

MONTH AT A GLANCE

*“Now we are the body of Christ,
and each individually a part of it.”*

-1 Corinthians 12:27

Count Me In!

2024 COMMITMENT SEASON

OCTOBER 29

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

WHY PLEDGE?

As we share in the ministry of MPC together, this month we challenge you to pray about how God is inviting you to give to Morningside with both your money and your talents. We believe everyone from newborn to ninety is a vital part of the body of Christ. Your contribution supports:

- worship and music for all ages
- children’s & youth ministry
- adult formation & small groups, and
- mission to the community.

We need your gifts to shine Christ's love at MPC. This year, we hope to have the participation of 165 households to shine Christ's love at Morningside Presbyterian.

Morningside has a lot to celebrate! We can celebrate through our people and programs:



- New members and visitors who can feel the Spirit at work
- The launch of a new mid-week worship service, Middle Ground
- An all-church retreat with a record number attending
- An incredible production of Morningside Sings that supports mission and music
- Worship and preaching supported by a strong music ministry
- A vital preschool with almost 100 children
- Mission partners that help us serve the "least of these"--school children, those experiencing homelessness, the hungry, refugees and more
- A bustling youth group full of curious minds and a LOT of energy

All of those celebrations point to the way God moves in those spaces to help us experience Christ's love and share it with others. And we want to continue that holy work!

October is the month when your Session and I begin to look ahead at the coming year and identify needs and opportunities to continue our ministry together. But we cannot bring these ministries to life without YOU!

You should know that 92% of our budget relies on pledges, which means we need EVERYONE! If all of us work together, we can continue to show Christ's love in Morningside and beyond.

As you pray about how you'll be connected to MPC in the coming year, can we **COUNT YOU IN?**

165 
\$850,000 

FOR ALL

THE SAINTS

BUDGET HOPES

\$7,500 for growing youth program

\$5,000 for expanded community engagement

\$3,000 for new creative worship

\$2,500 for digital signage

\$25,000 for staff support

COMMITMENT COMMITTEE

Chair: Leslie Prince

Curt Barrett	Hillery McNeill
Tom Daniel	Kim Nuckols
Joe Floyd	Susan Oder
Bill Humphries	Emilie Paille
Van Jensen	Lloyd Prince
Jill Klotz	Rachel & Duncan Spears
Suzanne Macpherson	Alex Tuuk
Rhonda McIntosh	Maggie & Preston Wise

WITH HOPE AND GRATITUDE, PASTOR KATIE



IN ADDITION TO YOUR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION, YOU CAN GIVE BY:

- Teaching children's Sunday School
- Serving as a Confirmation Mentor
- Co-hosting a Fellowship Hour after worship
- Arranging flowers with the flower guild
- Serving as an usher, greeter or pew crew
- Preparing a meal for the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
- Delivering groceries with Intown Cares
- Tutoring at Dobbs Elementary
- Singing in the choir or ringing handbells
- Joining the MPC C.A.R.E. Green Team
- Hosting an affinity group gathering
- Helping on a facilities workday
- Praying through the prayer list



YOUR PLEDGES WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT:



WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

MIDDLE GROUND

1st & 3rd Wednesdays; 5:30 – 7 pm

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.



MPC KIDS! PROGRAMMING

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 5:30 – 7 pm

This semester, the MPC Kids! will continue to meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays beginning on September 6th. All ages are welcome!

- 5:30 - Supervised time on the playground
- 6:00 - Dinner for all ages
- 6:30 - Children are dismissed to choir or childcare

MPC Kids! programming will happen simultaneously with Middle Ground.

GROW TOGETHER ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School

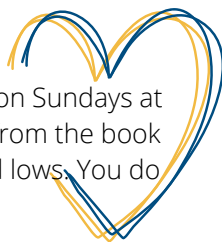


FAITH DEVELOPMENT

This month, the Faith Development class studies the book, *How To Heal Our Divides: A Practical Guide*. Join us in 201 as we discuss how to faithfully come together with and work alongside people who we disagree with ideologically.

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 OCTOBER

Sermon Series: *For ALL the Saints*

For All The Saints is a hymn often sung at funerals, but the lyrics point to the ways that all of us—of every age and stage—can participate in God's story now and into the future. This month, we will explore the ways images from that hymn inspire our participation in the church today and call us to deeper commitment to life with God.

