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e're back! What a gift it has been this month to gather again in the sanctuary for worship! We rejoice that as the pandemic wanes and many in our community are vaccinated, we are finally able to "be together" in a way we have longed for these many months. This summer is a season of hope-filled transition. We will maintain a number of safety protocols and continue to exercise caution as life enters a new normal. At the same time, your leadership is planning toward a full and fruitful fall, listening to the community and the Spirit as we seek to follow Christ.

With joy in the journey, Pastor Katie



STRATEGIC PLANNING LISTENING SESSIONS

Throughout February and March of this year, our Strategic Planning Team lead listening sessions with you. Through open discussion of guided topics and questions like, "What would you like MPC to look like on its 100th birthday (November of 2025)? What would you like to see?", five valuable themes arose: Membership, Community Engagement, Mission, Finance/Infrastructure, and Connection.

As we journey together toward our 100th anniversary and beyond, we will continue to ask questions to help us expand, listen, and grow.

MEMBERSHIP

"How could we be more welcoming and diverse? How could we grow membership?"

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

"How could we better engage our neighbors? How can we better use our space?"

MISSION

"How can we expand mission outreach? How could we form possible partnerships for ministry? What does contemporary ministry look like?"

FINANCE/INFRASTRUCTURE

"How could endowments and savings ensure stable financial footing? How can we better use our space?"

CONNECTION

"How can we better leverage our technology for those at a distance? How can we expand our pastoral care and outreach programs?"



JUNE PREACHING SCHEDULE

"AT THE THRESHOLD"

We stand in a time of transition, at the threshold of what was and what is yet to come. Throughout scripture, we find stories of faithful servants standing at points of decision and transition. What can we learn from them about how we can faithfully make this transition into a new, yet familiar way of being church post-pandemic?

6/6—2nd Sunday after Pentecost

"Who Do You Listen To?"

John 10:1-10

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

6/13—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

"It's Time to Fish...Again"

Luke 5:1-11

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

6/20—4th Sunday after Pentecost

"Intentions"

Genesis 50:15-21

Emma Neishloss, preaching

For the remainder of the summer, we'll explore:

"A PSUMMER OF PSALMS"

For any of you who have ever wondered how to pray or how to speak to God, the Psalms offer us language and music to approach the Holy. Whether you need to lament, to rejoice, or something in between, the Psalms give us permission and in fact invitation to bring our full selves to our relationship with God. No matter where you are emotionally or spiritually, there is a psalm for you.



DUELING SOPRANOS: HIGHER AND LOUDER! SATURDAY, JUNE 5 @ 7 P.M.



Join MPC Staff Sopranos, Joanna Burrell and Megan Reader along with Jonathan Crutchfield at the piano for an evening of live music and fund raising for MPC choir members to represent this church in Ireland June, 2022. 75 folks can attend in person (register [here](#)); the event also will be live streamed. Donations can be made at the door and online, or by sending a check to the church marked "Choir Trip 2022 donation". The gauntlet has been thrown! Click [here](#) to hear Joanna sing high! Click [here](#) to hear Megan sing loud!

CELEBRATE! JUNE IS PRIDE MONTH

Celebrate pride month with our LGBT & Friends Affinity Group at the church on Thursday, June 10 from 6-7 p.m. Email [Michael](#) to join in—all are welcome. We will also celebrate Morningside Presbyterian Church as a welcoming faith community in worship on Sunday, June 13. Click [here](#) for a great list of recommended reading and watching materials to help us connect to our LGBT community, compiled by our own Michael Siedschlag.



AMANDA'S ORDINATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 @ 3 P.M.

Ordination is the celebration of the movement of the Holy Spirit. Ordination recognizes the Spirit given gifts for and commitment to ministry. It is the culmination of years of discernment and training. To put it mildly—it's kind of a big deal. Mark your calendars to attend and celebrate our own Amanda Kemery's ordination—our new Associate Pastor for Children's Ministry! Register [here](#).



DOBBS SUMMER READING

Morningsiders are invited to read to the children at Dobbs Elementary's Kinder Kamp for Kindergarteners for a half-hour every day from June 2 - June 30, 11-11:30 am. We can have two readers visit each day to read aloud to the classes. Sign up [here](#) and email [Emma](#) if you have any questions.





