

MONTH AT A GLANCE

FALL IS IN THE AIR!

A few weeks ago, a parent remarked that what they need more than anything this fall is a sense of routine. After tumultuous years where “pivot” was our most frequent word, there is a measure of comfort to be found in the predictability a weekly rhythm. Kids are back in school. Work has a more reliable schedule. And life at Morningside has a rhythm as well.

Routine doesn't mean boring! And don't get me wrong, this newsletter is full of special events and programs you won't want to miss. But the rhythm of life can allow you the space to take note of small blessings and beauty in our midst that you might miss otherwise. Whether it's Sunday worship or Sunday School or committing to a monthly affinity group, I hope you will find a way to make life with God at MPC a part of your routine.

I wonder if this fall season is an invitation to recommit your spiritual life to a pattern of worship, prayer, study, and fellowship with God and God's people? What would it look like if you committed to weekly worship for the coming month? How might you be changed simply by settling in?

A fellow pastor recently shared the story of Sully Sullenberger, the pilot who landed the plane in the Hudson back in 2009 in what was known as the “Miracle on the Hudson.” When Sully was interviewed and asked how he did it, he replied, “For 35 years, I have been making daily deposits in training, education, and experience so that on this day, I could make a large withdrawal.” What would it look like if you chose this fall to make daily or weekly deposits in your faith life so that you are formed, shaped, and ready for a moment God will need you in the future?

WITH COURAGE FOR THE JOURNEY, PASTOR KATIE

ALL SAINTS' NECROLOGY

As we look forward to All Saints' Sunday on November 6, let us take this opportunity to reflect on those who have joined the great cloud of witnesses in the last year. Submit your loved one's name [here](#). Submissions are due Monday, October 31.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

MPC participates in World Communion Sunday on October 2 and will take up the Peace & Global Witness Offering, which enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. Individual congregations are encouraged to utilize up to 25% of this Offering to connect with the global witness of Christ's peace. Mid councils retain an additional 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



WORSHIP TOGETHER IN OCTOBER

Building Upon the Promises

From Abraham through Christ, God promises us a future filled with hope. As heirs of the promise, this month we explore what it means for us to build upon that promise so that others can experience the good news of Christ too.

Luke 22: 14-20; "Institutional Memory"
Pastor Emma, preaching
Communion

10/2

10/9 Genesis 15:1-6, 12-16; "Counting the Stars"
Pastor Katie, preaching

Exodus 2:1-10; "Where It All Begins"
Rev. Andy James, guest preacher
Stated Clerk of Presbytery for Greater Atlanta

10/16

10/23 Joel 2:12-16, 28-32
This I Believe Sunday

Rev. Dr. Joanna Adams,
Pastor Emerita

10/30



BUILDING UPON THE PROMISES

COMMITMENT 2023

This fall we reflect on what it means to be heirs of the promise and to dream together about how we are called to build upon that promise for the future of Morningside! Lives are changed at Morningside because of the grace shared, love poured out, and prayers lifted up. Of course, you'll hear in the coming weeks about the resources we need to serve Christ and some of the hopes and dreams of our ministry teams, but as you consider WHAT you will give, pray as well about WHY you give. If your life has been changed by meeting God here, how will you support the church so that others' lives can be changed as well?

If you belong to Christ,
then you are Abraham's
offspring, heirs according
to the promise.
-Galatians 3:29



WHY I GIVE TO MORNINGSIDE: A REFLECTION BY SUSAN ODER

When I was very young, I would spend Saturday nights at my Grandparents' house in Nashville and go to Sunday School and Worship with them the next morning at Woodland Presbyterian Church. One of my earliest recollections is standing with other five- and six-year-old children at a Mission Dinner in Fellowship Hall and singing "Jesus Loves the Little Children". You know the words....."Red and yellow, black and white, they are precious in His sight ..."

