



DEAR FELLOW DISCIPLES IN CHRIST,

2022 has arrived with another surge of Covid and more pivoting of plans. I imagine that all of us are carrying a mix of emotions--weary, wanting, grateful, and hopeful--as we continue to navigate our world. We are asking many of the same questions: when will this end? when can we go back to "normal"? why are we still in this

predicament? And perhaps we're asking some new ones: what if we're still in this for a while longer? how am I to manage the grief and frustration I feel? Those are certainly questions I am asking.

And yet, I also find myself reflecting on the Christmas story and the Epiphany season, a season of awakening and awareness. Jesus was

born into a world with political strife, hunger, refugee crises, and illness. From the manger to the banks of the Jordan, God helped everyday folk--shepherds, magi, travelers on the road, friends in the temple--see God do something new in Jesus. Jesus came with good news for a hurting world, and that same good news is still for us today. Jesus also didn't wait for everything in the world to be shored up and perfect to call his disciples to work toward justice, compassion, and care for others.

So as we begin a new year, I meet you in the questions, in the wanting, in the uncertainty. We all will pivot and rearrange as needed (again). But we'll do so because there's no time like the present for us to be attentive to God awakening in us a call to love and compassion for others. I look forward to continuing to journey with you.

WITH COURAGE AND PERSEVERANCE,  
PASTOR KATIE



EPIPHANY STAR WORDS

January 6th marks the season of Epiphany when the Magi followed the star and brought gifts to the Christ child. We too are seeking God, trusting that God gives us signs (stars) to guide us toward the divine presence. You will be receiving your own star word through the mail. This star word is a gift from God for you. You are invited to hang this word somewhere you will see it often (a refrigerator or bathroom mirror) and ponder how this start might speak to you throughout the year.

That being said, we need help getting these words sent out in the mail. We need help labeling and stamping on Monday, 1/3 and Tuesday, 1/4. Click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer.



COMMITMENT THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for stepping forward with us in faith as we begin 2022! A particular word of thanks to Hillery McNeill and Susan Oder, Commitment Co-chairs, for their leadership in sharing the vision.



THANK YOU, BILL HUMPHRIES.

This congregation runs because of the contributions of so many of you who give of your time and talents in unique ways. This fall, our treasurer, Bill Humphries, went above and beyond the call of duty. When our financial administrator, JoAnn Kearns, fell and broke her arm in multiple places causing a short leave-of-absence, Bill graciously stepped up to ensure that the church's mission could continue without missing a beat. He's been doing a part-time job for free these recent weeks. If you see him around or on ZOOM, please join me in thanking him for his tireless efforts!



## “WHERE WERE YOU WHEN...?” BECOMING A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

JANUARY 16-FEBRUARY 27

Explore together what it means for us to be present for those on the margins. Matthew 25 invites us to think about how we as a church respond to hunger, thirst, sickness, and injustice today by addressing systemic poverty and structural racism.



# MATTHEW 25

FAITH DEVELOPMENT:

BECOMING A MATTHEW 25 CHURCH

JANUARY 9 - 30

Join Pastor Katie to explore what it means to become a Matthew 25 congregation in the PC (USA) through a 4-part series January 9-30, 2022. We'll explore the scripture that undergirds this initiative, our theological grounding, and begin to unpack the church's call to dismantle structural racism and eradicate systemic poverty. You are encouraged to bring your full self—your history, your hurts, and your hopes—to the work that we have to do together to live into Christ's call to make the kingdom of heaven visible on earth.

### WORSHIP TOGETHER IN JANUARY

**1/2—Epiphany Sunday**

**COMMUNION & MAGI VISIT**

*“Wisdom Herself”*

Isaiah 60 & Matthew 2:1-12

Amanda Kemery, preaching

**1/9—BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY**

**INSTALLATION & ORDINATION**

**OF ELDERS & DEACONS**

*“A New Call for a New Year”*

Isaiah 43:1-7, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

**1/16—2ND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*“Where Were You When?”*

Matthew 25:31-46

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

**1/23—3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

Matthew 5:38-42

Emma Neishloss, preaching

**1/30—4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

*“I Thirst”*

Exodus 17:1-7 and John 4:1-14

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

### NEW MEMBER CLASS

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 6 AND 13; 9:45 A.M.

