

Decisions are made by those who show up. Make a plan to vote.



As people of faith, we pray each week in the Lord's Prayer God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. That prayer is both a reminder that God cares about all creation and our flourishing and an invitation that we work as co-laborers in God's vineyard toward a kin-dom of heaven on earth, a place in which all of God's children are seen as beloved and able to thrive. When I think about what that means for us as a church right now, it gives me great hope. Even as we continue to struggle in the pandemic, I can see the ways that God continues to provide, guide, and sustain us. And I am encouraged by the incredible outpouring of effort by so many to show compassion and care for one another. The list of Hidden Heroes you will find later in this newsletter is a reminder of all the ways members at MPC take that work of being "co-laborers in the vineyard"

seriously. As we prepare to look toward next year by electing officers on November 8th and via commitment Sunday on November 15th, I trust that we are following God's will.

The Lord's Prayer that we offer is not just an MPC prayer, however. And the need for us to be attentive and faithful to God's will is present in our broader community and country as well. As Christians, we strive to build a broader city, state, and country that makes God's love, mercy, and justice visible. In case you have somehow missed it amidst a sea of yard signs and political ads, Tuesday is Election Day. If you have not done so already, I encourage you to participate by making a plan to VOTE.

Regardless of your party affiliation, the one overarching emotion I hear right now is anxiety. So in the lead-up to election day, I encourage you to take care of yourself, to take your news and social media in small doses, to pray, and to use your anxious energy for good. On Tuesday, MPC will serve as a polling place for the first time. If you are looking for a way to be involved on election day, you are welcome to come by the church to help us "warm the lines" with water and candy for voters in a non-partisan way. Following election day, Pastor Emma and I are here for you--regardless of outcome or party allegiance--to listen, pray, celebrate, grieve, and look toward the future together. Our allegiance is ultimately to the living God made known in Jesus, and so we are called to love one another no matter what. And I trust that the God who has brought us through this wilderness thus far will continue to guide our steps in the way of peace.

With courage and hope, Pastor Katie

COMMITMENT SEASON 2021

"ENDURANCE produces character, and CHARACTER produces hope, and HOPE does not disappoint us, because God's LOVE has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us." - ROMANS 5:3-5

Last week, you should have received information in the mail about our hopes for the church in the coming year, including a pledge card. Below is a calendar of Commitment Gatherings both virtual and online to share your hopes for the year ahead. We invite you to be in prayer about how we can grow in hope as a church family journeying together. Click [here](#) to sign up!

Endurance & Character & Hope & Love.
Morningside



- ◆ Sunday, 11/1, 2-4 pm: Pastor Katie's Backyard
- ◆ Saturday, 11/7, 5-7 pm: Suzanne Macpherson's Backyard
- ◆ Sunday, 11/8, 7:30-8:30 pm: Zoom with Pastor Katie and Tom Daniel
- ◆ Monday, 11/9, 9:30-11:30 am: Kim Nuckols' Backyard
- ◆ Thursday, 11/12, 7:30-8:30 pm: Zoom with Pastor Katie and Joe Floyd
- ◆ Sunday, 11/15, 4-6 pm: Sarah Beth Gehl's Backyard

Here's what MPC members have to say about why they give!
Click below to see some familiar, friendly faces and hear our faith family's stories!

ENDURANCE

CHARACTER

Hope does not disappoint us... (Romans 5:5)

This year, MPC is focused on hope for the future and we're not afraid to dream big (even in a pandemic!) Morningside Presbyterian Church's Session has compiled a "wish list" for how we hope to grow together in the coming year. As a congregation, we hope to grow our budget by \$30,000 to support items like: Increased mission giving to those in need, improved livestreaming equipment to enable us to continue online as we return to the sanctuary, expanded technology and resources for speakers for adult education, continued growth in children's and youth ministry, needed maintenance of the building and grounds, continued support of staff, including ordination of our director for children's ministry. We invite you to prayerfully discern how your resources can help us grow together as a church.

November 1 - All Saints' Sunday

We remember through music, visual art, and word those who have gone before us to join the great cloud of witnesses. Members of our Chancel Choir combined to record selected movements of the Fauré *Requiem*. Translations of the Latin text and coordinating pieces of artwork will be presented on the screen during the service. We will celebrate the lives of loved ones we have lost this year by reading their names aloud. We will also celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

November 8 - 23rd Sunday after Pentecost & Congregational Meeting



Plan to attend the Called Congregational Meeting via [Zoom](#), directly after Virtual Worship at noon, where we will vote to elect a new class of elders, deacons and the Officer Nominating Committee.