PRAYING FOR YOUR SESSION AT WORK

Your elders on Session are responsible for setting the course for us as a community. Joyfully, we met for the first time in more than a year in-person. As we emerge from the pandemic, your leadership has been busy! Here are some of the tasks your Session has been focused on in recent months:

- Approval of 8 baptisms in the coming weeks
- Approval of communion and a guest preacher for the Ordination of Amanda Kemery on June 20
- Discernment about how we emerge from the pandemic as a community, including reopening practices, masks, and other Covid protocols
- Receiving the conclusions and themes from the spring listening sessions as the Session prepares to clarify areas of strategic focus for the coming year
- Shifting to hybrid adult Sunday School and celebrating a successful year of ZOOM Sunday School offerings
- Empowering Facilities team to explore possibility of sale of small portion of undeveloped church property
- Facilities team update on negotiations with city to repair N. Morningside curb
- Launch of the Nancy Frampton Rising Artist Series in 2022

In August, the Session will meet for a half-day retreat to discern areas of focus for us as a congregation in the coming year. There is much to celebrate and, in the spirit of Pentecost, many visions and dreams yet to come.

May Gatherings



RETURN TO IN-PERSON
WORSHIP



YOUTH SUNDAY



GEORGE'S
BAPTISM

MPC KIDS



PRESCHOOL GRADUATION



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

Beginning Sunday, June 13, Morningside will be collecting new school supplies for both Memorial Drive Ministries and Dobbs Elementary School. We are specifically looking for: glue sticks, notebooks, pens, pencils, jumbo crayons, washable markers, erasers, and printer paper. Bring your school supplies to the Welcome Center through July 11!



FATHER'S DAY TRIBUTES

Submit your Father's Day Floral Tribute by Thursday, June 17. Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10, payable by cash, check, or by choosing "Father's Day Floral Tribute" in the drop-down menu on [Realm](#). Click [here](#) to submit a tribute.

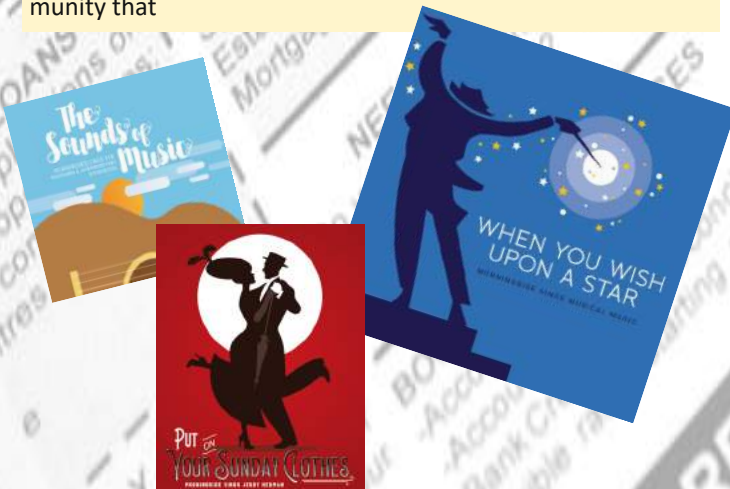


FOOD TRUCKS

Come on out for Hot Dog Pete's, The Mad Greek, and Repicci's Italian Ice food trucks at MPC on Thursday, June 17 from 5:30-7:30 p.m.!

MORNINGSIDE SINGS RETURNS!!!

Rehearsals are underway for our seventh Morningside Sings benefit production. Join us for ***Over the Rainbow: Morningside Sings Songs of Joy and Inspiration*** on **August 28th at 7pm and August 29th at 3pm**. This annual fundraising benefit production features singers and instrumentalists from Morningside's music programs and congregation. The music salutes 100 years of stage and screen classics including songs from *Frozen*, *The Sound of Music*, *Wicked*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. Donations received at each performance will benefit Morningside's music ministry program and the greater community that



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Contact [Amanda](#) if you can help decorate for VBS directly after worship on Sunday, June 13.

We are looking forward to welcoming over 75 kids for the "Knights of North Castle!"



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.





Serve Together.

Researched
and compiled
by Jill Klotz

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CLIFTON SANCTUARIES
MINISTRIES

THANK YOU!

