

# MONTH AT A GLANCE

## COMMITMENT 2022 UPDATE

Thank you!

The spiritual gift of generosity is reflected in your pledges to Morningside Presbyterian for 2023. The commitment team is grateful for many of you who have committed your hearts and wallets to Morningside for the coming year. Because of you, we can serve Christ by loving our neighbors, offer rich worship each week, and provide ways for members of every age and stage to grow in faith.

## We still need your help!

As of the end of November, we have 113 households pledging \$695,000, which is 84% of our bold goal of \$825,000. *If you have not yet pledged, make a commitment today to help us share the good news of Christ and build upon the promise for the coming year. Pledge now using the button below or email Treasurer [Bill Humphries](#).*

[Pledge here.](#)



If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.  
-Galatians 3:29

## MORNINGSIDE BY THE NUMBERS

If you pledged for 2022 and have not yet completed your pledge, please make your year-end gift by December 31. You can give online [here](#).

	October Total	October Budget	YTD Total	YTD Budget
Income	\$69,278	\$63,342	\$669,440	\$641,921
Expenses	\$79,648	\$76,054	\$729,742	\$740,140
Net Revenue	(\$10,370)	(\$12,712)	(\$60,302)	(\$98,219)

## I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT...

I don't sit still well, so Advent's call to watch and wait is a difficult spiritual task. But I am finding fresh space for movement in Advent as we journey through Isaiah's texts this season. Isaiah is full of Advent anticipation and longing for God's light to come, but Isaiah doesn't call us to simply sit idle as we wait. Isaiah gives us chances to prepare:

- *Come, let us walk in the light.* -Isaiah 2:10
- *A little child shall lead them.* -Isaiah 11:6
- *A highway for God's people shall be called the Holy Way.* -Isaiah 35:8

We are invited to walk, to be led with child-like delight, to travel toward the light of Christ that we will find in Bethlehem.

Our journey at Morningside includes an abundance of ways to hear the good news--with a Moravian love feast, with a children's pageant, with handbells and glorious music--and to respond with your feet by giving to the ICM food drive, serving dinner at Nicholas House, going caroling in the neighborhood, or simply by using your own festivities to point to Christ by practicing hope, peace, joy and love this season.

However you move toward the light of Christ this season, I invite you to do so with prayerful intention. You don't have to be still but you can still reflect Christ's light for others on the road this season.

## LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT, PASTOR KATIE



Morningside Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall will serve as a polling place for the run-off election on Tuesday, December 6.

# WORSHIP TOGETHER IN DECEMBER

## Walking Toward the Manger

It's no secret that Advent is full of hustle-and-bustle. But are we simply running around or does our busy-ness come with a destination? Through Advent, we will follow the light from Isaiah through the gospels until we arrive at the manger to receive the newborn king.

12/4

The Second Sunday of Advent  
"A Peaceful Feast", Isaiah 11:1-10  
The Moravian Love Feast  
Pastor Katie, preaching

12/11

The Third Sunday of Advent  
The Children's Christmas Pageant  
The nativity story delivered by our children

12/18

The Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 35  
Pastor Emma, preaching  
Special Music

12/24

Christmas Eve  
Isaiah 9:2-7; John 1  
4 p.m. Family-Friendly Lessons & Carols  
8 p.m. Traditional Lessons & Carols

12/25

Christmas Day  
"The Holy Family's First Christmas"  
Luke 2:1-20 (15-20)  
Pastor Katie, preaching  
Online only at  
MPC's YouTube Channel



## LOOKING TO THE NEW YEAR

Just Say the Words

We begin the new year with all kinds of resolutions: eat less, exercise more, set priorities. But what if we begin by saying simple but powerful phrases that draw us closer to God and each other? In worship, we'll follow Old Testament stories to help us learn how to say these words:

*I love you. I need help. I was wrong. I am enough. I miss you. Thank you.*

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN DECEMBER

### The Word Made Flesh

Join Faith Development this Advent season as we explore the Incarnation. As we approach the birth of Christ, what does it mean that God took on human form and dwelt among us? Together, we'll discuss the power of the incarnation in our theology and our practice. This series begins on December 4.

