

MONTH AT A GLANCE

DEAR SIBLINGS IN CHRIST,

It may be 110 degrees outside, but school is back in session and we are back in full gear! As we kickoff the fall, this is the perfect opportunity to re-engage in life together at Morningside. If you've been traveling this summer or even if you've stepped away since the pandemic, the fall is a great chance for you to reconnect to God and your family of faith.

We're kicking off the fall with a worship series that binds us together around the kind of questions you ask when you long to truly see and know someone:
 Who are you? Where are you from?
 Where does it hurt? What do you need?
 These are questions we ask of one another as we long for deeper and more meaningful relationships, and these are questions Christ asks of us as we are drawn deeper into the heart of God. By exploring them together, we can grow closer to God and one another.

Our worship calls us forth into opportunities for spiritual growth and service. You can catch a preview in this month's bulletin of ways to engage with the community--through music, education, mission, and fellowship. Join us on Kickoff Sunday (August 7) for a day of intergenerational beach-themed fun complete with a 100 ft waterslide after worship. Then save-the-dates for:

- Morningside Sings!: Razzle Dazzle (Aug 27-28)
- Fall Retreat to Montreat (Oct 14-16)
- Morningside Mingle (Sept 24)
- Hymn Festival (Sept 10-11)

But my enthusiasm for all that Morningside is doing emerges from the ways that I see God at work in this place. I continue to be astounded by your generosity, your kindness toward one another, your commitment to justice, your willingness to ask hard questions, and your hope. These are all gifts that feel radically counter-cultural to the world we live in and the news we read. God is in the midst of all of those gifts, and for all the programs we can offer, our hearts are changed as God connects us to one another through these spiritual blessings that are poured out by this place.

Whether you are joining us for worship, for one of the many exciting programs to come this fall, or simply looking for a place to feel hopeful in a broken world, I look forward to seeing you soon!

**WITH COURAGE AND HOPE,
 PASTOR KATIE**



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 7

We'll take a moment in the 11:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday, August 7 to extend a blessing on all returning to school. Bring your backpack!



I've been meaning to ask...
a series for curiosity, courage, & connection

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN AUGUST

We kickoff the fall with questions that help us reconnect to one another and to God. "I've Been Meaning to Ask" invites us into deeper relationship with one another through the simple gift of an open-ended question.

	<i>Who Are You?</i>	8/7
	Genesis 16:7-16 Pastor Katie, preaching Communion	
8/14	Genesis 2:4b-15, John 1:35-51	<i>Where Are You From?</i>
	Pastor Katie, preaching Baptism	
	<i>Where Does It Hurt?</i>	8/21
	Luke 13:10-17 Pastor Amanda, preaching	
8/28	Job 2:11-13, 2 Timothy 4:9-18	<i>What Do You Need?</i>
	Pastor Emma, preaching	
	<i>Where Do We Go From Here?</i>	9/4
	Acts 10 Pastor Katie, preaching Communion	



KICKOFF SUNDAY BLACKTOP BEACH BASH

Sunday, August 7; 9:45 a.m.

Preschool Parking Lot

Put on your best beach wear and head to the preschool parking lot for our annual kickoff event! We will enjoy time for breakfast treats, Refuge Coffee, fellowship and games together as we get ready to DIVE into our programming year. This event is for all ages and is a great way to make a connection with

someone new in our church family. We will begin at 9:45am on Sunday morning. Stay after worship for the reopening of the great MorningSLIDE Slip-n-Slide on the front lawn for kids and adults. SEAS the day and join us for what is SHORE to be a WHALE of a time. Click [here](#) to watch a couple of MorningSLIDERS conquer the Slip-n-Slide. You don't want to miss the fun! See you at the Kickoff!



MPC KIDS! & YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School classes for children and youth begin on Sunday, August 14 at 9:45 a.m.

