

MONTH AT A GLANCE

Lent is upon us. It's the season of the year when we admit that the world is not perfect and we are not perfect. There's something delightfully honest about this admission because it gives us a starting point for the journey. It allows us to acknowledge that all of us have relationships—with family, friends, neighbors, God—that need attention and often repair.

This Lent, we will focus on forgiveness as a central component of our journey toward the cross. We'll unpack stories in scripture where forgiveness and grace allowed for healing. We'll hear stories in sermons of the ways forgiveness transformed lives in ways big and small. And above all, we'll be reminded again and again that our practice of forgiveness is only possible because of Christ, whose grace is given to us as an undeserved gift.

We don't do this work alone and there are lots of ways for you to learn and grow in community this Lent. Maybe you want to do a deep dive into forgiveness with Pastor Emma's book study. Maybe you want to learn skills to apply this in your home through the love and logic parenting class. Maybe you want to check out a book from the Matthew 25 library and consider the role of forgiveness as we address systemic racism. Or maybe Lent will be a personal journey for you as you consider a particular relationship or circumstance that might require you to seek or offer forgiveness.

However you choose to observe this Lent, I invite you to commit to a practice that will help you encounter God's grace by naming our need for forgiveness.

PEACE, PASTOR KATIE



What hymn will win the tourney? We'll put your favorite hymns head-to-head to see which is the congregational favorite! Submit your favorite hymn by Monday, March 6. Top contenders will make the bracket and the winner will be revealed after Easter.

Submit your favorite
hymn [here](#).



WORSHIP TOGETHER IN MARCH



Forgiveness
Lenten
Sermon Series

Every week in worship, we hear God's words of grace: "In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." It is simple, true, and powerful, and yet real forgiveness is hard work. This Lent, we dive into what forgiveness means, what is required of us, how we extend it and receive it, and most especially how God's forgiveness through Christ transforms us. If you've ever wrestled with when, how, or whether to forgive someone, this series is for you.

"The need for an apology" 2nd Sunday of Lent **3/5**
Pastor Katie, preaching
Acts 16:35-40
Communion

3/12 3rd Sunday of Lent *"Choosing forgiveness"*
Pastor Katie, preaching
Genesis 50:15-21

"Frustrated by forgiveness" 4th Sunday of Lent **3/19**
Pastor Amanda, preaching
Jonah

3/26 5th Sunday of Lent *"Self-forgiveness"*
Pastor Katie, preaching
Acts 1:1-19; Matthew 18:21-22

SAVE-THE-DATE ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

SATURDAY, MARCH 18
4-7 PM

MASON MILL PARK

Mark your calendar to "be together" and enjoy yard games, food, fun, and fellowship. Protein entree will be provided, but plan on bringing a side dish to share. In case of rain, we'll meet in the Fellowship Hall.

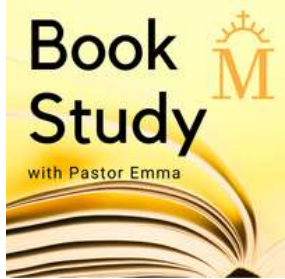




LOVE & LOGIC PARENTING CLASS & MPC KIDS FELLOWSHIP

Wednesdays, 5:30-7 pm

To coincide with the season of Lent and our Love and Logic Parenting class, we will have MPC Kids Fellowship for ALL ages EVERY Wednesday in March. Everyone is welcome even if you're not participating in the class. RSVP to **Pastor Amanda**.



LENTEN BOOK STUDY ZOOM WITH PASTOR EMMA

Wednesdays @ 7pm

Book Study Returns for Lent! Beginning Wednesday, March 1, Book Study will meet via Zoom weekly at 7pm. Together, we'll read

The Book of Forgiving by Desmond and Mpho Tutu. Throughout Lent, we will explore what the father & daughter pair believe about forgiveness and how we might employ it in our own lives. Email **Pastor Emma** for more information or to sign up. Click [here](#) to purchase the book on Amazon.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

This class continues a 6-week book study on *Jesus Calls Us*, a series of Bible lessons about forgiveness to follow our Lenten journey. Each week will be led by a different class member, leading thought-provoking conversation about the Bible as the primary source of understanding Christianity.



EGG FILLERS NEEDED!

We're filling Eggs for the annual MPP Easter Egg Hunt! We are asking members to donate treats to fill our eggs OR pick up a bag of eggs to take home and fill. Please make sure treats are nut-free. Consider non-edible treats such as stickers or tattoos. Contact **Pastor Amanda** to pick up a bag of unfilled eggs or drop off donations in her office.

MPP Easter Egg Hunt Save-the-Date Saturday, April 8

NOMINATE A FUTURE ELDER OR DEACON!