Sunday  
School



## CHRISTMAS DAY BREAKFAST!



It's not every year that Christmas falls on a Sunday and it gives us a unique opportunity to do something different. Worship will be fully online on Christmas Day,

premiering at 11am on YouTube. Perhaps you'll watch with family in your Christmas PJs, but if you're looking for a place to be on Christmas morning, why not celebrate with your church family? Lloyd and Leslie Prince have graciously offered to host breakfast and worship watching at their condo. Interested? Email [Leslie](mailto:Leslie).

### Did you know?

It takes more than 20 volunteers and staff to lead worship on any given Sunday and that doesn't include our large and gifted choir! Worshipping online Christmas Day is one way we are saying thanks to these dedicated volunteers and musicians who rarely miss a Sunday! For their dedication and for Sabbath rest, we give thanks!

## Walking Toward the Light

DECEMBER 4 - ADVENT 2  
11 a.m. Worship & The Moravian Love Feast

DECEMBER 11 - ADVENT 3  
11 a.m. Worship & The Children's Christmas Pageant

DECEMBER 18 - ADVENT 4  
11 a.m. Worship & The Handbell Choir

DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE  
4 p.m. Family-Friendly Lessons & Carols  
8 p.m. Traditional Lessons & Carols  
Candlelight at both services

DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS  
11 a.m. Online Worship





## WELCOME OUR NEW FACILITIES MANAGER!

We are pleased to share that following Randy's tenure, we welcome **Leonard McCoy** as our new facilities manager. Leo comes to us after years of facilities management in the hospitality industry. He brings building and budget knowledge, handyman skills, and a kind spirit to us. Leo is known to some among us because his partner Dale Gustafson has sung in our Morningside Sings! concerts. Leo began on November 15. We look forward to introducing him to the church in a formal way soon!



## NEW MEMBERS

On Sunday, November 20, the Session met and unanimously and joyfully welcomed four new members into the Morningside family! We are delighted to welcome **Jim and Beck McRae, Jane Ambler, and Brooke Ambler** into the church. We hope that you will get to know each of them in the coming weeks!

## HELP YOUR CHURCH FAMILY KNOW YOU!

Update your picture today!

Realm is our online platform where you can access the church directory, track your giving, pledge, and connect with other members. In order for members to find you, we need your help! If you haven't checked your profile recently, please logon [here](#). If your picture is out of date, your kids have grown, you've got a new haircut, you've gained or shed a few pounds, now is a great time to upload a new picture of yourself!



## WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! DECORATE FOR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

Help the MPC Flower Guild decorate our church for the Advent and Christmas Season! No experience or particular skill needed, just a willing heart and helping hands! Email **Georgia** for more information on specific times needed on Friday, December 2 and/or Friday, December 9.

## CHRISTMAS FLORAL TRIBUTES

Due 12/20

[Click here.](#)



Click the button above to submit your tribute by Tuesday, 12/20. Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10 payable by cash, check, or via **Realm** (choose "Christmas Tribute" in the drop-down menu). Please submit one form per tribute. Your tribute will appear in the bulletin, January's Month at a Glance, and on the prerecorded worship service on Christmas Day.



## Club 46

@morningsidepres

Attention 4th - 6th graders! Mark your calendars for the last Club 46 gathering of 2022 on **Friday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.** Stay tuned for details or contact Pastor Emma or Pastor Amanda.



# GLORY TO GOD HYMNAL DEDICATIONS

We dedicated our new hymnals on Sunday, November 27. Read below for some of the dedications. Maybe a hymnal was dedicated to you? This is your invitation to find it in the sanctuary.

