# MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH M JUNE/JULY 2023

Summer is upon us!

As we step into a season of changing summer routines and often more travel that gets us out of the rhythm of Sunday morning worship, my question for you this summer is: how will you continue to nurture your relationship with God?

I want to invite you into three ways to grow in faith this summer:

#### #1: Pray

My first charge to you is to commit to prayer this summer. A few weeks ago, the Faith Development Sunday School class explored different ways to pray. From saying grace at the dinner table to sharing one gratitude each day to singing or walking or doodling in a notebook with intention, the possibilities are endless. The means of prayer is not as important as the intention--to set aside time with God. If you're not sure where to begin, start with the Lord's Prayer or click the link in the prayer list at the end of the eNews each week and pray for those on the church's prayer list. If you're in town, join the Centering Prayer group on Thursdays at noon. The beauty of this practice is that you can live it out whether you're away for the summer or here every week.

#### #2: Serve

The needs in our community do not disappear when summer begins. Find a way to serve this summer. Pastor Amanda is still looking for VBS volunteers. ICM grocery delivery continues through the summer. Check out all the ways our mission team works with our mission partners and find a place to plug in.

#### #3: Explore

Finally, find a way to take a little time with God in a new place. Whether you simply enjoy God's creation on a vacation of your own or you sign up to spend the week in Montreat or to hike to the Len Foote Inn with MPC C.A.R.E., God shows up on the road if you're paying attention. As you go about your summer, give particular attention to where you witness God's mercies and then come back and tell us about it!

See you at 10am for worship! Pastor Katie





#### Summer Worship Time Change!

During the months of June and July, we shift our worship schedule earlier to make the most of long summer days. Join us beginning **June 4th at 10am** for worship.



The Session has called a congregational meeting on Sunday, June 4th at 11 am for the purpose of electing new elders, deacons, and next year's nominating committee. Please plan to stay for this important and exciting time.

# **Finance Update**

We are blessed with a highly generous congregation! A number of you give your full pledge early in the year, which supports our ability to do ministry throughout the year and is reflected in our YTD actuals being ahead of schedule. However, MPC relies heavily on your pledges to enable the ministries we offer, so we encourage you to keep your pledge up to date.

As you look toward the summer, you can help the church by continuing your pledge! Both Realm and most banks allow for scheduled, recurring gifts and online giving. If you plan to be gone for the

summer, now is a great time to plan ahead!

	Apr MTD (Actual)	Apr MTD (Budget)	YTD (Actual)	YTD (Budget)
Revenues	54,076	76,870	369,307	307,479
Expenses	80,606	77,776	294,430	311,105
Revenue	(26,530)	(906)	74,877	(3,626)

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This summer in Faith Development we'll be taking a deep dive into the scriptures selected for our Summer Scripture Mixtape. The class will gather weekly at 9:15am to read and discuss the passage before it is preached in worship. This is a great opportunity to did your toe into biblical study.

# **WORSHIP TOGETHER**

6/4



#### Romans 12: 9-21

Scripture Selected by Sandy Mashburn Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

#### \*Called Congregational **Meeting Following Worship**

6/11

Psalm 121

Scripture Selected by Daniel Easton Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

#### 6/18

#### Psalm 27: 13-14

Scripture Selected by Pat Antenucci Amanda Kemery, preaching

#### 6/25

#### Isaiah 43: 1-7

Scripture Selected by Jill Klotz Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

This summer our worship will center around the texts that YOU care about. Submit a scripture passage that speaks to your heart and let us know why! Then join us this summer to hear how your pastors handle your favorite





March and that hard work has paid off! We are esent the following slate of officers for the class	bible verses. Submit a passage for July <u>here.</u>
olan to stay after worship on <b>Sunday, June 4th</b> se new Elders, Deacons and next year's Officer Nominating Committee:	
Class of 2026 - Deacons	

3 year term	Natalie Batchelor			
3 year term Susan Gilbreath		Class of 2026 - Elders		
3 year term	Jerry Mashburn	1 year term-Commitment	Leslie Prince Lauren King	
	Will Lewis	3 year term-Children's		
3 year term	Will Lewis	3 year term-Worship & Arts	John Wingert	
	ONC - 2024	3 year term-Discipleship	David Lowery	
Elder	Kim Rockwood	3 year term-Clerk	Sandra Ward	
Elder	Tish Wooley	3 year term-Engagement	Corinne Hadden	
Deacon	Carly Dubay			
Congregation Membe	er Jack Klotz	Class	Class of 2024 - Youth Elder	
Congregation Membe	er Laura Ulep	1 year term	Mac Barnette	

All are welcome!