- 2 year-olds - Kindergarten - Room 011
- 1st Grade - 4th Grade - Room 003
- 5th Grade - 8th Grade - Youth Room

FAITH DEVELOPMENT I'VE BEEN MEANING TO ASK: REFORMED EDITION

Are there things about our faith, worship, tradition that you don't quite understand, but at this point are too embarrassed to ask about? Like why do we declare that Jesus 'descended into hell' during the Apostles' Creed? Or what in the world is predestination? Faith Development has the answers...sort of. Join us in August as we explore topics considered to be 'basics' of the Reformed Tradition. Bring your questions to Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays.

- August 14 - Anna Miles
- August 21 - Pastor Katie - *The Frozen Chosen*
- August 28 - Pastor Amanda - *Hell*
- September 4 - Pastor Emma

NEW MEMBERS CLASSES

Sunday, August 14, 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, August 28, 9:45 a.m.

If you or know of someone interested in joining MPC, please contact [Pastor Katie](#) to join the New Members Classes in August. The group will meet in Pastor Katie's study.



If you missed the Book Talk with author Adam Hollowell in July, you can get the book [here](#).



For more information and to plan your trip to the Center for Civil and Human Rights, here in Atlanta, click [here](#).

PASTOR KATIE ON DAY1

Sunday, August 28, 7:00 a.m.

95.5 WSB and WSB750AM



Formerly "The Protestant Hour," Day1 will be broadcasting Pastor Katie's sermon from June 19, "This Is Not Emily Post's Dinner Party," on Sunday morning, August 28 at 7 a.m. To learn more about Day1 and their mission to "proclaim God's hope for a divided world," visit their website, [here](#).

MORNINGSIDE GOES TO MONTREAT

OCTOBER 14-16



Rev. Michelle Thomas Bush

CHURCHWIDE FALL RETREAT @ MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER WILLIAM BLACK LODGE

It's time to register for Morningside's Fall Retreat! We welcome this year's keynote speaker, **Rev. Michelle Thomas Bush**, Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC. Michelle is a trained enneagram facilitator and will guide us through an exploration of self using the enneagram.

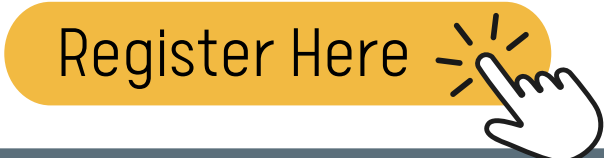
What is the enneagram?

The enneagram is a tool that helps us see ourselves at a deeper, more objective level. John Calvin says that knowledge of self leads to knowledge of God and vis versa, so this deep dive into self-knowledge aids us in our own spiritual journey into the heart of God.

What else will we do?

Breathe fresh mountain air, Relax on the porch, Hike, Play, Eat Together, Rock hop, and more!

Click the button below for more information and to register for this year's churchwide retreat. (Note: This year, church budget is covering all program and registration costs. The fees included here are for room and board. There is no early bird registration discount as in previous years, but early registration ensures we have the most appropriate rooms for everyone.)



Thank You

THANK YOU ELDERS & DEACONS

This year's class of elders and deacons said yes to being our spiritual leaders just three months before the pandemic began and in the midst of a pastoral transition! We could not be more grateful for the ways they have fearlessly led us, prayed with and for us, helped us stay connected, made hard decisions for the sake of the whole, and done it all with cheerful hearts! Our gratitude goes out to each of these elders and deacons as they roll off the session and diaconate and enjoy some much needed sabbath! When you see them around the church, please join me in expressing your gratitude for their leadership. ~Pastor Katie

Class of 2022

ELDERS

- Susan Oder
- Joe Ballay
- Denton King
- Ali Bradway
- Jack Klotz
- Miranda Brownlee
- Mia Smith

DEACONS

- Cindy Humphries
- Brenda Fishpaw
- Lisa Ladds
- Bill Southwood



NEW DEACON & ELDER RETREAT

Friday, August 5 & Saturday, August 6

The new class of elders and deacons will gather for a meal together on Friday evening, 8/5 and then return for training on Saturday morning, 8/6. We are grateful to these good folks for their dedication.



