

MONTH AT A GLANCE

April 8 was a busy day at MPC. That morning, about 80 children from the church, the preschool, and the neighborhood gathered on the front lawn for the annual "running of the eggs." The parking lot was hosting the Morningside Farmer's Market. The MPC CARE team was gathering for a hike at Arabia Mountain. And that evening we hosted the Schubert Trio for a Nancy Frampton Rising Artist Series concert. Over the course of the day, there was something for everyone from nine months to ninety!

We often talk about the importance of intergenerational engagement at Morningside. In fact, your Session has named it as a strategic priority for the church. Part of the reason that is possible is that MPC has members across the generations who desire to grow in faith together. We are blessed weekly by encounters across ages and stages of life, and as a result, we are able to learn from each other.

The Presbyterian Foundation published study results recently that talked about the "greying" of the PC(USA). They report that the "typical" PC(USA) member is a 66-year-old retired, married, female who is college educated, upper middle class, and a self-described moderate-to-conservative. The average member has belonged to their congregation for 17+ years, pledges, and was likely raised Presbyterian.

Here's what I can tell you about Morningside: We are NOT average! We are blessed with members across nearly every demographic "box" that can be checked. Since we represent a broad diversity across age, life stage, education, financial means, we have a great deal we can learn from one another!

As we journey together through this Easter season, my invitation to you is to find a way to connect with someone in a different age and stage of life than you. Maybe you're sitting near a new member and haven't gotten acquainted yet. Maybe you're a new member and curious about the history of a particular mission of the church. When we begin to share our faith and tell one another stories of where God is at work in our lives, we can feel how the church is alive! May your lives be enriched by one another and may God bless us as we grow together.

Peace,
Pastor Katie



This summer our worship will center around the texts that YOU care about. Submit a scripture passage that speaks to your heart and let us know why! Then join us this summer to hear how your pastors handle your favorite bible verses.

[SUBMIT A SCRIPTURE PASSAGE HERE](#)

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN MAY

Easter Sermon Series

The Church in Action

In the Easter season we celebrate the way the Risen Christ is alive in the life of the church. We will dive into the Acts of the Apostles and each week, we will explore different actions of the church that reveal the way resurrection is lived out in our life together.

5/7 "Acts of Gratefulness"

Acts 27

Children's Sabbath and Communion

5th Sunday of Easter

Our children will be leading worship on May 7. All ages are welcome and encouraged to participate. A great way for our elementary students to join in is by participating in the Children's Choir!



5/14 "Acts of Discipleship"

6th Sunday of Easter

Emma Neishloss, preaching
Acts 17: 22-31

5/21 "Acts of Service"

7th Sunday of Easter & Mission Sunday

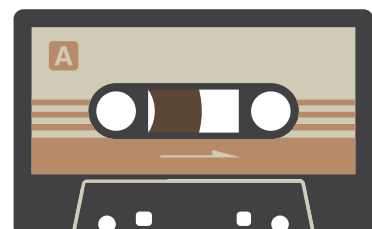
Rev. Dr. Victor Aloyo, President of Columbia Theological Seminary, guest preaching

5/28 **PENTECOST**

Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

Acts 2:1-21

Summer Scripture Mixtape!



Mother's Day Tributes

DUE WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

Submit a floral Tribute by 5/10 in honor or memory of a maternal figure in your life.

Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10 payable by cash, check or via Realm (choosing "Mother's Day Tributes" from the drop-down menu). Please submit one form per tribute. The tributes will be listed in the bulletin on Mother's Day and will support the worship & arts ministries of the church.

[Submit Tributes](#)



Finance Update

We are blessed with a highly generous congregation! A number of you give your full pledge early in the year, which supports our ability to do ministry throughout the year and is reflected in our YTD actuals being ahead of schedule. However, MPC relies heavily on your pledges to enable the ministries we offer, so we encourage you to keep your pledge up to date.