## In honor of...

- Mollie Aumann
- Jack Aumann
- Jim & Jane Owen
- Jonathan Crutchfield
- Emma Neishloss
- Megan Reader
- Katie Owen Aumann
- Amanda Kemery
- Ava Arepally
- Walter Huff
- Debbie Loomis
- Leslie & Lloyd Prince
- The MPC Chancel Choir
- Mary Alyce Dunlap Cordell
- Shirley Thagard
- Taylor Morton
- Carolyn Morton
- Joanna Adams
- Julie Green
- Elizabeth C. Land
- Betsy, Jason, & Alex Holland
- Yuanyuan & Durf Humphries
- Cleo Ravenel Cait-Lewis
- MPC staff & choir
- Emmett Mashburn
- Maggie Mashburn
- Jean Ackroyd, for her 94th birthday
- Sarah & Richard Brownlee
- Louisa Grace Lowry
- Cindy Humphries
- Bill Humphries
- Shari Tant
- Greg Senf
- Mardee Rightmyer
- The Congregation of MPC

Sing with joy and humility whether the song is old or new, comforting or challenging, triumphant or contemplative!

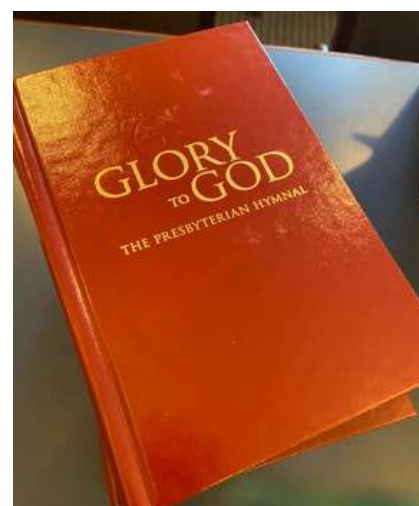
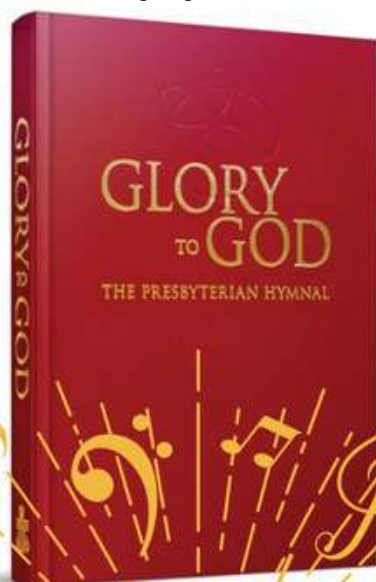
- Sophie Ryan
- Vanessa Ryan
- Bridget Ryan
- Jack & Annie McNeill
- Kait, Michael, & Louisa Lowry
- Lynn & Tom Daniel
- Barbara Ray
- Philip Hawkins
- The marriage of Austin & Douglas Davis-Selph
- Will King
- Wesley King
- McKell King
- Wren Trieu
- William & Anita McLarin
- Diane & Ron Easton
- Morningside's Music Ministry
- Rev. James Klotz
- Chloe & Lily Brod & Jenny Klotz Brod
- Michael Morgan, contributor of 11 hymns to this hymnal
- Kim Rockwood

Use your gift of song, of harmony, of weaving together instruments and voices as an offering to God of praise and thanksgiving!

