MONTH AT GLANCE - SEPTEMBER 2021



DEAR MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN,

The fall is upon us! As we look to another fall, the question I invite each of you to ponder is:

HOW WILL YOU BE ENGAGED IN THE LIFE OF MORNINGSIDE?

At our recent Session retreat, we set forth several strategic priorities for us as a community--you can read more inside! But above all else, this fall is a chance for all of us to re-engage with one another and with God. Your church leadership is committed to ensuring that there are multiple ways to engage--in-person, online, outdoors, in small groups, through mission--so that no matter what your comfort level is with the pandemic or your schedule looks like as the fall begins, there is a way for you to plug in to life here at MPC. While your leadership will do our part, we also invite you to consider your role in the body of Christ. How will you be nurtured here and how can your gifts be used to support others?

The strength of the body of Christ depends on two things:

- 1) Our connection to Christ as the head, whose wisdom guides us and whose love sustains us through good times and challenges like the pandemic.
- 2) Our connection to one another as the body, which means that we need each other in ways big and small.

If you are feeling called to give back, perhaps now is a season to volunteer with Sunday School or MPC Kids! or to be an usher or a greeter or to nominate yourself or others to serve as an elder or deacon.

If you are feeling in need of support, perhaps now is a time to connect with an affinity group or talk to a pastor or attend centering prayer or a Bible or book study.

However you discern, my challenge to you is to not miss out on the opportunities to be rooted and grounded in the love of Christ through MPC. If we've learned anything through the pandemic, it's that we need the love of a community that reflects the love of Christ to shine a bit more brightly in this world.

WITH COURAGE AND HOPE, PASTOR KATIE

OFFICER NOMINATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 15

Are you feeling called?? Nominate Yourself or a Friend!

God has given each of us unique gifts to support the body of Christ as we grow together. But we need your gifts and the gifts you have noticed in others as the Nominating Committee puts together next year's slate of elders and deacons to lead us.

Nominate a fellow church member or nominate yourself by clicking here.

You do not have to have asked a person if they are willing to serve to nominate someone. Just share their name and why you think they'd make a good elder or deacon.

The ONC asks for your nominations by September 15th!



Click above to RSVP.

2021 OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Miranda Brownlee, Chair

Mark Gilbreath

Cindy Humphries

Kathy Bremer

Lloyd Prince



"BACK TO BASICS"

As we kick off the fall and launch into activities, we return to the central question: What does it mean to be "the church"? The letter to the Ephesians takes us back to some of the core aspects of what it means for us to be a community journeying together in Christ. We'll consider what sets the church apart and how God is calling us to be, worship, and serve.

9/5—15th Sunday after Pentecost

Why Pray?; Ephesians 3:14-21
Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

9/12—16th Sunday after Pentecost

Am I Called?; Ephesians 4:1-16
Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

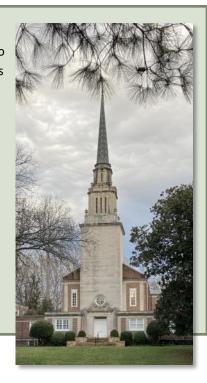
9/19—17th Sunday after Pentecost

Speaking the Truth in Love; Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

9/26—18th Sunday after Pentecost MISSION SUNDAY

Back to Basics: Service & Thanksgiving;
Ephesians 5:15-20
Brad Schweers, preaching





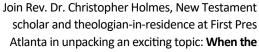
THE FALL RETREAT IS BACK!

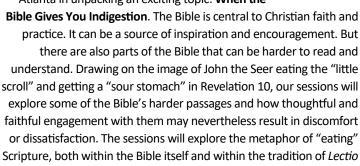
Registration is open for an incredible weekend in Montreat with your MPC

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family! If you haven't been on the retreat before, this is a chance to get away for some casual time with your church family and to spend time in Montreat, one of those "thin places" where you can feel near to God. We'll eat, hike, study, play board games, rock on the porch, play in the creek, enjoy nature, and laugh plenty!

