#) to register your camper!
Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer!



We've reserved a house at **Montreat** for our first ever church-wide summer retreat! Everyone is invited to enjoy time in the mountains together. You can rest, relax, or maybe even work remotely. Children and youth of any age can sign up for the

Montreat Clubs program and rising 9th graders through graduated seniors can attend the Montreat Youth Conference. Click [here](#) to sign up!

PICTURES OF MARCH



WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE FILLING EGGS!



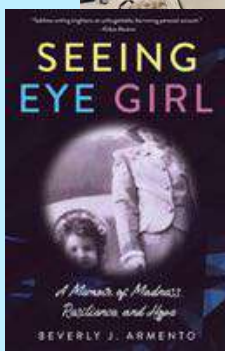
LOBBY DAY



CHOIR



CHILDREN'S



RHO READERS IN MARCH

Last month, the RHO Readers welcomed the author of March's book, *Seeing Eye Girl* - Beverly J. Armento.

Morningside

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



ADULT DEVOTIONAL CLASS FILLING EGGS!



ALL-CHURCH PICNIC



Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to an on campus evening of food and fun on Friday, April 28 from 5:30-7 pm. RSVP to [Pastor Emma](#) or [Pastor Amanda](#). Below are pictures of the mystery night from March with Club 46 - exploring H Mart and Karaoke!



THANK YOU, DANIEL EASTON

Next time you're in worship, take note of the new pew envelopes for offering! After our supplier quit making the envelopes, Deacon Daniel Easton came up with a creative solution! Thanks for his ingenuity that enables all our generosity!



REALM LOGIN AND MULTI-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION

Realm, the program we use for record-keeping and our congregational directory recently created a new login page, requiring an "MFA" or Multi-Factor Authentication. This process increases security to our files and your personal information by requiring a second authentication method, a one-time code sent to your phone or email.

Affinity Groups

MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, April 8
This group gathers at the home of Emilie Paille & Jeanne McCarthy (1413 Northview Ave NE) at 6 pm. RSVP to [Kathy Bremer](#).



RHO READERS

Sunday, April 16; 12:30 pm, Room 201

RHO Readers book selection for April is *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver. Many generations ago, Charles Dickens wrote *David Copperfield* from his experience as a survivor of institutional poverty and its

damages to children. Those problems have yet to be solved in ours. In transposing a Victorian epic novel to the contemporary southern Appalachia, Barbara Kingsolver enlists Dickens' anger and compassion, and above all, his faith in the transformative powers of a good story. *Demon Copperhead* speaks for a new generation of lost boys, and all those born into beautiful, cursed places they can't imagine leaving behind. Contact [Jill](#) for more information.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, April 18; 7 pm

This group will meet at the Watson home (1397 Harvard Rd NE) for dinner and to hear from Brad Schweers, the executive director of Intown Collaborative Ministries. RSVP to [Pastor Emma](#).



WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, April 24; 6:30 pm

This group meets for dinner at the restaurant, EATaliano's (2480 Briarcliff Rd) at 6:30 pm. RSVP to [Sarah](#) by 4/22. This group will not meet in May.



MPP SPRING FLING

Saturday, April 22
10 am - 2pm

Mark your calendars for Morningside Presbyterian Preschool's community favorite event for the entire family - Spring Fling!

There will be activities for kids of all ages, the infamous MPP Grill Off, and food trucks! Tickets will be sold at the entrance. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact [Courtney](#).



april birthdays

- 3 CORINNE MCLARIN-HADDEN
- 3 KATYE WATTS
- 4 LEMON GAUTHIER
- 4 EMMALINE WOOLLEY
- 5 ELEANOR LORING
- 6 JOE BALLAY
- 8 HANNAH DIAZ
- 8 LIZ SOMMERFELD
- 9 AUSTIN DAVIS-SELPH
- 9 MACKENZIE GORMAN
- 10 CHARLOTTE WARD
- 11 NATALIE BATCHELOR
- 11 ANDREW TUUK
- 12 REED ELY
- 12 KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
- 13 BRANDON ODOM
- 13 GRACE ROACH
- 15 JEFF ADAMS
- 20 AMANDA SANDERS
- 22 BARBARA HARTMAN
- 24 MEREDITH HENRY
- 25 SUSAN GILBREATH
- 25 CAROLINE TANNER
- 26 STEPHEN ROACH
- 27 MCKELL KING
- 27 HAL NUCKOLS
- 28 ALAN BREMER
- 29 BROWNING FERGUS

3RD ANNUAL
GREENS, EGGS & JAM

Saturday, April 29
8:00 - 11:30 am
@ Morningside Presbyterian Church

CHEF LINTON HOPKINS OF THE BUTTERY ATL
LIVE MUSIC, KIDS' ACTIVITIES + BOUNCE HOUSE



MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime."

- Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR ICM

Our annual Lenten Food Drive for Intown Collaborative Ministries began on Ash Wednesday, 2/22 and goes through Thursday, 4/6. Bring your donation to the blue mission barrel in the Welcome



Center or drop off at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9-12. Ask for a weight total and say that you are from Morningside. Click [here](#) to view a list of what ICM's food pantry needs most right now to get an idea of what to donate.



