

JONTH AT A G LANCE

DEAR DISCIPLES.

The season of Lent is upon us. Where Advent is full of anticipation and hopefulness, Lent is often viewed as a real "downer." Who wants to contemplate our mortality or our own brokenness and sin? With all the pain and heartache in the world, why do we want to spend any more time confronting these realities? Don't we come to church to feel good? Perhaps Lent allows us to keep a foot in both spaces - reality and hope, death and resurrection, sin and grace, present and future.

And so as we begin our Lenten journey, we set our sights on this central symbol of our faith: the cross. Together we will ask the questions: Why do we need the cross? Why did Jesus have to die? And what about this symbol is meaningful to us as disciples of Jesus? This Lent, we'll be unpacking and exploring the meaning of the cross, not to dwell in sin or guilt but to uncover what is good, redemptive, and hopeful about the cross. We'll explore this through art, music, scripture and sermons because the mystery of the cross and its GOOD news comes in lots of different forms. In doing so, it lets us face the reality of our broken world and see the ways that God's redemption is unfolding right before us.

So my invitation to each of you in this season is to make a commitment to yourself and one another to journey together. Whether it's through regular worship or some of the special events coming this month - screen on the green, mission days, special holy week services - find a way to engage your faith and sit in the tension of the reality of this world and the hope we find in Christ.

WITH JOY IN THE JOURNEY. PASTOR KATIE

ANNUAL MEETING UPDATE

Our annual Congregational Meeting took place on Sunday, February 13 immediately following our worship service. Click here to access the 2021 Annual Report.

PIGLET CHALLENGE - 3/1!!!

March 1 is National Pig Day. Go to page 8 to find out what one Morningsider is doing to commemorate National pig day in loving service to others and how you can help, too!



SHROVE TUESDAY SUPPER & TAILGATE

Tuesday, March 1 @ 5:30 pm Bring your lawn chairs and blankets for our annual tailgate Shrove Tuesday celebration. Get here a little early to socialize; the playground will be open! The Magic Man performs at 6 p.m. This is an outdoor rain-or-shine event. We will email all registered participants if there are any changes due to inclement weather. The deadline to register to eat Waffle House has passed, but families are welcome to bring their own food and beverages to this event.



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Wednesday, March 2 @ 6:30 pm Start your lenten journey with a brief, reflective service and the imposition of ashes. Begin with the knowledge we are human—loved, imperfect, capable of transformation—as we reflect on the cross and walk toward our saving God.

COVID UPDATE

Throughout the past two years, we have followed CDC guidance and navigated the pandemic wilderness with care for one another. Following the CDC's updated guidance this past week, we are prepared to relax our guidelines. Given that Fulton County is currently a low transmission community, our campus will be mask optional in all settings beginning Wednesday, March 2nd.

We will continue to closely monitor data and guidelines from the CDC as well as transmission rates for the county, which can be found <u>here</u>. In the case that we experience future surges due to other variants, we will follow the CDC's mask recommendations in times of high transmission. (continued on next page)

(Covid Update continued) As a community of faith, we remember that the body of Christ is composed of many members, each with unique circumstances, stories, and comfort levels. Many of you will be thrilled not to wear a mask; others may wish to continue to mask for added protection. The commitment we make to one another is to respect and honor each individual's decision without judgment or shame. We also continue to encourage you to love your neighbor by staying home if you are sick and isolating if you experience Covid.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact <u>Pastor Katie</u>.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT "EXPERIENCE INFORMING BELIEF"

Beginning on March 6, the Faith Development class will focus on the stories of Morningsiders! "Experience Informing Belief" will include the stories of five MPC members who will share how their life experiences shaped their religious beliefs, their ideologies, and their lives in community. Be sure to join this wonderful series and get to know these leaders better.

3/6 - Bill Southwood: Growing up in the Salvation Army

3/13 - Lloyd Prince: From a Small Caribbean Island to Annapolis & Beyond

3/20 - Victor Carballosa: Somebody Stole My Country

3/27 - Bob Wells: Out of Africa

4/3- Jeff Peters: My Journey From Evangelical to MPC

ADULT DEVOTIONAL

The Adult Devotional class is open to parents and all adults who want to reflect on the worship text for the week, check-in, and pray together. Meet at 9:45 on Sunday mornings in the Session Room.

ART IN WORSHIP: CONTEMPLATING THE CROSS

God invites us to worship and to reflection using all of our senses. So much of our worship is experienced through hearing. This Lent, we are blessed to add a visual art component to our worship. Myles Smith and Gus Libby will each offer reflections on the cross through art. We hope that their contributions will invite you to reflect further on what the cross means to you and where you find hope amidst despair and life amidst death.

PALM SUNDAY April 10 @ 9:30 am

We team up with Haygood UMC for a Palm Sunday parade from Sydney Marcus Park to our churches. There will be live donkeys and trumpets and great Hosannas!

