

# MONTH AT A GLANCE

## Count Me In!

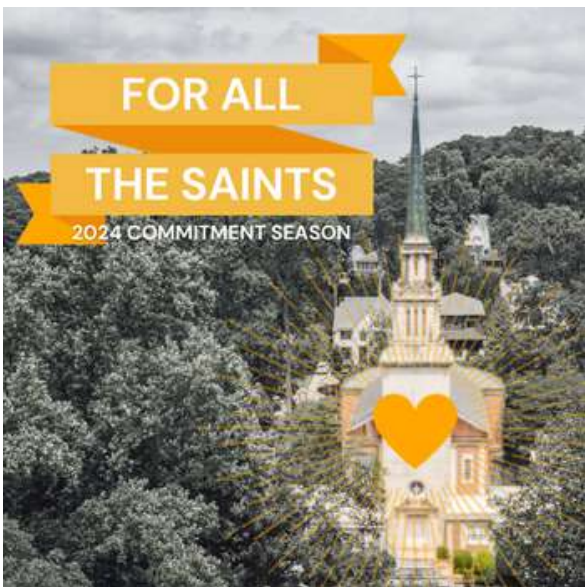
2024 COMMITMENT SEASON

Each evening around the dinner table, my family shares "thankfuls." No matter what kind of a day it has been, we pause to acknowledge that there is always something to be thankful for. Diana Butler Bass in her book, "Grateful," argues that "Gratitude is...more than just an emotion. It is also a disposition that can be chosen and cultivated, an outlook toward life that manifests itself in actions—it is an ethic." Gratitude is something that we can practice, and when we do, we discover that the way we see the world is full of deeper meaning and blessing than we might have imagined. It's a practice that is accessible to us regardless of age, wealth, or life circumstance. And it's a way that we can tune our eyes to see the presence of God in our very midst.

As I look at Morningside, we have much to be grateful for. I am particularly grateful for your response to this fall's commitment season. Your generosity has set us on the course to be able to continue to grow, dream, and most especially serve God together. We strive toward an ambitious budget goal not simply to pay the church's bills but to enable ministries that point us toward God's love, grace, and gratitude.

November is often a month that we are particularly focused on "giving thanks." But I wonder how our lives might be changed by practicing gratitude daily this month and then carrying it forth throughout the year. Amidst the trials of this world, would we be more able to see glimmers of grace all around? Would it stir us to even greater generosity?

**WITH A GRATEFUL HEART,  
PASTOR KATIE**



**"Be generous  
as the Lord  
your God  
is generous..."  
And you are  
GENEROUS!"**



**Thank you to all who pledged on Commitment Sunday!  
We are excited to report that your pledges to date  
total \$726,000 and represent 103 households.  
Even our children made their own pledge cards during  
Sunday School and named the ways that they can  
respond with generosity to God.**



**We are hopeful that with your help, we can meet the  
goal of \$850,000 from 165 households this year.  
If you were not able to worship with us on Sunday, can  
we count you in?**

**[Pledge Here](#)**

**Pledge online using the link above or email Treasurer  
Bill Humphries at [billh6848@gmail.com](mailto:billh6848@gmail.com).**

**We are also grateful for the many ways that you  
indicated your desire to give of your time and talents  
through service to the church. We are working to  
compile those responses and connect you with teams  
who can help you plug in in a meaningful way.**

**With abundant gratitude,  
Pastor Katie  
Leslie Prince, Commitment Elder**

# ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY



## NOVEMBER 5

The Chancel Choir will sing four selections from Irish composer, Phillip Stopford's "Missa Deus Nobiscum" for All Saints Sunday, November 5. These moving musical works help us remember those who have left us this past year. Particularly moving will be a setting of John 14, "In My Father's House are Many Dwellings."

Names of loved ones who have died within this past year have been submitted to the Necrology and will be read in the service and listed in the bulletin.

### AFTER WORSHIP

Come and taste the best chili recipes that MPC has to offer. Then, vote on your favorite chili. Then bid on a dessert with proceeds going to support MPC's youth programs. Bring a side dish to share. The Youth are supplying cheese and chips for the chili. Click [here](#) to RSVP and/or sign up to compete with your best pot of chili!



Tuesday, November 7 is Election Day. MPC is a polling place. Please make plans to vote!

### MIDDLE GROUND

November 1st & 15th

We have something for **everyone** on 1st and 3rd Wednesday nights at MPC!

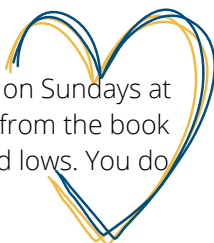
- 5:30 - Social time for adults in the Fellowship Hall and supervised time on the playground for children
- 6:00 - Dinner for all ages
- 6:30 - Middle Ground worship and discussion; Children are dismissed to choir or childcare.