- ICM has NEW links for [Pantry](#) and [Grocery Delivery](#) volunteers
- Click [here](#) for a list of what what ICM's food pantry needs
- Click [here](#) to deliver groceries from ICM to Maggie Russell Towers *with a fellow Morningsider*
- Contact MPC Shepherd, [Suzanne Macpherson](#) for info
- Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food Pantry through their [Amazon Wish List](#).



HEART & HOME FUNDRAISER FOR ICM

Saturday, April 29; 6 - 10 pm

@ Aquarium Oceans Ballroom

Click [here](#) to get tickets, become a sponsor, donate an auction item or just get more information about ICM's tenth annual fundraiser to benefit neighbors experiencing homelessness and hunger.

ICM WORK MORNING

Friday, June 16; 9:30 am -12:30 pm

Mark your calendar and click [here](#) to sign up to join us for a work morning at Intown Collaborative Ministries. Friday is inventory day when the Atlanta Food Bank, Hello Fresh and Second Helpings deliver for the Saturday market. There will be jobs for all physical levels. Wear comfortable clothing you don't mind getting dirty and closed toed shoes.

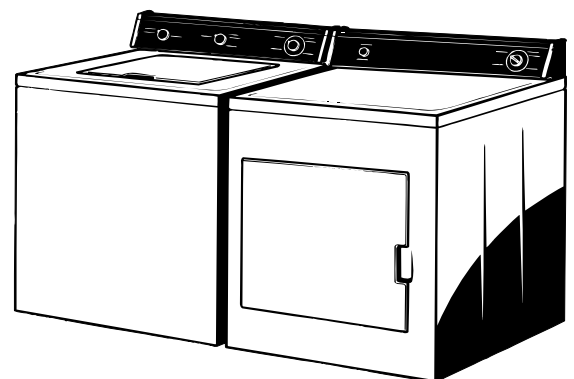


GOOD NEWS TO SHARE...

- 27 guests received stable housing
- 8 ment obtained full-time employment
- 1 gentleman received his SSI benefits
- 1 guest received his food stamps

CSM WASHER & DRYER NEED

Clifton needs a washer and dryer for Joe's Place and are interested in purchasing combined units which are a bit more cost efficient than separate units. Clifton has priced each combination unit at \$1,000. If you would like to help Clifton out with this pressing expense, please click [here](#) to donate. Every little bit adds up and makes a difference! For more info, contact [Leslie Prince](#).





JEANNETTE MCCLURE MEMORIAL FUND @ MPC

Your Mission Committee was able to send \$5000. from the Jeannette McClure Memorial Fund to help with repairs that Refugee Family Literacy incurred from a burst pipe this past winter. Literacy was Jeanette's passion!



EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FOR SYRIA-TURKEY

Thanks to your generosity, \$1750. was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to aid the victims of the Syria-Turkey earthquake.



Many thanks to Amy & Zane Jensen and Bill & Sanda Means for creating two bulletin boards for Dobbs Elementary!



ARABIA MOUNTAIN HIKE Saturday, April 15

SIGN UP HERE!



Hike Arabia Mountain with MPC C.A.R.E. on Saturday, April 15. The van will leave the church at 10 am or you can meet us at the mountain around 10:45 am. Come to the church early and enjoy coffee and other treats at the Morningside Farmers Market in the parking lot. Bring lunch for a mountain top view picnic! This hike is considered "moderate".



SAVE-THE-DATE LEN FOOTE HIKE

July 27-29

Back by popular demand, we are headed back up the mountain to the Len Foote Hike Inn for 2 nights in July! Click [here](#) for details and to sign up!



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2 Palm Sunday 9:30 Palm Parade & Fellowship 11 Worship 12:30 Deacons Mtg</p>	<p>3 9 Partner with the Preacher</p>	<p>4 11 Gentle Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 7:30 Handbell Choir</p>	<p>5 5:30 MPC Kids Fellowship 7 Lenten Book Study 7:30 Chancel Choir</p>	<p>6 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi 6:30 Maundy Thursday Dinners & Communion in Homes</p>	<p>7 6:30 Choir Rehearsal 7 Good Friday Service</p>	<p>8 10 Easter Egg Hunt 10 Brass Rehearsal 11 Brass & Handbell Choir ? MPC Couples & Friends</p>
<p>9 Easter Sunday 9 Worship & Communion 11 Worship & Communion</p>	<p>10 9 Partner with the Preacher</p>	<p>11 10:15 ICM Grocery Delivery 11 Gentle Yoga/Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 7:30 Handbell Choir 7:30 ONC Meeting</p>	<p>12 11 Dobbs Tutoring 5:30 MPC Kids Fellowship 6:30 Children's Choir</p>	<p>13 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 10 MPC CARE Hike at Arabia Mtn 7 Nancy Frampton Rising Artist Series Concert: CME Schubert Trio</p>
<p>16 Easter 2 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:30 RHO Readers 6 Youth Group</p>	<p>17 9 Partner with the Preacher 7 Session Meeting</p>	<p>18 11 Gentle Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 7 Theology on Tap 7:30 Handbell Choir</p>	<p>19 5:30 MPC Kids Fellowship 7:30 Chancel Choir 6:30 Children's Choir</p>	<p>20 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 10 MPP Spring Fling! 10 Morningside Sings! Rehearsal</p>
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