November 15 - Commitment Sunday & Outdoor Worship

Mark your calendars and be on the look-out for a sign-up link in the mid-week eNews and other resources for our 3rd Outdoor Worship experience at 10:00 a.m. on the MPC campus. Registration is limited to 75 people. AND stay tuned for more information on a "Drive-thru" commitment card drop-off event!

November 22 - Christ the King Sunday

Christ the King Sunday is the conclusion of the Christian year and the day when the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation and is coming again in glory to reign. Our seminary intern, Sam Philips will preach.



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**Journey
Together**

Welcome new members:

[Bert, Caitlin, & George \(5 months old\) Vandermeer](#)

[Wait Aumann](#)

[Roland Behm](#)

Take a moment to send a quick note of welcome to our newest members by clicking on their hyper-linked names!

Looking Ahead...



Advent Worship: From Fear to Wonder

November 29 - Advent 1

From Fear to Hope

Luke 1:5-17, Zechariah

Emma Neishloss, preaching



December 6 - Advent 2

From Fear to Peace

Matthew 1:18-25, Joseph

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

Communion Sunday



December 13 - Advent 3

From Fear to Love

Children's Pageant



December 17

Blue Christmas

Sam Philips, preaching



December 20 - Advent 4

From Fear to Joy

Luke 1:26-38, Mary



December 24 - Christmas Eve

4 p.m. "Follow the Star"

Outdoor Outdoor Progressive Lessons & Carols

8 p.m. Traditional Lessons & Carols (Virtual)

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

All Saints' Remembrances

Morningside Presbyterian Church members that have gone before us in 2020...

Betty Blaine

Nancy Walker Frampton, wife of Mac Frampton

Jan McMahan, wife of Ted McMahan

Jeannette McClure

Loved ones of our faith community...

Josh Adams, brother of Kirk Adams

Lorell "Andy" Anderson, father of Natalie Batchelor

Edward Anthony Angone, uncle of Megan Reader

Bobby Baer, ex-husband of Beth Baer

Juanita Blane, sister of Lenna Turner

James Carrol, friend of Sarah and Richard Brownlee

Gerald Crawford,

friend of Susan and Mark Gilbreath

Millie Elliot, grandmother of Amanda Kemery

John Gehl, father of Tom Gehl

Marcia Holland, mother of Jason Holland

Scott Irwin, brother of Ian Irwin

Rita Rohli Lee, cousin of Linda Marie Johnson

Wiley Long, father of Lele Ruby

Ernest and Annette Lowery, parents of David Lowery

Nadine Fowler Lowery,

grandmother of David Lowery

Lorenza Jimerez, mother-in-law of Victor Carballosa

Megan Elizabeth McLarin,

sister of Corrine McLarin Hadden

Matthew Mitchell, brother of Katrina Weis

Gail Mahood Morris, mother of Lester Morris

Florence McCormick, mother of Jane Postlethwaite

Richard William McClintock, Sr.,

grandfather of Corrine McLarin Hadden

Melvin Mounts, father of Hillery McNeill

Edward Nix, father of Tamara Nix

Marilyn Patrick, mother of Esther Patrick Yntema

Jimmie Grace Philips, former MPC ruling elder

Clint Reed, grandfather of Rachel Reed

William "Billy" C. Reader, Jr.,

uncle of Megan Reader

Frances Roberts, mother-in-law of Randy Young

Steve Slaughter,

friend of Julie Green and Mardee Rightmyer

Janyce Stout, friend of Sarah and Richard Brownlee

Robert Tonkin, stepfather of Hillery McNeill

Lela Turner, mother of Lenna Turner

Jim Walker, friend of Carolyn and Peter Cobb

Dan Woolley, son of Charlsie Woolley

Ida Yntema, mother of David Yntema



STAY CONNECTED...