CHRISTOPHER HOLMES, RETREAT SPEAKER





RETREAT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Friday, October 15 - Sunday, October 17, 2021 Montreat Conference Center, William Black Lodge

- Click <u>here</u> to register online for the retreat.
- Click <u>here</u> to print a registration form. Turn in your form to the church office.
- Click <u>here</u> to calculate your cost to attend the Retreat.
- *Scholarships are available; contact Pastor Katie about a scholarship!
- 1. Balance due to MPC by *Friday, September 24, 2021*. Fees are non-refundable after October 1, 2021. If there is a cancellation because of the pandemic, your payment will be refunded.
- 2. The retreat committee is clarifying COVID protocols for the weekend and details will be communicated to all who register.
- 3. Register as soon as possible, even if you will be paying fees at another time. Early registration ensures we have the most appropriate rooms for everyone. Telephone reservations will not be accepted.
- 4. Registration forms and ALL fees are due by *Friday, September 24*. You may make payments until that date if you wish via cash, check (payable to Morningside Presbyterian Church, memo: MPC Retreat), Realm, or QR code.
- 5. Meals included with rooms are dinner on Friday; breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday; and breakfast on Sunday. The lodge provides vegetarian options.
- 6. Specific room requests will be honored if possible and, in the order received. Anyone requesting a specific room number or type of room is encouraged to fill out and submit this registration as soon as possible.
- 7. If you have any further questions, please contact <u>Tamara Nix</u>.

YOUR SESSION @ WORK

IN AUGUST, your elders met as a Session to engage in big-picture discernment work about the future of MPC and set some strategic priorities for the coming year. In deep prayer and with open hearts to where God is calling us, your elders discerned the following four focal areas for MPC in 2021-2022.

ONLINE AND DIGITAL PRESENCE

How can MPC continue to share the good news and engage as a community online in new and creative ways?

• MATTHEW 25 MISSION INITIATIVE

Joining with an initiative of the PC(USA), how will MPC grow in congregational vitality, address systemic poverty, and dismantle structural racism?

Re-engagement of Membership

How can we do a better job of connecting and re-connecting through the pandemic and beyond? If we've missed seeing each other in-person, how can we build genuine relationships again?

• INTERGENERATIONAL CONNECTIONS

How can we reflect the breadth of the body of Christ from our youngest members to our oldest through authentic relationships across the generations?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US

AS A CHURCH COMMUNITY?

It means that your Session will be focusing our programming, our pastoral outreach, and our energies and resources toward growing in these directions. If you are excited about one of these particular priorities, please talk to Pastor Katie or one of your elders about ways to get involved. Above all, continue to be in prayer for your elders as we try to put legs on where we believe God is calling us to put our time, talent, and treasure to serve Christ in the world.











The 7th annual Morningside Sings! production was a great success. Thank you to the many people who invested countless hours into making the performances of *Over the Rainbow: Morningside Sings Songs of Joy and Inspiration*, stirring and festive! We raised over \$10,000 for Morningside's Music and Missions ministries! There is still time to give! Click here to donate; select "Morningside Sings!" from the drop-down box.

A big thank-you to all who watched this year's Morningside Sings! production, either in-person or through the livestream. Thank you for your support! For any who missed the production, click here to watch Saturday's performance.



SAVE-THE-DATE
NOVEMBER 12,
2021!!!
MAC FRAMPTON
IN CONCERT

Pianist, Mac Frampton brings his immense talents to MPC Saturday, November 12 at 7pm for a fund raising event to aid the Nancy Frampton Rising Star Series. The word "versatility" cannot adequately describe Mac. Piano masterpieces by Chopin, Liszt, and Rachmaninoff quickly will be followed by audience favorites from Broadway to the Beatles. Mark your calendars now for this not-to-bemissed evening.









THE NANCY FRAMPTON RISING ARTIST 2022 SERIES LINE-UP!
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
 Click here to learn more about these spectacular artists!

MPC KIDS!

MPC KIDS! ARE BACK TUESDAY NIGHTS!

Our MPC Kids are pumped for energizers, devotionals, play, and mission Tuesday nights at 5:30pm. We will meet outside by the playground for fun and fellowship together.

After programming, children will be served a picnic dinner before pick up at 6:30pm. Click here to register in advance to let us know you are coming! (In the event of inclement weather, we will move to the Fellowship Hall and picnic dinners will be available to take home.)

- 1st Tuesday (Sept 7) Preschool-Kindergarten
- 2nd Tuesday (Sept 14) 1-2nd Grade
- 3rd Tuesday (Sept 21) 3-5th Grade



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

1ST-5TH GRADE, SUNDAYS @ 9:15

The children's choir is returning to Sunday mornings! Beginning on September 12th, the choir will meet in Room 001 on Sunday mornings at 9:15am. See below for dates to

mornings at 9:15am. See below for dates to put in your calendar. We can't wait to have our children leading in worship again!