"Response-ability" Numbers 11:1-17 **10/1**
 Pastor Katie, preaching
 World Communion Sunday
 Peace & Global Witness Offering

10/8 Hebrews 11-12:1 **"Who From Their Labors Rest"**
"This I Believe" Sunday
Once a year, we turn over the pulpit to three among you to share stories of faith. Come hear Beth Baer, Kim Rockwood, and David Lowery share their stories.

"Hearts Are Brave Again" Matthew 13:1-9; Luke 23:50-53 **10/15**
 Pastor Katie, preaching
 Handbells Playing

10/22 All Church Retreat in Montreat
 At Morningside -
 Matt Frease, guest preacher
 Fritz Bogar, liturgist



"From Earth's Wide Bounds" Leviticus 9:9-10 **10/29**
 Pastor Katie, preaching
 Children's Choir Singing
 Reformation Sunday and **Commitment Sunday**

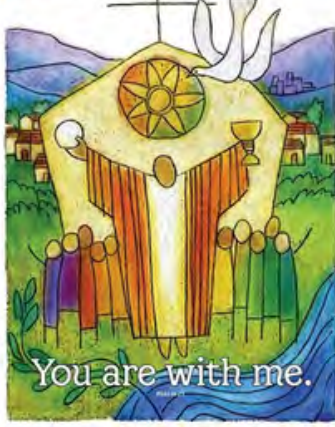
Morningside needs... **YOU!**



Sign Up HERE!!!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday school is back in full swing! 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!



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

Sunday, October 1
World Communion Sunday and Morningside participates in the Peace & Global Witness Special Offering held on that day to benefit our Presbyterian Mission Agency. Click [here](#) to read about Maina Talia's work for Pacific Islanders and the effects of climate change on their communities. Click [here](#) to donate now.



MPC @ PRIDE

October 14 & 15
Join Morningsiders at Atlanta Pride on October 14 & 15! We need volunteers to staff our booth on both days. Click [here](#) to sign up to volunteer. If you can't be there, drop off some candy in Pastor Emma's office for us to hand out.

MORAVIAN CANDLE TRIMMING

Thursday, October 5; 1:00 pm, Room 201
Help trim the candles for Morningside's annual Moravian Love Feast in Advent! The technique for wrapping the candles in the pretty red paper is easy to master. Your hands will smell good when you are done. The company is engaging and sweet treats will be provided. Bring your lunch, if you will not have already eaten. The project should be finished at 3:30 pm or before. Invite a friend! The more the merrier! Questions? Email [Beth Baer](#).

NECROLOGY LIST

Due November 1

As we look forward to All Saints' Sunday on November 5, let us take this opportunity to reflect on those who have joined the great cloud of witnesses in the last year. The names will be read in the service and listed in the December Month at a Glance. Submit your loved one's name by clicking [here](#). Submissions are due Monday, October 31.

ALL SAINTS' DAY NECROLOGY



HALLOWEEN COSTUME DRIVE

Through October 6
MPC's Children's Ministry and the Preschool are collecting

new and very gently used costumes for ages 2-11 for families at Nicholas House. Collection boxes are at the Preschool entrance and in the Welcome Center. Contact [Katie Watts](#) with questions.



save-the-date

FOR THE MPC TRADITION OF THE
CHILI COOKOFF & DESSERT AUCTION
November 5

October 6 - 29 Toiletry Drive!

INTOWN CARES

INTOWN CARES TOILETRY DRIVE

October 6 - 29
Help us fill hygiene kits for our neighbors through Intown Cares. IC staff uses these bags to make connections during their outreach.

- Consider donating:
- Shampoo
 - Handwarmers
 - Conditioner
 - New Socks
 - New Washcloths
 - Floss
 - Tootpastes
 - Bar Soap
 - Toothbrushes
 - New Washcloths

Bring your donations to the blue barrel in the Welcome Center or order through the [Amazon Wish List](#) and send directly to the church.



CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Wednesdays @ 6:30

The Children's Choir sings in Worship on Sunday, 10/29.
Next, the Children's Choir begins rehearsals for the Children's Christmas Pageant on 12/10. Choir is open to

to children in PreK through 5th grade and is held in Classroom 001. Come for a 6 pm pizza dinner and rehearsal begins at 6:30 pm. Email director [Rosie Smith](#) with more questions.

