

MONTH AT A GLANCE

DEAR SIBLINGS IN CHRIST,

Grace and peace to you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. It has been a summer of heat waves outside and political and social heat waves in our halls of power, and I have heard from so many of you whose hearts are weary as you look out at the world. And so my prayer, first and foremost, is for grace and peace in your own hearts and for our world.

As we think about how to engage as a people of faith in this time, I want to suggest three ways to be part of Christ's kingdom work together:

1) Engage in the life of this community through worship

We are formed as a people of God when we gather around God's word together, pray together, and reflect together. Sunday mornings are an opportunity for you to be fed by God's Word to go out into the world as people who reflect Christ's love. It is one of the most fundamental things that sets us apart in these days and shapes us for who God is calling us to be. (If you're traveling, the livestream is always available!)

2) Learn with us what it means to be a Matthew 25 church

Dr. King said, "The arc of the moral universe is long but it bends toward justice." While we would love a 'quick fix' to all of the strife we see in the world today from the economy to our social fabric, this work is long and requires prayerful resolve and partnership with Christ and one another. We are in a season of discernment and group learning about how we are called to love Christ by caring for the least of these as a Matthew 25 church. Join us this month for a book talk about the James Baldwin book, *You Mean It or You Don't* on July 10 or journey with us to the Center for Civil and Human Rights on July 24 for experiential learning. If you're away this summer, the Matthew 25 team has several books to suggest with a broader book list coming soon! As we engage in these efforts, we have the chance to think about our call as Christians and our unique call as Morningside Presbyterian to attend to issues of poverty, racism, and justice in a way that is authentic, repentant, and most of all reflective of Christ's love.

3) Connect across the generations

One of the greatest sources of hope is watching our children grow up to know and share the love of Christ because of how they have been loved here. Our many volunteers at VBS can testify to that! But alongside experiencing the hope of our children, our children and youth need to hear the stories of their elders--stories of love and of the pursuit of justice. One of the gifts of this church is that we are not afraid to attend to hard questions, but the richness of our responses comes from when we share our experiences with one another. Save-the-

date now for intergenerational fall kickoff on August 7 and for the intergenerational fall retreat to Montreat, October 14-16. We need one another in this time, so I encourage you to find ways to grow in relationship as we journey together!

WITH COURAGE FOR THE ROAD AHEAD, PASTOR KATIE

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN JULY



Our summer sermon series, *Scripture & Screen*, continues, pairing favorite TV episodes or movies with theological themes and scripture verses to highlight how faith manifests in pop culture.

- 7/3 *Designing Women*: "The First Day of the Last Decade of the Entire Twentieth Century" (Season 4, Ep. 13, Part 1 & 2)
Hebrews 11:1-12:2 (selected verses)
Pastor Amanda, preaching

- 7/10 *West Wing*: "Take This Sabbath Day" (Season 1, Ep. 14)
Exodus 20:1-13; John 8:1-11
Pastor Emma, preaching

- 7/17 *The Good Place*: Pilot (Season 1, Ep. 1)
Ephesians 2:4-9; John 8:1-11
Pastor Katie, preaching

- 7/24 *Friends*: "The One Where Phoebe Hates PBS" (Season 5, Ep. 4)
Matthew 6:1-4
Pastor Katie, preaching

- 7/31 *Moana*
Judges 6:11-23; Ephesians 4:1-3, 14-16
Pastor Emma, preaching



MATTHEW 25



**MATTHEW 25
LOCAL FIELD TRIP**

BOOK TALK WITH AUTHOR ADAM HOLLOWELL

Sunday, July 10; 1:00 p.m., Room 201

This new book invites us to move from conviction to action as we think about racial justice as people of faith. Adam will share reflections on the book and take time to sign copies. If you are interested in engaging on this topic as part of the Matthew 25 initiative, this is a conversation you won't want to miss!



CENTER FOR CIVIL & HUMAN RIGHTS

Sunday, July 24; 12:00 p.m.

Whether you have visited before or not, consider taking an afternoon trip to the museum together as a way to reflect on our history and engage in conversation about our call and role as Christians in working toward racial justice. We will attend together and reserve time to debrief afterward as a group. Open for all ages. RSVP to [Pastor Katie](#).

