



Welcome Rev. Katie Owen Aumann

Dear Friends,
 On Sunday, March 29, our congregation voted to approve Kathryn Owen Aumann (Katie) as our new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff. It is with great joy and celebration that I introduce you to Katie via the video link below. As we look forward to journeying, worshipping and being together, please join me in welcoming Katie, her husband Wait, and their two children, Mollie and Jack to our church family.
 With tremendous excitement,
 Hillery McNeill

[Click for Katie's video](#)

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I am overjoyed to be called as your next Senior Pastor and Head of Staff, and I cannot wait for us to begin our journey together! A lot of prayer, thoughtful conversation, honest sharing, deep discernment, and patience on your part as a congregation has brought us to this joyful day!

When the PNC and I began our conversations, what struck me most was the joy, energy, and excitement about the ways God is moving and working through you. There is much to celebrate at Morningside: the enthusiasm of the children, the service of the youth, the transcendent gifts of music and liturgy, the conviction that everyone has something to offer, the commitment to serving your community, the opportunities to learn across generations. But what stands out above the rest is your love of God that is poured out in your love of one another.

We are in the middle of Lent and never before has Lent felt so much like a wilderness than as we navigate a pandemic together. I trust that God is with us in this time. But Lent is also a season of preparation and anticipation—for us individually and as a church. Jesus invites us to journey together, to listen, to pray, and to watch God's work unfold among friends and strangers alike. And we walk this road knowing that God is always breathing new life, offering words of hope, and ushering in new chapters of ministry together as we live as a resurrection people. I am convinced that God can and will use all of our many gifts together to show Christ's love to one another, the neighborhood, and the world during a pandemic and beyond. I look forward to the ways that we will journey together in this season and for the many years to come!

My family—Wait, Mollie (3), Jack (16 months), and I—are excited to join the Morningside family and to share our lives and our faith as we grow together in God's love! We look forward to getting to know each of you personally soon. Until then, know that I am praying for you and for all that God has in store for us.

Joyfully,
Katie

Rev. Katie Owen Aumann



meet Katie

Katie is a lifelong Presbyterian and grew up at First Presbyterian Church in Topeka, Kansas, the church where she was baptized, confirmed, ordained and married. She comes to Morningside from Covenant Presbyterian Church in Atlanta where she served as Associate Pastor for Family Ministries for the past three years. Prior to moving to Atlanta, she was the Presbyterian Campus Minister at Duke University, serving both undergraduate and graduate students and the university community. She is a graduate of Duke University (BA Public Policy, 2006) and Columbia Theological Seminary (MDiv, 2011) and is now an adjunct instructor at Columbia teaching Presbyterian Polity. She has served as a liturgist, keynoter, and workshop leader at a variety of conferences including the Montreat Youth Conference and Montreat Music and Worship Conference. Prior to seminary, she worked as a research manager at the Advisory Board Company, a health care consulting firm in Washington, DC. She is equal parts pastor, partner, and parent and pours her love into her family: her husband Wait, a pediatric oncologist at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Mollie (3 years old) and Jack (16 months). In her "spare time," she enjoys college basketball (Go Duke!), baking (and eating) chocolate chip cookies, and cherished time with her family.



WORSHIP TOGETHER

April 5 - Palm Sunday

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

April 9 - Maundy Thursday

April 10 - Good Friday

COMBINED VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE WITH CENTRAL AND COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES. REV. KATIE AUMAN WILL TAKE PART IN THIS SERVICE.

April 12 - Easter

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

April 19 - Children's Sabbath

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

April 26 - 3rd Sunday of Easter

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICE



The Deacons of MPC seek to embody the love of God in word and action by walking with our members as we share our lives together.

The Deacons, as servant leaders, will work to respond and tend to the needs of the congregation by being present & empathetic, listening, and praying. We will respond to this high calling with love, compassion, imagination, and hope – seeking to give a voice to those not being heard and bridging the gap between the individual and the congregation. All this we do with the help of God.