The body of Christ is able to grow when all of its many parts and its many gifts work together for the good of the whole. As Presbyterians, we call particular individuals as elders and deacons to serve the congregation in ministries of spiritual leadership/governance and ministries of care. We have been blessed these past three years by the service of the 2023 class of leaders.



Elders

- Anna Miles
- Katye Watts
- Hillery McNeill
- Jeff Peters
- Joe Floyd
- Philip Hawkins

Deacons

- Natalie Batchelor
- Daniel Easton
- David Lowery
- Genine Shafer

Now your officer nominating committee (ONC) is beginning the work of calling the next class of officers to lead the congregation. We need your help! If you've seen someone whose gifts for leadership or service would help MPC follow Christ, nominate them to be an elder or deacon. Maybe God is calling you! You can read more about each officer role and submit a nomination using the link below.

Questions? Talk to Jeff Peters, ONC Chair.

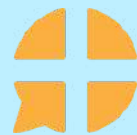
[Nominate Here.](#)

Easter Tributes

DUE THURSDAY, APRIL 6

Submit your Easter Floral Tribute by 4/6 for inclusion in the bulletins for Easter Sunday. Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10 payable by cash, check or via Realm (choosing "Easter Tributes" from the drop-down menu). Please submit one form per tribute. The list of tributes will also appear in the April MAG.

[Submit Tributes.](#)



Club 46

@morningsidepres

Friday, March 17

Kids in grades 4-6 are invited to an on-campus evening of food and fun on Friday, March 17 from 5:30-7 pm. RSVP to **Pastor Emma** or **Pastor Amanda**.





UPCOMING CONCERTS @ MPC

- **Coro Vocati** - Saturday, March 11 @ 7 pm. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **USC Women's Concert Choir** - Friday, March 24 @ 7 pm. More details to come!
- **NFRAS CME Schubert Trio** - Saturday, April 15 @ 7 pm. Click [here](#) for more information on this group. Click [here](#) to purchase tickets.

LUX PREMIERE "THANK YOU'S"

Music filled our Sanctuary February 13 as 105 women from four choirs premiered a work by composer, Dan Forrest. The women of our chancel choir were part of this extraordinary event, giving of their time and energy to learn and perform this amazing work. We thank them for sharing their gifts, and a special thanks is extended to Leslie Prince who twice fed over 110 people. Incredible gratitude is extended to the angels in our midst who opened their homes and hearts to house our guests from England. Thank you for the outpouring of love and care shown by everyone.

HOLY WEEK @ MORNINGSIDE



As we journey through Lent, we focus on Jerusalem where we remember Jesus' death and resurrection. To make this holy walk together, we offer the following ways to reflect on the power of God's love and grace in Christ:

• Palm Sunday Procession from the Park

Join us at Sidney Marcus park for a time of palm waving and fellowship before we process with our siblings from Haygood UMC from the park to our respective congregations for worship!

• Walk the Labyrinth During Holy Week

During Holy Week, we will open the fellowship hall to those who would like to walk a prayer labyrinth, an ancient prayer practice that offers a way of engaging in reflection on Christ's walk to the cross and the promise of new life to come.

• Maundy Thursday In-home Communion & Potluck

Gather with your church family in homes as we break bread together, hear the story of Jesus' last supper and share in the sacrament of communion. Sign-ups will begin later this month.

• Good Friday Tenebrae at MPC with Central Presbyterian

Worship with us at 7 pm for a service of lessons and hymns as we descend into the depths of Good Friday and await the promise of the resurrection.

• Easter Sunday at 9 am and 11 am

Alleluia! Christ is Risen! Celebrate the resurrection with worship including special music and communion at 9am and 11 am. Bring flowers from your garden to decorate the flower cross with signs of new life!

LOOKING AHEAD TO...

SPRING & SUMMER

Calling all heroes! It's time to register for this year's Vacation Bible School. Hero Hotline activities will be from 9 am - Noon, June 12-16. We will also be offering optional aftercare for younger children and a mission camp for older elementary students until 3 pm.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



HERO HOTLINE!
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!

Click [here](#) to register your camper!
Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer!



We've reserved a house at **Montreat** for our first ever church-wide summer retreat! Everyone is invited to enjoy time in the mountains together. You can rest, relax, or maybe even work remotely. Children and youth of any age can sign up for the

Montreat Clubs program and rising 9th graders through graduated seniors can attend the Montreat Youth Conference. Stay tuned for more details coming soon!

SAVE-THE-DATE July 27-29

LEN FOOTE HIKE

More info on page 9 in the MPC C.A.R.E. section.