# GLORY TO GOD

## In memory of...

- Marlie Ann Senf
- Harold E. Senf
- Nancy Frampton
- Hugh McNeill
- Robert Gray & Dale Glendening
- Pat Loos
- Catarina Athena Castruccio-Prince
- Virginia Evangeline Tucker Crutchfield
- Eleanor Baugher
- Dana Mitchell
- Edward Oliver Nix
- Barbara C. Nix
- Dr. Tracy Edwards Keller
- Pat Worley Dumbleton
- Arthur E. Sweum
- Megan Elizabeth McLarin
- Richard & Virginia McClintock
- Frieda Potter
- Gayle Jones
- Linda Vytal
- John Vytal
- Weyman Wesley "Mike" Dunlap, Sr.
- Charles W. Thagard
- Frank C. & Louise Hancock Hawkins
- James & Frieda Morton
- Jane Marx
- Ernest Humphries
- Lillie Mae Humphries
- Gay V. Land
- Robert & Georgia Klingbeil
- A. Jay & Evelyn Didrence
- Raymond & Elaine Johnson
- Edna Earle Warner





# PICTURES OF NOVEMBER



**MPC C.A.R.E. HIKE**

**2022 CHILI COOKOFF  
WINNER,  
DAVID TERRY**



**THANK YOU, RANDY**

**ICM GROCERY  
DELIVERY HELPERS**





# ONE GRAY HAIR GUEST, BEN BOSTICK



## ADVENT FESTIVAL





# MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

## SAVE-THE-DATE DAN FORREST PREMIER FEBRUARY 13, 2023



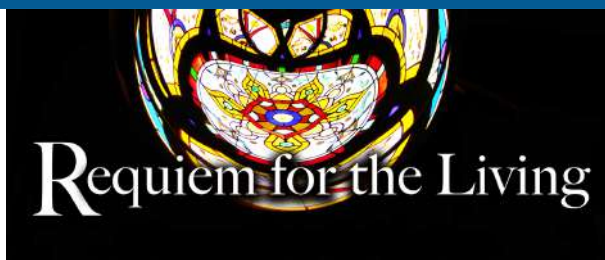
Mark your calendar for Monday, February 13 at 7 p.m. for a very special musical event. Composer Dan Forrest will accompany a mass women's choir - the women of Morningside Presbyterian's Chancel Choir, Vox Anima London, University of South Carolina's Women's Choir, Mercer University Women's Choir, and others - in a premier of the SSA version of *Lux: The Dawn from on High*. Click [here](#) to find out more about Dan Forrest.

The  
Nancy Frampton  
Rising Artists Series  
at Morningside  
Presbyterian Church



GET TICKETS  
[HERE](#)

After a successful inaugural 2022 season, the Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series announced their 2023 season with concerts featuring - Pianist Min Kwon; Mezzo-Soprano, Gabrielle Beteag; the CME Schubert Trio, and Double Bassist, Nina Bernat. For details about these artists, information on the concerts, and to purchase tickets, click [here](#).



## Requiem for the Living

### REQUIEM LIVESTREAM LINK

Click [here](#) to watch the livestream recording of the Sunday, November 6 performance of Dan Forrest's Requiem for the Living. Morningside and Central Presbyterian Church choirs combined together with orchestra to bring this moving musical offering as part of All Saints' Day remembrance of all those who have passed through this life into the next.

### CHRISTMAS WITH CORO VOCATI

Saturday, December 17  
7:00 p.m., MPC Sanctuary  
Christmas with Coro Vocati  
returns for a celebration of  
the season. The concert



will feature The Magnificat (Mary's Song), as well as carol arrangements by Elaine Hagenberg, Bob Chilcott, John Rutter, and others. Both choir and audience will participate! Please join for this inspirational musical offering. Click [here](#) for tickets.

merry christmas from your  MPC staff!



We are grateful for the glimmers of Christ's light that fill our lives as we journey together with you. This Christmas, may you find the hope, peace, joy, and love of Christ shining forth far brighter than even Rudolph's nose!

From the church offices to you - click [here](#) for "Merry Morningside" - a playlist of the MPC staff's favorite Christmas songs!

...and a happy  
new year!





