



We are about to enter the Easter Season. This is the time in the church when we celebrate that Christ is risen and alive among us. It's a time when we tune our eyes to the new life and new hopes that are all around us. As you will see there is much to celebrate in the coming weeks:

- a plan to gradually reopen the building and return to worship in the sanctuary,
- opportunities to gather again in affinity groups with some incredible guest speakers (Andrew Young is coming to Theology on Tap!),
- children and youth leading us in worship,
- choir and handbells helping us praise God,
- celebration of creation through movie nights on Earth Day and Farmers Market Saturdays with an edible bounty
- ongoing opportunities serve the community in ways big and small,
- increasing numbers of our own being vaccinated!

All of these activities are designed to be the church that points to new life with hope. As we increase our opportunities to be together, however, I invite you to adopt an Easter discipline that doesn't just add things to your calendar but tunes your eyes to see, acknowledge, and give thanks to God for these resurrection blessings. Much of the last year forced us to slow down and to have eyes to see the simple gifts all around us, so as we prepare to enter this Easter Season and "gear up," my invitation to you is not to go into overdrive out of sheer joy but to do so because we now have eyes to see the risen Christ in our midst and give thanks.

With joy and gratitude, Pastor Katie

*Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.*

Give thanks to God, bless his holy name. PSALM 100:4

The Psalmist's words capture the joy and thanksgiving I feel as we prepare to gather again. At the last Session meeting, your elders approved a plan for us to reopen the building and a timeline to return to worship in the sanctuary.

STARTING APRIL 5TH, WE WILL ALLOW SMALL GROUPS TO HOLD MEETINGS IN THE BUILDING.

STARTING MAY 2ND, WE WILL RESUME LIMITED IN-PERSON WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY.

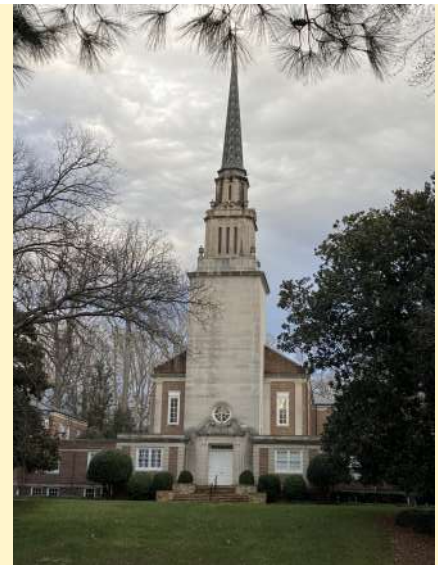
What to expect when you're expecting...to re-enter the building.

As we prepare to offer in-person worship and indoor gatherings, we ask that everyone on our campus follow the following guidelines:

- **Masks are still required** indoors and outdoors for everyone over 2 years old regardless of vaccination status. As a matter of Christian hospitality and safety, we ask that everyone continue to wear masks as a way of showing love to your neighbor.
- Please **pre-register** for all indoor, in-person events including worship.
- If you are feeling sick or have a known exposure to Covid-19, please stay home and join us in online formats.
- Continue to **practice social distancing** from those outside your household, even outdoors.
- Use **hand sanitizer** at any of the available stations as you enter and exit the building.
- If a small group or ministry team you serve with would like to meet in-person, please contact the [church office](#) to **schedule a room**. We have CDC-guided room capacity for each room to allow for proper ventilation and social distancing.

We recognize that this transition time comes with many questions and a mix of abundant joy and moderate anxiety. We will do our best to communicate frequently. As questions arise, please do not hesitate to contact [Pastor Katie](#). The Covid taskforce and the Session will do our best to address questions with the best public health information we have at our disposal and with the values of the Morningside Presbyterian community in mind.

Click [here](#) to read the full reopening letter from Pastor Katie.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

*Click [here](#) for more info on each event.

MAUNDY THURSDAY OUTDOOR PICNIC AND WORSHIP – *Thursday, April 1, 6:00 p.m.*

Register for Outdoor Worship [here](#). Click [here](#) for an at-home liturgy to use.

*You are invited to bring canned good to contribute to the ICM Lenten Food Drive.



GOOD FRIDAY ONLINE WORSHIP – *Friday, April 2, 3:00 p.m.*

This online service will premiere on YouTube on our [homepage](#).

Check there for a link to this reflective service of Scripture readings and meditative music.

EASTER SUNDAY OUTDOOR & ONLINE WORSHIP

Sunday, April 4, 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Christ is Risen! Celebrate the resurrection with Word, music, and communion.

Worship with us virtually at 11:00 a.m. or join us for an outdoor worship service at 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.



We are officially full for both Easter Outdoor Worship services. Click [here](#) to add your name to the waitlist.