## **PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2026**

This year's Officer Nominating Committee has been hard at work since N proud to pre of 2026. So p to elect thes



# **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

#### June 12-16

We have 100 children registered for VBS this year! We still need Volunteers!

Please email Pastor Amanda at amanda@morningsidepc.org if you can help our any of our 5 days of camp. <u>We especially need:</u>

- Hero Guide for the "Supers" (Preschool) group on Mon, Wed, and Fri
- Snack Station Helper
- Craft Station Helper
- Discovery/Science Station Leader on Monday





We're asking everyone to stay and help with setup for VBS **after worship on June 11th.** The Tex's Tacos food truck will be here so enjoy lunch outside and then head into the building to help transform MPC into a hero's hideout!



# KING OF POPS FELLOWSHIP HOUR Sunday, July 9th at 11am

The Fellowship team invites you to join them on the Welcome Center patio for a summer treat on July 9th immediately following worship.

# **Save-the-Dates for Fall:**

- August 6th: Kickoff Sunday
- August 26th @ 7pm: Morningside Sings!
- August 27th at 3pm: Morningside Sings!
- **September 23rd**: Morningside Mingle at Leafmore Creek Park Club, hosted by the Deacons
- October 14-15: MPC at Atlanta Pride
- October 20-22: Fall Retreat to Montreat



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# SUMMER RETREAT Ø @ MONTREAT

## JULY 15-22

- A retreat for all ages!
- Fellowship in the NC Mountains
- Camps for children and youth
- Youth Conference for highschoolers

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• Nightly worship options



# MPC's First Ever SUMMER Retreat!

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. **Click here to sign up!** 



The Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series at Morningside Presbyterian Church

# Saturday, July 29, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. <u>TICKETS ON SALE NOW!</u>

A native of Lawrenceville, Georgia, Gabrielle Beteag is a rising American mezzo-soprano praised for her "choice voice" (OperaWire) and "dramatically vivid" performances (Broadway World). A participant in the 2021 class of the Merola Opera Program, she joined San Francisco Opera's Adler Fellowship Program in 2022.

Beteag was a Studio Player at the Atlanta Opera during the 2020–21 season, where she performed Mercedes in the Big Tent production of The Threepenny Carmen. Her other role credits include Woman in a Hat/Duchess (The Ghosts of Versailles), Lady Billows (Albert Herring), Mme. De Croissy (Dialogues des Carmélites) and Secretary (The Consul).

An accomplished competitive singer, Beteag was a Grand Finals Winner of the 2020 Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions and has received accolades from other competitions, including the Shreveport Opera Mary Jacobs Singer of the Year Competition (Runner Up, 2020), the Opera Birmingham Vocal Competition (Finalist, 2019) and the Kristin Lewis Vocal Scholarship Competition (Grand Prize Winner, 2018).



# MAC FRAMPTON IN CONCERT

#### On <u>Saturday, June 3rd at 3:00pm,</u> our own Mac Frampton will be

performing with Joe Grandsen and others in a benefit concert for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in the sanctuary. For questions, contact Will Frampton (will@willframpton.com).



# 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 singers, arrangers, instrumentalists and volunteers from Morningside's congregation. Seasons of Love: Morningside Sings Broadway's Pulitzer Prize Winning Musicals will be presented Saturday, August 26th and Sunday August 27th. Donations received at each performance will benefit Morningside's music ministry program and the greater community that Morningside serves.

When planning this year's production, Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag turned to Broadway's Pulitzer Prize Winning Musicals which include 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 show will include timeless stage classics like "Some Enchanted Evening" and "What I Did for Love" and contemporary stage classics like "My Shot" and "Alexander Hamilton." This year we feature Morningside's Youth in this intergenerational production.

The creative team chose the benefit production's title tune, "Seasons of Love" 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.

The production includes Vocal Arrangements by Jonathan Crutchfield and Orchestrations by Mac Frampton. Derek Matthews leads Music Direction and Jeff Peters leads Production Direction.

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

# JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH!

While Atlanta celebrates in October, June means Pride! We are so grateful for our LGBTQ+ siblings, and we celebrate, affirm, and love them every month of the year. God is love, y'all! Stay tuned to find out how you can participate in ATL's Pride celebrations with Morningside in October!