THE LEGACY MUSEUM From Enslavement to Mass Encarceration

Last week's trip to the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice was educational and thought-provoking, and truly opened my eyes to the horrors of the oppression inflicted upon our African American brothers and sisters. I consider myself to be well informed about the mistreatment of, and oppression inflicted upon, minorities in this country. However, this experience made me realize that I have seen these struggles through the filtered lens of my own whiteness. To say this was a moving experience is an understatement... I have been **changed**.

- Sandra Ward



Jay and I were stunned by our trip to the Legacy Museum and the National Memorial for Peace and Justice and glad we visited the two in the same day. While the Legacy Museum offers historical and social content, the memorial is a six-acre recognition of justice denied and the continued need for justice. Plan your visit for cooler weather and don't take children younger than twelve.

- Carol Senf



Quote from the Legacy Museum: "...hopelessness is the enemy of justice..."

It is so easy to give up – "it's too hard", "I don't have time", "I can't make a difference", "it's too big." Now is the time – take the first step, take another, take another – grab on to hope.

-Jeanne McCarthy



MEET OUR NEWEST CHURCH OFFICERS!



ELDERS

AMY JENSEN

Mission
Member since 2008

I have been inspired by the many leaders who have helped Morningside thrive during our years at the church, and I am excited for the opportunity to give back to this wonderful community. My hope is that our mission work can continue to grow and that it will be an important part of our Matthew 25 journey.



BOBBIE MCCRACKIN

Finance
Member since 1994

I said yes for several reasons: my abiding love for this church, its members, its deeply thoughtful approach to finding meaning for Christianity and Scripture in today's world; and its fantastic music tradition. I appreciate the direction we are moving—especially with our amazing staff as well as our strong children and youth programs and our commitment to serving the least among is in our communities. My hope that I can make a contribution to strengthening our capacity to make new and prospective members become engaged in our diverse activities. My hope for Morningside Presbyterian Church is that we can become the biggest and best small Presbyterian church in Atlanta.



BROOKS NUCKOLS

Youth Elder
Member since 2018

I said yes to serving as an elder because I have really loved the people I am surrounded with in youth group especially, and I am very excited to represent them. I hope that the church can be a community and a safe space for everyone to feel welcome.



ROB PAYNE

Human Resources
Member since 2011

Being an Elder is one way to give back to our Church which gives so much to so many. Morningside is a special place and it is exciting to be a part of its inner workings and future. My hope is that we will continue to grow in size and spirit. It's a unique time coming out of the pandemic to reconnect people to The Church and God's goodness. It's also a time in society when we can more than ever use peace and unity. The Church (Our Church) has a unique opportunity to encourage that - both internally with Members, and through Outreach.



DUNCAN SPEARS

Facilities
Member since 2007

I said yes to serving as an elder again because Morningside has been a consistent and important part of the growth of our children and family over these years. I (we) look at this service as privilege to contribute to a community we hold dear. Simply put, here I am.



TISH WOOLLEY

Youth
Member since 2009

I am honored and excited to be the Elder for the Youth Group and am looking forward to working with Emma! I said yes because I will have 2 kids in youth group this year and want to support Emma and the youth group! One hope I have for the church and youth group in particular is representing Jesus in the community and doing God's work helping others and showing our youth that God loves everyone!

DEACONS



CURT BARRETT

Member since 2009

Having been an MPC deacon before, I know how rewarding and gratifying it is to serve the congregation. Making new connections and strengthening old ones through "familial care" feeds my spirit and strengthens my love of this church.



CARLY DUBAY

Member since 2020

I said yes because I believe Jesus made us for community. The Spirit lives in us, and gives each of us a unique set of gifts and calls us to foster those for His good. For me, this was both a step of obedience and a step into what I care about most—making people feel welcome and engaging them where they feel spiritually energized and can use their gifts.



JANE MCRAE

Member since 2016

After hearing that I was nominated to serve as a deacon, I felt truly honored and humbled. My prayers were answered as I asked God to be used (other than musically) and become closer with the members at Morningside. I am excited to use my talents as a servant and caregiver to this wonderful church.

MYLES SMITH

Member since 2016



I said yes because I hope to give a unique perspective through the visual arts and encouraging creativity. My hope is MPC will further grow through creative engagement and diversity.

OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2022-2023

Jeff Peters (Elder)

Kim Rockwood (Elder)

Kimberly Williams (Deacon)

Sandra Ward

Peter Cobb

happy Father's day

IN MEMORY OF...