*You are invited to bring canned good to contribute to the ICM Lenten Food Drive.

APRIL PREACHING SCHEDULE

4/4—Easter Sunday

Again & Again: The Son Rises

Isaiah 25:6-9; Mark 16:1-8

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

4/11— 2nd Sunday of Easter

John 20:19-31

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

4/18—3rd Sunday of Easter

Luke 24:36b-48

MPC Kids! Children's Sabbath

4/25—4th Sunday of Easter

Creation Sunday

Leviticus 25:13-19; Luke 4:17-19

Sam Phillips, preaching



FAITH DEVELOPMENT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Beginning Sunday, April 11 at 9:30 a.m.,

Anna Miles will lead **Rethinking**

Evangelism -- a 3-week study

challenging our traditional

understanding of evangelism and

thinking forward to what it will mean to

share the Gospel in an era of increasing

commodification of the Christian

identity by extremist domestic groups.

Contact [Pastor Emma](#) for more information and to join.



WORSHIP FLOWERS

As we look forward to reopening our Sanctuary for worship in May, we would like to also reopen the flower sign-ups to provide flowers for worship. Click [here](#) to sign-up for a Sunday. The goal is to have flowers in the chancel on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month, but

if you'd like to schedule a special Sunday, email the [church office](#). Contact [Lynn Daniel](#) or [Georgia Marshall](#) for more information.



EASTER TRIBUTES

IN MEMORY OF...

Nancy Walker Frampton

By the Frampton family

Clint and Doris Reed

By Rachel Reed

Stuart Kimble

By Hannah and Patrick Diaz

Virginia Grimes Parker

By Phyllis Grimes

Michael Davis

By Katie Davis and Phyllis Grimes

John Gehl

By the Gehl family

Gay V. Land

By Cindy and Bill Humphries

Sandra Atwood

By Nancy and Norman Anderson

Al Picallo, Sr.

By Nancy and Norman Anderson

Ruth Reader

By Megan Reader

IN HONOR OF...

Elizabeth C. Land

By Cindy and Bill Humphries

In deepest gratitude to our Morningside Staff who has created multiple avenues for us to navigate this COVID season.

By Carolyn and Peter Cobb



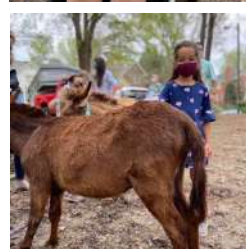
Lenten Outdoor Gatherings

SCREEN ON THE GREEN



EASTER EGG HUNT

OUTDOOR WORKDAY

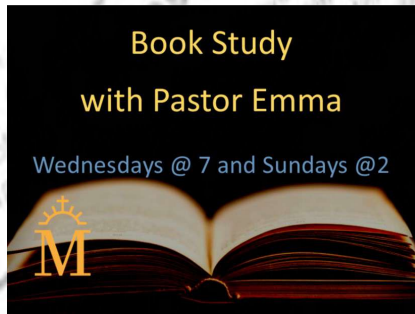


PALM SUNDAY



BOOK STUDY WITH PASTOR EMMA

Book Study will return on Wednesday, 4/7 & Sunday, 4/11. We will study *Dear Church: A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* by Lenny Duncan, pastor of Jehu's Table in Brooklyn, and a formerly incarcerated, homeless, and unchurched man. Duncan addresses his denomination, the ELCA, offers a bold vision for the future of the church that is both diverse and vital. The book is available on Amazon, through Little Shop of Stories, and most other booksellers!



"GREENS, EGGS, & JAM" - 4/17; 8-11:30

MORNINGSIDE FARMERS MARKET

The Morningside Farmers Market celebrates its new location in MPC's parking lot with "Greens, Eggs, & Jam," a COVID-safe outdoor event, featuring a Chef's Breakfast with Cathy Conway of Avalon Catering, organic produce, kids' activities, music, and more. Mask, social distancing, and pandemic best practices will be mandated at the event. All are invited to join in the fun. Click [here](#) for more info.



IRELAND TRIP 2022

A trip to Dublin and Belfast is being formed and all are invited to be part of it, singers and non-singers alike. June 11-18, 2022 are the target dates. Registration is now open! Interested? Contact [Jonathan](#) for more information.



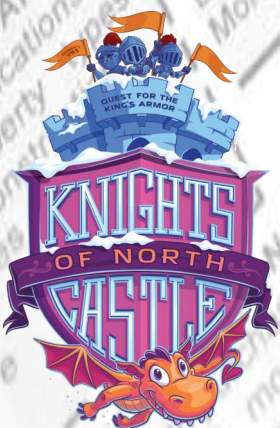
CALL FOR TECH VOLUNTEERS!

