

MONTH AT A GLANCE

DEAR SIBLINGS IN CHRIST,

January was a quiet month programmatically but behind the scenes the wheels were in motion for an exciting year at Morningside! The Session has stepped into the new year approving a budget to steward our resources toward supporting our growing community and expanding our reach in mission. Here are two take-aways that I want to celebrate with you:

#1: YOUR GENEROSITY IS ASTOUNDING

When the Commitment team asked you to step up in faith this past year, your generosity poured out for our most successful commitment season in more than 5 years. Both in giving above and beyond your pledge for 2021 and in your commitment to our ministry together in 2022, your generous spirit is a gift. Perhaps we don't say it enough but the engagement and gifts of every member of every size and shape are what enable us to live into our call as a church. We even have some children who are learning generosity with a \$50 annual pledge to the church! Even beyond your financial gifts, you continue to blow me away with your generosity toward the church and one another. I hear about folks who delivered meals to someone with Covid or who voluntarily helped clean out church closets or who stepped up to fill a need. Just the list of volunteers to make worship happen every week is significant and you serve with joy.

#2: WE'RE AT A TIME OF GREAT OPPORTUNITY

This season of disruption has invited us into a time of dreaming and reimagining what our priorities are as a church. As we long to be together, one of the top priorities is to reconnect with one another in meaningful and fun ways. Those connection points happen at the individual level. Who is someone you haven't seen in a while? Is there someone you know whose experience of the pandemic has left them isolated and longing for community? Text them or call them and invite them to an upcoming service day or the Shrove Tuesday pancake supper or worship!

Beyond connection, however, the focus on becoming a Matthew 25 congregation opens the door for us to expand how we make our community a closer vision of the kingdom of heaven on earth. This season of discernment invites us all to think about who the "least of these" are in our community and how we might grow our understanding of mission to "be with" and "be for" those on the margins. If you're interested in being a part of this discernment and imagining, please let me know!

I am incredibly hopeful about how God will continue to lead and guide us in the coming year!

**WITH COURAGE & HOPE,
PASTOR KATIE**



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING & YOUTH SUNDAY

Sunday, February 13 @ 11:00 am

Souper Bowl of Caring returns on February 13. As a part of Youth Sunday, MPC's youth will be collecting money for our mission partner, Intown Collaborative Ministries. For over 30 years, the Souper Bowl of Caring movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 13 @ noon

Save the date for the annual congregational meeting! We'll hear a report from the Session including details about the 2022 budget, vote on a change in bylaws regarding the size of Session and vote on recommended changes in Pastor Katie and Pastor Emma's terms of call. Email [Pastor Katie](mailto:PastorKatie@morningsidepc.org) if you would prefer to attend via ZOOM.

NEW MEMBER CLASS

February 6 & 13 @ 9:45 a.m.; Pastor Katie's Study
If you or someone you know is looking for a spiritual home, this is your chance! Join Pastor Katie and the Engagement team for a New Member's Class. For questions or more information, contact [Pastor Katie](#) or [Leslie Prince](#).

FAITH DEVELOPMENT "A MONSTROUS REGIMENT"

The title for this course comes from a work penned by our dear Presbyterian forefather, John Knox, who wrote "The Blast of the Trumpet against a Monstrous regiment of Women" in 1558. Our focus won't be on female monarchs, as John's was, but rather on the stories of two early church women: Perpetua and Thecla. Their stories are roughly contemporaneous with the New Testament Christian communities, and yet neither woman appears in the biblical canon. Sarah Bogue leads us in an exploration of these stories and we will see how early church women both test the boundaries of Christianity and also define the faith in new ways. This class meets in Room 201 on Sunday mornings at 9:45.

ADULT DEVOTIONAL

The Adult Devotional class is open to parents and all adults who want to reflect on the lectionary text for the week, check-in, and pray together. Meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings in the Session Room with Pastor Amanda.



YOU STEPPED UP IN FAITH!

Your generosity is astounding! The Commitment Team—led by Susan Oder and Hillery McNeill—is pleased to celebrate that you pledged \$778,570 for 2022. That is the most successful pledge campaign in more than five years. 135 households stepped up in faith to help us live out our call to be Christ's hands and feet of love from the heart of Morningside!