- September 12 Children's Choir Begins
- October 24 Children Sing in Worship
- October 31 Christmas Pageant Choir Rehearsals Begin
- December 8 WEDNESDAY Pageant Dress Rehearsal in Sanctuary 6pm - 7pm
- December 12 Christmas Pageant 11am

SUNDAY FUNDAY SCHOOL

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CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

9:45-10:45AM

- Sunday School is available for children (2 years-old through 5th grade) at 9:45am.
- Preschoolers through second graders will meet Ms. Debbi and Ms. Bri in Room 011 on the preschool side of the building at 9:45. After a brief lesson and video, everyone will head out to the playground for play and pick-up.
 - 3rd-5th graders will meet Ms. Cindy downstairs on the Welcome Center side of the building at 9:45 in Room 003.
 After their lesson and video, they will also head out to the playground for play and pick-up.
- Parents and caregivers should pick up children at the playground no later than 10:40am. In the event of inclement weather, children will remain in their classrooms.

(No advance registration is required at this time. Realm will be used to check students in and keep attendance .)

ARE YOU ABLE TO VOLUNTEER?

Click here to sign-up to help with our MPC Kids!

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP; 11AM-12PM

ALL CHILDREN ARE WELCOME IN WORSHIP ALL THE TIME!

- Worship bags are available for children of all ages. Grab a bag outside of the sanctuary doors and then head to the table next to the bags to pick up coloring sheets, children's bulletins, and plain paper. Please return bags to their stand following worship.
- Children will be called forward during the Time with Children to hear a special message.
- Following this time, children who are two years-old through 2nd grade are invited
 to follow our staff members out to the playground or return to their seats. Parents
 may pick up their children on the playground following worship. In the event of
 inclement weather, children may be picked up downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.
- Space for parents feeding or soothing young children is available. When exiting the Sanctuary, go straight down the short stairs and the room is on your left by the white double doors.



NURSERY CARE 0-24 MONTHS

- The Nursery is available for children ages 0-24 months from 9:30am-12:15pm. If exiting the Sanctuary, turn RIGHT and the Nursery is the first door on your left.
- At this time, Nursery capacity will be limited to 8 infants/toddlers and will be on a first-come-first-serve basis.

FAUX-LYMPICS: MPC's Opening Ceremony



We kicked off our fall programming with a little Faux-lympic games! We had so much fun dancing, playing, and being together. And we filled a truck with items for Rebecca's Tent! Way to go Morningsiders! (See the picture of the loaded truck on p.9.)









MPC YOUTH





YOUTH GROUP DINNERS



Provide dinner for the MPC Youth!

At every Youth Group meeting, our kids share a meal together. Eating together is an important way they build community and enjoy fellowship. They are NOT picky and enjoy a wide variety of foods. Contact Pastor Emma if you have any questions. Click here to sign up to provide the Youth with dinner.





AFFINITY GROUPS

Morningside sponsors several groups with shared interests who meet on a regular basis. These groups are open to all. Get involved! Enjoy getting to know others in your faith community. Check out MPC's communications for dates, times, and special programs that these groups will be presenting throughout the year.

- LGBT & FRIENDS—Meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 7 pm, every other month in-person. Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 14; more details to come. Contact Michael for more info.
- MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS—Usually meets on the second Saturday of the month at 6:30 pm for dinner hosted by a group member. This month, MPC Couples & Friends meets on Saturday, September 25, in person at Lloyd & Leslie Prince's pool. Email <u>Kathy and Alan</u> for more info.
- ONE GRAY HAIR—This group will remain on hiatus until it is safe for all to meet indoors in the
 Fellowship Hall. However, they usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday of odd months at noon.

 Contact Sarah and Richard for more info.
- RHO READERS—These avid readers meet year round, every 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:30
 pm (except December) to snack and discuss the chosen book of the month. Currently, they
 are considering a hybrid option of in-person and Zoom (see below). Contact jill for more info.
- WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE—This intergenerational group meets the 4th Monday of every month
 at 7:30 pm to hear from speakers who enlighten and to discuss opportunities to serve our
 world. This month the group meets via Zoom on Monday, September 27; more details to
 come. Contact the Roundtable Facilitators for info.
- THEOLOGY ON TAP—This men's group meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 pm for conversation and brews. They will start this semester on Zoom on Tuesday, September 21.
 Contact Tom and Lloyd for more info.
 - MORNING(SIDE) LIFT—Gather every Thursday at Apotheos Coffee (formerly San Francisco Coffee) at 8:45am. Just good folks chatting over good coffee. Contact Pastor Emma for info.