“The guests, staff, and Board of Directors of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for the wonderful new picnic tables and umbrellas! This special gift is much appreciated. We value your partnership and are grateful for all the different ways we are supported by Morningside PC. Your church truly represents the heart of Christ. We can clearly see His work being done through your ministry. Morningside PC is a vital member of Clifton’s family. Please know how grateful we are for you! You enable us to do what we love, make an impact in the homeless community one life at a time.

Sincerely,

Lori White
Director of Community Relations
Clifton Sanctuary Ministries



CLIFTON DINNER COOKOUT

The men at Clifton enjoyed a cookout on May 22nd hosted by Shepherds Ann Watson and Joe Floyd. Many thanks to all who participated and donated the wonderful food.



CLIFTON ACCOMPLISHMENTS

We are excited to share some of Clifton’s guests’ recent accomplishments:

- James F.—Full-time employment with On the Go Courier Services.
- Eric W.—Reunification with family.
- Kent G.—Full-time employment with McDonald’s and receiving stable housing.



IN THE GARDEN

Clifton’s garden is really coming together, thanks to Scout Troop 101 and neighbors for working together to provide Clifton with fresh food. If you are interested in helping out with this family-friendly project, contact Ann Watson or Joe Floyd .



MOWA

MEALS ON WHEELS ATLANTA

BACK TO DELIVERIES

Some Morningsiders were getting back to delivering for Meals on Wheels Atlanta since the beginning of the pandemic last month. It was AMAZING to see the line of cars of other drivers all lined up to deliver, too!

JB

JUST BAKERY



MORNINGSIDERS JB PICK-UP HOSTS

- 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.

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

In only one week in May, ICM served 347 people, which totaled 227 households. ICM received 1,104 lbs in donations, and served 6,039lbs of food. Many thanks for your support.

ICM

INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRIES



WAYS TO HELP

- Contact-free donations can be dropped off at ICM at their donation table outside McIver Hall on Fridays from 9-12. Click [here](#) for a list of needed items.
 - Pantry volunteer slots are open! Sign up [here](#)!
 - Grocery Delivery volunteer slots are open, too! Sign up [here](#)!
- For more info about donating or volunteering, contact [Nancy Collins](#).



SHALOM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH

Thanks to you, the Mission Committee is able sponsor 5 young people from Shalom International Ministries so that they can attend the first week of this year's Montreat Youth Conference. Shalom is part of MPC outreach partner, Memorial Drive Ministries. There are more Shalom youth who would like to attend, so click [here](#) if you would like to donate.



Morningside

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

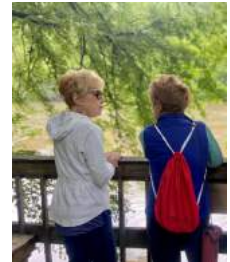
TEAM RETREAT

Some of the MPC C.A.R.E. Team traveled to Ann and John Watson's cabin in Suches for a lovely spring flower hike, delicious lunch and planning session.



MAY HIKES

Members enjoyed hikes throughout the metro-Atlanta area coordinated by the MPC C.A.R.E. committee.



JWDES

J. W. DOBBS
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



TEACHER APPRECIATION

On May 27, MPC is hosted a Teacher Appreciation Lunch at Dobbs. We applaud the commitment and determination of these fine people. And a big shout-out to Shepherd Leslie Prince for organizing this!

TUTORING AND VOLUNTEERING

There are high hopes to be back in the school for in-person tutoring next year, starting Sept 2021. If so, there will be an urgent need for more MPC volunteer tutors to help our kids recover from last year's school interruption.

Stay tuned for information about Teacher Appreciation events and School Supply collections! Contact [Bill Means](#) to get involved.

TUTORING AND VOLUNTEERING

There Dobbs Elementary is now a COGNIA-certified STEM school! STEM is an approach to learning and development that integrates the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Shepherds Leslie Prince and Bill Means were part of the certification interview, along with other partners of Dobbs, like the Georgia Aquarium and the water research firm Acquagenuity. Leslie and Bill explained how Morningside has been involved with Dobbs STEM activities, and COGNIA was impressed with what they heard. That same afternoon, Leslie and Bill found out Dobbs had received the certification! MPC member and Atlanta Public School District 1 Board Member Leslie Grant says she is very proud of Dobbs and our hardworking tutors!



IT'S A FAMILY AFFAIR

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES!

