

# MONTH AT A GLANCE

## Every Sunday is a joyful Sunday,

but May is a particularly exceptional time of year at Morningside. This month, we make space for the Spirit of God to be heard through lots of different voices. Our worship in the next few weeks highlights some of the important ministries that make MPC special, and so my charge to you this month is to make it to worship on Sunday!

What will you witness if you come to worship this month?

- Children sharing their faith and their voices as they lead worship on Children's Sabbath
- The children's choir singing "God is So Good" (in two languages!)
- Young disciples receiving age-appropriate Bibles to learn the stories of God and God's people
- Confirmands being welcomed into the church as new members, having studied and discerned what it means for them to respond to God's love and grace with their lives
- Graduating seniors being celebrated as we send them out into the world with blessing
- Flowers that bring God's beauty into the sanctuary as we remember and honor maternal figures in our lives that reflect God's love
- Mission leaders sharing the ways God shows up out in the world on the margins and the ways our presence is a reflection of God's compassion toward the least of these
- A seminary professor, Dr. Bill Brown, rounding out our creation sermon series on Mission Sunday
- Our chancel choir singing music that helps us connect our hearts to God's heart, including a special post-worship concert on May 19th
- And....the Spirit will surely surprise us still!

All of this would not be possible without many, many leaders and volunteers in the church. I give thanks for confirmation mentors, mission committee members, the choir, the flower guild, Sunday school teachers, parents, ushers, greeters, elders, deacons, the MPC staff, and every one of YOU whose presence, support, financial commitments, and prayers undergird these ministries. I hope you'll join me in praising God this month for the ways that God's love pours out at MPC.

**WITH JOY, PASTOR KATIE**

## "God's Got the Whole World in His Hands"



We continue to celebrate the Easter season of resurrection and new life. What better way to mark this season than to reflect together on the gifts of life all around us in God's creation.

Our worship & sermons will explore the many ways that God creates, sustains, and blesses us through creation as well as our role both to care for and delight in the signs of resurrection all around us!

### Sunday, May 5

Genesis 1 - Creation is Good

### Children's Sabbath

### Sunday, May 12

Mark 16:15 - Tell All Creation

Pastor Emma Neishloss, preaching

### Confirmation Sunday, Senior Recognition & Mother's Day

### Sunday, May 19

Rev. Dr. Bill Brown, guest preacher

### Mission Sunday

### Sunday, May 26

Acts 2:1-21

Katie Owen Aumann, preacher

### Pentecost Sunday

*Reminder*

On Sunday, June 2, worship time shifts to 10 am.

## MIDDLE GROUND

Wednesday, May 8

Wednesday, May 22

Last 2 gatherings before the summer hiatus!

Gather for a time of fellowship at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6 pm, and a short-form casual worship service on

Wednesday, 5/8 and Wednesday, 5/22 at 6:30 pm. For those with children, MPC Kids meets simultaneously.



**MIDDLE GROUND**  
2ND & 4TH WEDNESDAYS  
5:30-7:00PM



## Sunday School

## FAITH DEVELOPMENT

**May 5 - John Watson** continues a study of Richard Rohr

**May 12** - Al Stacer from Presbyterians for a Better

Georgia discusses how to be a faithful advocate

**May 19** - Mission Partner Panel for Mission Sunday

**May 26** - No Faith Development



## MPC CHANCEL CHOIR CONCERT

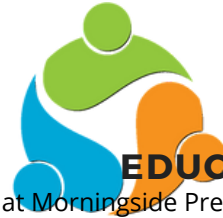
Sunday, May 19 @12:30  
Sanctuary

Stick around Sunday, May 19 after morning worship to hear our choir with orchestra perform Schubert's Mass in G. Grab some snacks at fellowship hour, then join us at 12:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary to hear this beautiful piece of music. You'll be on your way by 1:15 p.m.



## happy anniversary PASTOR KATIE

This month we celebrate FOUR years with Rev. Katie Owen Aumann as our Pastor and Head of Staff. It is hard to believe how much has changed in that time! When Pastor Katie came to Morningside, worship was all pre-recorded. The congregation greeted her by driving by and waving to her as she stood on the sidewalk in front of the Welcome Center! Katie walked us through our shift to live stream with no congregation to outdoor worship to finally being together in the sanctuary again. Much has changed, but our love and appreciation for Pastor Katie has only grown!



