

MONTH AT A GLANCE

WHAT WOULD IT LOOK LIKE FOR US TO BE KNOWN AS A "PRAYING" CONGREGATION?

Of course, all churches pray, and most of us have our own individual prayer practices as well. But the Pew Research Foundation says that only 55% of Americans pray daily. So perhaps our prayer life could use some attention as we grow together in faith.

As we kick off the program year this month, we're beginning the year with a sermon series on the Lord's Prayer. It's an invitation to learn by heart and to pray with intention the prayer Jesus taught. But more broadly, it's a chance for us to talk about and to practice praying together. As you participate in programs, gather in small groups, go to Sunday School, and more, I wonder how our life together would be strengthened by praying for one another. Maybe you pay attention to the prayer list in the eNews. Maybe you commit to saying grace at dinner each night. Maybe you join the centering prayer group on Thursdays or find a moment to turn off your music or podcast and simply breathe during your morning walk. However you choose to engage, my invitation to you as we begin a new school year together is to commit to pray.

Your prayer takes on deeper meaning when you build relationships with those you are praying with and for, so alongside that spiritual practice, you're invited to find a way to connect with other this fall. Take particular note of a few new offerings: a young adult affinity group and our new mid-week worship offering "Middle Ground" that you can read more about in the MAG.

Know that my prayers are with each of you.

WITH JOY, PASTOR KATIE

PHOTO BOOTH

Sundays in August

Help us learn each other's faces through our online directory, Realm. Stop by the photo booth in the welcome center any Sunday in August after worship and we'll take your pic and upload it for you! OR upload your own picture by clicking [HERE](#), logging in and updating your profile.



We are making our way into the new program year! All ages will meet in the Fellowship Hall for activities, fellowship, and fun as we begin our journey together. Wear your best traveling gear or an outfit that represents your favorite travel destination - maybe you dress as a train conductor or pilot or maybe you wear your best Hawaiian or souvenir shirt! Come ready to mix and mingle with fellow MPC travelers. A continental breakfast will be provided. Be sure to stay after worship for the return of the great MorningSLIDE on the front lawn from 12:15 - 1:00 pm.



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, August 13
11 am Worship

On Sunday August 13, students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks to 11 am worship to receive a special "Back-to-School Blessing" during the time with children. Don't forget to grab this year's MPC bag tag while you're here!



Save the Date for our annual Morningside Mingle!
Join us on *Saturday, September 23* at the Leafmore-Creek Clubhouse in Decatur! This is a great opportunity to catch up with Morningsiders after a long summer apart AND to make new connections in our community. Child care is provided on site and **ALL are welcome!**

Sunday School



FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Faith Development kicks off with an in depth study of the Lord's Prayer! In conjunction with the sermon series for worship, the class will be reading and discussing NT Wright's The Lord and His Prayer. All are welcome to join in every Sunday in Room 201.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Curious about membership? Our next new member class is August 13 and 27 from 9:45-10:45 am. If you would like to learn more about what it means to be part of MPC, talk to a pastor about joining this class!



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is back starting on August 13th! Classes meet from 9:45-10:40 am. Two year-olds through Kindergarten students will meet in Room 011 and 1st-4th graders will meet in Room 003. Adults, please sign up below to volunteer!



Sign Up [HERE!!!](#)

SAVE-TH-DATE WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
Beginning 9/6



We are excited to announce our new midweek program, **Middle Ground** - a short-form worship and discussion experience for adults. Gather from 5:30-6:30 for dinner and table fellowship followed by programming from 6:30-7:00. During our program we will dive deeper into scriptures from Sunday worship services and leave room for group discussion around the tables. Middle Ground and MPC Kids will meet concurrently with childcare provided. **MPC Kids!** will also meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning 9/6. Meet on the playground for fellowship before dinner at 6. At 6:30, after a short devotion, children will be dismissed either to choir or childcare until 7:00.

WILD WATER WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, August 23;
5:30 - 7:30 pm



Back by popular demand, we will be splashing into the new school year with a water day for children of all ages! (Children 2 and under need an adult buddy to accompany them.) Come to the playground dressed in your water gear and be sure to bring a towel. A picnic dinner will be provided.

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN AUGUST @ 11 AM!

