

Believe it or not, Lent is just a few weeks away and with it the reminder that we've been apart for almost a year. Lent is often thought of as a dark season in the church because it is a season that we walk the journey Jesus made to the cross, and certainly it feels hard as we continue to be separated. But I'd invite you to reflect again on our Lenten walk and consider how it might be a time of spiritual reflection and an opportunity for reconnection with God and with the community. In this season, we hold in tension the harsh realities of the brokenness of the world with God's refrain of promise that resurrection and restoration ultimately conquer death and despair.

As we journey through Lent together this year, we do so with hope that a vaccine and declining cases will allow us to return to worship together soon and that there is light at the end of this tunnel. So I am choosing to think of Lent as a season of preparation, and in doing so I invite you to consider these questions:

- ◆ How are you preparing your own heart for resurrection life with God?
- ◆ How are we as a community preparing to share life with God and one another again?

To tend to both of those questions requires us to cultivate our prayer lives as individuals and to reflect and reimagine together as a community. We will be publishing prayer resources during Lent for you to tend to your own spiritual life, and the Strategy Team and I will be hosting listening sessions for us to prepare our hearts to be together again in the immediate and long-term future. I hope that you will make a Lenten commitment to participate in both of these disciplines as we journey together again and again.

With Lenten discipline and Resurrection hope,

Pastor Katie

## Lent Worship Schedule

- **February 17 @ 6pm: Ash Wednesday**  
**Outdoor Worship: *Remember You are Dirt***
- **February 21 @ 10am: Lent Outdoor Worship;**  
**@ 11am: Lent Online Worship**
- **February 28 @ 11am: Lent Online Worship**
- **March 7 @ 11am: Lent Online Worship**
- **March 14 @ 11am: Lent Online Worship**
- **March 21 @ 11am: Lent Online Worship**
- **March 28 @ 9:30 am: Palm Sunday Parade from**  
**Sidney Marcus Park (with a real donkey!)**  
**@ 10 am: Outdoor Worship;**  
**@ 11 am Online Worship**
- **April 1 @ 6 pm: Parking Lot Picnic TBD**
- **April 4 @ 9am and 11 am: Easter Outdoor Worship**  
**@ 11 am: Online Worship**



## LENT: AGAIN AND AGAIN

In Lent, we're reminded that, again and again, suffering and brokenness find us. We doubt again, we lament again, we mess up again. Again and again, the story of Jesus on the cross repeats—every time injustice occurs, every time individuals forget how to love. With exacerbation we exclaim, "Again?! How long, O God?" And yet, in the midst of the chaos, God offers a sacred refrain: "I choose you, I love you, I will lead you to repair." Again and again, God breaks the cycle and offers us a new way forward. This Lent, we'll walk together in the ways that God calls us, shows us the way, and leads us through the cross to resurrection.



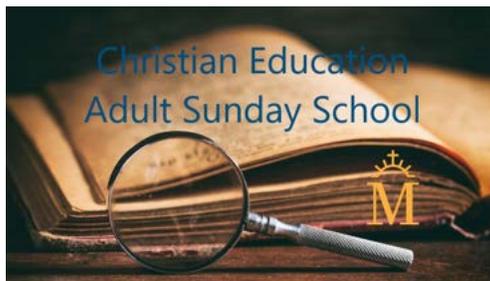
### ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational Meeting takes place after worship via Zoom on Sunday, February 7 at noon.

We will receive the 2020 Annual Report and the 2021 Budget.

### SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

We will participate once again in the national campaign, "Souper Bowl of Caring", which seeks to help alleviate hunger in local communities across the country. MPC will collect for our local mission partner, Intown Collaborative Ministries. On Sunday, February 7, you're invited to donate online through [REALM](#) or directly through [Souper Bowl](#). In 2020, MPC's youth collected \$1024 for ICM on Super Bowl Sunday. Particularly when the pandemic has increased the need for food pantries exponentially, we would love to exceed that goal this year!