# december birthdays

- 1 OLIVIA HUNTER
- 1 MELISSA LAWSON
- 4 AKIN ADAMS
- 4 ALYSSA DURDEN
- 5 ALLIE ROACH
- 5 COLLINS SLAYTON
- 6 TAMARA NIX
- 6 TED MCMAHAN
- 7 CHRISTOPHER CROWDER
- 7 CHARLOTTE HUNTER
- 7 GRIFFIN HUNTER
- 7 CAROLYN TERRY
- 7 EVA TERRY
- 9 DEREK MATTHEWS
- 9 CAROLINE NUCKOLS
- 10 TREY COOGLE
- 11 CALVIN YNTEMA
- 12 GINGER FLOYD
- 12 DIANNE JOHNSON
- 12 SHARON PACE
- 13 TONY MENEFEE
- 13 LINDA SWEUM
- 15 MEREDITH BELL
- 15 CHARLOTTE LOWERY
- 15 WILLIAMS LOWERY
- 17 PHIL REGNALT
- 18 BRYN GORMAN
- 18 LEAH GORMAN
- 20 BELLE O'BRIEN
- 20 CHARLIE STEWART
- 23 ALI HOWELL
- 24 CLAIRE BURKE
- 25 BRIDGET RYAN
- 27 ANNA NUCKOLS
- 27 BROOKS NUCKOLS
- 30 MARGARET LORING
- 30 ANNIE MCNEILL
- 30 CAROLINE SLAYTON
- 30 ALLISON ZACCARDI
- 31 JOSEPH STEWART
- 31 MARY ULEP

## WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

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Monday, December 5; 6:30 p.m.

Join the Women's Roundtable annual Advent Gathering, where they'll discuss all things Advent and Christmas. Meet at Suzanne Macpherson's house and RSVP 6:30 p.m. to [Sarah](#).



Monday  
December 5  
6:30 p.m. to [Sarah](#).

## MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, December 10; 6:00 p.m.

This group meets at Sarah & Peter Chatel's home (1130 E. Rock Springs Rd. NE, 30306). Email [Kathy](#) for more info!



saturday, december 10 @ 6  
The Chatel Home



## THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, December 20; 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy holiday festivities at Joe Floyd's home (1546 Kings Xing, Stone Mtn 30087); spouses, partners, significant others welcome! RSVP to [Tom](#).

## holiday office hours

The office will be closed the week of December 26th.

The [office@morningsidepc.org](mailto:office@morningsidepc.org) email will be checked daily and staff will largely be working remotely. In case of pastoral emergencies, please contact Pastor Amanda at [amanda@morningsidepc.org](mailto:amanda@morningsidepc.org).





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

# SERVE TOGETHER

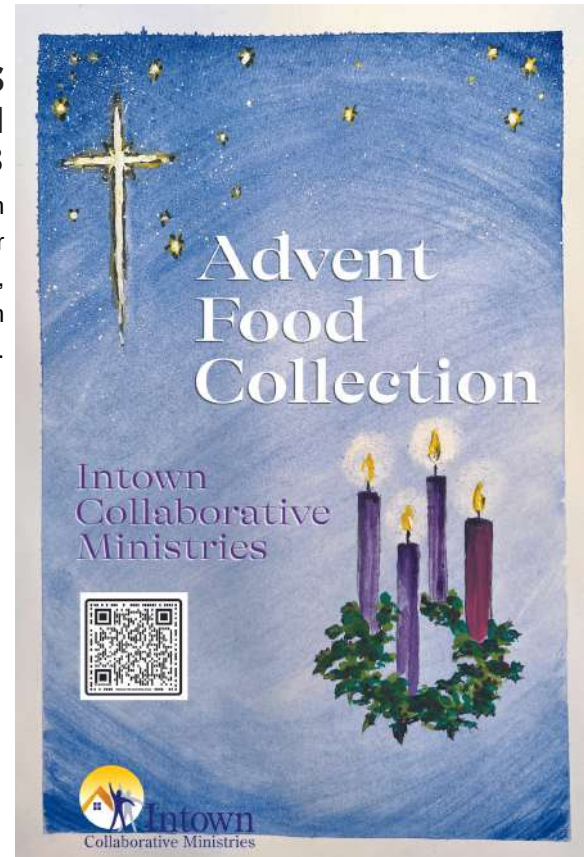
"Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone."