***Connect to Affinity Groups through the November Calendar on the back page!

November Birthdays

- 3 [Ann Benson](#)
- 3 [Ginny Fergus](#)
- 4 [Will James](#)
- 4 [Tara Parrish](#)
- 6 [Mac Frampton](#)
- 6 [Sam Wingert](#)
- 6 [Lindy Menefee](#)
- 8 [Kelly Anderson](#)
- 8 [Christian Bromley](#)
- 12 [Jonathan Crutchfield](#)
- 12 [Julie Loring](#)
- 12 [Charlotte Sommerfeld](#)
- 14 [Mark Gilbreath](#)
- 14 [Kathleen Wilmer](#)
- 15 [Keira Cobb](#)
- 15 Joseph Cochran
- 15 [Rhonda McIntosh](#)
- 16 [Grady Ulep](#)
- 17 [Cameron Cobb](#)
- 18 [John Macaulay](#)
- 19 [Ellis Williams](#)
- 20 [Ryder Woolley](#)
- 20 [Robert McIntosh](#)
- 22 [Art Gordon](#)
- 23 [Genevieve Shafer](#)
- 25 [Mills Lyddan](#)
- 26 [Kasey Libby](#)
- 26 [Jack Perez](#)
- 27 [Lucas Benzinger](#)
- 27 [Lauren King](#)
- 28 [Richard Brownlee](#)
- 28 [Allen Burke](#)
- 28 [Tony Fishpaw](#)
- 29 [Leslie Prince](#)
- 30 [Chap O'Brien](#)

OUT OF THE DARKNESS COMMUNITY WALK

Help save lives and bring hope to those affected by suicide by joining Kyle's Friends, one of the more than 200 teams participating in the Georgia Experience on November 8. The event is being held by the Georgia chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention and consists of a virtual set of experiences and actual individual or small group experiences. For information on Kyle's Friends, including how to register as a team member, click [here](#). For information on the Georgia Experience, click [here](#).

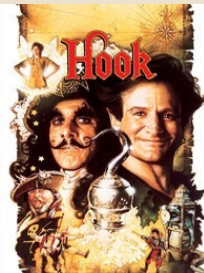


**American
Foundation
for Suicide
Prevention**



SCREEN ON THE GREEN

Click [here](#) to sign up for MPC's Screen on the Green on Friday, November 6, where we'll see a double-feature! Come at 6:30 p.m. to watch *Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin* and then at 7 p.m., we'll begin our feature film: *Hook*. Bring your own chairs/blankets/sleeping bags, snacks, and masks!



MPC KIDS! - ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

2020 can't stop the MPC Kids from proclaiming the Christmas story! This year, we will film individuals and small groups, one at a time in the Sanctuary to keep extra-safe. We will be filming individuals and small groups one-at-a-time in the Sanctuary. The Children's Pageant that will air during worship on December 13th. We have opportunities to record from home! For more information and creative ideas, email [Amanda](#). Parts and filming times will be assigned by November 16th and additional information will be sent at that time. Filming will be from December 1st-5th.

Please register by November 15th.

REGISTER HERE!

ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL NOVEMBER 21 @ 10AM-12PM

Join us on November 21 as we kick off the season of Advent! During Advent, we wait expectantly for the birth of Jesus, and in our waiting, we prepare! This event is for folks and families of *all ages*. Come make an Advent Wreath for your home, tree ornaments, and wrap presents for our friends at Nicholas House. November 21 will also kick off our Advent Food Drive for Intown Collaborative Ministries – so please bring a few items for our barrel!

Not able to stay for the Festival? Come to the Drive-Thru! You can pick up your Advent Devotionals and all of the fixings for your Advent Wreath AND you can drop off food for our ICM Food Drive all from the comfort of your car.

Reminder that all participants in outdoor events must abide by MPC COVID guidelines – including wearing a mask on campus and practicing social distancing

(Click on a name to send a birthday greeting. A child's name will link to a parent's email address.)

MPC Hidden Heroes!



Bob Wells for making it possible for us to worship online! - Tom Daniel

Bob Wells for opening the lens to our virtual worship through his filming artistry, his ability to highlight celebrants individual gifts, and his characteristic generous offering of his time.
- Carolyn Cobb

Well, **Tom Daniel** is a saint of a man. I so miss sitting in front of Tom and Lynn Sunday mornings, but this dear man has continued to reach out to me, and our crazy family throughout this pandemic. Whether a text of Peace during Sunday services or an email to check in and see if we might have any prayer requests before a Deacons meeting, these acts of reaching out mean the world to this tired mother of three. I hope Mr. Daniel knows what an enormous impact he has on so many members of Morningside—he is a treasure! - Anne Barnette

Lynn Daniel works behind the scenes to prepare and present banners, see that flowers are around the church, puts bread out for Sunday communion for online worship, just finding ways to fill in around the edges! Then just let her hear that someone is in need, and she's Super Lynn on the job! She's definitely a Hidden Hero! - Sandy Mashburn

Gail Kitchens for her daily puns, intended to lift our spirits and bring a smile to our faces.
—Jane Stack