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN FEBRUARY

In February, we continue the "Where Were You When...?" *Becoming a Matthew 25 Church* sermon series. We explore together what it means for us to be present for those on the margins. Matthew 25 invites us to think about how we as a church respond to hunger, thirst, sickness, and injustice today by addressing systemic poverty and structural racism.

2/6 - 5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Communion

Mark 5:21-34, "What Does It Mean to Be Well?"
Pastor Katie, preaching

2/13 - 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Souper Bowl of Caring
Matthew 14:13-21, "Hunger"
Youth Sunday

2/20 - 7TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Acts 16:16-40, "Who Set Who Free?"
Pastor Katie, preaching

2/27 - TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

Luke 9:28-36, "The Stranger"
Pastor Emma, preaching

LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

This Lent, we'll stand at the foot of the cross together and ask, "What is saving about the cross?" The cross is arguably the most recognizable symbol of the Christian faith, and yet, it's one that makes many of us uncomfortable and leaves us wondering: why did Jesus have to die in this way? How is there "life" to be found in this symbol of death? We'll begin Lent with the imposition of ashes on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and end at the foot of the cross waiting for resurrection on Easter.

SAVE-THE-DATE SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Tuesday, March 1
5:30-6:30



MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL



MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Tuesday, February 1

Registration for new families opens on Tuesday,
February 1. Registration will be online only at

www.mppkids.com.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

June 13-17, 2022

Register now for Discovery on Adventure Island at MPC! Campers will be guided on an exciting quest to find mysterious infinity lanterns to help light their way. On their quest, campers will venture through art, discovery, recreation, music, and storytelling stations. This year, we will also be offering optional extended hours from 12-3pm for all ages, including Adventure Mission Camp for 2nd-5th graders. Register [here](#) today to receive updates and additional information. If you can volunteer, click [here](#).



THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Many thanks to volunteers Joe Brady, Sarah and Richard Brownlee, and Nan Cunningham for assembling our Star Word postcards at the beginning of January.

Thank you to Joe Brady, Sarah and Richard Brownlee and Philip Hawkins for cleaning out the church kitchen and pantries. It was an enormous job and we appreciate all you do for MPC!

PROPOSED CHANGE IN BYLAWS

The Session has recommended a change in the bylaws of Morningside Presbyterian be considered and voted upon at the upcoming annual meeting. The bylaws currently stipulate "the congregation shall elect six elders for a term of service of three years or less if filling a vacancy." The recommendation coming from Session is that we change the size of each class from six elders to five elders, making the total Session 15 elders + 1 youth elder rather than 18.

The recommendation strives to accomplish 2 goals:

- To allow for a more efficient group of leaders able to set vision and strategic priorities for the church through faithful discernment together. The larger the body, the harder the work of listening and spiritual discernment is. Slight modifications in our Session structure are possible without compromising any of the ministry teams or priorities but allow greater nimbleness in our leadership to follow Christ.
- To allow the office of elder to be one way to serve among many without overstressing you as faithful members. We want elders to say yes to joyfully serving in this ordained capacity, but we also want each of you to be free to serve in a wide variety of ways. A slight change in the size of Session frees up our leaders for creative engagement and service in many capacities.

This recommendation comes after discussion and comparative research. Having looked at the size of Sessions at comparable-sized churches, this change seems to fit our particular need and align with other similar congregations.

Does this mean there's a problem? No! There are not many congregations that have maintained the kind of health--in growing membership, in giving, in engagement--that MPC has throughout the pandemic. This is a strategic recommendation to help us move forward with energy and hope.



Morningside

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart. -HOWARD THURMAN (1899-1981)



MUSIC@MORNINGSIDE

Many thanks to the Wingert family, Sheryl, David, John, Adena Brumer, and Sam Wingert, as well as Michael Morgan, guest organist, for leading us in worship and giving us the healing gift of music on Sunday, December 26 for the Service for Wholeness & Healing.



HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

MPC is thrilled to host the choir from **Maryville College**! After two years of not touring, these students are so excited to share their talents and hard work with us. They will be providing the music for worship on Sunday, March 13. We're looking for folks to host students overnight on Saturday. If you're interested in hosting 2 or more students, contact [Pastor Emma](#).