MPC STAFF UPDATES

- **Megan Reader** will be going on maternity leave for 12 weeks as of 4/28, if her baby doesn't come sooner!
- **Sophie Ryan** will cover her administrative tasks part-time and a group of kind MPC volunteers will cover reception duties part-time.
- **Jonathan Crutchfield** will be on Sabbatical from Sunday, 5/21 through Sunday, 7/30. **Randy Romig** will cover his role as organist/choir master.

MEET THE NEW MEMBERS OF MPC



FLORENCE HAY LURANC

Florence has three grown children - Louisa (New York), John (Dallas), and Hutson (Atlanta).

LUKE + ALET HODSON

These South Africans are doing their postdoctoral fellowships in Medicinal Chemistry at Emory University. They are lovers of food, wine, animals and nature!



BRADLEY HUESEMAN-ODOM

Bradley is an interior designer. He and husband, Peter have two beautiful pups and are world-travelers.



KRISTINA RUNDQUIST

Kristina is mom to Charlotte and is married to Mark Strand. The family recently returned to the Atlanta area after spending the COVID years in New England.



PRESTON + MAGGIE WISE

Preston loves golf, traveling, running, and spending time with friends and family. Maggie is a school counselor at an elementary school. She loves kids!



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PICTURES OF FEBRUARY

FELLINI'S FRIDAY!





SHROVE SUNDAY SUPPER
YOUTH SUNDAY





WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, March 6; 6:30 pm

This month, the group meets the first Monday of March - 3/6 at 6:30 pm at Lynn

Young's home (277 The Prado NE). There will be a Lenten reflection and the group will stuff eggs for the Easter Egg hunt. RSVP to [Sarah](#). Email [Cindy](#) if you can help by contributing food for dinner.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday
March 6
6:30 p.m.



LGBT & FRIENDS

Thursday, March 9; 7 pm

Please join LGBT & Friends for fellowship, food and discussion about the future direction of our affinity group. We will gather in Room 201 on Thursday, March 9, at 7 pm. Please RSVP to [Michael](#).



MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

Saturday, March 11

Contact [Kathy Bremer](#) for information on this group's gathering!



ONE GRAY HAIR

Wednesday, March 15; 12 noon

Morningsider Megan Reader will give a mini-concert of songs by Joseph Marx and Stephen Sondheim and perhaps an opera aria or two. RSVP for lunch to [Sarah](#).



RHO READERS

Sunday, March 19; 12:30 pm, Room 201

The book selection for this month is *Seeing Eye Girl: A Memoir of Madness, Resilience, and Hope* by Beverly J. Armento. In this emotional memoir, Beverly shares the coping strategies she invented to get herself through

the trials of her young life, and the ways in which school and church served as refuges which school and church

served as refuges over the course of her journey. Breaking the psychological chains that bound her to her mother would prove to be the most difficult challenge of her life—and, ultimately, the most liberating one. *The author will be in person to discuss her book.* Refreshments will be provided. Contact [Jill](#) for more info.



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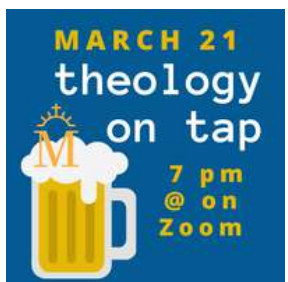
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- 6 GRIFFIN HUNTER
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- 11 AVA AREPALLY
- 11 EMILIE PAILLE
- 11 AUSTIN SMITH
- 11 CLAIRE STRONG
- 12 JERRY MASHBURN
- 13 DORCUS KINUMBE-BAUME
- 13 MAGAN WARD
- 14 MARY LEIGHT
- 15 OWEN PAGE
- 16 ALET HODSON
- 17 CASPER ADAMS
- 17 CHARLIE STRONG
- 18 GAIL KITCHENS
- 19 BETH FARNSWORTH
- 19 RICK GOODIN
- 20 AARON BERTRAND
- 20 JOANN BERTRAND
- 20 EZEKIEL KINUMBE-BAUME
- 22 KATE DURDEN
- 22 BRENDA FISHPAW
- 25 COLLEEN MCCLINTOCK
- 26 CARLINA WILLIAMS
- 29 LINDSAY BOORMAN
- 29 ADAM BOWERS
- 29 HUNTER SAPP

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, March 21; 7 pm

Morningsider Van Jensen is the guest speaker for this group this month.

Contact [Pastor Emma](#) for the Zoom link.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"Resurrection always wins out over insurrection."