### ADULT ED SERIES

Beginning February 7, Faith Formation will read and discuss Rev. Harry Emerson

Fosdick's sermon *Six Paradoxes Concerning Trouble*. Over the course of three weeks, the class will explore this sermon from the 1930s and ponder it's relevance for the church in 2021.

### FEBRUARY PREACHING SCHEDULE

2/7 *Called as Witnesses*

Isaiah 40:21-31, Mark 1:29-39

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

2/14 Transfiguration Sunday

Mark 9:2-9

Amanda Kemery, preaching

2/17 Ash Wednesday—*Again & Again*

"Remember You Are Dirt"

Emma Neishloss, presiding

2/21—1st Sunday of Lent

*Again & Again: God Meets Us*

Mark 1:9-15, Genesis 9:8-17

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

2/28—2nd Sunday of Lent

*Again & Again: We Are Called to Listen*

Mark 8:31-9:8; Psalm 22:23-31

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching



### 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 live-streaming services into the future. 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.

### WELCOME MORNINGSIDE FARMERS' MARKET

We are excited to welcome the Morningside Farmers' Market to our campus! Beginning Saturday, February 6, the Morningside Farmers' Market will take up weekly residence in the Preschool Parking Lot from 8 -11:30 a.m. They've been offering fresh, local, certified organic produce, meats, breads, foods, flowers and artisan crafts since 1995, every Saturday morning year round. We are glad to support the growth of our community! Come on over, y'all!

Click [here](#) for more info.



### SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER AND TAILGATE

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16TH, 5-7 PM

This year, the MPC Kids will host an outdoor tailgate complete with the Waffle House food truck and Magic Man! Registration is required. Click [here](#) to register. We provide drinks; families should place dinner orders and pay in advance, no later than February 10th. You may also bring your own food and drinks.

Children and adults are invited to wear PJs to the tailgate. We will collect new pajamas, underwear, and socks for THREADS (a children's ministry of All-Saints Episcopal Church that serves families in need).

Email [Amanda](#) ([amanda@morningsidepc.org](mailto:amanda@morningsidepc.org)) with questions and we look forward to celebrating with you soon!



### LISTENING SESSIONS:

#### RETURN, RECONNECTION, AND REIMAGINING

We've been on quite the adventure this past year with a pandemic and a new head of staff, and God has guided us through all the twists and turns. With hope on the horizon, Pastor Katie and the Strategy Team would like to hear from you! We would like your insights and vision as we think about both the Return and Reconnection in our immediate future and some fresh Reimagining about the coming years! Come share your thoughts on what is important as we regather in person as a community of faith and what you hope MPC will look like in the next five years!

Sign ups will go live soon, but save these dates: 2/21 from 12:30-1:30 (via Zoom); 3/2 from 5-6 (outdoors at MPC); 3/7 from 12:30-1:30 (via Zoom); 3/23 from 5-6 (outdoors at MPC)

\*Note that we'll limit the groups to 12 to allow for sufficient time for everyone to share. If there is high demand, we can open up additional listening sessions.



## MPC PLAYGROUND UPDATE



We are thrilled that the MPC playground has continued to be a place for families to play and connect even through these winter months! Beginning February 1st, the locks will be removed from the playground gates so you can enjoy it anytime outside of pre-school school hours. Equipment will continue to be sanitized before use by our pre-school students and we will maintain our current safety policies for the playground. Please keep these policies in mind when visiting the playground:

- Sanitize hands before entering.
- All children and adults over the age of 2 years must wear a mask or face covering over their nose and mouth while on the playground.
- There may be no more than 20 children on the playground at one time.
- Please practice and encourage social distancing with individuals, not in your household.

The playground may also be reserved for private playdates or parties. Email [Amanda](#) if you are interested in reserving the playground or if you have any questions or concerns about playground use.