Sermon Series: **The Lord's Prayer**

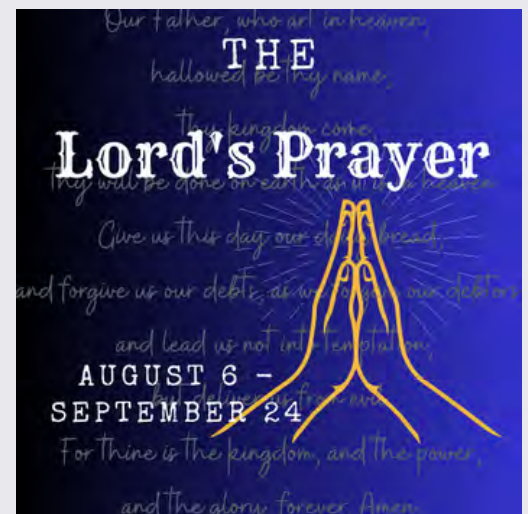
We say the Lord's prayer every week in worship, but do you ever stop to contemplate what you're praying? We kick off the year with a deep dive into the prayer Jesus taught us to pray and unpack why it can serve as a grounding for our prayer life.

"How Then Shall We Pray?" Matthew 6:5-13 8/6
Pastor Katie, preaching
Communion & Kickoff Sunday

8/13 John 14:1-14 "Our Father, Who Art in Heaven"
Pastor Katie, preaching
Ordination & Installation of Officers
Blessing of the Backpacks

"Thy Kingdom Come" Luke 13:18-21 8/20
Pastor Emma, preaching
Baptism

8/27 John 6:30-35 & Mark 6:30-34 "Give Us This Day our Daily Bread"
Pastor Katie, preaching
Reception of New Members



Lifting one another up in prayer draws us closer to both one another and to God. Click [here](#) to see who in our community could use extra prayers. Click [here](#) if you'd like to submit a prayer list.



MPC STAFF CORNER

Three cheers and many thanks to Randy Romig and Sophie Ryan!

- **Randy Romig** served as our interim organist and choirmaster while Jonathan was on sabbatical. We are grateful for his musicality, his worship leadership, and most especially his humor.
- **Sophie Ryan** kept the office running this summer, preparing bulletins, handling emails and the eNews, and greeting the many guests who come to the church. Her calm presence and willingness to take on any task was a gift to us all. We wish her well as she heads back to college!
- A special thank you to the office **volunteers** who served as a hospitable presence all throughout the summer for everyone from church members to the Amazon delivery drivers. We could not have made it through without them!

- **Cindy Humphries**
- **Nancy Lane**
- **Sarah Brownlee**
- **Sanda Means**
- **Lisa Ladds**
- **Ann Watson**
- **Jeanne McCarthy**
- **Emilie Paille**
- **Holly Green**
- **Debbie Fox**
- **Myles Smith**
- **Julia Kneeland**
- **Kathleen Carballosa**
- **Holly Campbell**



Welcome back Jonathan Crutchfield and Megan Reader!

- We are also pleased to welcome **Jonathan Crutchfield** back to the organ bench! After seven years at Morningside, Jonathan enjoyed a summer sabbatical full of rest and rejuvenation. During his sabbatical, he also played as the adult choir accompanist at the Montreat Music and Worship conference where he was beloved by the choir there and inspired to return to MPC!

Click below to read a summary of JC's Sabbatical

[Sabbatical Summary](#)



- We are also pleased to welcome **Megan Reader** back from maternity leave after welcoming her son Collin Schicker into the world! We are grateful as a congregation to be able to support our staff as their lives change and grow.



THANK YOU

TO OUTGOING ELDERS & DEACONS

With deep gratitude, we give thanks for the elders and deacons who have served faithfully these past three years. This team of elders and deacons ushered us out of Covid and into this new season of ministry at Morningside with energy, intelligence, imagination and love. We could not be more grateful for their wisdom, care, creativity, diligence, and dedication. Please take a moment to thank them for their leadership when you see them:

Elders

- Anna Miles, Clerk of Session
- Katy Watts, Children's Ministry
- Hillery McNeill, Commitment
- Joe Floyd, Discipleship
- Jeff Peters, Strategic Planning
- Philip Hawkins, Worship and Arts
- Brooks Nuckols, Youth Elder

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Deacons

- Daniel Easton
- David Lowery
- Natalie Batchelor
- Genine Shafer

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ORDINATION & INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Sunday, August 13

As we give thanks for our outgoing leadership, we also celebrate and pray for our incoming officers. You elected these individuals in June to serve the church as elders and deacons. They have prepared this summer and will share their statements of faith with the Session on August 11. On Sunday, August 13, they will officially be ordained and as we pray for the Holy Spirit's blessing upon them, we invite all those elders and deacons in the congregation to participate through a laying on of hands. It's a joyful day of worship!