- Rev. Dr. Liz Theoharis

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE FOR ICM

Our annual Lenten Food Drive for Intown Collaborative Ministries began on Ash Wednesday, 2/22 and goes through Thursday, 4/6. Bring your donation to the blue mission barrel in the Welcome Center or drop off at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church on Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9-12. Ask for a weight total and say that you are from Morningside. Click [here](#) to view a list of what ICM's food pantry needs most right now to get an idea of what to donate.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

- ICM has NEW links for [Pantry](#) and [Grocery Delivery](#) volunteers
- Click [here](#) for a list of what what ICM's food pantry needs
- Click [here](#) to deliver groceries from ICM to Maggie Russell Towers *with a fellow Morningsider*
- Contact MPC Shepherd, [Suzanne Macpherson](#) for info
- Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food Pantry through their [Amazon Wish List](#).



P4BG LOBBY DAY

Wednesday, March 15; 8:15 am

Click [here](#) to register for P4BG's Lobby Day. Meet with us at Central Presbyterian Church's Tull Hall, right across the street from the State Capitol.

We'll start with a light breakfast, hear an up-to-date issues briefing, and review effective in-person advocacy strategies. Mid-morning we have a photo opportunity with the Governor outside his office. Then we engage with our legislators in the halls of the Capitol. See you there!



"Thank you so much for participating in the mission trip at Thornwell these past few days. Our transformation of Norton Cottage for Thornwell's Strengthening Families Program in such a short period of time was amazing to see. Even better was seeing every person using his and her gifts, working together to make that change happen."

MPC 2023 MISSION TRIP

That particular project achieved so many goals we had for this trip: helping our partner in need, opportunities for all ages to help, fellowship among our church members. Your generosity gave hope and joy to Jenny, Chelsea and Haley and will be a part of the hope and joy Thornwell's program will bring to the families that participate in it."

-Kacey Libby, Mission Trip Shepherd

FEBRUARY MISSION TRIP

22 Morningsiders journeyed to Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC. It was a gift to get to know one of our mission partners better, to serve there with some campus cleanup and some farm work, and to enjoy time with our church family!



One Great HOUR OF SHARING

Palm Sunday, April 2

Jesus teaches us in Matthew 25, that in every time and season, the Church connects with itself and its Savior through relationships with those who have least.

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has been the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to support **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance**, the **Presbyterian Hunger Program**, and the **Self-Development of People**. This offering will be collected during our Palm Sunday worship service on 4/2. Click [here](#) to donate now.

"This kind of generosity is like a huge wave of compassion to reach those who may have lost sight of the truth that God loves them and that there are communities of caring who surround them."

- Rev. Aisha Brooks-Johnson,
Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta

**Saturday,
March 25**

We are hosting dinner for Clifton on March 25. If you would like to make something for the guys, pick



up your pan from the narthex on Sunday, 3/19, fill it, and either bring it to the dinner on the 3/25 at the Clifton campus at 5:30 pm or leave it at the home of [Joe Floyd](#) (1546 Kings Xing, 30387) or [Ann Watson](#) (1397 Harvard Rd NE) by 4:30 pm on 3/25. People of all ages and stages are invited to stay and enjoy time with the residents!



OKEFENOKEE SWAMP ADVOCACY

In Genesis, God commands us all to be stewards of God's creation and advocacy is one of many ways to accomplish that is through advocacy. Our MPC CARE team urges you to take ACTION on the continuing story of the Okefenokee and the mining company that wants to drill next door. The Georgia Environmental Protection Division released the mining company's (Twin Pines Minerals LLC's) draft Mining Land Use Plan (Draft Plan) and opened the 60-day public commenting period – allowing concerned citizens

and Swamp advocates to voice their concerns and opposition to Twin Pines' mining proposal through **March 20**. Submit your comments [by email](#) on the Draft Plan and your support for the Okefenokee Swamp.



Group picture from February's UUCA MPC C.A.R.E. field trip.

Hike Arabia Mountain with MPC C.A.R.E. on Saturday, March 25. The red spring flower "diamorpha" should be at its peak. The van will leave the church at 10 am.

The last trip was spectacular. Bring lunch for a mountain top view! This hike is considered "moderate". For more info email [Jeanne McCarthy](#).

ARABIA MOUNTAIN HIKE

Saturday, March 25

**SIGN UP
HERE!**



FIELD TRIP TO WATER RECLAMATION FACILITY

Wednesday, March 22

MPC CARE's next field trip will be on March 22 at 10:30 am for a tour of the Camp Creek Water Reclamation Facility. The church van will leave at 9:45 am followed by lunch and returning to MPC around 2 pm. For more info, email [Jeanne McCarthy](#).



SAVE-THE-DATE LEN FOOTE HIKE

July 27-29

Back by popular demand, we are headed back up the mountain to the Len Foote Hike Inn for 2 nights in July! Click [here](#) for details and to sign up!



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