## JUST BAKERY

Just Bakery has a new item: Lemon thyme scones! Perfect with afternoon tea. Pick up your Just Bakery order at the Cobb's home (1150 Saint Charles PL NE, Morningside area) on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Just place your order for pick-up before noon on Monday. For those closer to Candler Park, Amy Jensen hosts a pick-up at her house (1419 McLendon Ave. NE) on the 1st Thursday of the month; place your order before noon on Wednesday. Click [here](#) to order. Learn [more](#) about Just Bakery.



## MPC "CARE" (CULTIVATING AWARENESS RENEWING ENERGY)

Morningside has a new team - MPC CARE - focused on caring for God's creation. There is so much we can do and now is a good time to start.

*Our mission is to foster our congregation's love of creation*

*and commitment to being stewards of the earth.*

MPC CARE is our first step in finding new ways to help sustain our environment; it will be a fun, creative and worthwhile effort. On Ash Wednesday we will have a surprise for you. Going forward we will provide education and create projects to help our beloved community, city, state and planet. Current members include: Jeanne McCarthy, Suzanne Macpherson, John Watson, Sandy Ryan, Mary Chapman, Sarah Tomaka, Beth Baer, Emma Neishloss and Sam Phillips. If you have questions, please reach out to any one of us...or better yet, join us! We need ideas and energy!



# MLK Day Workday at MDM



*"My kiddos had a great day. Who knew they would be so excited to clean up. Maybe I need to use cool gloves and trash bags to encourage cleaning at home. I am thankful for this opportunity. It sparked a lot of great conversation in our family yesterday with ideas of how we could help others."*  
-Kimberly, Carolina, and Ellis Williams

Thanks to all 35 Morningsiders who volunteered for the Mission Committee's annual MLK Workday at Memorial Drive Ministries on January 18. Rev. David Roth, Executive Director of MDM, was very grateful to everyone for helping to clear the grounds and clean the gutters. David was really impressed about how much we accomplished in just a few hours! Not only was it nice to be outside, but it did our hearts good to be together again. Blessing to you all for answering the call to serve our brothers and sisters with love as Jesus taught us.



*"Thanks again Jack, Lloyd, Joe, Emma and others who led the charge to spiff up MDM! It was multi-generational too! I'm still pumped about my EPIC Honda hood extraction!"*

-Curt Barrett



*"Jack and Lloyd and Emma, thanks so much for organizing that with gloves and tools. You made it so easy for us to work today. Serving others has never been so easy. Although I am embarrassed to say I am a tad sore!!!! Thank you so much for setting us up for success. I felt like it was just yesterday I was with all of you in church. It was so nice being together. And I cannot emphasize what an example everyone, from the smallest to the oldest, was to our youth that were there today. You have shown them who we are and what we do. They saw a servant's heart today."*  
-Holly Greene



MDM partners, **Amani Women's Center** and **Refugee Family Literacy** aka **Mommy & Me**, are having a February Diaper Drive. Both programs serve refugee women and diapers are currently a BIG need due to the financial squeeze brought on from COVID. Our goal is to collect at least **500** packs of diapers! The Diaper Drive runs from now until February 20. Drop off diapers on Saturday, February 20 between 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on the Memorial Drive campus at 5140 Memorial Drive Stone Mountain, GA 30083. The drop-off is outside and 100% contact-free, so just wear a mask, pop your trunk, and volunteers will unload the diapers. Diapers can also be dropped off at MDM Board Member Amy Jensen's house at 1419 McLendon Ave. NE, 30307. You can also donate by purchasing on their [Amazon Wishlist!](#)



## Rebecca's TENT

Spiegel Women's Shelter at Shearith Israel

Thanks to Mac Frampton's donation of winter coats, the clients at Rebecca's Tent have something warm to wear during the winter season!