## MATTHEW 25 EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

We at Morningside Presbyterian sometimes don't realize how fortunate we are. However, our commitment as a Matthew 25 church is to learn about structural racism so that we can respond in more just ways as disciples today. If you want to experience what travel was like for African Americans in the Jim Crow South, you can do so by visiting **The Negro Motorist Green Book Exhibit at the Jimmy Carter Library** from March 30 to June 23. The exhibit is kid friendly, and the cost of the exhibit is included in the \$10 admission fee to the Carter Center. Created in 1936 by Victor Green and published through 1967, The Green Book was an Indispensable guide to hotels, motels, restaurants, tourist homes, department stores and gas stations for African Americans who wished to travel safely when "sundown towns" explicitly prohibited them from staying overnight. Developed by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit Service, the exhibit includes artifacts from the period, including business signs and postcards, home movies and personal reflections as well as an interactive exhibit. While the exhibit reveals the dangers of travel, it also demonstrates the resilience of people determined to visit new sites or visit family.



**SCREEN ON THE GREEN**  
Friday, May 17 @  
6:30 pm & 7:30 pm  
Front Lawn

Pack your picnic and join us on the front lawn. We'll have a short film - *Lost & Found* - for our youngest kids and families at 6:30 p.m. followed by our feature film - *Paddington 2* - at 7:30 p.m.

## COFFEE AT MPC!

The people have spoken and we have heard and upped our coffee game at Morningside! We have a new coffee maker, new carafes and cream pitchers. Please enjoy a delicious cup of coffee - brought to you by Morningside's San Francisco Coffee - at the updated coffee station in the Welcome Center. Enjoy your coffee and snacks, but please do not bring food and drink into the Sanctuary.



## Mother's Day TRIBUTES

Click [here](#) to submit your Mother's Day Tribute by Wednesday, May 8. Suggested donation for each tribute is \$10, payable by cash, check, or by choosing "Mother's Day Tributes" in the drop-down menu on [Realm](#). Your tribute will appear in the bulletin on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12 and the June Month at a Glance.





# CALL for VOLUNTEERS

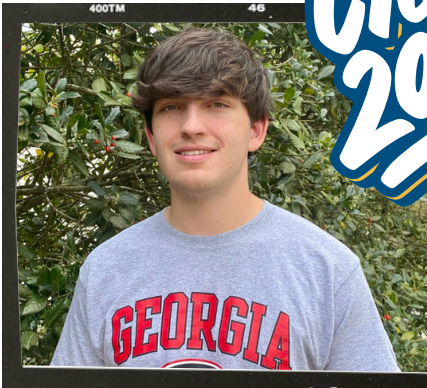
## VBS 2024

We need volunteers to help plan, prepare, decorate, schedule, shop, teach, sing, move, feed, and shepherd the 85 Campers who have already registered for MPC's Vacation Bible School!!! VBS is open to 2 year-olds through 5th graders and runs from 9 am - noon with optional aftercare and Mission Camp until 3 pm. As you can imagine, there are lots of ways to help out the 21 folks who have already signed up to volunteer. Sign up to volunteer by clicking [here](#). Or register a camper by clicking [here](#).



# Class of 2024

## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES



**MAC BARNETTE**  
Pace Academy;  
Attending the  
University of Georgia



**CAROLINE LOWERY**  
Woodward Academy;  
Attending Ole Miss



**VANESSA RYAN**  
Midtown High School;  
Attending Florida State  
University

## COLLEGE GRADUATES



**CAROLINE PARRISH**  
Wake Forest University;  
BA in Spanish and  
English



**CHARLOTTE SPEARS**  
Davidson College;  
BA in Political Science



**WILL TANNER**  
University of North  
Carolina;  
BA in History and  
Economics

## WELCOME, NEW MPC MEMBERS!

On April 28, we welcomed the following new members and their families at Morningside: Philip Ross and husband, Mark Shambura and their children, Austin & Phoebe; Laura Caldarella and her children, Serena & Charlie; Ron Davidson; Liz & Andy Conwell and their children, Ellie & Kate; Farida Kwaji and Jon Pokryzk and their children, Leo, Eden, and Micah. Lib & Rich Boggs reinstated their membership after moving back into town earlier this year. Reach out to our new friends and get to know them!