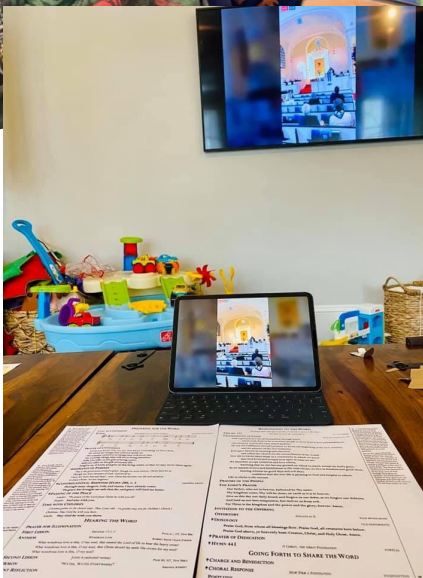
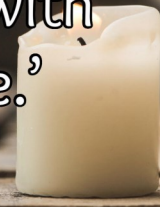
That is the mission statement of Morningside's Board of Deacons. It is what inspires and guides them as they do the work to which they were ordained. During these difficult, uncertain, and isolating times, you can be sure that your deacons are here for you. They stand at the ready to care for you. The men and women that make up this team are praying for you and thinking of ways to be there for you.

You can email them at boardofdeacons@morningsidepc.org or by contacting

[Ann Watson](#) or [Carolyn Cobb](#).

MPC family — you are loved. You are not alone.

'Spirit of God, fill my breath with life and love.'



April is ironically Stress Awareness Month.

None of us are exempt from feeling stress in this unprecedented time. As we share resources to carefully manage the safety of ourselves and our families, we hope to share resources for managing the inevitable stress affecting everyone. This week Mental Health America released a Mental Health Wellness Hub which includes very helpful information. Click [here](#) to access resources to help you and those you love cope with stress. Click [here](#) for information about COVID-19 and your mental wellness.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 | Corinne McLarin-Hadden | 13 | Grace Roach |
| 3 | Katy Watts | 15 | Jeff Adams |
| 4 | Vivienne Gauthier | 15 | Reid Hylton |
| 4 | Emmaline Woolley | 18 | Andrew Stewart |
| 5 | Eleanor Loring | 20 | Sophie Markovic |
| 6 | Joe Ballay | 20 | Thomas Markovic |
| 8 | Hannah Diaz | 20 | Hannah Terry |
| 8 | Liz Sommerfeld | 20 | Isabella Perez |
| 9 | Mackenzie Gorman | 21 | William Brewster |
| 9 | Austin Davis-Selph | 21 | Andreas Dopheide |
| 9 | Everett McLarin-Hadden | 22 | Barbara Hartman |
| 10 | Charlotte Ward | 22 | Emily Hoffman |
| 11 | Natalie Batchelor | 22 | Sue Ballay |
| 11 | Candy Treschitta | 25 | Susan Gilbreath |
| 11 | Nick Treschitta | 25 | Caroline Tanner |
| 11 | Andrew Tuuk | 26 | Stephen Roach |
| 12 | Reed Ely | 27 | William Goldsmith |
| 12 | Kimberly Williams | 27 | Hal Nuckols |
| 13 | Brandon Odom | 27 | McKell King |
| | | 28 | Alan Bremer |
| | | 29 | Browning Fergus |
| | | 30 | David Fairleigh |

To send a birthday email - click on a name! A child's name will link to his or her parent's email address.



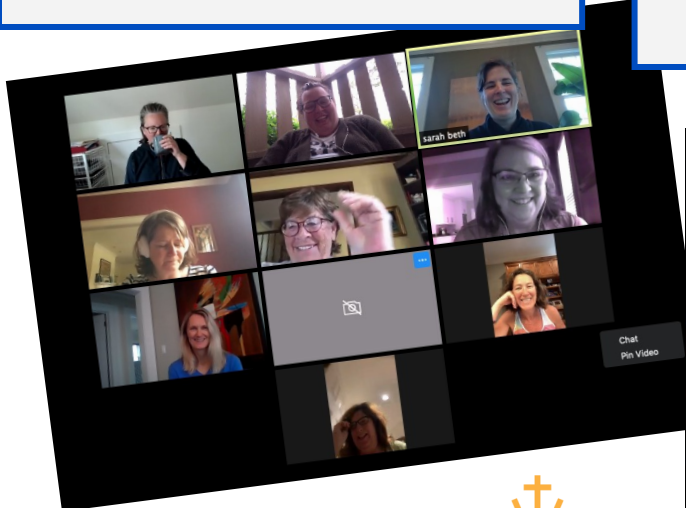
Join us weekly via Zoom to discuss Amy-Jill Levine's book *Short Stories by Jesus*. Levine, a Jewish New Testament Scholar at Vanderbilt, breaks down Jesus' most famous teaching tool – the parables. You can join us on Wednesday evenings at 7pm or on Sunday afternoons at 2pm. We'll discuss the same content both days so choose the one that works best for you! The book is available in both Kindle & Nook version and through all online bookstores. Contact [Emma](#) for more info!