Created in honor of the late Atlanta arts enthusiast Nancy Walker Frampton, **The Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series** is a new concert program highlighting the next generation of classical music stars. Beginning with three concerts in 2022, the series aims to bring exciting new talent to Atlanta audiences from a variety of performance genres. The inaugural season will feature three solo artists. Future seasons will likely include soloists, chamber groups, and instrumental ensembles. All concerts will take place at Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.



AN EVENING WITH COLOMBIAN TENOR DAVID RIVERA BOZÓN

April 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. - *Tickets available soon.*

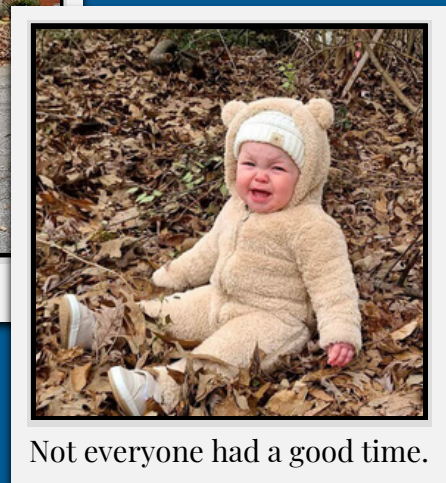
International Colombian tenor **David Rivera Bozón** brings more than sixteen years of experience in music performing to Atlanta in April 2022. A veteran of both operatic and stage works, Bozón's favorite performances include Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*, Beethoven's *9th Symphony*, and Einhorn's *Voices of Light*. He focuses his varied career on sharing his voice and joy of singing with different latitudes and communities - from big theaters to intimate gatherings, to flash mobs in public spaces.

With a passion for Spanish chamber works, Bozón's repertoire includes Ramirez' *La Misa Criolla*, Falla's *Siete Canciones Populares Españolas*, Ginastera's *Cantos del Tucumán* and *Cinco Canciones Populares Argentinas*. A graduate of both the New England Conservatory of Music and the National University of Colombia Conservatory, Bozón won the 2021 Latin American and Iberian Art Song Challenge and was a two-time finalist in the Talents of the World, Inc. Voice Competition.

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries



Memorial Drive Ministries



Not everyone had a good time.



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Journey Together

february birthdays

1 FIONA HARRIS
2 TOM DANIEL
3 EMMETT ROACH
5 KIRK ADAMS
5 ALEX PAGE
6 WILL BARNETTE
7 WILLIAM KITCHENS
9 NANCY COLLINS
9 LESLIE GRANT
11 HEATHER REGNAULT
11 LAWTON WILLIAMS
12 GWYN BRADY
12 WHITNEY FOWLER
12 DOMENICK TRESCHITTA
12 FINLEY WATTS
14 MICHAEL PITTMAN
17 LIZA BURKE
18 LEO LIBBY
19 JENNIE STOCKSTILL
20 EMMETT MASHBURN
20 LIZ MILLS
21 ELAINE WILMER
22 LIB BOGGS
23 PRESTON BARNETTE
24 GEORGIA MARSHALL
24 ELLIE SPEARS
27 CURT BARRETT
28 BETH BAER
29 NAN CUNNINGHAM

MISSING BIRTHDAY?

If your name is missing from our monthly birthday list, send [Megan](#) an email with the day, month, and year of your birth. She'll add it to your Realm profile to make sure your name is included in the future. Don't worry, she won't share your age!



LGBT & FRIENDS

This group will meet quarterly this year. Stay tuned to our other communications for details on dates, location and program information for future gatherings. Contact [Michael](#) for more details.

MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, February 12; 7:00 p.m.
This group will gather for dinner al fresco, weather-permitting on the Chatel's heated back porch (1150 E Rock Springs Rd NE, 30306). Come enjoy one another's company and conversation. RSVP to [Kathy](#) and for more information.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, February 15; 7:00 p.m..
Grab your favorite brew and join the discussion with Lloyd Prince of "What does an airline dispatcher really do? Contact [Lloyd](#) for more details.

