

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Peter Forbes, a photographer and storyteller wrote, "Stories create community, enable us to see through the eyes of other people, and open us to the claims of others." At our January Session meeting in which we prepared the budget for 2023, I shared with the Session that our life together as a church is shaped by all kinds of stories. In particular, we are shaped by four stories that impact the way we see the world, the church, ourselves and God.

The Story of our Phones: With never-ending alerts, we are shaped by the news—both personal and worldly—that comes across our phones each day. The stories we receive through our phones impact how we are connected to those around us and whether we find hope or despair. These stories though often hold us at a distance from one another.

The Story of Numbers: We are shaped as well by the story of our budget reports. As we pay the bills each month, how and where we spend money tells a story about what we value, and the same is true for the church. Our church budget tells a story of deep generosity and faithfulness, of commitment to mission and to the formation of children and youth, of valuing worship that inspires us to serve and opportunities for connection. At MPC, this is presently a story of God's abundance.

The Story of our People: Numbers don't tell it all though, and the story of the people is where the story of our congregation comes to life. In the story of our people, we share the ways that God is at work in our lives through care shown to one another through flowers and cards and meal trains and hugs, through ways that we serve together at Dobbs and MDM and ICM, through the ways God's Word in worship calls us to deeper commitment to justice and love of neighbor. Each of our particular stories is bound up in our story together as Morningside Presbyterian.

But last and most importantly is God's story: God's story is bigger than just Morningside. It's the story that says that "God so loved the world," and called us to "let the little children come," and said that "whenever you do unto the least of these you have done it to me," and ultimately said, "Go and make disciples, and lo I am with you always, even to the end of the age." That story of God's love, welcome, call, and faithfulness is the story that ultimately shapes us, who we want to be as a church, what our mission is, and how we choose to spend our money as a result.

As we Journey Together this month, my invitation to you is to consider which story is guiding you. How will you engage in the life of Morningside so that God's story can be an ever-present part of your story? This month and this MAG are full of ways to hear that story and to see it come to life in fellowship, special events, meals together, opportunities to serve, music and more!

PEACE, PASTOR KATIE

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN FEBRUARY

Just Say the Words Sermon Series

"What If?" Pastor Katie, preaching 2/5
Exodus 3 & 4

Communion & New Member Introductions
Annual Congregational Meeting following

2/12 Youth Sunday "I love myself."
Handbell Special Music
Souper Bowl of Caring Offering



Transfiguration Sunday 2/19
Matthew 17:1-9
Pastor Katie, preaching
Scout Sunday

Forgiveness Lenten Sermon Series

Every week in worship, we hear God's words of grace: "In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." It is simple, true, and powerful, and yet real forgiveness is hard work. This Lent, we dive into what forgiveness means, what is required of us, how we extend it and receive it, and most especially how God's forgiveness through Christ transforms us. If you've ever wrestled with when, how, or whether to forgive someone, this series is for you.

2/22 Ash Wednesday Service
Psalm 51
Pastor Katie, preaching



What is forgiveness? 1st Sunday in Lent 2/26
Leviticus 25
Pastor Emma, preaching
The Year of Jubilee



FELLINI'S FRIDAY

Friday, February 3; 6-8 pm
Grab a slice of pizza with your Morningside family Friday, February 3rd at a location near you! We'll have MPC members posted up at

the Fellini's on Lavista Rd (N Decatur), Howell Mill Rd (Buckhead), and Ponce de Leon (Midtown). NO RSVP required. This is a great chance to BE together! Questions? Email [Leslie Prince](mailto:Leslie.Prince@morningpres.org).

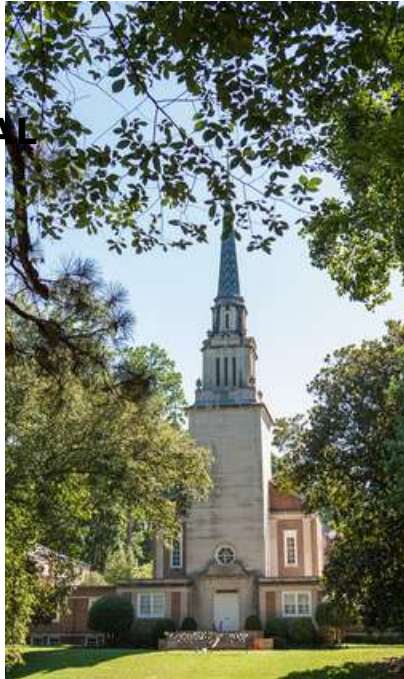


LAY READERS WANTED

Attention folks of all ages! If you are interested in serving MPC by being a lay reader, please email [Susan Oder](mailto:Susan.Oder). You'll be scheduled on a Sunday that works for you and be given full support and instructions on the process.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday, February 5
The Session has called our annual congregational meeting for Sunday, February 5 immediately following worship. Please plan to attend to hear a review of the year and to vote on changes in your pastors' terms of call.