John B. McCarthy
by Jeanne McCarthy and Emilie Paille

Warren H. Johnson, Sr.
by Linda Marie Johnson

Frank Chambliss Hawkins
by Philip Hawkins

Brett Hamilton,
loving father of Ansly and Rafe
John Hamilton,
loving father of Brett and Lisa

William Kurt Aumann,
father to Wait Aumann and
Opa to Mollie and Jack

IN HONOR OF...

John David Hadden
William "Mac" McLarin
by Corinne McLarin

RHO READERS HYBRID

Sunday, July 17; 11:30 a.m.

Meet with other RHO Readers via Zoom.

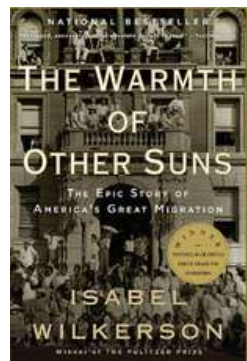
Contact [Jill](#) for the Zoom link.

RHO Readers July Book

*The Warmth of Other
Suns:*

*The Epic Story of
America's Great Migration
by Isabel Wilkerson*

In this epic, beautifully written masterwork, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author chronicles one of the great untold stories of American history: the decades-long migration of Black citizens who fled the South for northern and western cities, in search of a better life.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Our explorations on **Adventure Island** were epic! It was an amazing week of learning and fun. **Thank you** to all of our explorers who journeyed with us. Thank you especially to our staff and volunteers that gave their time to prepare for and to lead our explorers on the quest for God's great light. We are so grateful for this wonderful and vibrant community of faith!



MISSION CAMP

We had 13 campers come together with our MPC mission partners to learn about how we can serve our neighbors and be good stewards of our resources! Rising 3rd-6th graders served five special missions of our congregation.

- **Monday** - We took a hike with the MPC Cares team to learn about creation care and conservation while we picked up trash.
- **Tuesday** - Campers learned about Angels Among Us, an animal rescue that helps take animals out of shelters and place them in safe and loving foster homes. Campers crafted homemade dog treats and frozen pup-sicles to share with foster families.
- **Wednesday** - We helped spread mulch and prep the memorial garden for pavers at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. We really enjoyed learning about how their ministries are serving their clients experiencing homelessness.
- **Thursday** - We stretched the church van's legs with a trip out to Clarkston to visit Global Growers at Memorial Drive Ministries. We talked about refugees in our communities and the challenges and opportunities they navigate.
- **Friday** - Campers wrapped up the week in the food pantry at ICM. We had a roundtable discussion about cycles of poverty and also got to help pack grocery take-home bags and care kits from the pantry.



A huge shoutout to our campers, volunteers, and members of the MPC mission committee for making this amazing experience possible!



july birthdays

- 1 WILL GRANT
- 1 CINDY HUMPHRIES
- 1 DAVID TERRY
- 2 EMMA NEISHLOSS
- 2 CHARLES WOOLLEY
- 4 LISA LADDS
- 5 ANNA MARY SMITH
- 6 MARY HARDY CROMER
- 6 FRANK HOFBLAND
- 6 LEE ANNE SAPP
- 7 MAC BARNETTE
- 10 LAURA ULEP
- 11 ROLAND BEHM
- 12 SUSAN ODER
- 12 TOM ODER
- 14 ERIK SELNESS
- 13 MICHAEL SIEDSCHLAG
- 16 ANNA BRADWAY
- 17 LAURA COOGLE
- 17 CASEY DURDEN
- 17 HENRY HYLTON
- 18 SOPHIE RYAN
- 23 CAROLYN COBB
- 24 GRAHAM GORDON
- 24 DIXON SAPP
- 24 DOUG SCRIBNER
- 25 ANTHONY OWENS
- 26 JOHN DAVID HALL
- 27 CAMERON MCINTOSH
- 28 KIM NUCKOLS
- 30 DAVID BATCHELOR
- 30 LEIGH GOBBEL
- 31 PARKER KITCHENS
- 31 EMILEE TERRY

SAVE-THE-DATE

DIVE INTO KICK OFF SUNDAY!

**SUNDAY
MORNING
AUGUST 7**



MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

NANCY FRAMPTON RISING ARTIST SERIES ZIMRI STRING QUARTET

Saturday, July 23, 7:00 p.m.



The Nashville-based Zimri Quartet brings together the versatile talent of internationally recognized solo and chamber musicians: violinists Sarah Page and Charissa Leung, violist Tim Richardson, and cellist MaryGrace Bender.