Jeff Peters for leading the handbells!
- Tom Daniel

Three years ago when **Ann Watson** was ordained as a deacon I told a friend, “she’s finally getting a title for what she’s always been doing anyway.” Ann is this rare combination of competence and compassion, whether it’s serving meals at Clifton or a person’s home, caring for a friend just out from surgery (which she is doing at this moment), or calling to check on church members, Ann’s caring is always from her heart. She’s my Hidden Hero (and maybe yours, too). - John Watson

The Flower Guild for arranging for flowers and for distribution of vases after services when we are able to have flowers for special services.
- Katie Davis

Emma Neishloss has reached out to the youth in so many ways. She has a crew of 10th grade girls who love meeting with her on the picnic benches for study hall outside every week. We are so appreciative for her thinking outside the box about how to give our youth some connection in this time. - Holly Greene

Cindy Humphries for her constant Compassion, concern, and love, not only as a deacon, but as a friend to so many.
—Hillery McNeill

Carolyn Cobb devotes significant time to the Deacon’s Prayer List. - Tom Daniel

Mardee Rightmyer and Julie Green for welcoming us to play anytime in their beautiful backyard!
- Megan Reader, Emmett & Maggie Mashburn

MPC Hidden Heroes!



Jill and Jack Klotz have been constant in their work to keep the mission team on task. Lots of great ideas and friendly reminders! - Leslie Prince

Rachel Reed— even before the pandemic, Rachel reached out to me after my beloved father passed away last year. I really needed someone to attend the plays and shows I was in, and Rachel came through. She even brought me beautiful rose bouquets and sent encouraging notes in delightful greeting cards. During the pandemic, Rachel reached out again. Since I was, and am, sheltering in place, Rachel shopped for my groceries. When she delivered them, she always stayed a while for a driveway visit. Now that I have become an Instacart shopper, I know Rachel is still there to help me out with any difficulty that comes my way. For example, when my iPhone crashed and my land line failed at the same time, she helped me figure out what to do to solve my dilemma. It is a true blessing to know Rachel is there for me, and I am ever grateful. - Linda Marie Johnson

Tom Daniel with his unwavering compassion, concern, and thoughtfulness through notes, calls and emails to so many members during this trying time. - Hillery McNeill

Jack Klotz - If Jack were ever to get a tattoo, it would be MT 25. He has worked especially hard during the quarantine to help our Mission outreaches as they struggle to keep their doors open. Jack believes that giving of our time and talents shouldn't be out of guilt or obligation, but as a direct response to God's love. Jack also collects COVID data for the Preparedness Team and believes that accurate information is empowering, like a lamp unto our feet..— Anonymous

Philip Hawkins for preparing the Sanctuary Chancel for recording services each week. - Katie Davis

Tom Daniel has emailed me many times throughout the pandemic, checking in on me and Ava. He asks how he can pray for us and asks us how we are doing. - Holly Greene

Tom Daniel for regularly reaching out and checking on me, asking about prayer requests, and following up with my responses. He makes me feel connected to our congregation and to the love of Christ. —Bobbie McCrackin

Richard and Sarah Brownlee have been delivering a week's worth of Meals on Wheels to all recipients on the MPC route every Saturday since late March. Since First Presbyterian has been closed, Sarah and Richard have to go to the Meals on Wheels distribution center off Northside Dr. to pick up the food. - Jack Klotz

Mac Barnette—Back in the early days of the pandemic, we on the Mission Committee learned that the kindergarten students at Dobbs Elementary had not received any work materials and that a lot of students were missing meals they normally would have had at school. Mac put together an appeal for supplies and snacks to his youth friends and others at MPC. When all was said and done, the Barnette family was able to compile and deliver bags of school supplies and snacks to all 62 kindergarten students at Dobbs Elementary.— Jack Klotz

Jill Klotz for supporting our Mission Partners and supporting sharing of mental health resources via weekly resources. - Katie Davis

Lisa Jern for assisting the preschool on our Director Search Committee. Lisa was invaluable to our team and helped us navigate the hiring process. She dedicated her time and expertise and we are so very grateful for her. And now, we have a fabulous Director, Dr. Nadia Jones! Thank you Lisa! - Marti Adams

Tom Daniel has done such an amazing and faithful job of reaching out to church members and helping everyone to feel connected during this pandemic. His dedication and love for our church community has not gone unnoticed. Thank you, Tom! - Kelly Anderson



You!!! Morningside Presbyterian Church, are all hidden heroes, as you spread God's hope and love throughout our community, daily!!!