BUILDING UPON THE PROMISE

2022 FINANCIAL YEAR-IN-REVIEW

God's abundance is reflected in your generosity. As we look back at 2022, we give thanks for your financial support of the church and for the financial management of your elders and staff that led to a good year for Morningside Pres. The 2022 end-of-year financials are below. In addition, we encourage you to come to the congregational meeting this Sunday, February 5 to hear greater detail for 2022 and highlights of the 2023 budget. A huge thanks to David Terry, Bobbie McCrackin, and Bill Humphries for their oversight and financial management this past year and for their work with the Session building a budget for 2023.

	ACTUAL 2022	BUDGET 2022
RECEIPTS	\$895,162	\$883,938
EXPENSES	\$877,854	\$892,220
NET SURPLUS	\$17,308	(\$8,282)



Monday, February 13; 7:30 pm
MPC Sanctuary

Composer Dan Forrest along with 100 women's voices from Morningside Presbyterian, University of South Carolina School of Music, Mercer University School of Music and Vox Anima Women's Chamber Choir-London present the Atlanta premier of Forrest's *LUX: Dawn From On High*. Click [here](#) to get your tickets! The director of Vox Anima, London, James Meaders, says, "This performance at Morningside Presbyterian Church brings together four choirs from the consortium of treble ensembles that supported Dan Forrest's creation of a SSAA version of his *LUX: The Dawn from on High*. Representing South Carolina, Georgia, and the United Kingdom, the 100-voice combined ensemble will perform the Atlanta premiere of this SSAA edition of LUX and will collaborate with the composer at the piano. Jonathan Crutchfield says: "Premiering a work always is exciting. To do so with the composer not only attending but playing piano for his own work is true gift." You will not want to miss this event!

LENT @ MPC

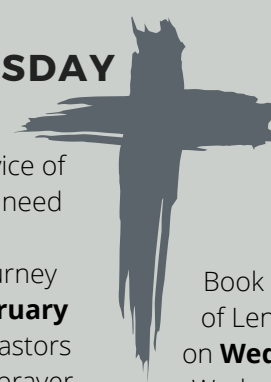


SHROVE SUNDAY SUPPER

Our annual event is moving from Tuesday to Sunday this year. Celebrate the start of Lent with a festive brunch on **Sunday, February 26**. Waffle House is catering and the Magic Man will be here to perform for the kids. The event begins immediately after worship at **12 pm**. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Join us for a brief service of contemplation of our need for forgiveness, which begins our Lenten journey on **Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm**. The pastors will be at stations for prayer and imposing ashes on foreheads or hands as we reflect on God's mercy for all humanity.



BOOK STUDY

Book Study returns for the 6 weeks of Lent with Pastor Emma on Zoom on **Wednesdays at 7 pm**, beginning Wednesday, March 1. Stay tuned for specific book information.



Sunday School

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Evangelism: Cringe-worthy or Christian?

In this three-week series Pastor Amanda will lead us in exploring our relationship with evangelism and what it means for our call as Christians today. No advance

reading necessary. A resource list will be provided at the end of the series for personal exploration.

- 2/5: Evangelism: Cringe-worthy or Christian?
- 2/12: Evangelism and the Dying Church
- 2/19: Evangelism and the Expanding Church
- On 2/26, this class begins a 6-week book study on forgiveness to follow our Lenten journey.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Children's Choir rehearsals resumed on 1/25, but it's not too late to participate!

All are invited to come make a joyful noise with Ms. Amani and Mr. Jonathan.

If your child wants to participate in singing for worship on either March 12 or May 7, commit to the rehearsals preceding that date.

Come for a pizza dinner before rehearsal at 6 pm.



Club 46

@morningsidepres

Sunday, February 12

Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to an offsite *Mystery Destination* on Sunday, February 12 at 12:30 pm. RSVP to [Pastor Emma](#) or [Pastor Amanda](#).

LOVE & LOGIC PARENTING CLASS

March 1 - April 26

Wednesdays 5:30 - 7pm

Click [here](#) to register or email [Pastor Amanda](#).



Parenting the Love and Logic Way introduces parents to effective parenting skills and strategies that emphasize the elimination of power struggles with their children. The skills are effective with children of any age and serve to give parents the skills and confidence they need to find greater enjoyment in their parenting. Parents who want their children to become self-confident, motivated, and ready for the real world and who want to establish healthy control without resorting to anger, threats, nagging, or exhausting power struggles will find the *Parenting the Love and Logic Way* classes immediately useful.