STAY CONNECTED

Morning(side) Lift continues!
Join us via Zoom on Thursday mornings at 8:30 for some virtual fellowship and wonderful conversation.
 Contact [Sarah Beth Gehl](#) for more information.



Even though we can't be together in person, we are working on a virtual egg hunt that will be posted on April 4th. Links for the Hunt map will be on our website and on the official Geocaching website. Children will get an email on Saturday with the links. Happy hunting! Email [Ms. Amanda](#) for more information.



Get more connected with your MPC community!

Take the time to log into Realm and make sure your MPC friends *can* get in contact with you.

Login to REALM. First time logging in to REALM?

Click [here](#) for simple instructions.

Update your REALM profile. Have a new email address or phone number?

Manage your profile privacy. Control what personal contact information is available to other members.

NOTE: Other members cannot see *any* of your info until you allow it.

And your contact info is not ever accessible to the general public.

Download the REALM CONNECT app to your device.

Remember to enable notifications!



Serve Together



During this time of crisis with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are reminded that the most vulnerable in our midst suffer first, most and longest. The Lenten **One Great Hour of Sharing** offering has, for over 70 years, supported the most vulnerable among us, such as the urgent needs of those most at risk at this time: the homeless, the elderly, refugees, outreach programs struggling to provide vital services, as well as supporting those congregations and communities with limited or no access to resources. Click [here](#) to give!

Serving Together During the Pandemic

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries houses 13 men with an additional 3 at Joe's Place. They are trying to quarantine-in-place during the day as well as the night. The men are there all day now so they will need breakfast and lunch. No need to go inside, just leave items on the table by the front door and ring the doorbell. Food and grocery delivery is the safest option. They are also looking for board games and jigsaw puzzles as well as 4 used computers to use for training purposes. Cash donations are needed as well—click [here](#)! Contact [Leslie Prince](#), [Joe Floyd](#), or [Ann Watson](#).

Meals-On-Wheels is still delivering for now. Morningside is looking for delivery volunteers who are not in an at-risk category. Contact [Sarah Brownlee](#).

Nicholas House - At a time when we are aching to reach out to those on the margins most impacted by the COVID-19-related shutdowns, we hope that you will be able to participate in an online collection benefiting Nicholas House. This virtual collection, sponsored by Family Mission, will directly serve families in their emergency shelter. With kids out of school and many parents working remotely or out of work indefinitely, these items will help families meet their needs during this unprecedented time. Please use [this link](#) to show your support. Contact [Katie Watts](#) with any questions.

At **Intown Collaborative Ministries**, there is an increased need for food, so on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday mornings, food and snack at ICM pick-up will be outside only, using 500 tote bags donated by MPC. The items most urgently needed are cereal, canned fruit, jelly, spaghetti sauce, canned potatoes, 16 oz bags of rice, and bottled water. ICM could also use chlorine bleach, hand sanitizer, sani-wipes, and rubbing alcohol. A drop-off table will be available outside McIver Hall (behind Druid Hills Presbyterian Church) Tuesdays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please place items on the table in a single layer so the staff can sanitize them.

ICM is also purchasing food and need cash donations as well, which can be done online through the MPC website under **Donate Online**. Contact [Nancy Collins](#) or [Laura Ulep](#).

Memorial Drive Ministries has an Amazon Wish List link on their website if you would like to donate. Go to their [homepage](#), scroll to the bottom of page, and click on Amazon wish list or the DONATE button. Contact [Peter Cobb](#).

John Wesley Dobbs Elementary School is closed, but future needs may arise.

Rebecca's Tent Women's Shelter is a winter shelter only and is closed for season, but future needs may arise.

Threads finished a very successful annual collection, but future needs may arise.