Elders

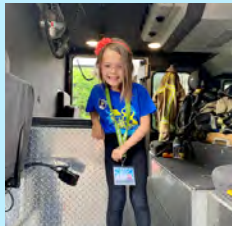
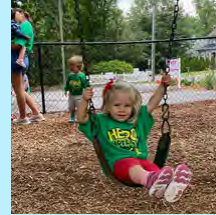
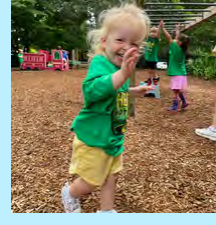
- Sandra Ward, Clerk of Session
- Corinne McLarin-Hadden, Engagement
- John Wingert, Worship & Arts
- Lauren King, Children's Ministry
- David Lowery, Discipleship
- Mac Barnette, Youth Elder

Deacons

- Natalie Batchelor
- Susan Gilbreath
- Will Lewis
- Jerry Mashburn

Welcome

PICTURES OF SUMMER!



HERO HOTLINE! MPC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Morning gside PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MISSION CAMP

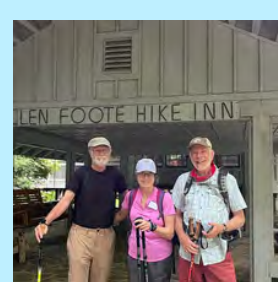
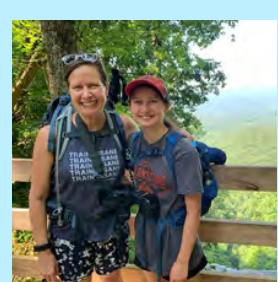




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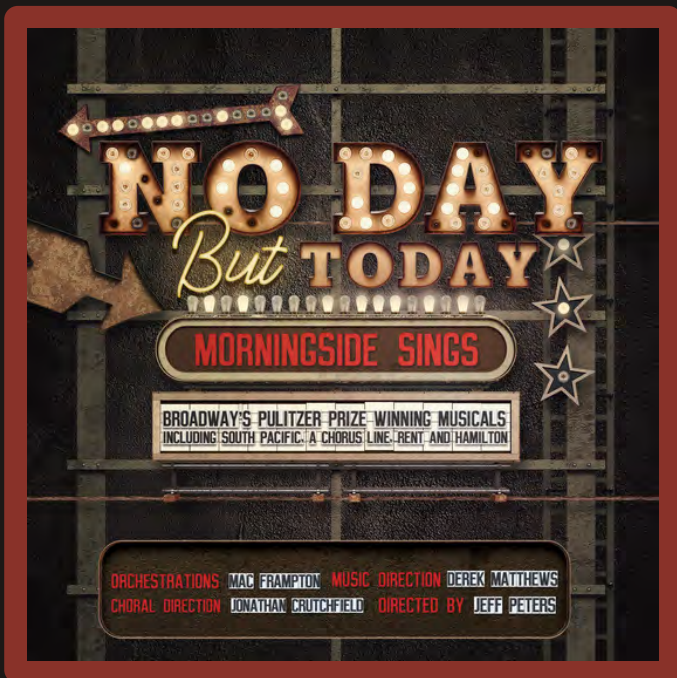


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MORNINGSIDE SINGS BROADWAY'S PULITZER PRIZE WINNING MUSICALS

9TH ANNUAL BENEFIT PRODUCTION



Rehearsals, design collaboration and production planning are igniting teamwork among more than thirty-five singers, arrangers, instrumentalists, designers, and volunteers from Morningside's congregation. **No Day but Today: Morningside Sings Broadway's Pulitzer Prize Winning Musicals** will be presented **Saturday, August 26 at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday August 27, at 3:00 PM**. Donations collected at the performances will benefit our music programs and mission partners.

When planning this year's winning production, Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag turned to nine musicals that have won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The show covers 1932-2016 including *Of Thee I Sing*, *South Pacific*, *Fiorello!*, *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, *A Chorus Line*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Rent*, *Next to Normal*, and *Hamilton*. The production will feature classic and contemporary Broadway standards including "Some Enchanted Evening," "What I Did for Love," "Seasons of Love," and "Alexander Hamilton."