Course Facilitator: Ellen Carrington. For more information about the Love and Logic Institute and their many parenting resources, visit www.loveandlogic.com. **Course Dates:** Consecutive Wednesdays from 5:30-7:00 pm beginning March 1 and ending April 26th (*no class April 5, 12, 19*). **Cost:** \$195 per person, \$285 per couple.

HYMN MADNESS

WHAT HYMN WILL WIN THE TOURNEY?

THIS MARCH, WE'LL PUT YOUR FAVORITE HYMNS HEAD-TO-HEAD TO SEE WHICH IS THE CONGREGATIONAL FAVORITE!

Submit your favorite hymn today. Top contenders will make the bracket and the winner will be revealed after Easter!

Submit your favorite hymn [here](#).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



HERO HOTLINE!

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

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.

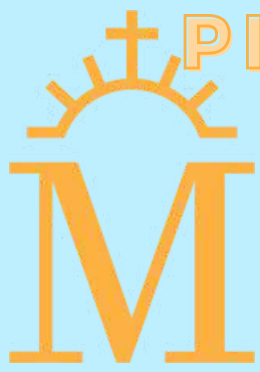
Click [here](#) to register your camper!
Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer!

SAVE-THE-DATE ALL-CHURCH PICNIC SATURDAY, MARCH 18 MASON MILL PARK

More details to come...but for now, mark your calendar to "be together" and enjoy yard games, food, fun, and fellowship. In case of rain, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.



PICTURES OF JANUARY



ALL THINGS NEW

GRACE POSTER



STAR WORDS



MPC C.A.R.E. @ ONE GRAY HAIR



MIN KWON IN CONCERT



"HOPE IS FUELED BY ACTION"

The Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series at Morningside Presbyterian Church



DOBBS TUTORING RETURNS!





**MLK DAY @
MEMORIAL DRIVE**



PASTOR EMMA



CHAPLAIN OF THE DAY



CLICK [HERE](#) TO
WATCH PASTOR
EMMA'S HOMILY.



ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE @ DOBBS ELEMENTARY





Affinity Groups

MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, February 11;
5:00 pm

This group gathers at the home of Carolyn & Peter Cobb in Presbyterian Village (1919 N Creek Dr, Austell 30106). RSVP to [Kathy](#).



february birthdays

- 1 FIONA HARRIS
- 2 TOM DANIEL
- 2 JACK MCPHERSON
- 3 EMMETT ROACH
- 5 KIRK ADAMS
- 5 ALEX PAGE
- 7 WILLIAM KITCHENS
- 9 NANCY COLLINS
- 9 LESLIE GRANT
- 10 WILL LEWIS
- 11 HEATHER REGNAULT
- 12 GWYN BRADY
- 12 WHITNEY FOWLER
- 12 DOMENICK TRESCHITTA
- 14 MICHAEL PITTMAN
- 17 LIZA BURKE
- 18 LEO LIBBY
- 19 JENNY STOCKSTILL
- 20 EMMETT MASHBURN
- 20 LIZ MILLS
- 23 PRESTON BARNETTE
- 24 GEORGIA MARSHALL
- 24 ELLIE SPEARS
- 27 CURT BARRETT
- 28 BETH BAER
- 29 NAN CUNNINGHAM



RHO READERS

Sunday, February 19; 12:30 pm, Room 201

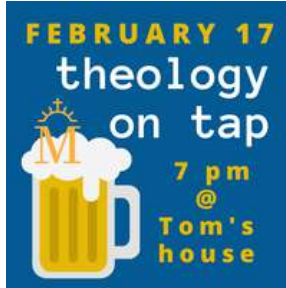
In recognition of Black History Month, RHO Readers is discussing *The Children* by David Halberstam. This book is a moving evocation of the early days of the civil rights movement, as seen thru the story of the

young people who met in the 60s & went on to lead the revolution. Refreshments provided. Contact [Jill](#) for more info.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, February 21; 7:00 p.m.

Gather at Tom Daniels' home (1681 Council Bluff Dr, 30345) for dinner and brews. Singer-songwriter, Josh Schicker, will be presenting on "Theology and Disappointment" through personal



reflections and songs. Disappointment is one of life's common experiences yet we all have unique journeys to deal with. Come walk the fine line between resignation and resilience, and enjoy some community. RSVP to [Tom](#).

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday
March 6
6:30 p.m.

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This group will not meet in February, but mark your calendars for the first Monday in March, 6. Meet at Lynn Young's home (277 The Prado NE). RSVP to [Sarah](#). Email [Cindy](#) if you can help by contributing food for dinner.