Donations of gently worn professional clothes can make a big difference to the women RT serve. Help them to feel confident going on that next interview or beginning their next job. Please contact RT at 404-897-3147 or [twesley@rebeccastent.org](mailto:twesley@rebeccastent.org) to inquire if they are accepting clothing donations at this time.

Rebecca's Tent can always use general supplies for the shelter during the season, which are welcome as donations. For example:

- Towels and washcloths
- Cleaning supplies (Clorox wipes, Windex, Lysol, etc.)
- New underwear (All sizes, especially larger sizes)
- Laundry detergent
- Soap, shower gel, lotion, shampoo, and conditioner (Regular size)
- OTD medications (Tylenol, Motrin, Maalox, etc.)
- Non-slip shoes
- MARTA Breeze cards
- Umbrellas (Full and travel size)

Please Drop Off Monday – Thursday 12 pm to 5pm at

1180 University Drive NE

Atlanta, GA 30306

404-873-3147

**A**s the pandemic rages on and we look with hope towards a new year, we look forward to continuing our tradition of delivering a bi-monthly meal to our friends at Clifton. This month they would like a help restocking their pantry with small bottles of water, Capri suns, Mayo and mustard packs, and snack bags of chips. Drop items by the homes of either Joe Floyd or Ann Watson, our CSM Shepherds. We anticipate a time when we can more fully participate in the sharing of a meal with our friends at Clifton. In the meantime keep the guests and the wonderful employees at Clifton in your prayers. For more info contact [Ann](#) or [Joe](#).

Click [here](#) for Clifton's Amazon Wish List.

Click [here](#) to read a first-hand account of the amazing things going on at Clifton Sanctuaries.

*"Our new vent hood and fire suppression system installation is complete. We even got a new stove! Thanks to all who stepped up and made it possible for us to complete this project. A new contract with the VA is in the works, and we look forward to many warm meals being prepared in our kitchen!" (see pic above!) - Lori White, Director of Community Relations*





- Starting this month, ICM will be open for guests on Tuesdays and Saturdays and will be receiving donations on Fridays ONLY. ICM's Foodbank orders come in on Fridays, so they will need drivers Friday mornings to pick up from ACFB, and volunteers to help unload and organize. If you are interested in contactless grocery delivery driving, please email [Laura DeGroot](mailto:Laura.DeGroot@intown.org).

- If you're looking for an at-home quarantine project, ICM is accepting crocheted or knitted hats. Otherwise, you can donate ready-made hats and gloves for the folks visiting the pantry. Contact ICM's Development & Communications Assistant Director, [Kait Farmer](mailto:Kait.Farmer@intown.org)
- ICM's top needs right now are: Canned meat, soup, veggies; Uncrustables; Shelf-stable milk; Pop-top veggies; Cooking oil; Peanut butter. A donation drop off table is open outside McIver Hall on Fridays from 9-12.
- This year on March 7th, the Atlanta Community Food Bank is doing a virtual Hunger Walk/Run. Please sign up to join as part of our team [here](https://www.acfb.org/virtual-hunger-walk-run)!
- Many thanks from ICM to **Mac Frampton** for his generous blanket donation and to **MPC Kids** for the hygiene kits that were made at the Advent Festival!

#### THORNWELL RESPONDS TO CORONAVIRUS

Many of Thornwell's programs have changed their method of delivering services. They've adapted to remote working environments and telehealth methods to provide children and families with digital options to learn, grow, and stabilize during this difficult season. The Thornwell team has mailed and delivered special packages to hundreds of families to encourage family game nights, craft time, and fun learning opportunities. You, too, can access these materials [here](https://www.thornwell.org/coronavirus).

Thanks to the generous donation of \$719.50 from the MPC congregation last November, Thornwell is able to provide families with financial assistance scholarships so their children can attend preschool. Parents are able to focus on finding jobs. Because of your faithful support in uncertain times, the Thornwell staff is also equipped to offer creative solutions to support families in crisis.