The quartet of old and new friends formed when violinists Sarah and Charissa recently relocated to Nashville to perform with the Nashville Symphony. MaryGrace, Charissa, and Tim reconnected, all alumni of the Robert McDuffie Center at Mercer University. They eagerly welcomed Sarah and chose the name Zimri that means "my music, my praise" in Hebrew. Resident quartet of the Nashville Chamber Music Society, the four young artists seek to perform captivating programming with premier artistry.

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TO ENJOY A
PREVIEW!**



MORNINGSIDE SINGS! SAVE-THE-DATE(S)

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

Rehearsals are underway for our eighth annual Morningside Sings Fundraising Benefit - **Razzle Dazzle: Morningside Sings Hollywood's Award-Winning Musicals**. The production will feature songs from classic movies including *The Wizard of Oz*, *West Side Story*, *The Sound of Music*, *My Fair Lady*, *Mary Poppins*, *Les Misérables* and *Chicago*.

This intergenerational production features volunteer talents of more than forty singers, instrumentalists and designers, ages six through retirement, from Morningside's congregation and community.

Invite your friends and neighbors for this exciting fundraising benefit tradition.

CAPITOL CITY OPERA

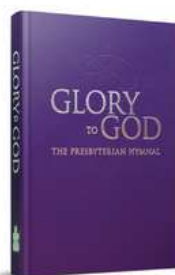


Friday, July 29, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 30, 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Buy your tickets now to experience Capitol City Opera's 29th annual fundraiser concert, *On the Light Side: Music of the Night, A Celebration of Andrew Lloyd Webber*. Doors open an hour before the show.



HYMN FESTIVAL SAVE-THE-DATE

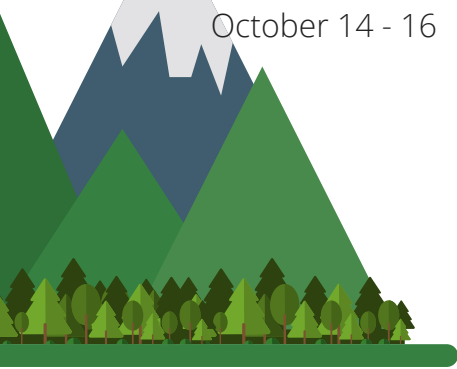
Saturday, September 10, 10 a.m.

Sunday, September 11, 2 p.m.

Mark your calendar for a weekend workshop and hymn festival with Mel Bringle.

MPC'S FALL RETREAT MONTREAT, NC

October 14 - 16



Keynote speaker, Rev. Michelle Thomas Bush, Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte, NC and trained enneagram facilitator 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!

Registration begins soon! Save-the-date!



MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."

- Proverbs 21:3

MPC C.A.R.E. LEN FOOTE HIKE INN

Only one room (two spots!) left for the hike and overnight stay for Morningside's Len Foote Hike Inn experience on Wednesday, July 27. The 5 mile easy-to-moderate path starts from the top of Amicalola Falls to end at Len Foote Hike Inn. The two-to-four hour journey crosses small streams, traverses scenic ridges and ambles through stands of mountain laurel and rhododendron. The Inn, open year round, is a sustainably designed Georgia State Park facility nestled in the Chattahoochee National Forest, just a few hours north of Atlanta. For more information and to sign up, click [here](#).



REBECCA'S TENT ANNUAL EVENT

Tuesday, July 19

Click [here](#) to support MPC's mission partner, Rebecca's Tent and enjoy an evening at the theater by attending their annual even on July 19. There will be a reception, refreshments, a silent auction, and a showing of *Square Blues*. All contributions go towards ending homelessness in Atlanta.

Rebecca's Tent is a women's shelter located on the Shearith Israel campus in Morningside. The MPC Mission Committee supports RT with grants and goods collections. RT was the first homeless shelter housed in a synagogue in the United States. For more information on this mission click [here](#).



SPREAD THE WORD!

Just Bakery had a break-in in June and their safe was stolen with close to \$5,000 of sales income inside. Restore JB's sense of safe(ty) by doubling up on your cookie order, meeting your friends at the JB food truck (repeatedly!), stopping by their table at the Morningside Farmers' Market on Saturdays, or making a special effort to spread the word about JBA's work on your social accounts.