This was in the early '50s and Nashville was on the cusp of being at the forefront of racial demonstrations and sit-ins in the Civil Rights movement. Two to three years later, I had become an avid reader and would devour anything I could get my hands on, including both the morning and afternoon newspapers. Each covered the actions and treatment of demonstrating students. The pictures showed nicely dressed people of color sitting at downtown lunch counters ordering a hamburger or soda and being screamed and yelled at, having things thrown at them and, in some instances, being hit and dragged off their seats.

As a child in an upper middle-class home, I had been taught that this was not acceptable behavior -- unless, that is, it was being used against folks of color. I had been around Black people who worked for my family and my friends' families and was very fond of many of them. At the same time, I knew how adults referred to them behind their backs. This saddened me greatly. I knew that many of them were very smart ... after all, they could beat me at cards, and I was already a card shark!

So, how did I reconcile the song I learned at church and talk I heard at my home and my friends' homes about people who didn't look like me? As the '50s turned into the turbulent '60s, I turned to the same thing that had comforted generations before me, the lessons I learned at church. Those lessons of love and respect and equality are the same ones we teach at MPC so that our children can continue to help make the world a better place for everyone, Red and yellow, black and white. Straight or gay, Rich or poor. We're still moving forward, even after seventy years. Generation to Generation. To continue that forward progress, please remember that your contributions of time, talent and treasure are vital to keep our young people learning to be disciples in today's fragmented society.



PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor/Clergy Appreciation Month, and we are sincerely grateful to Katie, Emma, Amanda and Jonathon for all they do throughout the year to inspire us, guide us, and love us here at Morningside. The orchids placed in the Narthex for the month of October are in honor of our Pastors. Please take time to remind formally or informally each of them of our love and appreciation for the many things they do and have done to help us grow, strengthen our faith, persevere through difficult times, and maintain hope for the future.



FAITH DEVELOPMENT IN OCTOBER

This class meets at 9:45 on Sundays in Room 201.

- October 2 -- Mac Frampton finishes up "The History of Our Favorite Hymns."
- October 9 -- Stay tuned for details!
- October 16 -- No Sunday School this day.
- October 23 -- Commitment Kickoff with Pastor Katie
- October 30 -- Series on Stewardship and Giving continues



CHURCHWIDE FALL RETREAT @ MONTREAT

This month, we look forward to many Morningsiders going to the annual retreat at Montreat Conference Center and learning about the enneagram with facilitator, Michelle Thomas Bush. Along with enjoying hikes, relaxing outdoors, and generally having a fun time together, folks will be using this self-explorative tool to learn more about their individual journeys with God.



MPC @ PRIDE!

Saturday, October 8
Sunday, October 9

Join us at Pride! We'll be passing out swag, offering blessings, sharing love and inclusion with everyone we meet. Find our booth on the north end of the lake! Enter via the Park Drive Bridge and follow the trail toward the lake (in the direction of the tennis center); check the map on our [homepage](#). If you can't make it to the festival, consider donating a bag of candy for us to pass out! Drop off your candy with Pastor Emma. Click [here](#) to sign up to staff the booth.

SAVE-THE-DATE CHILI COOKOFF!

Sunday, November 6

Mark your calendars for the return of the beloved All-church Chili Cookoff! Lunch in the Fellowship Hall following Worship. Think you make prize-winning chili? Contact [Tamara](#) or [Tish](#) to enter!



DEACONS' CORNER

Here are some of the activities the deacons have been involved in for September. Contact a deacon if you or anyone you know is in need or has an idea of how the deacons may help.

- Activated several meal trains
- Sent cards and notes expressing encouragement and best wishes
- Delivered flowers to those needing cheer
- Maintained the church prayer list
- Provided outreach and ways to engage
- Planned and held the Morningside Mingle!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMMING

Did you know that on any given Wednesday you can find the "MPC Kids!" on campus?