- Charles M. Schultz

## INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION

Sunday, November 28 - Sunday, December 18

Morningside Presbyterian is collecting food for Intown Collaborative Ministries' food pantry throughout Advent. Place your donations of canned proteins, cereal, canned fruits and veggies, rice and pasta, and shelf-stable milk in the big blue collection barrel at church. Click [here](#) to order from ICM's Amazon WishList.



## HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS



Intown  
Collaborative Ministries

- Click [here](#) to volunteer at ICM
- Click [here](#) for a list of 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
- Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food Pantry through their [Amazon Wish List](#).

## TUTORING

A Meet and Greet with our new student mentees will be **Wednesday, December 14 at 11:00 a.m.** to help us prepare for our first tutoring day. Dobbs is using a new reading phonics system called



**Foundations.** We will use this system with all our students, and we'll be trained in using it after we meet them. Stay tuned for details and contact [Bill Means](#) if you would like to participate.



## ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE

Saturday, January 21, 2023

9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for MPC's Annual Day of Service at Dobbs

Elementary for an intergenerational family friendly workday, where we'll be painting the halls inside the school. A continental breakfast, snacks, and a pizza lunch will be provided. Bring rollers and trim brushes. Sign up [here](#). For more info contact [Jack](#) or [Lloyd](#).



## MPC MISSION TRIP 2023

Our Family Mission trip will be during the President's Day holiday in 2023. We will serve the Thornwell Children's Home in Clinton, SC, helping with projects at LushAcres Farm, a fully working 340-acre farm, and volunteering with Thornwell's children and family programs. We will stay on Thornwell's campus, arriving on Sunday, February 19, and working through Tuesday, February 21, with the option to depart Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning. All ages are welcome! Contact Mission Trip Shepherd [Kasey Libby](#) for more info. Click [here](#) to sign up.

## NICHOLAS HOUSE DINNER

Tuesday, December 20

Join Children's Ministry on December 20 to serve dinner to the families of Nicholas House. We will be serving 50 residents (and sharing dinner with them) so we will need ample food!

Kitchen prep begins at 5:30pm with dinner service to follow. This is an all ages event!. We're looking for around 20 kitchen volunteers and A LOT of folks to provide food. Click [here](#) to help! Contact [Katy](#) with questions or more info.





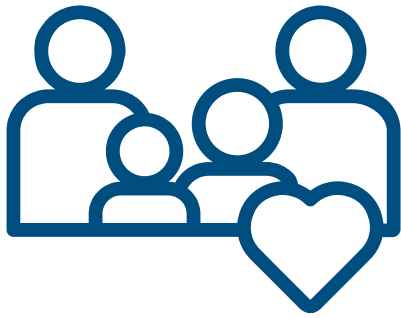


## SUCCESS TO SHARE

Tony A. gained full-time employment with Georgia Pacific and acquired stable housing.

## CLIFTON WISHLIST

Check out Clifton's [Amazon Wishlist](#) to help the gentlemen who stay at the shelter.



## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

by Holly Campbell

Good news to report! Some of you know that we have very concerned about Adil, the Emran family's three year old's health. The doctors at Children's Hospital suspected he had a very serious, potentially life-threatening genetic blood disease. But further testing found that he does not have the disease and everyone is so thankful! He does have a less serious genetic blood disease but it is manageable. He will undergo further genetic testing in 2023.



Nameeya is still attending Mommy and Me English classes with Adil and they are both noticeably improving their comprehension and speaking. Muzill, the six year old, is also progressing well in school with his English and likes to speak it at home much to the consternation of his parents. Refugee families prefer to speak only their native language in the home so that the children don't lose the ability to speak it.