ONE GRAY HAIR

Wednesday, February 16; 12 noon
One Gray Hair will meet at noon on Wednesday, February 16. We will enjoy lunch together in Fellowship Hall if Covid levels permit. If we are unable to have lunch, we will still plan to look at memorabilia from the church archives to identify items for possible inclusion and display at the celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of MPC. It is just around the corner! RSVP to [Sarah](#).

RHO READERS ZOOM

Sunday, February 20; 12 noon
The RHO Readers book for February is *How Veronica Saved the Penguins* by Hazel Prior. Eighty-five-year-old Veronica McCreedy is estranged from her family and wants to find a worthwhile cause to which to leave her fortune. When she sees a documentary about penguins being studied in Antarctica, she tells the scientists she's coming to visit - and won't take no for an answer. Veronica learns what family, love, and connection are all about. Contact [Jill](#) for the Zoom link.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, February 28; 7:00 p.m.
All are welcome to join the Women's Roundtable via Zoom on Monday, February 28 at 7pm. Stay tuned for program information. Email [Pastor Emma](#) to get the Zoom link.



MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

SERVE TOGETHER

*"Everyone can be great
because everyone can serve."*

- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Researched &
compiled
by Jill Klotz

MPC MLK WORKDAY

Fifteen Morningsiders volunteered at **Clifton** on Saturday, January 15 as part of our annual family-friendly MLK Weekend workday. Tons of leaves were raked and a happy neighbor hauled them all away for his garden! A week's worth of sandwiches was also made for the guys at Clifton.



Nine Morningsiders volunteered at **Memorial Drive Ministries** for MPC's MLK workday. The playground equipment was cleaned and tidied and fresh mulch was put down. The MDM Preschool kids now have a great place to play!



A battered and dented cross was recovered from First Presbyterian Church in Mayfield, Kentucky on December 24, 2021 after the tornados.

(photo by Ryan C. Hermens, Lexington herald-leader)

KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF UPDATE

The MPC mission committee sent \$1000 for tornado relief in Kentucky after the tornados. If you would like to donate, click [here](#). Many thanks to **David Cox** for organizing a goods collection for KY tornado relief.



CLIFTON
SANCTUARY
MINISTRIES

SUCCESSES TO SHARE

MARCO H. - STABLE HOUSING
TORRENCE P. - FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
THARPE L. - FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
CHARLES B. - FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT
RICKY H. - ENROLLED IN LIVING MANAGEMENT CLASSES AT GENESIS

We would like to welcome **Jen James** to the **Dobbs Elementary** team. Leslie Prince and Jen will be supporting the faculty, staff, and students with special events and collections. Contact [Jen](#) or [Leslie](#) if you would like to be on the team.

CLOTHING DONATION OPPORTUNITY

The **Shop of Hope** is sending out an urgent plea for winter clothes.

They need the following:

-kids' winter clothes: sizes 3t to 16 (no coats, needed at this time.)

- Men's winter clothes: small/medium-frame men: Small and medium shirts, coats, pants (waist sizes 30, 31, 32, 33, and 34).

- Men's shoes: sizes 8, 8.5, and 9.

Please drop off these items *only* at the Shop of Hope:

2305 Parklake Drive, NE, Atlanta, GA 30345

between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm

Monday through Friday.



A MEAL TO REMEMBER

Mark your calendars for Friday, February 18th at the Chattahoochee Food Works for **TASTE**- Presented by **Meals On Wheels Atlanta**! This incredible evening will feature unlimited tastes from over 20 food vendors, an open bar with signature drinks, and sounds from DJ Jazzy T.

Tickets are on sale now, and for a limited time, you can use the code: **FIRSTTASTE** for \$25 off your order. All proceeds benefit our Home-Delivered Meals program. purchase tickets [here](#).



GIFTS FOR EVERY VALENTINE



**JUST
BAKERY**

MOWA Meals On Wheels Atlanta

Show your love and appreciation for those who make every day special with purposeful gourmet foods' limited-edition Purposeful Valentine's gift boxes - proceeds benefit Meals on Wheels Atlanta.

Each box is filled with our decadent Georgia-grown gourmet pecans, tasty local treats, and provides a week of nourishing meals for our senior neighbors facing hunger through **Meals on Wheels Atlanta**.

Click [here](#) to order.