Do you have a friend who's looking for a church home? A neighbor who resolved to grow spiritually in 2022? Now is a great time to invite them to church! We'll be kicking off our next New Member's Class Feb 6 and 13, 2022. If there is someone you know who is interested in learning more about MPC or joining the church, please let Pastor Katie and Leslie Prince, Engagement Elder, know. We love to extend a warm welcome to our growing church family!

In the Presbyterian tradition, we call elders and deacons—officers of the church—to serve the body of Christ by leading the people of God and providing care for the congregation. These officers are ordained and installed by affirming their vows to serve and through the blessing of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands. Join us on Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> as we ordain and install elders and deacons for the Class of 2024.

#### Elder

Liz Mills

Leslie Prince

Stephen Roach

Kim Rockwood

Carol Senf

Mia Smith

David Terry

#### Deacon

Joe Brady

Sarah Brownlee

Nathan Hartman

Bill Southwood

Kimberly Williams



# MPC YOUTH

## YOUTH IN 2022

- MPC Youth will resume its weekly Sunday night meetings at 6pm on January 9. Join us for dinner, good fellowship, and lots of fun. If you'd like to provide dinner for the MPC youth group, click [HERE](#) to sign up.
- It's never too early to sign up for the Summer 2022 Mission Trip to Mobile, Alabama. We work alongside Government Street Presbyterian Church to serve the city of Mobile, and we enjoy the beauty of Mobile Bay! All rising 9th graders through graduated seniors are invited to attend. Email [Pastor Emma](#) for more info!



YOUTH GROUP  
XMAS PARTY



## Morningside PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH KIDS!

## MPC KIDS!

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH RETURNS—JANUARY 9TH

Children's Church will be returning to the worship hour! Children in preschool through 2nd grade are invited to join Pastor Amanda in the Fellowship Hall for music, a Bible story, and devotion. Following Children's Church, 1-2nd graders will return to worship after the sermon and Preschool-Kindergarteners will stay with our MPC Kids staff until the end of the service. [Email Pastor Amanda](#) for additional details.



CHILDREN'S  
PAGEANT



PARTY +  
CAROLING



# MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE



### CHANCEL CHOIR

Have you thought about singing with our choir? Contact Jonathan Crutchfield at [jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org](mailto:jcrutchfield@morningsidepc.org) to make your voice heard.



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME

Children's voices singing — what could melt the hearts of adults better than this? Children's Choir for grades 1 through 5 will resume January 23 at 9:15am for 6 Sundays. The Choir will lead music Sunday, March 6. Children will also sing on Children's Sabbath, May 1. Mark your calendars for 6 rehearsals March 13 through April 24, except for Easter Sunday, April 17.



The Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series at Morningside Presbyterian Church

### THE NANCY FRAMPTON RISING ARTIST 2022 SERIES BEGINS

Exciting times are ahead in 2022.

Three incredibly talented artists comprise the first subscription series.

Mark your calendars now to hear:

- **April 2, 2022** — Colombian tenor, **David Rivera Bozón**
- **July 23, 2022** — English organist, **David Davies**
- **October 29, 2022** — American soprano, **Jasmine Habersham**

Go to our [web page](#) and [facebook page](#) for more information

and to purchase tickets.



# DECEMBER IN PICTURES



THE MORAVIAN  
LOVE FEAST



# January Birthdays

## The Holidays with MPC Affinity Group

- 1 Jack Brewster
- 2 James Klotz
- 3 Jack McNeill
- 4 Jack Klotz
- 5 Ellen Behm
- 5 Michael Boorman
- 5 Holly Crawford
- 5 Elizabeth Gottlich
- 5 Jack Ladds
- 6 Michael Lowry
- 6 Suzanne Wolfe
- 7 Jenny Brod
- 8 Katrina Weis
- 8 Arabella Wolfe
- 8 Lynn Young
- 9 Wesley King
- 10 Betsy Holland
- 10 Anna Holman
- 10 Shari Tant
- 11 Mia Smith
- 12 Jack Knezevich
- 12 Carolyn Morton
- 12 Jane Stack
- 12 John Watson
- 13 Vivienne Anderson
- 13 Mary Hampton Smith
- 13 Kenneth Williams
- 14 Lynn Daniel
- 15 Jane McRae
- 17 Rex Ruby
- 17 Heather Scribner
- 17 Kate Scribner
- 18 Vanessa Ryan
- 19 William King
- 19 Madeline Selness
- 19 Tish Woolley
- 20 Jeanne McCarthy
- 20 Marshall Williams
- 22 Stephen Smith
- 24 Robert Lovett
- 24 Jennifer Williams
- 26 Nathan Hartman
- 26 Beth McClintock
- 26 Brad Millard
- 29 Nathan Hartman
- 29 Suzanne Macpherson
- 30 Adrienne Mogge