The creative team chose the benefit production's title tune, "**No Day but Today**" from *Rent*, with care, noting that it captures the essence of this annual evangelism event: to create a performance of inspiring harmony that enables guests, families, and friends to experience the warmth of our beautiful church home. [Click here](#) to see recent rehearsal footage of this year's intergenerational cast which ranges from 11 years old to retirement.

Mark your calendar for **Saturday, August 26 at 7:00 PM** and **Sunday, August 27 at 3:00 PM** and join your friends and neighbors for this exciting production. Both performances will also be livestreamed from Morningside's YouTube channel.

This year we continue our tradition of asking members to consider becoming part of our 2023 Morningside Sings Patrons' Circle. To make your tax-deductible contribution, use the QR code or click [here](#).





Affinity Groups

Most of MPC's Affinity Groups begin again in September, but a few are starting back this month. Mark your calendars!

MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

2nd Saturdays of the month

If you are a person who likes good food and good company...you are invited to this group's gathering. The group will meet in September. For more information, email [Kathy Bremer](mailto:Kathy.Bremer).



LGBT & FRIENDS Quarterly Meetings

This group meets quarterly and welcomes LGBTQIA+ folks, as well as allies and advocates for dinner and an activity. Email Michael for more information.

Sunday, August 20; noon YOUNG ADULTS

This group is being revitalized! Come be part of the envisioning, planning and tone-setting of the revitalization of this group! Email Pastor Emma if you're interested.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

3rd Tuesday of the month

ToT is an opportunity for the men of MPC to gather, enjoy a meal and beer, and discuss a topic or welcome a guest speaker. More meeting details coming in September. Contact Pastor Emma for info.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

4th Monday of the month

This intergenerational group gathers for dinner and to hear enlightening speakers and discuss service to our world. Mark your calendars for 9/25. More details coming next month.



ONE GRAY HAIR

3rd Wednesdays of Odd Months

Anyone with even one gray hair is invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a short program or discussion. The first luncheon of this program year is in September. Email Sarah for information.

august birthdays

- 1 EMERY SELNESS
- 1 TOWNES FOWLER
- 3 BILL SOUTHWOOD
- 5 SHANNON HARRIS
- 6 LUCY GRANT
- 6 BREE GORDON
- 7 TRISTIN LOOMIS
- 8 MEGAN READER
- 9 EMMA KATE WARD
- 10 MADELEINE HARRIS
- 13 CHARLIE IRWIN
- 13 MYLES SMITH
- 13 ALLISON SEMAN
- 14 PRESTON WISE
- 15 EMMA LAWSON
- 16 PRESTON LADDS
- 17 MARTI ADAMS
- 18 NANCY LANE
- 18 SANDRA WARD
- 20 MEGAN MITCHELL
- 21 JACK BREWSTER
- 22 BILL MEANS
- 22 SARAH CHATEL
- 22 PATRICK GILBERT
- 23 SARAH BETH SOMMERFELD
- 23 ERICSON HARRIS
- 23 MAGGIE WISE
- 24 MADELYN MILLARD
- 26 DOUG DAVIS-SELPH
- 27 MICHELLE GORMAN
- 28 JAMES MITCHELL
- 30 JILL KLOTZ
- 31 MINA FOWLER

RHO READERS

Sunday, August 20; 12:30 pm, Room 201

These avid readers meet year round, except in December! This month, they'll discuss *The Body: A Guide for Occupants* by Bill Bryson. Full of extraordinary facts and irresistible Bryson-esque anecdotes, *The Body* is a deeper understanding of the miracle that is life in general and you in particular. "We pass our existence within this wobble of flesh and yet take it almost entirely for granted." Jeanne McCarthy will lead the discussion. Snacks provided. Contact Jill for more information.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

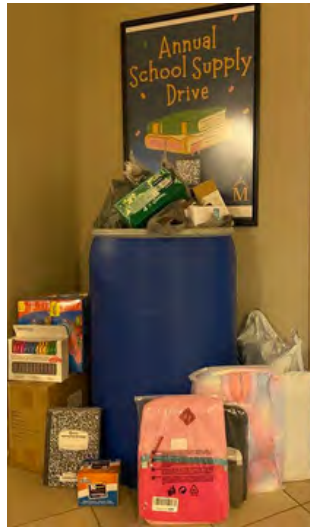
"Service is what prayer looks like when it gets up off its knees and walks around in the world."