Middle Ground is a short-form casual worship service that includes time for discussion around the dinner tables. It's for everyone! No RSVP or registration is needed, but please email [Pastor Amanda](#) and let her know you're coming so we can plan accordingly for meals and childcare.



### DEVOTIONAL DROP-IN

Devotional Drop-In meets in the Session Room on Sundays at 9:45 am. Parent participants will discuss topics from the book *Undistracted*, pray together, and share highs and lows. You do not have to have read the book to attend.



## WORSHIP TOGETHER IN NOVEMBER

### NOVEMBER 5

All Saints Sunday  
with Communion & Special Music  
Revelation 7: 9-17  
Emma Neishloss, preaching

### NOVEMBER 12

Worship with Handbells  
Psalm 78:1-7 and Matthew 25:1-13  
Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

### NOVEMBER 19

Healing & Gratitude  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
Luke 17:11-19  
Amanda Kemery, preaching

### Advent/Christmas

#### Do You Hear What I Hear?

*There are an abundance of competing voices and priorities as we approach Christmas. Throughout the Advent and Christmas story, however, God speaks--through prophets, angels, women, children, and others--to point us toward the hope, peace, love, and joy of Christ.*

### NOVEMBER 26

1st Sunday of Advent  
Isaiah 40:1-5, Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
The Voice of Prophets  
Katie Owen Aumann, preaching

### Sunday School



### FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Members of Morningside will be sharing their "Faith MVP" — the people who influence their faith the most. Carly Dubay, Anna Miles, Curt Barrett, and Brenda Fishpaw will share parts of their faith stories. Pastor Emma kicks off the Advent series on November 26.

Morningside needs...



### CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Classes meet from 9:45-10:40 am. Two year-olds through Kindergarten students will meet in Room 011 and 1st-4th graders will meet in Room 003. Adults, please sign up to volunteer!

[Sign Up HERE!!!](#)



# ADVENT at MPC

## CHILDREN'S NATIVITY SERVICE



It's time to sign up for the Children's Nativity service on Sunday, December 10! Click [here](#) to let us know how you'd like to participate. In addition, choir rehearsals for the pageant are on Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. Use the link for more information or email Pastor Amanda with questions. *Signup closes on November 17.*

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR

- Rehearsals - 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6
- NO rehearsal Thanksgiving Break - November 22

## SAVE-THE-DATE



## CHRISTMAS TRIBUTES

This year, we will give the opportunity for folks to submit tributes in honor of or in memory of loved ones. The tributes will appear in the December 17 bulletin and in the January MAG. Be on the lookout for the link to add your tributes. Suggested donation of \$10 each tribute. Your donation funds our Flower Guild's budget for holiday decorations at Advent, Christmas, Palm Sunday, Easter, and many other beautification projects around our church.



## LOVE FEAST & HANDBELLS

During Worship on 12/3, we will participate in the Moravian Love Feast, a Morningside beloved tradition. We will enjoy special music by the Handbells!

## AFFINITY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Mark your calendar for these Affinity groups' holiday gatherings:

- 11/27 - Women's Roundtable Advent Gathering
- 12/2 - LGBT & Friends Xmas Party
- 12/9 - MPC Couples & Friends Dinner
- 12/18 - Theology on Tap Christmas Party



## Christmas Eve Worship Services

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Family-friendly Lessons & Carols with Candlelight at 11 am

Traditional Lessons & Carols with Candlelight at 8 pm





# PICTURES OF OCTOBER

## BLESSING OF THE PETS

## SAM'S ORDINATION



## HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE



## FRIENDS AT MORNINGSIDE



## PASTOR APPRECIATION



## MPC @ PRIDE



## MPC C.A.R.E.



Melvin L. Newman  
**Wetlands Center**  
*Where land, water, & community converge*



# ALL CHURCH RETREAT @ MONTREAT



## WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE



## NINA BERNAT CONCERT

## CHILDREN'S CHOIR



## MLPA MONSTER DASH 5K





# CLUB 46



## MUSIC & MORNINGSIDE

# 2024 SEASON

**ELEOMAR CUELLO, BARITONE**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2024 @ 7 PM**

Winning numerous voice competitions, including the 2023 Metropolitan Opera Competition, and debuting in Germany, Madrid, Chile, and the US, this Cuban born singer is on the way to top of the opera world. He now is under contract with the Metropolitan Opera.



**YUNWEN CHEN, CELLO**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2024 @ 7 PM**

A native of China, Yunwen is establishing her career as an active solo and chamber performer. Holding degrees from the Eastman School of Music, New England Conservatory of Music, and Manhattan School of Music, Yunwen quickly is rising to the next heights of her professional career.