### MORNINGSIDE SINGS!

Saturday, August 24 @ 7 pm

Save the date for the tenth, and final, Morningside Sings! Saturday, August 24 at 7pm. Music from the last 10 years will be featured by soloists, chorus, and band. Help us say Bravo and thank you to Michael Siedschlag and Jeff Peters for their vision and leadership during these past 10 years. One performance only!





### Shredding Event 2024

Sat | May 4th | 9a to 1p

Morningside Presbyterian Church  
Parking Lot off Wessington  
1411 N Morningside Drive NE | Atlanta | 30306

## Tell Friends & Family!

Bring anything from old credit cards to paperwork

### SHREDDING EVENT

Bring anything from old credit cards to paperwork to the smaller church parking lot on Saturday, May 4 from 9 am - 1 pm to shred in the industrial shredder. This event is brought to you by MPC members, Sarah & Peter Chatel.





The  
Nancy Frampton  
Rising Artists Series  
at Morningside  
Presbyterian Church

## 2024 SEASON LINE-UP

- **Eleomar Cuello**, baritone - Saturday, 7/6 @ 7 pm
- **Yunwen Chen**, cello & **Xiyu Deng**, piano - Saturday, 9/21 @ 7 pm
- **Sage Harrison & Juan Riveros**, duo cello - Saturday, 11/2 @ 7 pm

Click [here](#) for more info and tickets!

## MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN PRESCHOOL





## enrollment

### MPC ENROLLMENT

Enrollment is open!!! Come see our preschool in active play! Ms. Courtney is hosting group tours every Wednesday at 10am. The following Enrollment slots are open - PreK, 2 Day Twos, 3 Day Twos, Toddlers. Do you know of a family looking for a Preschool community? Click [here](#) to sign up for a tour.

# PICTURES OF APRIL



## EASTER SUNDAY



## YOUTH GROUP



# THEOLOGY ON TAP

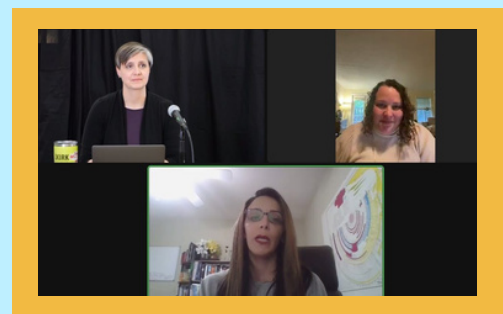


## ALL CHURCH PICNIC



## EARTH SUNDAY

We may have been indoors because of rain, but our love of God extends far beyond our building! We showed love of creation by growing micro greens with the CARE team and love of neighbor via welcome home baskets for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and flower deliveries from the deacons!



## PASTOR EMMA & CPM

Did you know our own **Rev. Emma Neishloss** serves as chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta? Here, she helped us all celebrate as a new candidate for ministry was brought under care during our Zoom Presbytery meeting.



# DOBBS ELEMENTARY



It was an honor to be at **Dobbs Elementary** for their annual Partnership Brunch! Our Reading Buddies were recognized for their work with the Dobbs' scholars, and our own, Lisa Jern, was named the school's Volunteer of the Year! We LOVE our friends at Dobbs!

# OUTDOOR WORSHIP



# SUCHES HIKE



Our **C.A.R.E. team** spent a BEAUTIFUL day in Suches, GA hunting trillium on the Appalachian Trail and eating delicious barbecue! What a way to enjoy God's good creation!

# MIDDLE GROUND

# MPC C.A.R.E. TEAM

# Affinity Groups



## Friends at Morningside

Sunday, 5/5 @ 12:30 pm; offsite

MPC's young adults meet at Breaker Breaker on the Beltline in Inman Park on Sunday, May 5 after worship at 12:30 pm for lunch and book discussion. Email [Pastor Emma](#) for details.

## MPC Couples & Friends

Saturday, 5/11 @ noon; offsite

This group will carpool to Joe Ballay's lake house. More details to come. Questions and RSVP to [Kathy Bremer](#).