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Affinity Groups

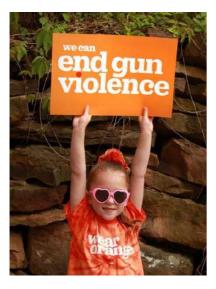
# **LGBTQ & FRIENDS**

#### Saturday, June 10 @ 7:30pm





LGBT&Friends is attending the Atlanta Gay Men's Chorus' concert, Returning to the Root. The concert will take place at the Conant Performing Arts Center at Oglethorpe University, 4484 Peachtree Rd NE, Atlanta, 30319. Plan to arrive at 7pm so the group can sit together. Purchase tickets here: <u>https://www.voicesofnote.org/upcoming-</u> <u>events/returningtotheroot-2</u>



### LUNCH & LEARN: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Sunday, June 4 @ 11:30 am

at St. Luke's Episcopal Church 435 Peachtree St NE, Atlanta, GA 30308



The Matthew 25 Team encourages you attend a Lunch & Learn about gun violence prevention. You'll hear ways to respond and advocate from Chris180 CEO Kathy Colbenson. Attendees are encouraged to Wear Orange to End Gun Violence.

# LEN FOOTE HIKE

# July 27-29

Back by popular **A** 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!

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# july birthdays

5 ANNA MARY SMITH 20 EMERSON HONEYWILL 23 CAROLYN COBB 25 ANTHONY OWENS



#### IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOUR FACE! Upload Your Photo to Realm Today

Many of you haven't (yet!) uploaded your photo to Realm - and we want to see your faces! It's good to see who's who so we can greet each other in church and at church activities, newer members especially! <u>For</u> <u>instructions on how to add your photo to your Realm</u> <u>profile, click here.</u> And please don't stress! You don't need a fancy headshot. :)

# PICTURES OF MAY





Children's Sabbath

















Sweetwater hike



MPC kids







# Morningside







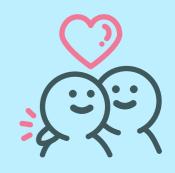


MPC Couples & Friends









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# MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE Researched & compiled by Jill Klotz SERVE TOGETHER

"There are people in the world so hungry, that God cannot appear to them except in the form of bread." -Mahatma Gandhi

# MISSION SUNDAY @ MPC

Many thanks to our outreach partners Intown Cares, Presbyterian Disaster Agency, Dobbs Elementary, Thornwell Home for Children, Nicholas House, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Georgia Interfaith Power & Light, and Memorial Drive Ministries for making our Mission Sunday a great success. Many thanks as well to Columbia Seminary president Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo for the wonderful sermon!



**Did You Know?** Georgia is ranked in the top 10 in the number of food insecure seniors. Here's how you can help:

Join us for a work morning at Intown Collaborative Ministries on **Friday, June 16th from 9:30am – 12:30pm** . Friday is inventory day at ICM. The Atlanta Food Bank, Hello Fresh and Second Helpings all deliver food for ICM's Saturday market. There will be jobs for all ages and physical levels. Wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting dirty and closed-toe shoes.

# GENERAL INFO ABOUT ICM

**DONATIONS:** 



Donations may be delivered directly to the ICM 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 Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 am - 12 pm. Please tell ICM that you are from MPC and that you need a weight total at the time of drop off.







Intown Cares, formerly known as Intown Collaborative Ministries, raised \$301k at their annual Heart & Home auction!

- ICM has NEW links for <u>Paulty</u> and <u>Grocery</u> 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, <u>Suzanne Macpherson</u> for info
- Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food
  Pantry through their Amazon Wish List

# **CLIFTON MEMORIAL DAY COOKOUT**









Our annual Clifton Memorial Day Cookout was a great success! Many thanks to all who helped organize this special event.



#### **SUCCESSES TO SHARE**

- Two guests received stable housing;
- Six guests obtained full-time employment;
- Four guests received their SSI/SSDI; and
- Thirteen guests from the VA have been enrolled in housing programs!

Clifton is always in need of donations. If you feel called to give, here's how:

> <u>Make a Monetary</u> Donation to Clifton <u>Here</u>

Purchase an item from Clifton's Amazon Wish List Here



Clifton is excited to partner with Intown Cares and have one of their Case Managers, **Richard Cook**, a Certified Peer Specialist, work on-site at Clifton to provide case management services to their Clifton guests.

## JOHN WESLEY DOBBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Many thanks to all of the MPC volunteers who helped at our annual Taco luncheon at Dobbs Elementary.And a special shoutout to all who tutored faithfully throughout the school year and to our leaders Jen James, Leslie Prince, and Bill Means!