MPC PODCAST

Our sermons are available by podcast! Subscribe to the Morningside Presbyterian podcast on Apple Podcasts or follow the Sermon Podcast link at the bottom of the church homepage.

PICTURES OF JULY

**MORNINGSIDE SINGS!
REHEARSAL**



ZIMRI QUARTET



LEN FOOTE HIKE INN





REFLECTION ON LEN FOOTE HIKE INN TRIP

As I'm sitting here in the lake house today, it's raining cats and dogs ...and it probably is around Amicalola Falls too. We had just perfect weather (well, I guess it could have been a bit less humid) for the hike...so lucky.

I was thinking about the hike and decided that it wasn't really THE hike. It was as many hikes as there were people..."42 Hikes in the Georgia Woods." It seemed like everyone of us had our own unique experience: Remembrance of hikes past. The chatter of the hikers, "hey bears", the silence of walking alone. Or, my knees are killing me, why, oh why, did I let myself get talked into this? Was the walk an act of worship of God's Nature? Was it a personal test of youthful vigor, or of aged durability. Was it an aesthetic experience ...the orange of a mushroom cap against the rich green of the ground cedar? It was all of that.

Personally, I found myself reminded of the Isaiah 40:4 quoted in the Messiah, "Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain" — particularly, the rough places made plain part — giving it a whole new meaning.



MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

RAZZLE DAZZLE

MORNINGSIDE SINGS HOLLYWOOD'S
AWARD-WINNING MUSICALS

MORNINGSIDE SINGS!

Saturday, August 27, 7 p.m. & Sunday, August 28, 3 p.m.

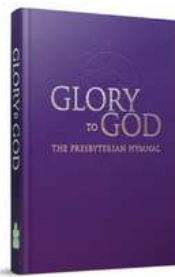
Rehearsals are underway and production planning has ignited teamwork among more than forty singers, arrangers, instrumentalists, designers, and volunteers from Morningside's congregation. Donations collected at the performances will benefit our music programs and mission partners.

When planning this year's production, Jeff Peters, Michael Siedschlag, Jonathan Crutchfield, and Derek Matthews turned to Hollywood's rich history of Oscar-Winning Best Pictures to feature timeless song classics from the Silver Screen. The production includes numbers from thirteen Best Picture nominees and winners including "Somewhere" from *West Side Story*, "Don't Rain on My Parade" from *Funny Girl* and "One Day More" from *Les Misérables*. This year, for the first time since 2019, we are excited to include children in the production who will be featured in numbers from *The Sound of Music*, *Mary Poppins*, and *Oliver!*

Our intergenerational cast, ranging from 6 years old to retirement, is enjoying the teamwork and the opportunity to share inspiring harmony that enables guests, families, and friends to experience the warmth of our beautiful church home.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, August 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 28 at 3 p.m. and join your friends and neighbors for this exciting production. The Saturday evening production will also be livestreamed from Morningside's YouTube channel, so set a reminder to go to MPC's homepage on Saturday, August 27 at 7 p.m. to watch if you can't attend in person.

This year we continue our tradition of asking members to consider becoming part of our 2022 Morningside Sings Patrons' Circle. To make your tax-deductible contribution, click [here](#) and select "Morningside Sings!" in the drop-down box.



HYMN FESTIVAL SAVE-THE-DATE

Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m.

The 1990 Presbyterian Hymnal has given MPC wonderful music memories these last 32 years, it is, however, no longer in print and becoming difficult to find replacements. The newer 2013 Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*, kept the hymns that we love and expanded the hymn palette to include texts and tunes written by contemporary hymn writers. Many of these newer hymns have been used in our worship services recently, such as "Heaven Shall Not Wait" and "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace." As it has become clear that a hymnal transition is needed, we turned to the architect of the "Glory to God" hymnal for assistance — Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle, who has agreed to join us Saturday and Sunday, September 10 and 11 to help us understand how this newer hymnal can positively impact our continued worship experiences. Join us for a workshop, 9/10 from 10am - 12pm entitled, "Themes and Streams of 21st Century Congregational Song" as we explore newer 20th and 21st century themes, as well as the vast variety of songs — from gospel to global, chant to chorale — that we currently use in our worship. Sunday morning, 9/11, Mel will lead an adult Sunday School class called, "Behind the Curtain: A Behind-the Scenes Look at Hymnal Creation", exploring the complex process and decisions required to bring *Glory to God* to life. Mel will help lead our worship that morning, then please join us at 2pm for a hymn festival — "Treasures Old and New" — that will couple one familiar hymn with one newer one. You do not have to be an accomplished singer or read music to enjoy these events. Bring an open mind and eager spirit as we sing our favorite hymns and learn new ways to sing our faith.