As you look toward the summer, you can help the church by continuing your pledge! Both Realm and most banks allow for scheduled, recurring gifts and online giving. If you plan to be gone for the summer, now is a great time to plan ahead!

	MTD (Actual)	MTD (Budget)	YTD (Actual)	YTD (Budget)
Revenues	51,685	76,870	315,231	230,609
Expenses	76,310	77,776	205,966	228,754
Net Revenue	(24,625)	(906)	104,690	(2,719)

MPC STAFF UPDATE



We have several staff celebrations to share!

- **Megan Reader** and her husband Josh Schicker, alongside older siblings Emmett and Maggie, welcomed Collin Evan Schicker into the world on April 4, 2023. Thanks to all who have provided meals for them this month. Megan will be on maternity leave until mid-July.



- Welcome **Sophie Ryan!** We are pleased to have Morningside member and returning college student Sophie serving as part-time office administrator this summer during Megan's leave. Sophie will be at the desk most mornings and assisting with our communications. Please continue to use office@morningsidepc.org for your church correspondence. If you'd like to serve as a volunteer at the desk in the afternoon, you can [sign up here](#).

- While Jonathan Crutchfield is on Sabbatical from Sunday, 5/21 through Sunday, 7/30, we welcome a familiar organist, **Randy Romig**, to MPC this summer. Randy is well-known to the choir and on the planning board for the Nancy Frampton Rising Arts Series.



JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD

Jonathan Crutchfield is celebrating his 7th year with Morningside Presbyterian! As one Session member said recently, "The music has been the glue that binds together this community of faith." As part of our commitment to the pastors on staff, Jonathan will be on a well-deserved sabbatical for ten weeks this summer beginning on May 21. Thank you, Jonathan, for your talents and for your devotion to our community and to God!

TEACHER APPRECIATION AT MPC!

Since May is Teacher Appreciation Month, here's a big THANK YOU to our volunteers who help make our educational programs possible.

Youth:

Ann Marie Knezevich
David Lowery
Betsy Holland
John & Corrine Hadden

Planning Team:

Joe Floyd
Beth Baer
Sandy Mashburn
Jim Martin

Children & Nursery:

Curt Barrett
Susan Gilbreath
Betsy Holland
Cindy Humphries
Amy Jensen
Lauren King
Lisa Ladds
Sandy Mashburn
Beth McClintock
Megan Reader
Laura Ulep
Katie Watts
Kayt Williamson

Faith Development:

Katie Aumann
Sarah Brogue
Carolyn Cobb
Mac Frampton
Betsy Holland
Amanda Kemery
Jerry Mashburn
Jim McRae
Anna Miles
Emma Neishloss
Leslie Prince

Faith & Families:

Tom & Sarah Beth Gehl





Morningside SUMMER RETREAT @ MONTREAT

JULY 15-22

- *A retreat for all ages!*
- *Fellowship in the NC Mountains*
- *Camps for children and youth*
- *Youth Conference for high-schoolers*
- *Nightly worship options*



MPC's First Ever Summer Retreat!

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.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



MUSIC @ MORNINGSIDE



- As part of our Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series, MPC welcomed the **CME Schubert Trio** on April 15 in our sanctuary. And what a lovely evening it was!
- Get your tickets for the next concert and hear the esteemed Mezzo-soprano **Gabrielle Beteag** on **July 29th at 7pm**. [Tickets available here.](#)



HERO HOTLINE!