- **Children's Christmas Pageant - December 10**
- Rehearsals - 11/1, 11/8, 11/15, 11/29, 12/6
- NO rehearsal Thanksgiving Break - November 22

PICTURES OF SEPTEMBER

MIDDLE GROUND



LGBT & FRIENDS



THEOLOGY ON TAP



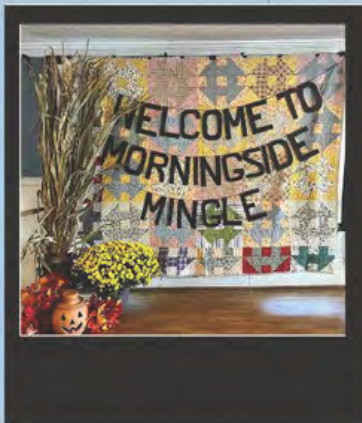
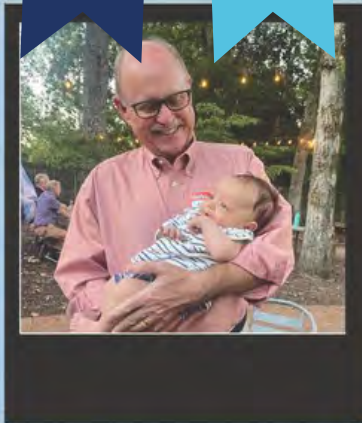
MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS



WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE



Morningside Mingle





Affinity Groups

october birthdays

Friends at Morningside Sunday, 10/8 @ 12:30; offsite



FAM meets following worship at Maggie & Preston Wise's home. This group seeks to create a space of fellowship, growth, and community for MPC's young adult population. "Young Adult" is difficult to define, but the want for connection is not! This group is open to everyone and will meet once a month on Sundays. We'll have good food, conversation, and friends. Email [Pastor Emma](#) for information.

- 1 GUS LIBBY
- 1 CHARLOTTE SPEARS
- 1 WREN TRIEU
- 3 MICHAEL ARWOOD
- 3 ANNA GRAY SAPP
- 4 ISOBEL MCLARIN-HADDEN
- 5 MIRANDA BROWNLEE
- 5 LIZA KNEZEVICH
- 6 CHRISTOPHER GAIR
- 8 JULIA KNEELAND
- 8 DUNCAN SPEARS
- 8 ANNIE WILLIAMSON
- 8 BROOKE WILLIAMSON
- 11 DANIEL SOMMERFELD
- 12 GEORGE COOGLE
- 14 QUADE LADDS
- 14 LB WOOLLEY
- 15 JOE BRADY
- 16 PHILIP HAWKINS
- 17 RACHEL REED
- 17 REAGAN SLAYTON
- 19 MOLLIE AUMANN
- 20 SIENNA WEIS
- 21 SADIE IRWIN
- 21 ELIN PAGE
- 22 JULIE GREEN
- 24 DANIEL FOWLER
- 25 RILEY RUBY
- 26 FINLEY HOLLOWAY
- 26 KEN SHARPE
- 27 KATE HATCHER-FERGEMANN
- 28 ABIGAIL WARD
- 29 TERRY LAWSON
- 29 JASON LORING
- 29 ROB PAYNE
- 31 JEFF PETERS



MPC Couples & Friends

Saturday, 10/14; 4:30 pm, offsite

Susan and Tom Oder host at their home this month with an all-time favorite meal of fried chicken. Please bring appetizers, sides, desserts, and adult beverages. RSVP to [Susan and Kathy](#).

RHO Readers

Sunday, 10/15; 12:30 pm, Room 201

Alan Bremer will lead the discussion on the book, *Then There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle* by Jon Meacham. A president who governed a divided country has much to teach us in a 21st century moment of polarization and political crisis. Hated and hailed, excoriated and revered, Abraham Lincoln was at the pinnacle of American power when implacable secessionists gave no quarter in a clash of visions bound up with money, race, identity, and faith. In him we can see the possibilities of the presidency as well as its limitations.



Snacks provided! Contact [Jill](#) for more info.



Theology on Tap

Tuesday, 10/17 @ 7 pm; offsite

Theology on Tap meets at Ken Sharpe's home. Stay tuned for information about a guest speaker. Contact [Pastor Emma](#) for info.