WOMEN'S  
ROUNDTABLE ADVENT  
GATHERING



THE RETURN OF  
ONE GRAY HAIR



LGBT & FRIENDS  
XMAS PARTY



THEOLOGY ON TAP  
CHRISTMAS





# Serve Together.

## MLK DAY AT DOBBS

Please join us for our annual Martin Luther King Jr. Workday on Saturday, January 15th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the MPC partner Dobbs Elementary School campus. This is a family-friendly event open to all ages! We will be painting a mural in the media room as well as working outside on raised vegetable beds and landscaping. Lunch and supplies will be provided. Sign up [here](#) or contact [Lloyd Prince](#) or [Jack Klotz](#) for more info.



## NICHOLAS HOUSE CHRISTMAS

We love partnering with our friends at Nicholas House and helping to spread Christmas cheer. A big thank you to all of you who helped fill the Christmas wishes and those of you who wrapped so many gifts...and to the elves who delivered the presents!



## “BEDDING IN A BAG” DONATION DRIVE!

To benefit the Welcome Co-Op and newly arrived refugee families, especially from Afghanistan

**STEP 1: FOR TWIN AND FULL MATTRESSES ONLY, PURCHASE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS (NEW ITEMS ONLY PLEASE!): A FITTED SHEET, A FLAT SHEET, A COMFORTER, A PILLOW CASE**

**STEP 2: PACK THESE ITEMS ALL TOGETHER INTO A BAG OR BOX**

**STEP 3: DELIVER ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH BETWEEN 3:30PM AND 5:30PM TO 5140 MEMORIAL DRIVE 30083**

Please plan to stay in your car, wear your mask, and watch your distance when dropping these items off. Thank you for standing with refugees & supporting our community!

## CLIFTON SANCTUARY MEAL

Morningside is providing dinner on Saturday, January 22 for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Contact Clifton Shepherds [Ann Watson](#) and [Joe Floyd](#) to find out how you can help.



## AMANI MASK SALE

Many thanks from Doris and Reggie of Amani Women Center for the huge success (\$625) on their handmade masks and Christmas ornaments sale at MPC on 12/19. AWC is a partner of Memorial Drive Ministries and who work to provide resources and financial independence for refugee and immigrant women.



## DOBBS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY CONCERT





## ICM ADVENT FOOD COLLECTION

## ICM THANK YOUS & REMINDERS

- Thank you for your dedication to collecting food donations for ICM throughout Advent!
- Thank you for donating to ICM on Giving Tuesday. Over \$60k was received!
- Click [here](#) to donate to ICM through their Amazon Wishlist.
- Click [here](#) for more information about how to drop off donations at Mclver Hall.
- Save-the-Date for the ICM Heart & Home Fundraiser—April 24, 2022.

## DONATION TO PDA FOR KY TORNADO RELIEF

Your Mission Committee is sending \$1000 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for Kentucky tornado victims. Click [here](#) if you would like to donate as well.



## CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVERKEEPER CLEANUP PROJECT POSTPONED!

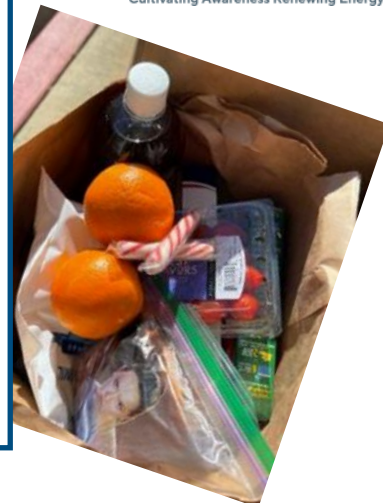
The Saturday, December 4, "Sweep the Hooch" event was postponed until Saturday, February 5. Click [here](#) for more information. And stay tuned for sign-up link for this opportunity!