## Lunch Bunch @ MPC

Wednesday, 5/15 @ noon; Fellowship Hall

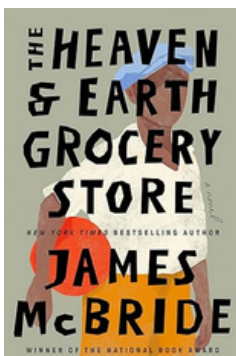
The group formerly known as "One Gray Hair" is now the *Lunch Bunch*. All are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall for lunch and conversation. RSVP to [David Lowery](#).



## RHO Readers

Sunday, 5/19 @ 12:30 pm;  
Room 201 or Zoom

RHO Readers book selection for May is *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store: A Novel* by James McBride. In 1972, when workers in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, were digging the foundations for a new development, the last thing they expected to find was a skeleton at the bottom of a well. Who the skeleton was and how it got there were two of the long-held secrets kept by the residents of Chicken Hill, the dilapidated neighborhood where immigrant Jews and African Americans lived side by side and shared ambitions and sorrows. Bill and Sanda Means will lead the discussion. There will be snacks! Contact [Jill](#) for more info.



# MAY

# birthdays

- 1 LINDA MARIE JOHNSON
- 2 KATE JERN
- 2 LIBBY JERN
- 2 RACHEL SPEARS
- 4 JEN JAMES
- 7 KATIE OWEN AUMANN
- 8 LIZ LAND
- 8 EMMERSON MILLARD
- 8 HALL NICKELS
- 9 DANIEL EASTON
- 9 WALKER SEMAN
- 11 BOB WELLS
- 11 KAYT WILLIAMSON
- 14 SARAH BETH GEHL
- 14 MARDEE RIGHTMYER
- 15 FLORENCE HAY LURANC
- 15 HARRIS JAMES
- 16 GEMMA FELDMAN
- 16 AMANDA KEMERY
- 17 SILAS JENSEN
- 19 ROSEMARY WELLS
- 21 ANN MARIE KNEZEVICH
- 22 KAIT LOWRY
- 22 GEORGE VANDERMEER
- 23 LILY BROD
- 23 OLIVER LORING
- 25 ALEX HOLLAND
- 25 DAVID LOWERY
- 27 STEPHANIE LIBBY
- 31 KATE PARRISH

Men's Coffee



Fridays @ 8 am

Men of MPC are invited to stop-in for coffee and conversation. Meet at Press & Grind Coffee on Fridays at 8 am. Contact [Mark Gilbreath](#) for info.

## SAVE THE DATE

## SUMMER AFFINITY



Sunday, 6/9 @ 12:30, Room 201

Introducing **Movies at Morningside!** Contact Beth Baer by text or call to sign up and get more information on which film will be first up to watch and discuss. The discussion will be led by MPC affiliate and film-enthusiast, Fritz Bogar. Watch the movie at home and come ready to engage in lively discussion over your brown bag lunch.

Sunday, 6/23



**Theology on Tap** will briefly come out of summer hiatus on Sunday, June 23 for brunch at the Humphries' home. Stay tuned for more details. Email Pastor Emma if you'd interested in joining the group.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

# SERVE TOGETHER

"'Tis not enough to help the feeble up,  
but to support them after."  
- Shakespeare

Researched & compiled  
by Jill Klotz



**INTOWN  
CARES**

## DOBBS TEACHER APPRECIATION

Friday, May 10, Dobbs Elementary

Help us celebrate the incredible teachers of Dobbs Elementary! We'll be serving a [belated] Cinco de Mayo themed lunch on Friday, May 10. Volunteers are needed to provide food and help with both set up and serving. Contact [Jen James](#) for more details or click [here](#) to sign up!



## GROCERY DELIVERY

Sign up [here](#) to deliver groceries to Maggie Russell Towers. New dates for 2024 are available! Each delivery date can use a driver and a ride along helper. Meet at MPC at 10:15 am, and then travel to Intown Cares where you load groceries into van at 10:30 am then head out for delivery. Deliveries take 1-2 hours.

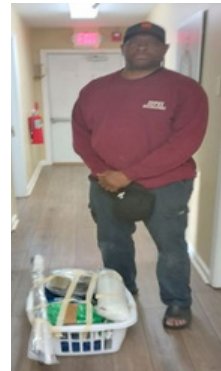


## CLIFTON SANCTUARY GUEST HIGHLIGHT

John W. was a guest at Clifton for six months. While at Clifton, John took advantage of the help and resources he received and was able to leave our program with a full-time position with Advantage Fire Protection. He also obtained stable housing at Clairmont Crest apartments.