**SAGE HARRISON & JUAN RIVEROS**  
**DUO HAPISTS**  
**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024 @ 7 PM**

An up-and-coming Atlantan, Sage Harrison has been part of the Urban Youth Harp Ensemble since 2017 and a member of the Atlanta Symphony Youth Orchestra since 2020. She attended Charles R. Drew Charter School and she studies with Elizabeth Remy-Johnson, Principal Harp of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Juan Riveros is an award winning soloist and is one of a new generation of young harpists who bridge a variety of genres on the classical and world music spectrum. He holds degrees from the Cleveland Institute and is completing PhD work at the University of Michigan.







# Affinity Groups

**MPC Couples & Friends**  
 Saturday, 11/11 @ 6:30; offsite  
 Sarah and Peter Chatel host at their home this month. Please bring appetizers, sides, desserts, and adult beverages. RSVP to [Kathy Bremer](#).



**Friends at Morningside**  
 Sunday, 11/12; 12:30 pm, offsite  
 FAM, MPC's young adult group meets following worship at Anna Holman's home for lunch and a discussion of one of Jesus's parables. Email Pastor Emma for more information.

## One Gray Hair

Wednesday, 11/15; noon, Fellowship Hall  
 Anyone with even just one gray hair is invited to the One Gray Hair Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall on November 15 at noon. RSVP to [Sarah & Richard Brownlee](#) and come enjoy good food and fellowship.



**RHO Readers**  
 Sunday, 11/19; 12:30 pm, Room 201  
 Carol Senf leads the discussion on the book, *Horse* by Pulitzer prize winner, Geraldine Brooks. A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands comes a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Based on the remarkable true story of Lexington, the record-breaking thoroughbred, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism. Snacks provided! Contact [Jill](#) for more info.



**Theology on Tap**  
 Tuesday, 11/21 @ 7 pm; offsite  
 Theology on Tap meets at Manuel's Tavern, N. Highland Ave NE for dinner, drinks, and discussion. Contact [Pastor Emma](#) for info.

## Women's Roundtable

Monday, 11/27 @ 6:30 pm; offsite  
 This month, is the annual Advent event. Gather for dinner at Lynn Young's home. RSVP to [Sarah](#)



# November Birthdays

- 3 ANN BENSON
- 3 GINNY FERGUS
- 4 WILL JAMES
- 4 TARA PARRISH
- 6 MAC FRAMPTON
- 6 LINDY MENEFFEE
- 6 WHITMAN MILLS
- 8 KELLY ANDERSON
- 8 CHRISTIAN BROMLEY
- 12 JONATHAN CRUTCHFIELD
- 12 JULIE LORING
- 12 CHARLOTTE SOMMERFELD
- 12 FIELDER WATTS
- 14 MARK GILBREATH
- 15 KIERA COBB
- 16 GRADY ULEP
- 17 CAMERON COBB
- 17 JAMIE MYERS
- 19 ELLIS WILLIAMS
- 20 JACK AUMANN
- 20 RYDER WOOLLEY
- 24 BRADLEY HUESEMANN-ODOM
- 25 MILLS LYDDAN
- 26 KASEY LIBBY
- 26 JACK PEREZ
- 27 LUCAS BENZINGER
- 27 LAUREN KING
- 28 RICHARD BROWNLEE
- 28 ALLEN BURKE
- 29 LESLIE PRINCE
- 30 WAIT AUMANN
- 30 CHAP O'BRIEN



## MPP TOURS & 24'-25' ENROLLMENT

MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN  
 PRESCHOOL

Want your child to learn through play? Come check out our preschool for children ages 15 months to 5 years. Come see our preschool in active play! Courtney is hosting group tours every Wednesday at 10am. Please sign up for a tour by clicking [here](#). Please pass the information on to friends or families.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled  
by Jill Klotz

# SERVE TOGETHER

"Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."

- A. A. Milne, *Winnie-the-Pooh*

## THORNWELL OFFERING

Sunday, November 26



On 11/26, during worship, we will collect our annual offering for Thornwell. Headquartered in Clinton, SC, Thornwell strives to care for children and support healthy families and communities. The mission of Thornwell is to prevent child abuse and neglect, build and reunite families, and support healthy communities in the name of Jesus. Founded in 1875 in Clinton, SC, by a Presbyterian minister to care for orphans from the Civil War, Thornwell Children's Home still cares for children who've experienced trauma while providing innovative ministries to strengthen families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. MPC is a longtime supporter of Thornwell.

At one year old, doctors diagnosed Sophia with "failure to thrive," stemming from inadequate nutrition and disturbed social interactions. Her early life wasn't easy, and she was placed in the care of Thornwell's foster parents, Jackie and Tom. Click [here](#) to learn more about Sophia.