Support **Just Bakery**, a nonprofit that provides paid job training, professional certification, and living wage work in partnership with our neighbors who resettled as refugees. Click [here](#) to order and select neighborhood pick-up from one of your MPC friends (\$25 order minimum). Orders are due at noon the day before the desired pick-up day.

-1st Fridays: the Jensens (1419 McLendon Ave NE, 30307) Candler Park neighborhood

-3rd Tuesday: the Brownlees (1046 Bellvue Dr NE, 30306) Morningside neighborhood

-3rd Friday: the Green/Rightmyers (2707 Pharr Rd NE, 303017) Oakhurst neighborhood

Click [here](#) for Just Bakery's **Valentine's Pre-Order**; order due by Monday, February 7.



REFUGEE FAMILY WELCOMED!

On January 13, **Six Star** welcomed our new Afghan refugee family, **the Emraans**, to their new apartment in Clarkston. Morningside, St. Luke's, St. Andrew's, Pleasant Hill Presbyterian churches and representatives of two other Presbyterian congregations that make up "Six Star", furnished the apartment with donations from church members and turned an empty apartment into a cozy home. The family was very happy, having been housed in a Marietta extended stay motel for 2 1/2 months. The family is composed of the father, Ashaqlah (29), mother, Nameya (35), Mozel (5) and Adil (2). The family is here on a Humanitarian Parolee Visa. This is the visa that covers the majority of Afghans that were evacuated at the Kabul Airport in late August of last year, who did not have a formal connection with our military.



Six Star is beginning to organize teams in each church to help with the tasks that we will be responsible for in resettling this family. The main areas of assistance will be in transportation and education, but also financial planning and job support. Transportation will include grocery shopping, health care appointments, etc. Education will include reading and simple English lessons for the children and Nameya. The father, Ashquallah, speaks English but will also need reading lessons as his literacy level is unclear. Once they have a computer, some these activities can be done online. Please contact **Holly Campbell** at **404-435-0767** or email at hollycampbell@gmail.com if you are interested in participating in any activities or have any questions about how you can help this family settle into their new lives.

"BEDDING IN A BAG" DONATION DRIVE!

To benefit the Welcome Co-Op and newly arrived refugee families, especially from Afghanistan

STEP 1: FOR TWIN AND FULL MATTRESSES ONLY, PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE!): A FITTED SHEET, A FLAT SHEET, A COMFORTER, A PILLOW CASE

STEP 2: PACK THESE ITEMS ALL TOGETHER INTO A BAG OR BOX

STEP 3: DELIVER ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH BETWEEN 3:30PM AND 5:30PM TO 5140 MEMORIAL DRIVE 30083

Please plan to stay in your car, wear your mask, and watch your distance when dropping these items off. Thank you for standing with refugees & supporting our community!



20th-century contemplative Howard Thurman experienced the unity of God's presence through nature. He reflected:

The earth beneath my feet is the great womb out of which the life upon which my body depends comes in utter abundance. There is at work in the soil a mystery by which the death of one seed is reborn a thousandfold in newness of life. The magic of wind, sun and rain creates a climate that nourishes every living thing. It is law, and more than law; it is order, and more than order—there is a brooding tenderness out of which it all comes. In the contemplation of the earth, I know that I am surrounded by the love of God.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Volunteers are needed to sort food into bags at the pantry Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. All volunteers must be at least 11 years of age. All volunteers 11-15 years of age need to be signed up with a chaperone.

All volunteer positions are subject to change based on the needs of the pantry that day.

Friday volunteers will be dedicated to receiving and processing donations, as well as receiving Foodbank orders. This will not be a client-focused opportunity.

Click [here](#) for more information and to sign up for volunteer opportunities. You can also contact MPC's ICM shepherds, [Nancy Collins](#) and [Sophie Ryan](#).



Our **Advent food collection for ICM** was a **HUGE** success and **555 lbs** of food was donated. Many thanks to MPP for their joint participation!

If you'd like to donate food to ICM, click [here](#) to find out the current, specific needs of the Food Pantry. Donations may be delivered directly to the Food Pantry at McIver Hall behind Druid Hills Presbyterian Church (1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306, entrance on St. Charles Ave). Donations are accepted Fridays from 9 am - 12 pm.

February 2022

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