As we look forward with hope to our eventual return, we are hoping to expand our tech team to assist in our on-going live-streaming services. Want to help run a camera? Willing to learn how to manage the soundboard? If you are technologically-inclined, we need you! Talk to Bob Wells or Lloyd Prince to learn more about what's involved or [email](#) the church office to volunteer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 14-18, 9 A.M.—NOON

VBS Registration is open! We will explore how we put on the armor of God at "Knights of the North Castle." Click [here](#) for more information and to register as a participant or volunteer. The cost for VBS is \$25 per child. Click [here](#) to submit payment.





Serve Together.

Researched
and compiled
by Jill Klotz

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Life during COVID has been challenging. That feels like an understatement, right? At times, we have all felt disconnected, confined. Missing family, missing friends. Lonely. Worried about the groceries holding out. Unsure of what the future may hold. Imagine feeling all of those things but living in a place or in a situation that was already challenging each and every day without the added pressure of the pandemic. A place where access to food is day to day. Access to vital health care is questionable. Finding clean water is a daily struggle. A place where you are denied racial justice or plagued with outright violence and oppression. *But one thing remains steadfast and true: We are the Church, together, no matter where we are, and the Church belongs with those struggling for justice, righteousness and peace for life.*

Click [here](#) for more information and to donate.



**YOU SHALL BE
CALLED REPAIRERS
OF THE BREACH**

Providing relief from
natural disasters,
food for the hungry,
and support for the
poor and oppressed.

— ISAIAH 58

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INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

MPC Mission Partner Intown Collaborative Ministries continues to see increases in the number of clients they serve. A collection barrel will be at all outdoor events and maintained in the alcove off of the Main (South) parking lot through Easter Sunday. You can donate through their [Amazon Wishlist](#). Click [here](#) to see a list of the most needed items.

ONGOING FOOD DONATIONS

Donations can always be dropped off at ICM. Their donation table is outside McIver Hall on Fridays from 9-2. Tell the attendant that you need a weight total for "MPC" at the time of drop off. Send the weight total to [Nancy](#).



UPDATE: VIRTUAL HUNGER WALK/RUN 2021

Many thanks from ICM to all the Morningsiders who supported the virtual Hunger Walk 2021. The matching J. Douglas Fund goal was met with **\$3,651** in contributions!

WAYS TO SERVE!

- ICM needs Grocery Delivery Drivers for contactless deliveries. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- ICM needs plastic grocery bags at the Food Pantry. Drop them off on Fridays from 9-12.

CSM

CLIFTON SANCTUARY MINISTRIES

CLIFTON DINNER COOKOUT SAVE-THE-DATE

MPC's CS Shepherds hope that the warmer weather and vaccinations for all will allow for us to have revisit the annual Clifton Cookout this year! Save-the-date of May 22 on your calendar and be on the lookout for more details.

"SANCTUARY"

Some of Clifton's men are enjoying the beautiful weather outside. It's wonderful to go outside on the peaceful grounds and soak it in. Both inside and out, Clifton truly is a "sanctuary" for the guests.



CLIFTON SUCCESS STORIES

- Willie S.—Reunited with family and is now receiving earned incomes.
- Gary W.—Obtained stable housing through the VA Grant Per-Diem Program.

MORNINGSIDERS JB PICK-UP HOSTS

- Many thanks to Carolyn and Peter Cobb for serving as Just Bakery pick-up hosts this past year.
- Amy and Van Jensen host as a pick-up point on the 1st Thursdays of the month. Get in your order the Wednesday before.
- Sarah and Richard Brownlee host as a pick-up point on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Get in your order the Monday before.
- Julie Greene and Mardee Rightmyer host as a pick-up point on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Get in your order the Wednesday before.

JB

JUST BAKERY



PLACE YOUR ORDER

Click [here](#) to place your order. Support this nonprofit that provides paid job training, professional certification, and living wage work in partnership with our neighbors who resettled as refugees.

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GLOBAL GROWERS

BURMESE REFUGEE FARMERS VIDEO

Click [here](#) to watch a video about Global Growers' Burmese refugee farmers, Lal and Thang who were forced to flee Burma because of human rights abuses by the military-ruled government.

VOLUNTEER

Click [here](#) to learn more about how you can get involved and support this amazing organization.

GLOBAL GROWERS

Click Global Growers, an outreach of MPC Missions partner Memorial Drive Ministries, is an amazing nonprofit that bridges the gap between the resettled refugee community and the Georgia agricultural community. On the front lawn of the Memorial Drive campus, Global Growers manages 30 raised bed garden plots that are used by community members and members of MDM's onsite churches and educational programs. Thanks to Global Growers, this community garden is thriving, they are reconnecting with local soil, and they are practicing how to share its many gifts with one another!