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

**registration
open now!**

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

Morningside
KIDS!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
VBS @ MPC

**JUN
12-16
2023**



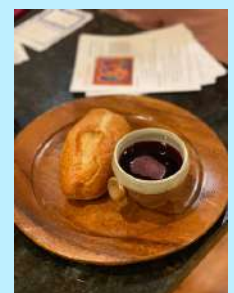
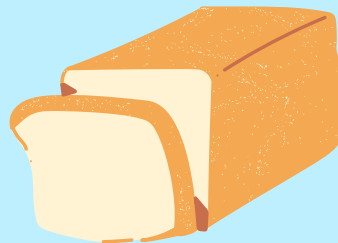
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PALM SUNDAY



MAUNDY THURSDAY

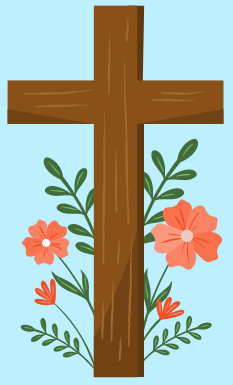


Morningside

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EASTER

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!



EASTER EGG HUNT!



DOBBS TUTORING



ARABIA HIKE





Easter Tributes

In memory of...

Wingfield “Wink” Austin David, Jr.

Amy Bledsoe-Gmaz

- AUSTIN AND DOUGLAS DAVIS-SELPH

Anne Naughton Williamson

James Shackelford

- THE WILLIAMSON FAMILY

Our friend, Mr. Jim Antenucci

- GUS AND LEO LIBBY

John Brown

Carolyn & Woody Landers

- ELLEN AND JIM LANDERS

Terri & Doug Enfield

- THE BREWSTER FAMILY

Marion Perry “Blade” Chapman, Jr.

- MARY CHAPMAN

Richard and Virginia McClintock

Maitland McLarin

Megan McLarin

Everett and B Hadden

Bill and Ellen Wren

- JOHN HADDEN AND CORRINE MCLARIN AND FAMILY

John Gehl

Sheilah Coffey

Sonny Gilmore

- THE GEHLS

Gay V. Land

Lillie Mae & Ernest Humphries

- CINDY & BILL HUMPHRIES

William Kurt “Opa” Aumann

- WAIT AND KATIE AUMANN

**Robert, Mary, and Bobby Edwards,
Parents of and brother of Pam**

Sharpe

**Norman, Marie, and Kerry Sharpe,
parents and brother of Ken Sharpe**

- PAM AND KEN SHARPE

Brett Hamilton

John Hamilton

- NANCY HAMILTON

Marion Hickey Thomas

- SUSAN DEPASQUALE

Barbara and Chester Cobb

Dorothy and Alex Nichols

Alan Nichols

- CAROLYN AND PETER COBB

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas C. Fox, Sr.

- DEBBIE FOX

Frank C. Hawkins

Louise H. Hawkins

Mary N. Hancock

- PHILIP HAWKINS

Virginia Spears

- THE COOGLE FAMILY

Wayne Wingert

Dorothy Wingert

- DAVID WINGERT

Alvine Johnson

Warren H. Johnson, Sr.

- LINDA JOHNSON

Cleo J. Koch

Halo Ruth Koch

- SHERYL WINGERT

Jim Antenucci

- KATHY AND ALAN BREMER

In honor of...

**Our cousins Liam, Keegan, and Nash
Williamson**

- ANNIE & BROOKE WILLIAMSON

Our aunts, uncles, PopPop & Laurie

- ANNIE & BROOKE WILLIAMSON

Cindy and Bill Humphries

- BESTY, JASON, AND ALEX HOLLAND

Yuanyuan & Durf Humphries

Betsy, Jason, & Alex Holland

- CINDY & BILL HUMPHRIES

Anne Brown

- ELLEN AND JIM LANDERS

The Prietl Family

- NATHAN HARTMAN

Cindy and Bill Humphries

Katie Aumann

- ANONYMOUS



MPC'S GRADUATING SENIORS



MPC Congratulates all our graduating seniors!
 We remind you that God surrounds you with love, no matter where life takes you from here. And know that you always have a home at MPC.

OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADS



Ava Arepally
Bowdoin College



Will Hunter
GA Institute of Technology



Charlie Irwin
Rhodes College



Anna Nuckols
Dennison University



Brooks Nuckols
Wake Forest University



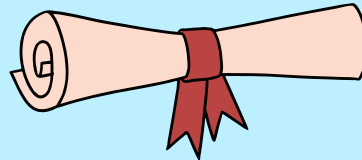
Kate Parrish
Wake Forest University



Riley Ruby
Goucher College



Mia Smith
University of Texas at Austin, Honors College



OUR COLLEGE GRADS

KATE JERN



Florida State University, BA with Honors in Criminology and Psychology
 Up Next: UGA Masters in Social Work

LIBBY JERN



Florida State University, BA with Honors in Sports Management
 Up Next: Masters in Sports Management

OLIVIA HUNTER



University of Georgia, BS in Elementary Education
 Up Next: UGA Masters in Education



UPLOAD YOUR PHOTO!



Many of you haven't (yet!) uploaded your photo to Realm - and we want to see your faces! It's good to see who's who so we can greet each other in church and at church activities, newer members especially! [For instructions on how to add your photo to your Realm profile, click here.](#)

And please don't stress! You don't need a fancy headshot. :)

Affinity Groups



ONE GRAY HAIR

Wednesday, May 17th at Noon

Morningsiders Carolyn Cobb and Julie Green will dialogue about the creative process and read some of their poetry.

This group gathers at the home of Emilie Paille & Jeanne McCarthy (1413 Northview Ave NE).

RSVP to [Kathy Bremer here.](#)

COUPLES AND FRIENDS

Saturday, May 13th at 6pm

This group gathers at the home of Emilie Paille & Jeanne McCarthy (1413 Northview Ave NE) at 6 pm. RSVP to [Kathy Bremer here.](#)



THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, May 16th at 7pm

This group gathers at the home of Bill Means (1071 McLynn Ave.) at 7 pm. Save the date. More details coming soon.



MPC'S PARTNERSHIP WITH J.W. DOBBS ELEMENTARY



Dobbs Students' Glow Party



MPC Kid's Sunday School class assembled Glow Party bags for the JWD students.

SAVE THE DATE!

Save-the-Date for our annual Clifton Memorial Day cookout on **Saturday May 27**. Details soon! Contact [Joe Floyd](#) or [Ann Watson](#) for more info.

may birthdays

- 1 LINDA JOHNSON
- 2 KATE JERN
- 2 LIBBY JERN
- 2 RACHEL SPEARS
- 4 JEN JAMES
- 4 MAREN MILLARD
- 7 KATIE AUMANN
- 7 BROOKE WILLIAMS
- 8 ELIZABETH LAND
- 8 EMMERSON MILLARD
- 8 HALL NICKELS
- 9 DANIEL EASTON
- 10 BRENT DRONE
- 11 KAYLA COBB
- 11 BOB WELLS
- 11 KAYT WILLIAMSON
- 14 SARAH BETH GEHL
- 14 MARDEE RIGHTMYER
- 15 IAN IRWIN
- 15 HARRIS JAMES
- 15 FLORENCE LURANC
- 16 AMANDA KEMERY
- 17 GRACIE BOSWELL
- 17 SILAS JENSEN
- 19 ROSE MARY
- 21 ANN MARIE KNEZEVICH
- 21 BRIANNA LEGATE-SELNESS
- 21 TASHA SNEDAKER
- 22 KAIT LOWRY
- 22 CAM MURRAY
- 22 GEORGE VANDERMEER
- 23 LILY BROD
- 25 ALEX HOLLAND
- 25 DAVID LOWERY
- 27 STEPHANIE LIBBY
- 31 KATE PARRISH

CAN YOU HELP?

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries has the following needs. [Click here](#) for details on how to drop off your items.

Needs of the Moment:

Jeans

Sweatpants

Cheese slices

Granola bars

Fruit cups or juice boxes

Deli meat - no ham

Cocktail napkins





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"Earn your success based on service to others, not at the expense of others." ~ H. Jackson Brown Jr., author of Life's Little Instruction Book

Join us for a work morning at Intown Collaborative Ministries on **Friday, June 16th from 9:30am – 12:30pm**. Friday is inventory day at ICM. The Atlanta Food Bank, Hello Fresh and Second Helpings all deliver food for ICM's Saturday market. There will be jobs for all ages and physical levels. Wear comfortable clothing that you don't mind getting dirty and closed-toe shoes.