# JUNE HIKE IN SUCHES

On **Friday**, **June 9th** the C.A.R.E. Team is sponsoring an all-day hiking trip to Suches (the Watson Cabin). We leave the church parking lot at 8 am and drive to the Watson Cabin. Then we'll have the option of one of 2 hikes that take us to the AT (Appalachian Trail): the first is an easy-moderate 1 hour hike and the second is a longer moderate 2 ½ hour hike (folks preparing for the Len Foote hike will like this one). Both hikes will start off together and the first group will head back to the Watson Cabin for relaxation and fellowship. After the second group of hikers returns to the cabin, we'll head to the Wildcat Restaurant & General Store in Suches for lunch. (It gets great reviews online.) We will drive back to Atlanta around 3:30 – 4:00 pm.

Bring good shoes, water, snack, and hiking poles (optional). Limited to 10 people (van capacity). Join us for a fun day of fellowship, hikes, mountains, and lunch! For more info contact Jeanne McCarthy.

# Sign up here

# MPC RAVINE WORK DAY



A big THANK YOU to all those who came out to clean up the ravine and make it beautiful!

#### JOIN US IN THE POLLINATOR GARDEN!

You may have noticed the golden coreopsis flowers blooming in MPC's new pollinator garden. It's on Wessyngton between the entrance and exit to the preschool parking lot. MPC CARE planted it with donated plants and lots of seeds, most of which have yet to sprout. All the plants - which include coreopsis, butterfly weed, echinacea, golden rod, aster, yarrow, Black-eyed Susan, salvia, mountain mint, and rattlesnake master - are native to Georgia and support insects that pollinate our flowering plants. Most, if not all, are drought tolerant and thrive in full sun, once established. Since it takes seeds a long time to germinate and get established, we could use more plant donations. Highland Hardware has butterfly weed plants or go to Beech Hollow Farms in Scottsdale or go online to beechhollowfarms.com If you have native Georgia plants to donate that tolerate drought and full sun and can be kept at a height of 3' or less, or if you are interested in helping maintain the pollinator garden, please contact Mary Chapman at chapman.maryv@gmail.com.

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	DAY TRIBUTES	
IN MEMORY OF	IN HONOR OF	
Barbara "Gram" Nix- We love and miss you	Susanne Burton Sawyer- The best mother and grandmother	
By Tamara, Bryan, Mia & Austin Smith	By Anne Sawyer Barnette & the Barnette Boys	
Edna Earle Warner	Lauren King	
By Emilie Paille	By The King Family Crew	
Nanelle Beacham White	Shari Tant	
By Daughter Nancy Lane	By Kim Rockwood	
Wynona Taylor & Ruby Knight	Courtney Nickels	
By Kim Rockwood	By Neale Nickels	
Katie Ellis	Ann Nickels, Fleet Roberts & Amanda Gomel	
By Kimberly Williams	By Neale & Courtney Nickels	
Annette Stewart Lowery & Nadine Fowler Lowery	Anne Brown	
By David Lowery	By Ellen & Jim Landers	
Carolyn Landers By Ellen & Jim Landers	Suzanne Macpherson	
Georgia W. Klingbeil	By Sophie, Vanessa & Bridget Vanessa & Bridget Ryan	
By Georgia K. Marshall	By Georgia K. Marshall	
Jean Taylor Brady	Katie Aumann	
By David, Karen, Kathy & Joe Brady	By Mollie & Jack Aumann	
Cynthia Varner Spratlin	Alma Griffith & Fay Millard	
By Pat Antenucci	By Millard Family	
Julia Baldwin Taylor	Sarah Beth Gehl	
By Julie Green	By Tom & Nathaniel Gehl	
Dr. Karen "Kar" Burns	Carolyn Gehl & Ann Coffey	
Mildred "Nana" Beam Ramey	By Tom & Sarah Beth Gehl	
By Tasha Snedaker	Debbi Loomis	
Mary S. Johnson	By Holly Green & Ava Arapally	
By Alice Johnson	Kim Rockwood- "You are the best!"	
Helen Hayes Perry & Mary Braden Young	By Jack	
By Lynn & Mac Young	Liz Land	
Mary, Lucy and Lou Rita	By Bill and Cindy Humphries	
By Pam Sharpe	Corinne McLarin-Hadden	
Marie, Irma and Gladys	By John, Isobel & Everett Hadden	
By Son/Grandson Ken Sharpe	Cindy Humphries	
Lillie Mae Humphries	By Betsy, Jason and Alex Holland	
By Bill and Cindy Humphries	Georgia Marshall/ Mom/ Gigi	
Laura Belew McCarthy	By Laura, Jake, Charlie & Claire Strong	
By Jeanne McCarthy		
Sally Barrett		
By Curt Barrett		
Alvine Johnson		
By Linda Marie Johnson		
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