MAUNDY THURSDAY April 14 @ 6:00 pm

As the pandemic wanes, we will mark this holy night with dinner and communion in member's homes. Opportunities to serve as host and sign-up coming soon.

GOOD FRIDAY April 15 @ 7:30 pm, Central Presbyterian

MPC's Chancel Choir joins voices with with Central Presbyterian and Covenant Presbyterian for a service of word and music as we sit in the darkness of this day and wait in hope for Easter.

EASTER SUNDAY April 17 @ 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed! We celebrate Easter with communion and special music at 2 services in the Morningside sanctuary!

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN MARCH

This month, we begin the series:

Making Sense of the Cross. This sermon series takes on central lenten questions: Why Did Jesus Have to Die? Why is the cross necessary, valuable, and meaningful to our faith? It will unpack six answers to these framing questions through the epistles.

3/6 - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

Communion Colossians 2:13-15 - Forgiveness Pastor Katie, preaching

3/13 - 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

Daylight Saving Time Ends Maryville College Concert Choir Galatians 6:14-16 - Boast Pastor Emma, preaching

3/20 - 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

Baptism 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 - Foolishness Pastor Amanda, preaching

3/27 - 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

Handbells 1 Peter 2:21-25 - Example Pastor Katie, preaching

REMINDER!

Daylight Saving
Time begins
Sunday, 3/13
at 2 a.m.
Spring Back!



LENTEN MICROGREENS

Genesis reminds us that God created us from dirt and we will eventually return to the dirt. To help us remember our beginnings and the continuous renewal of life through Christ, the MPC C.A.R.E. team has prepared micro green kits to distribute at the Ash Wednesday service, 3/2 and on the 1st Sunday in Lent, 3/6. The kits

Sunday in Lent, 3/6. The kits come with instructions on how to plant, care for, harvest and enjoy your microgreens.



MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN --- Preschool ----



MPP ANNUAL FUND

We love our preschool! If you also love our preschool and want to support improvements to our STEM programming, continuing education for our teachers, and classroom improvements, please consider donating to MPP's Annual Fund this year! They've already reached 46% participation from families. Click here to help MPP meet their fundraising goals this year.

MPP REGISTRATION NEWS

Enrollment has been a huge success this year! Currently, we have 93 students enrolled for the 22-23 school year. We have 13 spots remaining in Toddlers, 2 Day Twos, and PreK. Click here for more registration info.

Summer camp enrollment is now open. We welcome all children ages Toddler to Rising Kindergarten.

MPC KIDS!

Tuesday Night Fellowship, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Click here to register or contact Pastor Amanda. Spring 2022 Dates:

Preschool-2nd Grade

- March 8th
- April 12 (All Ages)
- May 3

2nd Grade-5th Grade

- March 15th
- April 12 (All Ages)
- May 10th



Adventure



MPP BOOK FAIR!

Monday, 2/28 - Friday, 3/4

Shop online or in-person in the Youth Room at the preschool book fair in partnership with Little Shop of Stories. A portion of all sales will benefit the preschool. For online orders, please add an order note, indicating "Morningside Presbyterian Preschool" so MPP gets credit. You can choose to pick up your order at MPP or at Little Shop of Stories.



CLUB 46 MOVIE NIGHT

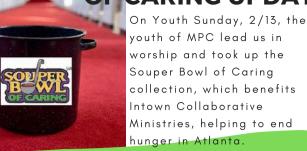
Friday, March 25 @ 5:30

Club 46 is a place where students in grades 4-6 can get together, build relationships, and grow in faith. RSVP for our March events by emailing Pastor Amanda and Pastor Emma.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN! June 13-17, 2022

Register now for Discovery on Adventure Island at MPC! Campers will be guided on an exciting quest to find mysterious infinity lanterns to help light their way. On their quest, campers will venture through art, discovery, recreation, music, and storytelling stations. This year, we will also be offering optional extended hours from 12-3pm for all ages, including Adventure Mission Camp for 2nd-5th graders. Register here today to receive updates and additional information. If you can volunteer, click here.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING UPDATE



GOOD NEWS! - The Youth collected \$1676! Thank you for your generosity and care for our food-insecure neighbors.



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MARYVILLE COLLEGE CONCERT CHOIR "SING TOGETHER ALWAYS"

Sunday, March 13, 11:00 am in the Worship Service

MPC is thrilled to host the choir from **Maryville College**! After two years of not touring, Morningside is the 4th stop on their 5-stop tour of the southeast. The theme, according to MC Director of Choral Activities, Stacey Wilner, is "May We Sing Together, Always" — serendipitous, she added, given that this year's tour sees the annual event resurrected after being canceled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19. The tour theme illustrates the students' dedication to the choral art and the sense of community it creates. Essentially, choral performance is about connecting to the human spirit, and this is more easily accomplished in person.