## KENDEDA BUILDING FIELD TRIP

On October 21, the MPC CARE committee organized a field trip to the Kendeda Building on the Georgia Tech campus. The Kendeda fund was founded in 1993 by Diana Latow Blank and is named after her three children, Kenny, Dena, and Danielle. Click [here](#) to read Joe Ballay's musings on the field trip.



## CHARM VISIT by Jeanne McCarthy

On Tuesday, November 15th, our MPC C.A.R.E. team visited CHaRM (Center for Hard to Recycle Materials), which is a drop-off facility that accepts single-stream items that cannot be recycled by our curbside recycling. CHaRM diverts thousands of pounds of household hazardous waste and other hard-to-recycle materials from Metro-Atlanta landfills and water systems.



We learned so much! For example: did you know that if you put glass in your curbside recycling it will go to the landfill!!! Better to take it to CHaRM or a specific glass recycling location! Please save your hard to recycle materials and take them to CHaRM – it is our Atlanta to care for and cherish. Click [here](#) to visit CHaRM's website. Remember - you'll need to make an appointment for a drop off! PS - Ask Sandy or Jerry Mashburn what they are holding!!





SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <h1 style="font-size: 4em; color: green; text-shadow: 2px 2px 0px #000;">DECEMBER</h1>				1 <b>12</b> Centering Prayer <b>4</b> Tai Chi <b>7</b> Deacons Meeting	2 <b>9:30</b> Advent Decorating	3 <b>3</b> Diener Rehearsal <b>7</b> LGBT & Friends Christmas Party
4 <b>Advent 2</b> <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>11</b> Worship & Moravian Love Feast <b>6</b> Youth Group	5 <b>9</b> Partner with the Preacher <b>6:30</b> Women's Roundtable	6 <b>Runoff Election</b> <b>1:30</b> Staff meeting	7 <b>4:30</b> Children's Pageant Dress Rehearsal <b>6:30</b> Children's Choir <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir	8 <b>12</b> Centering Prayer <b>4</b> Tai Chi	9 <b>9:30</b> Advent Decorating	10 <b>6</b> MPC Couples & Friends
11 <b>Advent 3</b> <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>11</b> Worship & Children's Pageant <b>12</b> Fellowship <b>6</b> Youth Group	12 <b>9</b> Partner with the Preacher	13 <b>10:15</b> ICM Grocery Delivery <b>11:30</b> MPC Staff Christmas Lunch <b>1:30</b> Staff meeting <b>7:30</b> Handbell Choir	14 <b>11</b> Dobbs Meet & Greet <b>5:30</b> MPC Kids! Fellowship (1st-5th) <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir	15 <b>12</b> Centering Prayer <b>4</b> Tai Chi	16 <b>5:30</b> Club 46	17 <b>7</b> Coro Vocati Concert
18 <b>Advent 4</b> <b>9:45</b> Sunday School <b>11</b> Worship with Handbells	19 <b>9</b> Partner with the Preacher <b>7</b> Session Meeting	20 <b>1:30</b> Staff meeting <b>5:30</b> Nicholas House Dinner <b>7</b> Theology on Tap Christmas Party <b>7:30</b> Handbell Choir	21 <b>5:30</b> Christmas Caroling <b>7:30</b> Chancel Choir	22 <b>12</b> Centering Prayer <b>4</b> Tai Chi	23	24 <b>Christmas Eve</b> <b>4</b> Family-Friendly Lessons & Carols <b>8</b> Traditional Lessons & Carols
25 <b>Christmas</b> <b>11</b> Online Worship	26 <b>Office Closed</b>	27 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>10:15</b> ICM Grocery Delivery <b>1:30</b> Staff meeting	28 <b>Office Closed</b>	29 <b>Office Closed</b> <b>4</b> Tai Chi	30 <b>Office Closed</b>	31 