On Wednesdays we find ways to connect with one another through fun and fellowship. At Bike Nights, we close the parking lot to cars from 4:30-6pm so that anyone can ride, scoot, or skate to their heart's content. At "MPC Kids! Fellowship", we explore our faith together with a short devotional and group game. Every Wednesday includes a pizza dinner that is open to everyone! Our choir members get to join in all of this fun before heading down to practice with Ms. Amani. No registration is needed and we hope you can join us any week this semester!



Wednesday Night Fellowship

Bike Nights!
(All ages) - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 4:30-6:00pm

MPC Kids! Fellowship (1st-5th Grade)
2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

MPC Kids! Fellowship (2yo-K)
4th Wednesdays @ 5:30pm

Pizza Dinner Served @ 6pm
\$2 per slice



SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS

Morningside needs...

YOU!



Research has found that children and youth that could identify an adult in their faith community that knew them by name and that cared about them were more likely to remain in a faith community throughout their life. Are you ready to be that adult? It doesn't take much...just about an hour a month. [Sign up](#) today to and say "yes" to helping a child grow in their faith.



CLUB 46

FALL 2022

OCT 28TH
NOV 18TH
DEC 16TH

SAVE THE DATES

DINNER PROVIDED

RSVP TO PASTOR EMMA OR PASTOR AMANDA

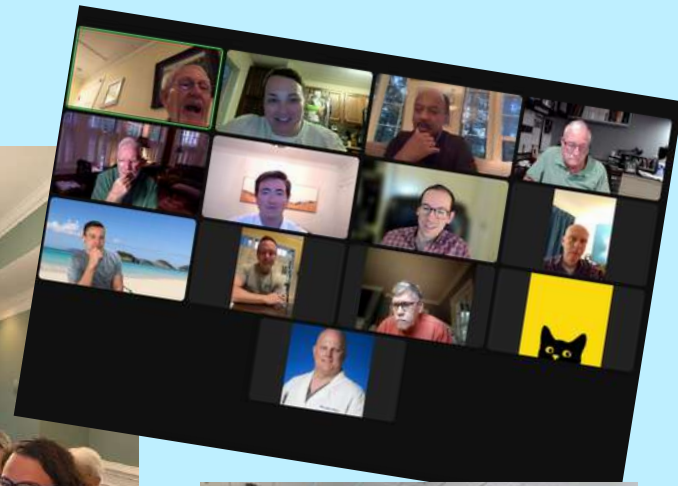


Club 46 is back for another year of fun! Club 46 is for students in 4th-6th grade and is a place where we grow in relationship with one another through play. Our first session included an epic round Capture the Flag on the MPC campus. Be sure to save the date for our other get-togethers this semester!



PICTURES OF SEPTEMBER

AFFINITY GROUPS



HYMN FESTIVAL



MORNINGSIDE MINGLES



BLESSING OF THE PETS



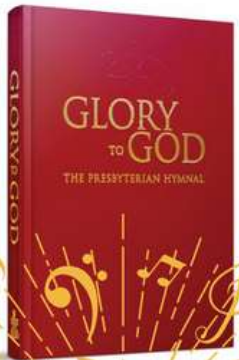


MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Your ASTOUNDING generosity means that we will be doing just that with the new Glory to God hymnals in the very near future. In just two weeks, your donations have purchased enough hymnals to fill the sanctuary! They're being ordered and will be dedicated later this fall.

Thanks to each of you for helping us sing God's praises.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

All 1st - 5th graders are invited to sing each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. All 2 year olds through Kindergarteners sing with Ms. Amani on Sunday mornings as part of their Sunday School time. The children are preparing to sing for worship on Sunday, October 23, as well as the Children's pageant on Sunday, December 11. There's still time to join Ms. Amani!

ALL SAINTS' SPECIAL MUSIC

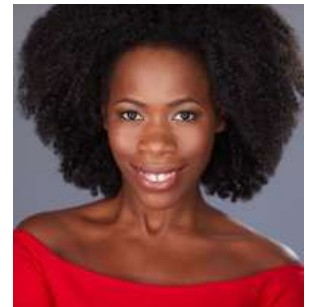
Sunday, November 6
2:00 p.m.