**MPC C.A.R.E.**  
Cultivating Awareness Renewing Energy

## RIDE ALONG ON GROCERY DELIVERIES

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues, hunger is increasing in our community. Hunger impacts people in all walks of life, and the risks of COVID-19 has made it more difficult for some to physically get to the pantry safely. Therefore, our friends at ICM are offering more deliveries to ensure food needs are met safely for at-risk guests and need our help to make this happen. MPC is looking for volunteers in teams of two to deliver food to ICM clients at Maggie Russell Towers for the first Tuesday of every month. The church van is available for deliveries following a briefing with Pastor Emma. Click [here](#) to sign up. Contact [Nancy Collins](#) or [Sophie Ryan](#) for more info.



## AFGHAN REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Your Mission Committee is thrilled to announce Morningside is partnering with Pleasant Hill Presbyterian, Saint Luke's Presbyterian, and St. Andrews Presbyterian to sponsor an Afghan refugee family through IRC (International Rescue Committee). Many Afghan families are already in Atlanta, so we will probably know our family very soon. There will be plenty of opportunities to assist over the next 6 months and if you are interested in helping, contact shepherd [Holly Campbell](#). Stay tuned for lists of needs from our family as we set them up in an apartment.

-Jack Klotz, Mission Chair



## JUST BAKERY DELIVERIES

Start the New Year's with Just Bakery's delicious whole grain bread! There are 3 pickup points hosted by your fellow Morningsiders.

- Amy and Van Jensen host as the Candler Park pick-up point on the 1st Friday of the month. Place your order before noon on the Thursday before that day.
- Sarah and Richard Brownlee host as the Morningside pick-up point on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Place your order the Monday before that day.
- Julie Greene and Mardee Rightmyer host as the Oakhurst pick-up point on the 3rd Friday of the month. Place your order the Wednesday before.
- Click [here](#) to order.

## JUST BAKERY GIVING TUESDAY—THANK YOU!

Many thanks to all who donated to Just Bakery (55k!) on Giving Tuesday! They are now putting the finishing touches on their new food truck.



# January 2022

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

<p><b>2</b> Epiphany</p> <p>11 Worship with Communion</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>1:30 Staff meeting 5:30 <a href="#">MPC Kids (PreK-2nd Grade)</a> 7 Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><a href="#">Just Bakery Order</a> 8:45 Morning(side) Lift 12 Centering Prayer 7 Deacons Meeting</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><a href="#">Just Bakery Pickup (Jensen)</a></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>7 MPC Couples &amp; Friends</p>
<p><b>9</b> Baptism of the Lord</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School for All Ages 11 Worship—Ordination &amp; Installation of Officers 12 Outdoor Fellowship 6 Youth Group</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>9 <a href="#">Partner with the Preacher</a></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>ICM Grocery Delivery 1:30 Staff meeting 5:30 <a href="#">MPC Kids (2nd -5th Grade)</a> 7 Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>8:45 Morning(side) Lift 12 Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>9 MLK Workday @ Dobbs Elementary</p>
<p><b>16</b> Epiphany 2</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School for All Ages 11 Worship with Baptism 1 RHO Readers</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><a href="#">Just Bakery Order</a> 6 Session</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p><a href="#">Just Bakery Pickup (Brownlee)</a> 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 7 Theology on Tap 7 Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>9:15 GIPL/MPC C.A.R.E Breakfast 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><a href="#">Just Bakery Order</a> 8:45 Morning(side) Lift 11 Yoga with Pam 12 Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><a href="#">Just Bakery Pickup (Green/Rightmyer)</a></p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>5 Clifton Sanctuary Dinner</p>
<p><b>23</b> Epiphany 3</p> <p>9:15 Children's Choir 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:30 Mission Meeting 6 Youth Group</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>9 <a href="#">Partner with the Preacher</a> 6 Session 6:30 Women's Roundtable</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting 6:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>8:45 Morning(side) Lift 11 Yoga with Pam 12 Centering Prayer</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>
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