*"I can't say enough of how grateful I am for having Clifton support me during my stay. The wonderful staff gave me the skills and opportunity to be self-sufficient," says John.*

John was gifted a "Welcome Home" basket filled with all kinds of essentials provided by Morningside Presbyterian Church. We are so proud of John and his achievements while going through our program. Help us continue to support friends at Clifton, like John, by donating to our Welcome Home Basket Drive. Items can be new or gently used, and you can find a list of needed items by clicking [here](#). Additionally, you can make a financial gift for these baskets by choosing "Clifton Welcome Home Baskets" on [Realm](#)'s drop down menu.



## KRISTI PAINTER NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Kristi is originally from the Atlanta area and graduated from GA Tech and Candler Seminary. She went to Philadelphia as a young adult volunteer with the United Methodist Church where she spent 5 years working with a ministry that offered day programs to folks who were unhoused. Welcome, Kristi!

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity, MPC was able to send \$800 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People which work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. Their work provides people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



## SAVE-THE-DATE MPC MISSION TRIP

MPC Mission Trip 2024 will be at the [North Georgia Mission Lodge](#), Friday, 8/30 - Sunday, 9/1 with an individual flex option to stay through Labor Day, Monday 9/2. Our project will be similar to Habitat for Humanity or maintenance at Feed Fannin Farm. Ages 16+. Click [here](#) to sign up and get more information or contact [Brenda Spring](#).



## REFUGEE FAMILY UPDATE

Georgine and Bienfait Kinumbe have a new baby and are over the moon! The Kinumbes are a family from the Republic of Congo that MPC helped sponsor a few years ago. For more info, contact [Holly Campbell](#).

## # FOMO NOMO FOMO.

Want to know more about how our PCUSA is working in the world? Subscribe to the exceptional newsletters that our denomination has to offer and get the scoop! [Click](#) here.



Thursday, June 27  
5:30-7:30 pm  
The Carter Center

## MDM GRANT NEWS

MDM was recently awarded a GoodUse grant from Southface Institute! This is a \$40,000 gift but is designed as a 2:1 match, which means MDM needs to raise \$20,000 by mid-May to unlock the \$40,000. The full \$60,000 will then be used for energy efficiency upgrades at MDM that will cut down on utility costs, improve the environmental footprint of our campus, and maximize impact. You can give to MDM by visiting their site, [here](#).



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES @ MDM

- **Friends of Refugees** is hosting volunteer orientations for those who want to get involved. Learn more and register [HERE!](#)
- **Amani Women Center** is looking for volunteers to serve the sewing academy, ESL tutoring program, as well as the upcoming "Happy Feet" event. Fill out an interest form and volunteer application [HERE!](#)
- **Inspire:** A Shalom Afterschool Initiative is looking for additional volunteers to help with the afterschool program for resettled refugee middle-schoolers. To learn more and apply to get involved, click [HERE](#) and/or email the Inspire Director [HERE!](#)

- **Amani Women Center** is looking for volunteers to serve the sewing academy, ESL tutoring program, and the upcoming "Happy Feet" event. Fill out an interest form and volunteer application [HERE!](#)
- **Solid Foundation Christian Academy** regularly schedules Field Trip learning experiences on Fridays throughout the school year. If you are interested in hosting a visit from SFCA students on a Friday in the fall, please email the principal [HERE](#) to connect and see if your site might be a good mutual fit!

## NICHOLAS HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Each June, Nicholas House hosts a Dream Builders event to give members of the community a chance to learn more about our mission to end family homelessness. All proceeds and pledges from the event go directly towards funding Nicholas House programs for families in need, including our emergency shelter, homelessness prevention, and permanent supportive housing services. If you are looking for a way to make an important and lasting impact on family homelessness in Atlanta, this event is for you! Click [here](#) for more information.



## COMPOST UPDATE

In the month of March, MPC's compost has impacted in the following potential ways:

- Waste diverted - 2,075 lbs
- Compost created - 207 lbs
- CO2e miles not driven - 6,057 miles
- Methane avoided - 216 lbs
- Tomato potential of compost - 1,556 tomatoes



## BATTERY RECYCLE

Bring your old batteries to the small collection container in the Welcome Center. MPC C.A.R.E. is collecting them for recycling at Staples.