ECO-FAITH FROM HOME

Your MPC C.A.R.E. Team recommends joining Georgia Interfaith Power and Light for Eco-Faith from Home: 30 Days of Climate Action! There will be more than 10 online workshops from April 13 to May 13. The sessions will cover everything from making your home more sustainable to disaster preparedness to coastal resilience. All of the workshops are FREE and ONLINE. Register and find more information [here](#).



"KISS THE GROUND" WATCH PARTY

This thought-provoking, uplifting documentary on climate change explores how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate. Join the MPC C.A.R.E. team virtually on **Earth Day, April 22, 7:30 p.m.** for a watch party. Watch the documentary simultaneously with the added function of group chat, enabling discussion about the movie. Watch the trailer [here](#).

Contact [Suzanne Macpherson](#) or [Katie Watts](#) for more info.

For more information on how to use Teleparty, click [here](#).



THANK YOU!

As the Behms move to Alexandria, Virginia, the Mission Committee would like to acknowledge the contributions that they have made to the mission work of our church. Roland has been in charge of our mission trips for over 8 years. Roland and Ellen have been on many RHINO-Rebuilding Hope In New Orleans mission trips, from helping to restore that community from hurricane Katrina as well as other areas with recent disasters. God speed to both of you....we will miss you!

Roland and Ellen's new address is:

1301 Bayliss Drive

Alexandria, VA 22302

HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

HAVE A NEED?

Throughout this whole pandemic, we've learned that the best way to weather anything is to do it together! If you have a need or prayer request, contact your Shepherding Deacon. Don't know who your Shepherding Deacon is? Email office@morningsidepc.org or Sandy Ryan (amsr@outlook.com) to find out! Our deacons are on a mission to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our faith community. Click [here](#) for the prayer list.



April Birthdays

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



MPC Affinity

Groups

OUTDOORS LGBT & FRIENDS

THURSDAY, APRIL 8 @ 7

Gather in-person for a socially-distant social hour!
BYOE (snacks, drinks, and chairs). Click [here](#) for info.



MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 @ 7:00

This month's virtual gathering will be hosted by
Carolyn and Peter Cobb. Click [here](#) for info.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 @ 6:30

Join in conversation with Ambassador Andrew
Young, U.S. politician, diplomat, civil rights activist,
and former pastor. Click [here](#) for info. Click [here](#) to
learn more about Andrew Young.



RHO READERS

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 @ 1:00

April's book selection is *Olive, Again* by Pulitzer Price
winner, Elizabeth Trout. "Just as wonderful as the
original...*Olive, Again* poignantly reminds us that
empathy, a requirement for love, helps make life 'not
unhappy.'" - NPR. Click [here](#) for info.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

MONDAY, APRIL 26 @ 7:30

Stay tuned to MPC communications for more
details on what's happening this month with
Women's Roundtable. Click [here](#) for info.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Maundy Thursday 11 Yoga with Pam 6 Maundy Thursday Outdoor Picnic and Worship	2 Good Friday 3 Good Friday Online Service	3
4 Easter 9 Outdoor Worship 11 Virtual Worship 11 Outdoor Worship	5 Church Office Closed	6 9 Partner with the Preacher 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting	7 3 Youth Group Study Hall 7 Book Study with Pastor Emma 7:30 Strategic Planning	8 11 Yoga with Pam 7:30 LGBT & Friends	9	10 7 MPC Couples & Friends Zoom
11 Easter 2 9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School 11 Virtual Worship 12:30 Deacons Meeting 2 Book Study with Pastor Emma	12 9 Partner with the Preacher	13 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 5 MPC Kids Small Group (PreK & K)	14 3 Youth Group Study Hall 7 Book Study with Pastor Emma	15 11 Yoga with Pam	16 Youth Screen on the Green	17 8-11:30 Morningside Farmers Market "Greens, Eggs & Jam"
18 Children's Sabbath 9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom 11 Virtual Worship 1 RHO Readers Zoom 2 Book Study with Pastor Emma	19 9 Partner with the Preacher 7 Session	20 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 5 MPC Kids Small Group (1st & 2nd) 6:30 Theology on Tap	21 3 Youth Group Study Hall 7 Book Study with Pastor Emma 7:30 Chancel Choir	22 11 Yoga with Pam 7:30 MPC C.A.R.E. Watch Party	23 Earth Day 5 Screen on the Green: The Lorax Club 46	24
25 Creation Sunday 9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom 11 Virtual Worship 2 Book Study with Pastor Emma 6:45 Youth Group	26 9 Partner with the Preacher 7:30 Women's Roundtable	27 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 5 MPC Kids Small Group (3rd-5th)	28 3 Youth Group Study Hall 7 Book Study with Pastor Emma 7:30 Chancel Choir	29 11 Yoga with Pam	30  Morningside PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	