## Prayers for Peace



  
**Morningside**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## February Birthdays

- 1 Fiona Harris
- 2 Tom Daniel
- 5 Kirk Adams
- 5 Alex Page
- 6 Will Barnette
- 7 Gene Turner
- 7 William Kitchens
- 9 Nancy Collins
- 9 Leslie Grant
- 11 Heather Regnault
- 11 Lawton Williams
- 12 Gwen Brady
- 12 Whitney Fowler
- 12 Graham Mogge
- 12 Domenick Treschitta
- 12 Finley Watts
- 14 Michael Pittman
- 15 John Turner
- 17 Liza Burke
- 18 Todd Jones
- 18 Leo Libby
- 19 Jennie Stockstill
- 20 Emmett Mashburn
- 20 Liz Mills
- 21 Elaine Wilmer
- 22 Lib Boggs
- 23 Preston Barnette
- 24 Georgia Marshall
- 24 Ellie Spears
- 25 David Mogge
- 25 Barbara Ray
- 27 Curt Barrett
- 28 Beth Baer
- 29 Nan Cunningham

## FAREWELL TO BRIAN STRICKLAND

You have seen and heard Brian sing each Sunday. Our tenor staff singer, Brian joined Morningside's band of musicians in July, 2020.

Since then we have come to love and appreciate Brian's gifts of music and his gentle personality and humor that fit so well with our choir and staff singers. Brian is having to withdraw from singing with us due to an increase of responsibilities with his daily job. Watch closely, though — some future Sunday you may just see Brian in the choir again. When he is not traveling for his job, there may be those wonderful moments when he will join us again. We are sad to see him depart from us, and we wish him great success in all that he does. Thank you, Brian.



## HELP SUPPORT MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL

In this 20th year of MPP, it is our goal to raise \$20,000 to help our preschool continue to thrive for another 20 years and beyond! This year, more than ever, your gifts are critically important because of the necessary modifications MPP has made to provide a safe environment for our children and staff. Whether you are a current or alumni parent or just a supporter of this incredible mission of the church, we invite you to support MPP! Each family that donates \$500 or more will be listed on our MPP sponsors plaque. Every bit helps as MPP strives to meet its goal by January 31st! Click [here](#) to donate.



## MPP 2021-2022 PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

MPC Families—Do you have preschool-aged children or know of young families looking for a preschool community? Our beloved Morningside Presbyterian Preschool, a ministry of MPC, will open registration for the 2021-2022 school year in February. Registration schedule is below. Classes are offered for children ages 15 months to PreK. Click [here](#) to learn more. They also will host an open house Thursday, January 28 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. both in person, as well as via Zoom. Click [here](#) to RSVP for either open house. For families interested in the current school year, MPP does have available spots in the PreK and Twos classes. Click [here](#) for more information.

### MPP 2021-2022 Registration Dates:

February 1 - Current MPP families

February 8 - MPC families, past MPP families

February 15 - General community



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 9 <a href="#">Partner with the Preacher</a>	<b>2</b> 11 <a href="#">Virtual Yoga with Pam</a> 1:30 Staff meeting 5 <a href="#">MPC Kids Small Group</a> (PreK &K)	<b>3</b> 7 <a href="#">Book Study with Pastor Emma</a>	<b>4</b> 11 <a href="#">Virtual Yoga with Pam</a>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Epiphany 5 9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom 11 Virtual Worship 12 Annual Congregational Meeting 6:45 Youth Group	<b>8</b> 9 <a href="#">Partner with the Preacher</a> 7 Session Meeting Zoom	<b>9</b> 11 <a href="#">Virtual Yoga with Pam</a> 1:30 Staff meeting 5 <a href="#">MPC Kids Small Group</a> (1st & 2nd)	<b>10</b> 7 <a href="#">Book Study with Pastor Emma</a>	<b>11</b> 11 <a href="#">Virtual Yoga with Pam</a>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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