The choirs of Morningside, Central, and Covenant Presbyterian Churches will sing "Requiem for the Living" by Dan Forrest Sunday, November 6 at 2pm. The service will be held at Central Presbyterian Church and will include orchestra. All are invited to attend as we remember those who have departed this life.

The Nancy Frampton
Rising Artists Series
at Morningside
Presbyterian Church

JASMINE HABERSHAM IN CONCERT

Saturday, October 29
7:30 p.m.



The Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series, a new concert program highlighting the next generation of classical music stars, will close its inaugural season with a concert from American soprano Jasmine Habersham on October 29 at 7 p.m. at MPC. With a voice that has been hailed as "exquisite" by Broadway World, Jasmine is sure to delight concert attendees with a repertoire that includes arias by Mozart, Handel, and Bellini; Broadway classics from shows like West Side Story and Sweeney Todd; and some of her favorite spirituals. MPC is thrilled to be hosting Jasmine's first solo concert in Atlanta – you won't want to miss this special event!



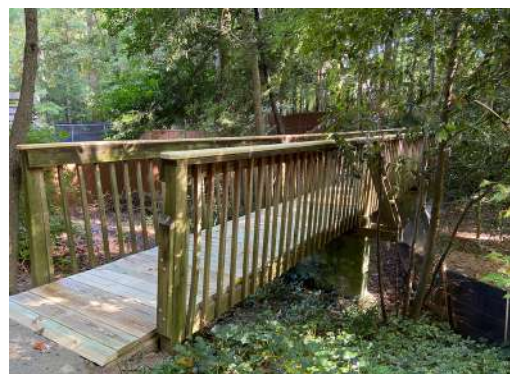
FACILITIES UPDATE

A lightning strike in August affected a number of our electrical systems, including our sound board, light board, organ mother board, and door system. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through repairs and engineer solutions.

- The sound board has been replaced
- The light board is on its way
- A new door system has been installed
- Discussions on the organ repair are underway

THE BRIDGE IS OPEN!

Take a walk in God's creation on our campus this week! Thanks to the efforts of eight handy church members, our bridge now has brand new decking. Come check it out!





MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, October 8; 6:00 p.m.

This group meets at Sandy & Jerry Mashburn's home (3460 Snow Trail, Snellville). Email [Kathy](#) for more info!

RHO READERS

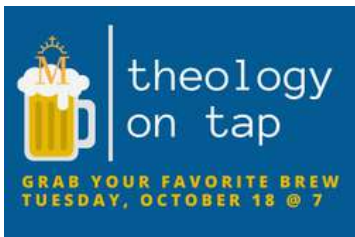
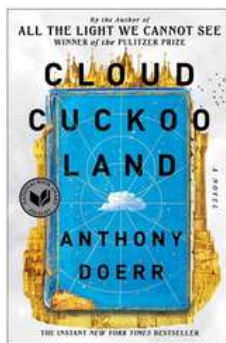
Sunday, October 16; 12:30 p.m.

Join us via Zoom on Sunday October 16 at 12:30 p.m. Carol Senf will lead the discussion. Contact [Jill](#) for more info and the Zoom link.

RHO Readers October Book

Cloud Cuckoo Land

by Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Anthony Doerr
Among the most celebrated and beloved novels of recent times, *Cloud Cuckoo Land* is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope, and a book.



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, October 18; 7:00 p.m.

Joe Floyd, Bill Humphries and Tom Daniel will talk about commitment and our hopes for the church for the coming year. Email [Tom](#) for more information.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE



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Monday, October 24; 6:30 p.m.

Stay tuned for more details on this month's program. Contact the

[Roundtable Facilitators](#) for more info.