Dear **Fellow Friends of Morningside**:

Thank you to each of you for your thoughts and prayers during my recent hospitalization and recovery. For those of you who provided all the delicious meals, the phone calls and visits meant the world to me and lifted me up. I am feeling much stronger each day and owe a lot of that energy and strength to each of you.

Douglas joins me in thanking you for your continued prayers and support. We love Morningside and equally the people of Morningside.

Much love, Austin Davis-Selph

Since the pandemic has begun in March, **Ann Watson and Joe Floyd** have made and delivered MPC's bi-monthly evening meal to the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Normally these meals are provided by our members through the pick-a-pan program.

- Jack Klotz

After receiving the Presbyterian Giving catalog in the mail, **Nathaniel Gehl**, one of our MPC Kids, knew that he wanted to help those in need. He decided to raise money from family and friends and his own savings, to give chickens, piglets, farm tools and saplings to families around the world. Nathaniel said that it is a good thing to give to people in need. - Amanda Kemery

Click [here](#) to read more about Nathaniel's act of love.

MPC Hidden Heroes!



MPC Mission Partners Update

Serve Together

So much is happening with our Mission Partners! Click on the Mission Partner's hyperlinked name below to find out how you can get involved and get the latest news!

Many thanks to Mission Partners to Rev. David Roth of Memorial Drive Ministries, Leah Lonsbury of Just Bakery, Doris Mukangu of Amani Women's Center, Rev. Gad Mpyo of Shalom Ministries, Bill Smith of Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Terrisita Terry of Nicholas House, Priscilla Lovett of Dobbs Elementary, and Brad Schweers of Intown Collaborative Ministries for their participation in our Mission Sunday Worship Service on October 11th.

- ◆ MPC will take up a special offering for **THORNWELL** on Sunday, November 22.
- ◆ **AMANI WOMEN'S CENTER** re-opens on November 9! And congratulations to Doris Mukangu!
- ◆ Congratulations, **NICHOLAS HOUSE**, on exceeding your virtual fundraising goal for *Off the Street, On Their Feet!*
- ◆ **JUST BAKERY** is gearing up for the holidays! Get your orders in and see how you can help!
- ◆ **GIVING TUESDAY** is December 1st and ALL our Mission Partners are participating!



November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom</p> <p>11 Virtual Worship with Communion</p> <p>2 Commitment Gathering</p> <p>2 Book Study</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 Partner with the Preacher</p> <p>1:30 Staff meeting</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11 Virtual Yoga with Pam</p> <p>Church Offices Closed</p> <p>Election Day VOTE!</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10 Dobb Tutoring Zoom Training</p> <p>3 Youth Group Study Hall</p> <p>7 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:30 Morning(side) Lift</p> <p>5:30 MPC Kids Small Group (PreK & K)</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Screen on the Green</p> <p>6:30</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5 Commitment Gathering</p>
<p>8</p> <p>9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom</p> <p>11 Virtual Worship</p> <p>12 Congregational Meeting</p> <p>12:30 Deacons Meeting</p> <p>2 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p> <p>3:30 Youth Group Outdoor Adventure</p> <p>4 & 5 Bible Dedication</p> <p>7:30 Commitment Gathering</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 Partner with the Preacher</p> <p>9:30 Commitment Gathering</p>	<p>10</p> <p>11 Virtual Yoga with Pam</p> <p>1:30 Staff meeting</p> <p>5:30 MPC Kids Small Group (1st & 2nd)</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3 Youth Group Study Hall</p> <p>7 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p>	<p>12</p> <p>8:30 Morning(side) Lift</p> <p>7:30 LGBT & Friends Social Hour Zoom</p> <p>7:30 Commitment Gathering</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6 MPC Couples & Friends Zoom</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom</p> <p>10 Outdoor Worship</p> <p>11 Virtual Worship</p> <p>1 RHO Readers Zoom</p> <p>2 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 Partner with the Preacher</p> <p>7 Session Zoom</p>	<p>17</p> <p>11 Virtual Yoga with Pam</p> <p>1:30 Staff meeting</p> <p>5:30 MPC Kids Small Group (3rd-5th)</p>	<p>18</p> <p>3 Youth Group Study Hall</p> <p>7 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p> <p>7:30 Chancel Choir Zoom</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:30 Morning(side) Lift</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Advent Festival</p> <p>10-noon</p>
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<p>29</p> <p>9:30 MPC Kids! & Adult Sunday School Zoom</p> <p>11 Virtual Worship</p> <p>2 Book Study with Pastor Emma</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 Partner with the Preacher</p>					