## GROCERY DELIVERY



## INTOWN CARES

**Sign up here** to deliver groceries to Maggie Russell Towers. 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.

*Intown Cares needs donations of plastic grocery bags.*

*Drop off donations at the Intown Food Pantry Tuesdays & Saturdays from 10am - noon. Click [here](#) to see a list of the current greatest needs of the Food Pantry.*



## CLIFTON SUCCESSES TO SHARE

- Mr. Funk moved into transitional housing.
- Mr. Ingram moved into Starnew Senior Residences.
- Mr. Clemons has received his housing voucher.
- Mr. Ross started working at First Step.
- 6 guests have obtained permanent housing placements
- 9 clients have received access to food stamps and SSI/SSDI.



[Donate Food](#)

**VOLUNTEER @ NICHOLAS HOUSE**

MPC provides dinner for Nicholas House on Saturday, November 4. And we are still in need of folks to donate food. Click the button above to sign up to donate food for the dinner.

## ANNUAL CSM PIZZA DINNER

Morningside hosts the annual pizza dinner for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on Saturday, November 25 at 6 pm- the Saturday after Thanksgiving. For more information, contact [Ann Watson and Joe Floyd](#).



## CSM CLOTHING NEEDS



Clifton is in need of the following men's clothing items:

- L & XL sweat pants
  - Jeans 32/34 & 36/40
  - T-Shirts (not undershirts) M, L, & XL
- Contact [Leslie Prince](#) with questions.





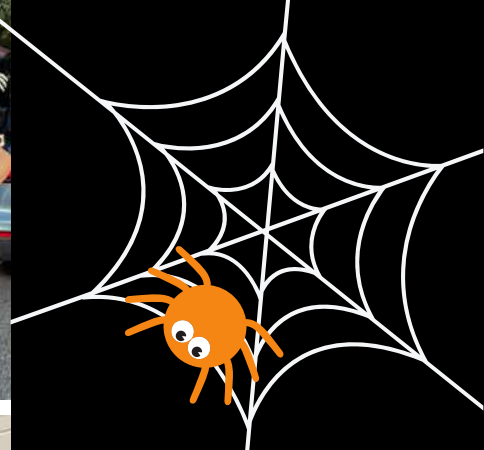
### NEW PARTNER IN MINISTRY

MDM has a new partner, **The Center for Victims of Torture**. Click [here](#) to read about the good works that CVT is doing.



### WELCOMING BABY EMRAN

The Emrans, our refugee family from Afghanistan, are expecting a baby boy in December! MPC will be collecting items to help the family celebrate their new arrival! The collection begins November 5 – keep your eyes open for an Amazon Wishlist. For more info, contact [Holly Campbell](#).



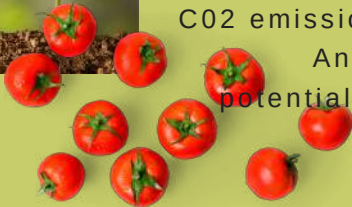
### TRUNK OR TREAT AT DOBBS

Many thanks to all who participated at the Trunk or Treat fundraiser at MPC Outreach partner Dobbs Elementary School. The MPC trunk won 2nd place! It was the biggest crowd JWD had ever had!



### COMPOSTING REPORT

Three cheers for composting! In just three months, we have diverted 821 lbs of waste and created 82 lbs of compost, which is the equivalent of C02 emission from 2,397 miles driving! Another way to look at - that's potentially 616 tomatoes grown from our compost!




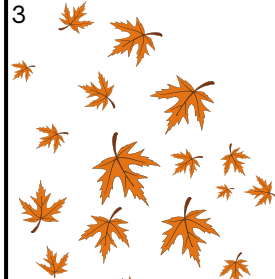

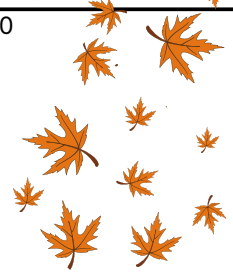


### FERNBANK NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM VISIT

Thursday, November 9 @ noon

Join the MPC C.A.R.E. Team and Friends for a visit to the Fernbank Natural History Museum where we'll watch [two 3D films](#) and take a short hike in the [Fernbank Forest](#). Bring your friends, family and neighbors! Click [here](#) to sign up! You can also find more information about how much the visit will cost and the schedule for the afternoon on the Sign-Up Genius. Hope to see you there!





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			1 5:30 Middle Ground & MPC Kids! 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	2 12 Centering Prayer 4 Tai Chi Class	3 	4 9 Grace AA Group 9 Prebytery Mtg (Offsite) 5 Nicholas House Dinner (Offsite)
5 <b>All Saints' Sunday</b> 9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship 12 Chili Cookoff & Dessert Auction	6 9 Partner with the Preacher	7  1 Staff meeting 7:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 Children's Choir 7:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 12 Centering Prayer 12 MPC CARE Fernbank Trip 4 Tai Chi Class 7 Deacons Zoom Meeting	10 	11 9 Grace AA Group 6:30 MPC Couples & Friends
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