- 1 Nash Burke
- 2 Sarah Bogue
- 2 Amelia Millard
- 2 Randy Young
- 4 Tyler Ryan
- 5 Maggie Mashburn
- 5 Drew Slayton
- 6 Sandy Mashburn
- 6 Whitman Mills
- 8 Zane Jensen
- 9 Greyson Anderson
- 9 Will Hunter
- 11 Audrey Anderson
- 11 Peter Cobb
- 12 Molly Durden
- 13 Lisa Jern
- 14 Katharine Nuckols
- 15 Matt Frease
- 15 Sophia Regnault
- 16 Genine Shafer
- 19 Jason Williams
- 20 Ryan Gorman
- 21 Callie Stewart
- 23 Ben Bradway
- 24 Hugh Bell
- 24 John Kinumbe-Baume
- 25 Peter Chatel
- 28 Ellis O'Brien
- 28 Kyle Ulep
- 29 Finn Fleming
- 29 James Scribner



5 LITTLE MONKEYS CONSIGNMENT SALE
September 15 (9am-7pm) & Sept 16 (9am-4pm)

MPC Fellowship Hall

Have your kids outgrown their church clothes during the pandemic? This is your chance to outfit your children for the fall as we open our doors to the community.

RHO READERS SEPTEMBER READ:

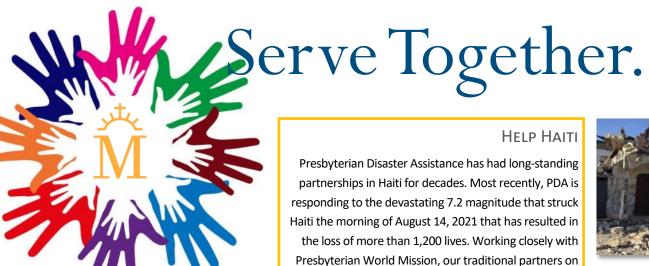
HAMNET BY MAGGIE FARRELL

Weaving In 1580's England, during the Black Plague a young Latin tutor falls in love with an extraordinary, eccentric young woman in this "exceptional historical novel" (*The New*



Yorker) and best-selling winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction. A luminous portrait of a marriage, a shattering evocation of a family ravaged by grief and loss, and a tender and unforgettable re-imagining of a boy whose life has been all but forgotten, and whose name was given to one of the most celebrated plays of all time, Hamnet is mesmerizing, seductive, impossible to put down—a magnificent leap forward from one of our most gifted novelists.

RHO Readers meets on Sunday, September 15 at 1 p.m. via Zoom; discussion lead by Bill Means. Click <u>here</u> for more info and to join the fun!



HELP HAITI

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance has had long-standing partnerships in Haiti for decades. Most recently, PDA is responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with Presbyterian World Mission, our traditional partners on the ground and ACT Alliance, PDA is responding to emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. We remain committed to the longterm recovery. The Morningside Mission Committee sent \$1000 to PDA for Haiti relief on your behalf. and compiled

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HURRICANE RELIEF

Click here to donate to the PDA's Disaster Relief for hurricane survivors in the Gulf and Haiti.

AFGHAN REFUGEES

As we watch the events unfolding in Afghanistan, many of us feel at a loss, not sure how we can help. David Roth, executive director of Memorial Drive Ministries, has offered contact information for a group working to provide permanent housing for Afghan refugees. If you or someone you know has a home for rent or if you know of available apartments for rent in the metro Atlanta area, please contact John Arnold. Also, beginning in September, Morningside will be collecting items for newly housed refugees. In a world of violence and an age of displacement, thank you for being a part of those who stand for welcome, solidarity, and peace.

HOUSEHOLD CARE KITS COLLECTION

The Mission Committee will hold a Household Care Kit donation drive for Afghan Refugees throughout September. Choose items from the list to the left and place your donation in the blue barrel in the Welcome Center at church, or order from the Amazon Wishlist and ship it to the church.

HELP FOR MEMORIAL DRIVE

Memorial Drive Ministries is working to upgrade many critical aspects of their campus -- particularly the Donnell Building which sustained a lot of smoke and water damage after a recent fire. MDM is currently fundraising for the restoration process, and Morningside has pledged to match dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000. Thanks to many gracious donors, MDM has already raised \$9,205--which will be doubled by MPC's pledge! The generosity has been incredible, and MDM is looking forward to revitalizing their space soon!

You can still donate! Click here to contribute.