Monday

October 24

6:30 p.m.

october birthdays

- 1 GUS LIBBY
- 1 CHARLOTTE SPEARS
- 1 WREN TRIEU
- 3 ANNA GRAY SAPP
- 4 ISOBEL MCLARIN-HADDEN
- 5 MIRANDA BROWNLEE
- 5 LIZA KNEZEVICH
- 6 CHRISTOPHER GAIR
- 8 JULIA KNEELAND
- 8 DUNCAN SPEARS
- 8 ANNIE WILLIAMSON
- 8 BROOKE WILLIAMSON
- 11 DANIEL SOMMERFELD
- 12 GEORGE COOGLE
- 14 QUADE LADDS
- 14 LILY BROOKS WOOLLEY
- 15 JOE BRADY
- 15 SANDA MEANS
- 15 ALEX REGNAULT
- 16 PHILIP HAWKINS
- 17 RACHEL REED
- 17 REAGAN SLAYTON
- 18 DAVID STEWART
- 19 MOLLIE AUMANN
- 20 SIENNA WEIS
- 21 SADIE IRWIN
- 24 DANIEL FOWLER
- 25 RILEY RUBY
- 26 FINLEY HOLLOWAY
- 26 CATHERINE FLEMING
- 26 PAM SHARPE
- 27 KATE HATCHER-FERGUSON
- 28 ABIGAIL WARD
- 29 TERRY LAWSON
- 29 JASON LORING
- 29 ROB PAYNE
- 31 JEFF PETERS



All are invited to meet at San Francisco Coffee every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. Just good folks chatting over some good coffee. Contact [Pastor Emma](#) for info.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"How we walk with the disadvantaged speaks louder than how we sit with the privileged."

- anon



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

Selai was born and raised in Vunidogoloa, the first Fijian community that was forced to relocate due to the impact of climate change. Since 2014, the island nation of Fiji has had roughly four such relocations, including Selai's home. According to Frances Namoumou, the Ecological Stewardship and Climate Justice program coordinator for the Pacific Conference of Churches (PCC), the churches of the Pacific have envisioned worst-case scenarios, in which an alarming number of communities, just like Vunidogoloa, will have to relocate if the effects of climate change are not mitigated. The catastrophic impact of the Pacific islands' cyclone season is a further contributing factor to the mounting number of necessary climate relocations. Frances says that it is the vital support from the PCUSA's Peace & Global Witness offering that makes it possible for these communities to survive.

The PCC's call to peacemaking, including addressing the growing mental health concerns displaced families suffer as a result from the impact of climate change, is made possible by gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, traditionally received on World Communion Sunday, which this year falls on Sunday, October 2. Give during Sunday Worship or via [Realm](#).

"FOR I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME DRINK..."

On Wednesday, September 7, our Presbytery sent out an urgent request to donate and deliver water to the flood victims of Cherokee Presbytery. Thanks to your generosity, Mission Committee members Lloyd Prince and Jack Klotz were able to load the church van and deliver over a TON of water in a matter of hours.

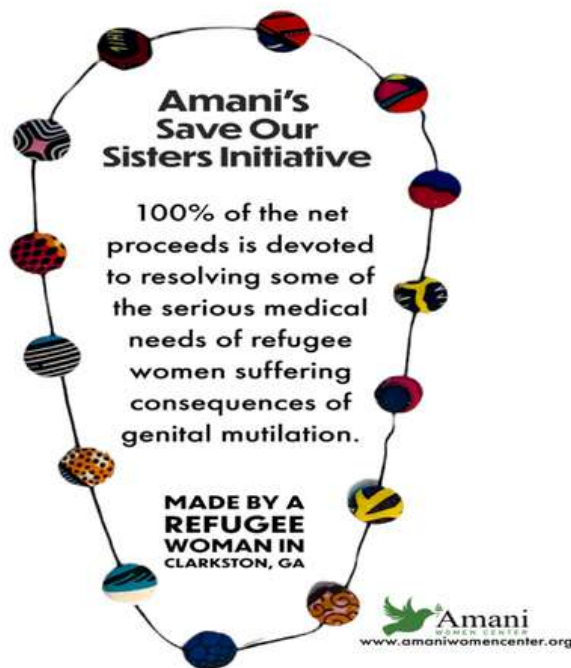
S.O.S. AMANI WOMEN'S CENTER SAVE OUR SISTERS INITIATIVE

Amani's Save Our Sisters (SOS) Initiative seeks to secure critical medical care for refugee women suffering from serious health problems caused by Female Genital Cutting (FGC).