Created in honor of the late Atlanta arts enthusiast Nancy Walker Frampton,

The Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series is a new concert program highlighting
the next generation of classical music stars. Beginning with three concerts in 2022,
the series aims to bring exciting new talent to Atlanta audiences from a variety of
performance genres. The inaugural season will feature three solo artists. Future
seasons will likely include soloists, chamber groups, and instrumental ensembles.
All concerts will take place at Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta.



Season tickets on sale **here!**



AN EVENING WITH COLOMBIAN TENOR DAVID RIVERA BOZÓN

April 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. - Click here for tickets to this event.

International Colombian tenor **David Rivera Bozón** brings more than sixteen years of experience in music performing to Atlanta in April 2022. A veteran of both operatic and stage works, Bozón's favorite performances include Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Mozart's *Die Zauberflöte*, Beethoven's *9th Symphony*, and Einhorn's *Voices of Light*. He focuses his varied career on sharing his voice and joy of singing with different latitudes and communities – from big theaters to intimate gatherings, to flash mobs in public spaces.

With a passion for Spanish chamber works, Bozón's repertoire includes Ramirez' La Misa Criolla, Falla's Siete Canciones Populares Españolas, Ginastera's Cantos del Tucumán and Cinco Canciones Populares Argentinas. A graduate of both the New England Conservatory of Music and the National University of Colombia Conservatory, Bozón won the 2021 Latin American and Iberian Art Song Challenge and was a two-time finalist in the Talents of the World, Inc. Voice Competition.

Meet Our New Members







Approval for Ordination

Congratulations to Sarah Bogue for her approval for ordination at the Presbytery meeting on Saturday, 2/12. Sarah's ordination service is at Morningside on Saturday, March 26 at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow. All are invited to attend, support and celebrate on this special day.

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MISSING BIRTHDAY?

29 HUNTER SAPP

If your name is missing from our monthly birthday list, send <u>Megan</u> an email with the day, month, and year of your birth. She'll add it to your Realm profile to make sure your name is included in the future. Don't worry, she won't share your age!



LGBT & FRIENDS

Thursday, March 10; 7:00 p.m.
This quarter this group will meet virtually. Grab a favorite drink, a comfy seat, and let's catch up! Contact Michael for the Zoom link and more details.

MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, March 12; 3:00 p.m.

Come enjoy one another's company and conversation on the Mezzanine at <u>Grana Restaurant</u>. RSVP to <u>Kathy</u> or contact her for more information on this group.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, March 15; 7:00 p.m.. Grab your favorite brew and join in the conversation with the guys of TOT! Program details will be announced closer to the event. Contact <u>Lloyd</u> for more details.

ONE GRAY HAIR

Wednesday, March 16; 12 noon
One Gray Hair will gather in the Fellowship Hall to enjoy
lunch and a time of socializing. RSVP to <u>Sarah</u>.

RHO READERS ZOOM

Sunday, March 20; 12 noon RHO Readers choice for its March discussion is *The Sparrow*, by Mary Doria Russell, a visionary work that combines speculative fiction with deep philosophical inquiry, The Sparrow tells the story of a charismatic Jesuit priest and linguist, Emilio Sandoz, who leads a scientific mission entrusted with a profound task: to make first contact with intelligent extraterrestrial life. The mission begins in faith, hope, and beauty, but a series of small misunderstandings brings it to a catastrophic end. Contact Jill for the Zoom link.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, March 28; 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join the Women's Roundtable inperson gathering. Stay tuned for program information. and location Email Betsy for more info.







SERVE TOGETHE

An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Researched & compiled by Iill Klotz



POINT IN TIME" COUNT

Bill Humphries, ICM Board Chair & MPC Treasurer The annual Point In Time count of unsheltered Atlantans took place Monday, January 24. This is a nationwide exercise to determine how federal funds will be allocated to fight homelessness. ICM is a major participant in the effort. I had the good fortune of serving on a team with ICM case worker Tracy Woodard (our team lead), community focused blog writer George Chidi, an attorney in non-profit practice working to help evicted people, and a very energetic 87-year old retired nurse. This is an eye-opening and depressing task, but some good was realized. Two of the folks my team interviewed were enthusiastic about having ICM assist them in finding housing. ICM has housed over 200 people in the past year. We have 75 document-ready individuals on the housing queue. Availability is the bottleneck. It is taking 6-9 months once in the queue. Mayor Andre Dickens has this firmly on his radar. Commitment by Morningside and

Shepherd! Nancy has spent over 10 years of dedication serving as
MPC's ICM Shepherd, as well
Shepherd for Clarent one time. We are deeply grateful. Contact Suzanne or co-shepherd Sophie Ryan if you would like to be on the ICM team!