OPERA GUILD FOR ATLANTA SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

August 14, 3:30-6:30



The Opera Guild for Atlanta's Scholarship Competition returns to Morningside Presbyterian's Sanctuary on Sunday afternoon, August 14. Free admission for members and \$40 ticket for guests, which can be applied toward a membership. Come support young classical singers as they compete for scholarship money toward their education. Reception immediately following.

RHO READERS HYBRID

Sunday, August 21; 12:30 p.m.

Meet with other RHO Readers via Zoom. Contact [Jill](#) for info.

RHO Readers July Book

The Midnight Library
by Matt Haig



Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. Would any of these other lives truly be better?



- 1 EMERY SELNESS
- 3 BILL SOUTHWOOD
- 4 GREG WOLTERS
- 5 SHANNON HARRIS
- 6 BREE GORDON
- 6 LUCY GRANT
- 7 TRISTIN LOOMIS
- 8 MEGAN READER
- 9 EMMA KATE WARD
- 10 MADELEINE HARRIS
- 12 CHARLOTTE GAARE
- 13 CHARLIE IRWIN
- 13 MYLES SMITH
- 15 EMMA LAWSON
- 16 TED FLEMING
- 16 PRESTON LADDS
- 17 MARTI ADAMS
- 18 SANDRA WARD
- 20 MEGAN MITCHELL
- 21 JACK BREWSTER
- 22 SARAH CHATEL
- 22 PATRICK GILBERT
- 22 BILL MEANS
- 23 ERICSON HARRIS
- 23 TIM HOLBROOK
- 23 SARAH BETH SOMMERFELD
- 24 MADELYN MILLARD
- 26 DOUG DAVIS-SELPH
- 27 MICHELLE GORMAN
- 28 JAMES MITCHELL
- 30 JILL KLOTZ
- 31 LYLA FOWLER



NOW HIRING:
PRESCHOOL STAFF!




MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN
Preschool

ABOUT MPP:
We are a half-day preschool located in the Morningside neighborhood serving ages 15 months through PreK.

Positions:

- Three Year Old Assistant Teacher (M-F)
- Toddler Assistant Teacher (M/W)
- Office Resource Teacher (M-F)

Qualifications:
Experience with children 0-5. Play-based learning experience a plus! Must be vaccinated for COVID, TDAP, & flu.

FACILITIES UPDATE

BRIDGE REBUILD

The foot bridge over the ravine, running from the sidewalk on N. Morningside Dr. into MPC's Memorial Garden has been closed due to safety concerns, as the wood has rotted over time. The bridge is being scheduled for demolition and a rebuild. *Be on the lookout for a workday sign up to help lay the cross boards so the bridge can be reopened!*



MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"Maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute." - Psalm 83:3

JULY FLOODING AND OUR RESPONSE

Severe flooding impacted parts of Kentucky, Missouri, and Virginia in late July. Presbyterian Disaster Assistance immediately jumped into action, communicating with Presbyterian leadership in the affected presbyteries to offer resources, process grants and deploy National Response Team members. Our own MPC Mission Committee has sent \$1000 to PDA towards relief efforts. One of our sibling churches, First Presbyterian of Hazard, KY is a Red Cross Shelter. To give directly to relief efforts, click [here](#).