LGBT & FRIENDS UPDATE



This group will meet quarterly on the 2nd Thursday of the Month - March 9, June 8, September 14 and stay tuned for the Christmas Party details in early December. If you would like to host the group, have suggestions for topics for discussions or guest speakers, please contact [Michael Siedschlag](#).

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. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"When we give cheerfully and accept gratefully, everyone is blessed." - Maya Angelou

YOUTH @ Morningside

YOUTH SUNDAY & SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Sunday, February 12

Join us next Sunday for our annual Youth Sunday service. Our youth have been busy preparing to lead worship! Come have your spirit fed by the wonderful young leaders of our church. We'll also be taking up the annual Souper Bowl Caring Offering. Souper Bowl is a youth led movement that seeks to address food insecurity in local communities. All of the money our youth collect goes to Intown Collaborative Ministries.

ANNUAL DAY OF SERVICE AT DOBBS ELEMENTARY



On Saturday, January 21 **40 Morningsiders**, along with Dobbs staff members, painted hallways. Several Dobbs tutors also worked on STEM bulletin boards for the students to enjoy. Many thanks to Jack, Lloyd, Jen, and Leslie for organizing this wonderful event!



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

- 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](#).



ICM needs hand warmers, new or gently used hats, gloves, blankets, or coats for our neighbors living outside. Drop off any Tuesday, Friday, or Saturday from 9-noon at the donation table set up outside of McIver Hall (1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, 30306). Make sure to tell them you're from MPC!

ICM LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



The Lenten Food Drive for ICM begins on Ash Wednesday, 2/22 and ends on Maundy Thursday, 4/6. Bring your donations to the blue mission barrel in the church's Welcome Center or drop them off at ICM on the Druid Hills Presbyterian Church campus on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9-12. Ask them for a weight total and say that you are from Morningside at the time of drop off. Click [here](#) for a list of the ICM Pantry's Current Greatest Needs.

LESLIE PRINCE REPRESENTS CLIFTON SANCTUARY



Recently **Clifton Sanctuary** was highlighted on Scripps News. Board President, **Leslie Prince**, did an excellent job sharing about our ministry and about ways to help those who are experiencing homelessness. Our heart is behind this mission and the impact Clifton makes in so many lives is substantial. Given this platform to share about homelessness and resources that are available was definitely a blessing.

[Click to watch!](#)



MPC C.A.R.E. SURVEY

Our MPC C.A.R.E. Team (a.k.a. Green or Sustainability Team) wants to foster our congregation's love of creation and to be good stewards of the earth. We need to know what you think about sustainability and caring for the earth. Follow [this link](#) and respond to the questions – it will take no time! And you'll help us set priorities and plan for 2023. Please have each member of your household complete a survey. Thank you!

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF GIPL

GREEN TEAM SUMMIT

February 26, 2023
2-8 pm
Temple Sinai, Sandy Springs GA

Click [here](#) for more information about the Green Team Summit on February 26.



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!



UUCA VISIT Tuesday, February 7

The MPC C.A.R.E Team is taking a trip to the newly built UUCA (Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta), a new state of the art facility on February 7. The church has many of the eco-friendly components that make it a model for all churches. Enjoy a Mexican lunch with good friends at Taqueria del Vecino before our tour. The Church van will leave MPC at 12:15pm. Sign up [here](#).



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir 9 LUX Women's Rehearsal	2 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi	3 6 Fellini's Friday Lavista Road Howell Mill Road Ponce de Leon	4
5 Epiphany 5 9:45 Sunday School & New Member's Class 11 Worship/Communion 12 Annual Congregational Mtg 12:30 Worship & Arts Mtg 12:30 Deacons Mtg	6	7 11 Gentle Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 2 MPC C.A.R.E. UUCA Visit 7:30 Handbell Choir	8 11 Dobbs Tutoring 5:30 MPC Kids! Fellowship (1st-5th) 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir 9 LUX Women's Rehearsal	9 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi	10	11 9 Presbytery Mtg 2 Memorial Service for Michael Morgan at Central Pres 5 MPC Couples & Friends
12 Youth Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship 12 Fellowship 12:30 Club 46 (offsite) 5 LUX Dress Rehearsal	13 9 Partner with the Preacher 7:30 LUX Premier Concert	14 10:15 ICM Grocery Delivery 11 Gentle Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting	15 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir	16 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi	17	18
19 Transfiguration Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:30 RHO Readers <div style="background-color: #e91e63; color: white; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">MPC Mission Trip</div>	20	21 11 Gentle Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 7 Theology on Tap 7:30 Handbell Choir	22 Ash Wednesday 5:30 MPC Kids! Fellowship (2yo-K) 6:30 Ash Wednesday Service 	23 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi	24	25
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