HOUSEHOLD CARE KIT DRIVE



Items Needed:

- · Drinking glasses
- · Light bulbs (4-pack)
- · Small and large kitchen knives
- · Dish detergent (regular size)
- · Scouring powder (regular size)
- · Sponges (2-pack, kitchen)
- · Trash bags (box, tall kitchen)
- · Laundry detergent
- · Can opener (manual)
- Notebook
- · Pack of pens
- · Shower curtain and rings
- · Small trash can



BACKPACKS AND HEADPHONES

In addition to the pressed-down-and-overflowing response to our July School supplies drive, the Mission Committee was also able to buy 48 backpacks for the children of the Amani Women's Center's families and 160 pairs of headphones for the students at Dobbs Elementary. Blessings abound!



MPC C.A.R.E. TOMATO LUNCH

John and Ann Watson treated the CARE Committee and friends to a delicious tomato sandwich lunch last month. And thanks to Georgia Interfaith Power & Light for the t-shirts!

SEPTEMBER 25TH HIKES

- Join us for a Daisy Days trip to Arabia Mountain National Heritage Site on I-20 East near Stonecrest, GA in Dekalb County. Meet up at MPC at 9:45am to carpool—we'll leave promptly at 10am—or meet up at the trail head parking lot. Read more about Arabia Mountain here.
 - For a more toddler and stroller friendly nature walk, meet at 9am at Mason Mill Park and the South Peachtree Creak Trail. Bring a snack and enjoy the playground afterward. Click here for more information on the park.
 - Sign up here for the hikes or contact <u>Jeanne MaCarthy</u> for more info.













REBECCA'S TENT KICK-OFF COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who brought donations for Rebecca's Tent at the Sunday School Kickoff Fauxlympics event! Executive Director Tasho Wesley was thrilled at the truckload of goods that MPC brought over.

> SAVE-THE-DATE **MOWA FUNDRAISER**

BENTLEY GOLF CLASSIC, 10/12

This tournament at Piedmont Driving Club provides a great opportunity for corporations to impact the communities they serve. All tournament proceeds are donated to Meals On Wheels Atlanta, which supports senior independence through meals, shelter, education and community. Click for more info.



Spiegel Women's Shelter

ICM New Date for Heart and Home

In consultation with the CDC and after closely monitoring the public health data on the Delta variant, ICM has made the decision to postpone their Heart & Home Gala at Terminal West from October 3, 2021 to April 24, 2022.

NEW DATE INTOWN COLLABORATIVE MINISTRES SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2022 4-7 PM INTOWN CH. ORG/HEARTANDHOME Live Auction - Scient Auction - Golden Tacket - Raelle - Wall of Wine

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Canned Chicken UGT Milk (shelf-stable)

Tuna Packets Jelly

Uncrustables Instant Oatmeal/Grits
Canned Soups Gallon sized Ziplocks
Canned Fish Plastic Grocery Bags

Click here to order off of the Amazon Wishlist.

How to Drop Off Donations

A donation drop off table is open outside McIver Hall Fridays and Saturdays from 9-12. You can pull your car right up to McIver Hall and volunteers will be able to unload your donation.

Please scan the QR code with your phone and fill out the form so that ICM can record your donation. If you need a weight total, please be sure to let the ICM staff know at the time of donation.

ICM DONATIONS

- In one week alone at the ICM food pantry, 231 households were served totaling 358 people! ICM able to distribute 6,816lbs of food into the community.
- ICM has open dates at the pantry through September! Please take a look here and sign up to volunteer and to see what the hunger programs here at ICM look like!
- Thank you to all who have been bringing in plastic grocery bags. Please keep them coming! They are so helpful for making snack bags.
- CLICK HERE TO DONATE TO ICM.





CLIFTON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Clifton's garden is flourishing. Want to help out at Clifton? Click here to find out how!



Mission Sunday is September 26th. Worship leaders will be from our MPC Mission Outreaches and MPC Shepherds. Please plan to attend virtually or in-person so you can put names to the faces of these dedicated people!

SEPTEMBER CLIFTON DINNER

Saturday, Sept. 25th, MPC is providing dinner for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Contact Clifton Shepherds Ann Watson or Joe Floyd to find out how you can help.





LOOKING AHEAD...

Peace & Global Witness Offering
World Communion Sunday, October 3

How are the contributions to the Peace and Global Witness Offering used? Click here to read Natalie's very personal story of a mental health

crisis and suicide prevention.
PC (USA) churches use the funds
from the Peace and Global Witness
Offering at the local level to aid
organizations of healing.



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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