AMANI SEWING ACADEMY GRADUATION

"Resilient Women of Excellence"

On June 25, in honor of "World Refugee Day," Amani Women Center (AWC) celebrated the graduation of 17 refugee women representing seven different countries: Eritrea, Congo, Ethiopia, Somalia, Sudan, Bhutan, and Burma. Each graduate received a certificate of completion and a new, professional-grade sewing machine.

Every refugee woman who comes to AWC has experienced extreme adversity in her home country, followed by the overwhelming demands of building a new life for herself and her family. The Class of 2021 had the additional burden of trying to rebuild their lives amidst a global pandemic.

Amani Women Center empowers refugee women through education and provides a safe space with culturally sensitive programs and services that contribute to their economic security and overall well-being. AWC's vision is to provide a one-stop, haven for refugee women of all cultures seeking a space for spiritual, physical, and mental healing, to help them "stitch every aspect of their lives together."

AWC's mission is to graduate a minimum of 25 refugee women a year, teaching and leading them to the path of economic self-sufficiency and the opportunity to earn livable wages. Amani is grateful for your support. To donate, click [here](#).



DRIVE OUT SENIOR HUNGER!

Monday, September 12, 2022

Meals On Wheels Atlanta is thrilled to announce that the 22nd Annual Meals On Wheels Atlanta Golf Classic will be held Monday, September 12 at The Golf Club of Georgia. Enjoy tasty cuisine, hand-crafted libations, premium player gifts, prizes, and an exceptional round of golf!

Help us DRIVE OUT senior hunger by clicking [here](#) to explore the exciting player and sponsorship packages available at this year's exclusive tournament. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this incredible event while ensuring that no senior goes hungry or forgotten in our community.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE UPDATE

Thank you! With your help, we collected enough school supplies to help students at Dobbs Elementary, Memorial Drive Ministries, and Nicholas House.



Nicholas House OPEN DOOR TOURS RETURN!

Nicholas House offers open door tours every third Saturday at 10 a.m.!



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

- Click [here](#) to volunteer at ICM
- Click [here](#) for a list of what what ICM's food pantry needs*
- Click [here](#) to volunteer to deliver groceries
- Click [here](#) to deliver groceries from ICM to Maggie Russell Towers *with a fellow Morningsider*
- Contact MPC Shepherd, [Suzanne Macpherson](#) for info

*ICM is running low on many food items due to supply chain issues. Please consider donating from their [Amazon Wish List](#).

Note: ICM does NOT accept clothing donations. Please consider giving clothing to [Mercy Church](#) or [Georgia Works!](#)

CLIFTON'S MEMORY GARDEN

The beautiful Memory Garden at Clifton is now finished! Our VBS Mission Camp kids worked on this lovely garden designed by CSM Resident Manager Robert Petite. Feel free to come visit this shady tranquil spot!






In July, MPC CARE went to the WestRock recycling facility in Cobb County where 10-12 tons of material a month or over 8 million tons a year are recycled! It was a fascinating experience for all. Read the tips below to learn more about recycling and what you can do as stewards of God's creation!

1. AVOID ITEMS THAT CLOG UP THE MACHINES: do NOT put plastic bags, ropes, chains, fabric or other materials that are not accepted and can cause blockages/disruptions in the sorting process in your recycling bins. Take your plastic bags to grocery stores that recycle them.
2. AVOID ITEMS THAT CAN CAUSE INJURY: do NOT put needles, propane tanks, pressurized air canisters, or firearms in your recycling bin. These can cause major injuries and even explosions in the facility.
3. AVOID CONTAMINANTS....BUT ACCEPTED ITEMS DON'T HAVE TO BE PERFECT! Cardboard boxes, such as pizza boxes, are okay as long as there isn't major amounts of food. Plastic liquid containers (#1 and #2) are acceptable and can be rinsed out (no need to use gallons of water to clean out your milk container). No need to remove those plastic tops either! Keep them on! Glass often becomes a contaminant when shattered...if possible, take your glass to a dedicated facility as opposed to mixing it with your other recyclables.



For hard-to-recycle items like tires, glass, mattresses, paint, etc., contact [CHaRM](#).

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