DOBBS WORKDAY

Saturday, March 19; 9-noon Join us for a family-friendly workday at Dobbs Elementary School. We will be working alongside Dobbs faculty, staff, and also with Saturday School students. Projects include outdoor gardening activities, as well as painting a mural inside the school. Supplies will be provided. Sign up here. Contact Jack for more info.



WALK WITH INTOWN!

Join the ICM team virtually or in person! Click here.

- Dr. Martin Luther King Ir.

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Ash Wednesday, March 2 Our annual Lenten ICM Food Drive begins on March 2 -Ash Wednesday. Look for the blue Mission Committee barrel in the Welcome Center. Click here to find out what ICM needs for their food pantry.







MINISTRIES MPC MEAL @ CLIFTON

Saturday, March 26; 5:00 p.m. Morningside is providing dinner on Saturday, March 26 for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. Contact Clifton Shepherds **Ann Watson** or **Joe Floyd** to find out how you can help.

VETERANS AT CLIFTON

Clifton welcomes many veterans from the Veterans Administration through its 72-hour emergency VA Program. Once they arrive and see how nice Clifton is and how well they are treated, they do not want to leave!

PIGLET CHALLENGE!!!

Special to Presbyterian News Service

by Emily Enders Odom
Mission Engagement & Support

LOUISVILLE — Piglets are critically important toward creating a sustainable source of income for families in need all across the world, the **Presbyterian Giving Catalog** chooses to shine a spotlight on pigs through its annual **Piglet Challenge**. The ambitious goal of this year's challenge (beginning at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1, and runs for 24 hours) is 100 piglets, doubling last year's goal of 50.

One repeat donor who needed no special convincing to make a gift of piglets is 9-year-old **Nathaniel**, who attends **Morningside Presbyterian Church in Atlanta**.

"We have a wonderful children's program at our church that offers ways for kids to engage in mission throughout the year," said Nathaniel's mother, **Sarah Beth.** "They make Valentine's Day cards for Meals on Wheels, go Christmas shopping for a local shelter, raise money for Thornwell Children's Home, host meals at another local shelter, and more," she continued. "I think Nathaniel's favorite might be the care packages they make for students — perhaps because they get to eat whatever is left over. It's wonderful to have mission as a foundational part of church for children and see how that can spur them to undertake service work of their own."

Because Nathaniel loves animals, the Presbyterian Giving Catalog is a perfect fit. "He loves when the Catalog comes in the mail," said Sarah Beth, "and he'll immediately set about circling the animals he'd like to donate to families. His main challenge is narrowing things down. His selection is often far bigger than his budget."

Nathaniel, who gave generously during last year's Piglet Challenge, hopes to double his efforts this National Pig Day even as the Presbyterian Giving Catalog doubles its goal. "He has already put in a call to his grandparents and plans to ask a few others," Sarah Beth said, "as well as contributing from his allowance."

To join Nathaniel and others in the National Piglet Challenge by making a \$40 piglet gift, click here. "Pigs are awesome," Nathaniel said. "You can sell them to make money and that seemed like it could be





PROVIDING RELIEF FOR NATURAL DISASTERS, FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY, AND SUPPORT FOR THE POOR AND OPPRESSED.





ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

Easter Sunday, April 17

One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Morningside Presbyterian Church will take up this special offering on Easter Sunday.

Through your generous giving, One Great Hour of Sharing has made the following possible:

- \$4.1 million granted by PDA in the United States and 57 countries in the first half of 2020
- 94 grants impacting 20 countries given by PHP in 2019
- 50 years of ministry for SDOP
- 17,000+ people trained nationally and internationally by OGHS ministries
- 5,676 PDA work team volunteers served in 2019
- 234 certified PC(USA) Earth Care congregations helped care for creation
- 51,000 trees planted around the world
- 5,000 + projects in economically poor communities in the United States and around the world have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges since SDOP's inception
- \$190,000 recovered in stolen wages for hospitality workers in the U.S.
- 1,097 Presbyterian congregations purchased ecopalms for sustainable forestry and livelihoods





Save-the-date! The MPC CARE team is sponsoring a family-friendly trip to the Len Foote Hike Inn for July 27 to enjoy God's creation with fellowship and fun! Click here to check out the inn's website. Click here to sign up! For more info, contact MPC C.A.R.E. Team chair, Jeanne.



POLLING PLACE

Tuesday, March 15 Once again, MPC's Fellowship Hall serves as a polling place for the Special Election.

5 LITTLE MONKEYS CONSIGNMENT SALE

Wednesday, March 23 & Thursday, March 24



MPC hosts 5 Little Monkeys' Spring/Summer Sale in the Fellowship Hall. Want to shop early on Wednesday, March 23? Become a volunteer! Click here to contact them to get on their mailing list, to sign up for shopping times, to volunteer, and for more information.

2022

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