By purchasing our unique, hand-crafted button necklaces, you are helping refugee women access life-changing medical services, including restorative surgery if needed. 100% of the net proceeds go toward supporting this urgent campaign.

Thank you for helping refugee women to feel whole, live pain-free, and reclaim their dignity.

All necklaces are handcrafted by refugee women at [Amani Sewing Academy](#).





HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

- Click [here](#) to volunteer at ICM
- Click [here](#) for a list of what what ICM's food pantry needs*
- Click [here](#) to volunteer to deliver groceries
- Click [here](#) to deliver groceries from ICM to Maggie Russell Towers *with a fellow Morningsider*
- Contact MPC Shepherd, [Suzanne Macpherson](#) for info

ICM reports an 18% increase in children accessing the Food Pantry, which they think is tied to the expiration of the Emergency EBT cards and free school breakfasts and lunches. It's heartbreaking to think that children in our neighborhood are struggling to get enough food outside of school hours. Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food Pantry through their [Amazon Wish List](#).

MISSION TRIP 2023 SAVE-THE-DATE

Join us over President's Weekend Feb. 19th -22nd for our first post-Covid Mission Trip to Thornwell in Clinton SC. where we will working on campus and at their farm. More details soon! Contact [Kasey Libby](#).



CLIFTON SANCTUARY MINISTRIES

Clifton's Amazon Wish List has been updated. Click [here](#) and go to "Donation Drop-off" for more info. Make sure you do your shopping through Amazon Smile and selecting Clifton as your donation charity of choice. Every little bit helps keep our program thriving.

CSM SUCCESSES TO SHARE

- Cole S. - Received his birth certificate, obtained Life Insurance, has transitioned to Joe's Place, and starting Adult Classes for GED.
 - Dwayne H. - Started his SSDI.
 - Carlton F. - Received his food stamps.
- Melvin H. - Received his food stamps, Cash App card, and a hard copy of his ID



OCTOBER HIKE

Wednesday, October 5; 1:00 p.m.

The MPC C.A.R.E. Team is sponsoring a church wide hike to Arabia Mountain on Thursday, September 22. The mountain has a beautiful outcropping of yellow daisies which only bloom in the fall – so don't miss it! We will drive the van and meet in the church parking lot at 10:00am. Bring your lunch and enjoy the view from the top of the mountain with good friends! It was a spectacular hike last year! Contact Jeanne for more info.



FIELD TRIP KENDEDA BUILDING!

Friday, October 21; 12:30 p.m.



In an ongoing effort to increase understanding of how to design for sustainability, the MPC CARE team has organized a curated tour on Friday, October 21, from 11:00am - 12:30 p.m. of the [Kendeda Building](#) located on the Georgia Tech campus. Carpooling will be available from the church at 10:15 a.m. And there's an option of having lunch following the tour at The Varsity.

All are welcome, including children. If you wish to be a part of this tour, please contact either [Peter Cobb](#) or [Jeanne McCarthy](#) to reserve a spot since spaces for the tour are limited.



STOP! DON'T BURN THOSE LEAVES!

The dazzling display of crimson and orange as autumn summons the changes in the colors of leaves will soon fade within a matter of weeks as tree leaves settle to the ground at our feet. To the untrained eye, their purpose seems to have ended only to be tossed to-and-fro by the wind across our yard. But did you know that these fallen leaves from trees can improve your soil? How? Through Leaf Mold. Click [here](#) to read more.

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