- Rev. Michael J. Graham, S.J.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE FOR DOBBS ELEMENTARY

Thank you so much for an incredibly successful school supply drive for Dobbs Elementary. Your generosity was amazing.

Thanks to you, many students benefitted and were excited to start a new school year.



GOOD NEWS TO SHARE...

- 6 guests are completing job training at the Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency
- 1 gentleman received stable housing
- Click [here](#) to donate to Clifton

DONATE

MPC's co-Shepherd to Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Joe Floyd. If you'd like to get involved and volunteer, contact **Joe** or **Ann Watson**.



INTOWN CARES

GROCERY DELIVERY

Sign up here to deliver groceries to Maggie Russell Towers. Each delivery date can use a driver and a ride along helper. Meet at MPC at 10:15 am, and then travel to Intown Cares where you load groceries into van at 10:30 am then head out for delivery. Deliveries take 1-2 hours.

Intown Cares Food Pantry needs donations! Click **here** to get information on how to drop off food donations. Here's a list of their greatest needs:

CURRENT GREATEST NEEDS

Updated 06-22-2023

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| Ramen Noodles* | Tuna Packets* |
| Shelf-Stable Milk* | Canned Veggies (pop-top)* |
| Pasta & Pasta Sauce* | Instant Coffee |
| Fruit Cups | Rice (1-2lb bags) |
| SPAM* | Canned Meats* |
| Canned Fruit* | Utensil Packets |
| Instant Oatmeal/Grits* | Peanut Butter & Jelly* |
| Condiments | Canned Beans |
| Bottled Water | Canned Soup (not condensed)* |
| Cereal | |

* Indicates items we are completely out of at the pantry



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION EVENT

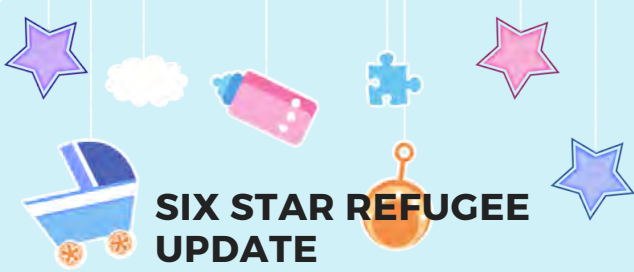
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 08, 2023

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Eventide Brewing

1015 Grant St. SE, Atlanta GA 30315

LET'S CELEBRATE WITH FOOD, DRINKS, AND GOOD COMPANY!



SIX STAR REFUGEE UPDATE

Happy News! Naeema is expecting a baby at the end of December. All are doing well!

MEALS ON WHEELS
ATLANTA FUNDRAISER

23rd ANNUAL



Presented by: **Sysco**

09.19.23

CAPITAL CITY CLUB CRABAPPLE
13802 NEW PROVIDENCE ROAD, MILTON, GA 30004



MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

The Nancy Frampton Rising Artist Series welcomed mezzo-soprano, Gabrielle Beteag on Saturday, July 29 for her recital debut. Oh what a night! Gabby gave a stellar performance and was met with warm, enthusiastic applause and standing ovations.




The
Nancy Frampton
Rising Artists Series
at Morningside
Presbyterian Church



RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING

As of July 17, MPC is only recycling cardboard. MPC C.A.R.E. and MPP partnered in assessing our waste and ways to better care for creation, this downshift in recycling made way for us to launch composting beginning in August. We are excited about this change that decreases our overall waste

for a greater positive impact on God's earth. Stay tuned for more information on what and where to compost!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
REMEMBER! Realm Photo Booth every Sunday in August.		1 1 Staff meeting	2 7:30 Chancel Choir	3 12 Centering Prayer	4	5 9 Grace AA Group 10 Morningside Sings! Rehearsals
6 9:45 Sunday Kickoff! 11 Worship 12 MorningSlide & Fellowship 12:15 M'side Sings Rehearsal 12:30 Deacons Mtg 6 Youth Group	7 9 Partner with the Preacher	8 1 Staff meeting 1:30 Staff CPR/1st Aid Training	9 7:30 M'side Sings Rehearsal	10 12 Centering Prayer	11 6:30 Session & Deacons Dinner	12 9 Grace AA Group 9 Session Retreat
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