As the end of the quarantine tunnel seems in sight, Did you know that all of our MPC Mission Outreach partners have family-friendly opportunities? For example, some of our Meals-on-Wheels delivery volunteers have taken their children with them on their routes. Some of the more isolated seniors that MOW serve really enjoy visiting with the kids. Consider these opportunities as our children get vaccinated.

- Dobbs Elementary's June Kinder Kamp tutor are welcome to bring their children or grandchildren along.
- You and your family can volunteer at the Saturday pantry of longtime MPC partner Intown Collaborative Ministries or have a family ride-a-long as you deliver food to homebound ICM clients.
- MPC hosts a bi-monthly Saturday night meal at Clifton, so look out for details on how you and your family can participate. Clifton also has a new garden that welcomes people of all ages to help out with!
- All of the activities of our new C.A.R.E. outreach (Cultivating Awareness Renewing Energy) have been family-friendly, such as the Ash Wednesday gardening craft project, the Netflix Kiss the Ground watch party, and the variety of hikes that many of us enjoyed in May.



June Birthdays

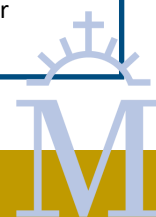
1 Jill Davis	16 Quinn Jarratt
1 Carly Dubay	16 Peter Tuuk
1 Lisa Harris	17 Martin Dunlap
4 John Hadden	17 Carol Southwood
4 Louisa Lowry	18 Preston Lowery
5 Jackson Markovic	18 Ken Sharpe
5 Betty Treschitta	19 Rich Boggs
6 Wally Fleming	21 Margaret Hofland
6 Joe Knezevich	24 Kim Brewster
7 Caleb Tuuk	24 Nicolas Hoffman
8 Bill Humphries	24 Amy Millard
8 Joanna Irwin	26 Kent Balch
9 Holly Greene	26 Jacob Frease
10 Eleanor Roach	27 Patty Nelso
10 Sarah Tomaka	27 Daniel Ward
11 Anne Barnette	28 Marian Wilmer
11 Nathaniel Gehl	29 Bart Engram
13 Kathy Bremer	29 Lloyd Prince
14 Zane Yntema	30 David Hunter
15 Rebecca Stewart	30 Denton King



RHO READERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 20 @ 1:00 VIA ZOOM

RHO Readers June selection is *Shakespeare for Squirrels* by Christopher Moore. Amazon says, "Shakespeare meets Dashiell Hammett in this wildly entertaining murder mystery from New York Times bestselling author Christopher Moore—an uproarious, hardboiled take on the Bard's most performed play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, featuring Pocket, the hero of Fool and The Serpent of Venice, along with his sidekick, Drool, and pet monkey, Jeff. A rollicking tale of love, magic, madness, and murder, Shakespeare for Squirrels is a Midsummer Night's noir—a wicked and brilliantly funny good time conjured by the singular imagination of Christopher Moore."



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday


Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

June 2021

		<p>1 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>2 7 Book Study with Pastor Emma 7:30 Morningside Sings! Rehearsal</p>	<p>3 11 Yoga with Pam</p>	<p>4 5 Club 46</p>	<p>5 7 Dueling Sopranos</p>
<p>6 9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship - Communion 12 Outdoor Fellowship 2 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p>	<p>7 9 Partner with the Preacher 12 Arts & Crafts Guild</p>	<p>8 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>9 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10 11 Yoga with Pam 7 LGBT & Friends</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13 9 Adult Sunday School & New Members Class 10 Worship 11 Outdoor Fellowship 12:30 Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>14  VBS!!! 9-12</p>	<p>15 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>16 7:30 Morningside Sings! Rehearsal</p>	<p>17 11 Yoga with Pam 5:30 Food Trucks!!!</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 10 Morningside Sings! Rehearsal</p>
<p>20 9 Adult Sunday School & New Members Class 10 Worship 1 RHO Readers Zoom</p>	<p>21 12 Arts & Crafts Guild 7 Session</p>	<p>22 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>23 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24 11 Yoga with Pam</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9 Adult Sunday School 10 Worship</p>	<p>28 9 Partner with the Preacher</p>	<p>29 11 Yoga with Pam 1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>30 7:30 Morningside Sings! Rehearsal</p>			

LGBT
 PRIDE MONTH