[To join us, sign up here.](#)



GENERAL INFO ABOUT ICM DONATIONS:

Donations may be delivered directly to the ICM Food Pantry at McIver Hall behind Druid Hills Presbyterian Church (1026 Ponce de Leon Avenue NE, Atlanta, GA 30306, entrance on St. Charles Ave). Donations are accepted Tuesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 am - 12 pm. Please tell ICM that you are from MPC and that you need a weight total at the time of drop off.



- 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](#).

THE MOSQUITO BUCKET OF DOOM

Bucket of Doom. A slasher movie from the 1970s? The latest season of Fortnite? No, but for many homeowners, it might be something equally thrilling – an effective, inexpensive and safe way to control mosquitos.

Five-gallon buckets are often a source of standing water where mosquitos can breed. This simple idea turns that around so the humble bucket becomes your ally in the fight for bite-free access to your backyard.

For more information about how to eliminate mosquitos without harmful pesticides, [check out this article](#).



SUCCESSES TO SHARE

Cole S. and Ronnie M. received stable housing!



Clifton's Food Coordinator, Amy Eckles, has devised a system where no food coming into Clifton gets wasted. All food is either prepped and provided for the guests, or packaged into to-go containers and given to Blessings Bags of Warmth who delivers the food directly to those living on the streets. Amy has set up a Facebook group called Clifton Sanctuary Volunteers, and is always looking for folks to come in during the day and help her out. If you are interested, please join the group to find out about opportunities to serve.

COME HELP US CELEBRATE MIA!!

Chief Administrator Mia Covington will be retiring from Clifton after 18 years of service, so please join us at CSM for a cookout in her honor on **Friday, May 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** at the Clifton campus, 369 Connecticut Ave. N 30307. Contact [Leslie Prince](#) for more info.

Congratulations

**Want to learn more
about MDM?**

Click on the link below
to watch Lloyd Prince's
video to learn about
Memorial Drive Ministries.

[WATCH THE VIDEO HERE.](#)

**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF
FOR SYRIA-TURKEY**

Thanks to your generosity,
\$1750. was sent to
Presbyterian Disaster
Assistance to aid the victims
of the Syria-Turkey
earthquake.



Sweetwater Creek State Park is a peaceful tract of wilderness in Lithia Springs. Please join us in May 18th when we will hike to the five-story New Manchester mill ruins alongside the white-water rapids of Sweetwater Creek. New Manchester was a mid-nineteenth century mill town which met its demise during the Civil War. This trail is the most frequently used trail in the park because it's the shortest trail to the mill ruins and best showcases the beauty of the creek valley. It is a relatively easy 2 mile hike. We'll have time to see the museum and visitor center. **Wear good shoes, bring water and lunch.** We will take the van and leave at 10am, so please arrive early to be ready to go. For more info, contact Jeanne McCarthy. To sign up, use the link below.

[CLICK HERE TO JOIN US.](#)



Please join MPC C.A.R.E. Saturday, May 6, 10 am-12 pm to remove small cherry laurels and other invasive species that are crowding and shading out native species in the ravine in front of the church. The forest in the ravine at MPC is filled with invasive species and darkened by an overabundance of cherry laurels. We will start by learning to recognize some of the native plants on the ground layer of the forest along the path to the bridge, and then learn to recognize plants that need to be removed.

If you can join us, **wear close-toed shoes and bring a shovel.** Loppers and a few small tree saws would also be useful. Children 5 yrs. and older are welcome if accompanied by a parent or guardian. We will meet in the preschool parking lot at 10:00 a.m. For more info contact Mary Chapman. [To sign up, click here.](#)

**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!