MISSION COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Mission Committee is delighted to announce that Amy Jensen will be our new Elder/Chair. Many thanks to Jack Klotz for his service as Elder/Chair as he rotates off the session and returns to his role on Mission's budget committee.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Through [Sunday, August 7](#)

Our Annual School Supply Drive Wish List is live! You can order off the [Amazon Wishlist](#) (and ship directly to the church) or to buy items at your favorite retailer and drop off in the Blue Mission Barrel in the Welcome Center. These donations will benefit learners at Dobbs Elementary, Memorial Drive Ministries, and Nicholas House. For more info, contact [Jack Klotz](#).



REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

The latest news regarding the Emrans, the family from Afghanistan that we are assisting, is that Ashqullah is working. It's a low paying job but it's a job! He is working for DataMatx, a digital printing company. A church member at St. Luke's Presbyterian has started tutoring Muzill, (age 6) during the summer in reading. She is also working a bit with Namih, his mother. They could still use help with transportation to doctor appointments or errands such as the grocery shopping. They are also needing the assistance of someone to help Ashqullah create a budget now that he has a job. This would be a one-time commitment only. Contact [Holly Campbell](#) to help.

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES

In only one week, distributed 7,982 lbs. of food to 607 people That equates to 6,652 meals! ICM as also started to deliver groceries to a hotel where some of their outreach clients have been temporarily housed.

- Click [here](#) to volunteer at ICM
- 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

*ICM's Food pantry is completely out of tuna packets, ramen noodles, jelly, fruit/applesauce cups, and canned, pop-top veggies.

Note: Please do not donate expired foods.

CLIFTON SANCTUARY MINISTRIES



- Edward R. - received stable housing
- Stanley A. - received stable housing



Clifton Sanctuary Meal Morningside is providing dinner on Saturday, July 23 for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Contact Clifton Shepherds [Ann Watson and Joe Floyd](#) to find out how you can help!



Click [here](#) to read about Keith's participation in the 34th Annual Symposium on Parkinson's in Phoenix, AZ. Keith has been at Clifton (now Joe's Place) for two years.

Our friends at Clifton would love to have you help them "burn the mortgage" for Joe's Place. Click [here](#) to read more about Joe's Place. Please consider clicking [here](#) to donate to help CSM pay off the Joe's Place mortgage.



SEWING ACADEMY ALTERATATIONS

Drop off your items for alterations in the Gym Building at Memorial Drive Ministries at 5140 Memorial Drive, Stone Mountain, GA 30083. Monday - Thursday and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 770-255-0539.



- Pants
- Blouses
- Shirts
- Skirts
- Dresses
- Gowns
- Seams
- Hems
- Sleeves
- Zippers



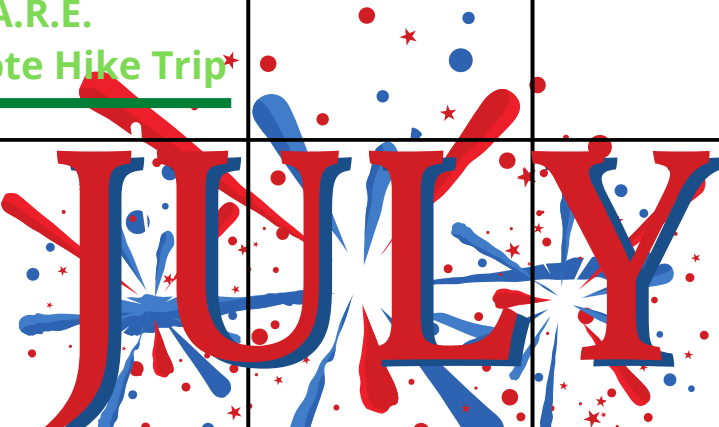


LAWN & DISORDER

"Lawn doesn't do any of the things that we need every landscape to do, and there are four of them I always talk about," Tallamy told the environmental reporter. Those, he said "are sequester carbon, manage the watershed, support a food web and support pollinators. Lawn is the worst plant choice for all of this."

Click [here](#) to read *The Case Against Lawns: Why Less Is More* by MPC's own Tom Oder.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>3 Pentecost 4 9:15 Faith Development 10 Worship & Communion</p>	<p>4 Offices Closed</p> 	<p>5 1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>6 6:30 Morningside Sings! Principal Rehearsal 7:30 Morningside Sings! All Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 8:45 M(side) Lift 12 Centering Prayer</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
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