Women's Roundtable

Monday, 10/23 @ 6:30 pm; offsite

This month, Senator Rev. Kim Jackson is Women's Roundtable's guest speaker. Gather for dinner at Lynn Young's home. RSVP to [Sarah](#)



MUSIC & MORNINGSIDE

**"FROM BACH TO BRAHMS"
FINAL CONCERT OF THE SEASON!!**



This month, the Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series welcomes double bassist Nina Bernat, making her Atlanta debut at MPC! At the age of 19, Bernat won the International Society of Bassists Solo Competition and served as guest principal bassist with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra. Now 23 years old, she recently judged the ISB Solo Competition she previously won and is continuing her graduate studies at Juilliard while periodically performing with the New York Philharmonic. Next year, she begins a three-year residency with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's Bowers Program.

For her October concert, Bernat's program includes J.S. Bach's *Suite No. 6*, Prokofiev's *Five Melodies*, Brahms' *Cello Sonata in E minor*, and Gliere's *Intermezzo and Tarantella*.

Click [here](#) to get your tickets!



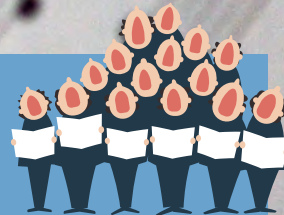
We celebrate the MPC Chancel Choir! From Mozart and Mendelssohn to Dan Forrest and other modern composers, our choir sings with joy and beauty every week! Thanks be to God.



SUNDAY, 10/22; 3 PM

Coro Vocati, including Morningsiders, Brandon Odom and Jonathan Crutchfield, presents the important, moving work, *Considering Matthew Shepherd* at 1st Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 22. Click [here](#) for tickets.

**VOCES AMICI
SUNDAY, 10/29
3PM**



Chamber Choral group, Voces Amici, presents a concert in our Sanctuary here at Morningside Presbyterian. Stay tuned for more information.



Dine Out for MPP
Monday, October 2

Mention MPP when you order at Doc Chey's Noodle House and 25% benefits the preschool.

Preschool Tours
Wednesdays, 10 am

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool is open to children 15 months of age to 5 years old. If you're interested, tours happen every Wednesday at 10 am. To reserve a tour spot, email Courtney.



**MONSTER DASH
5K RUN/WALK**
October 28 @ 8:30 am

The monsters of the Morningside-Lenox Park Association's Monster Dash 5K begin their race in our

parking lot and will haunt the picturesque streets of our neighborhood. Whether you prefer to run, walk or stroll, all ghosts and goblins are welcome for a morning of community, costumes, and healthy competition. Click [here](#) to register.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

Researched & compiled

by Jill Klotz

SERVE TOGETHER

"The illusion of scarcity is human made, not part of the kin-dom of God, where "God chooses the least of these to teach the rest."

- Rev. Dr. Neddy Astudillo

CLIFTON + INTOWN PARTNERSHIP

Clifton Sanctuary Ministries' footprint has expanded as they continue to partner with Intown Cares to provide comprehensive and intensive case management for Clifton guests. Clifton's Case Management service, provided within their Night Hospitality program, is at the core of the successful outcomes of their guests.

- Each guest who comes to Clifton is given an Individual Service Plan (ISP) to help achieve his goal of self-sufficiency and independent living.
- Each guest explains what led to his homelessness and the goals he seeks to achieve.
- The Case Manager then develops a plan that will help enable each guest to accomplish his goals. CSM's assertive Case Management and goal-focused intake process to create ISPs help to provide the foundation for our guests' transformation.

Clifton is excited about this partnership and is proud to be able to provide these vital services to their guests.

CLIFTON SUCCESSES TO SHARE!

Received housing vouchers:

- Mr. Ingram
- Mr. Harden

Graduated from the Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency program:

- Mr. Woodruff
- Mr. Goldwire
- Mr. Funk
- Mr. Jones
- Mr. Redfield

Found full-time employment:

- Mr. Woodruff
- Mr. Goldwire



INTOWN CARES

GROCERY DELIVERY

[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.

- Clifton is in need of a refrigerator for Joe's Place. If you have one that you would like to donate, please email [Lori](#) at Clifton.
- Clifton is hosting a **Volunteer & Community Appreciation Cookout** on Sunday, October 29 from 4 - 6 pm. More details to follow!



VOLUNTEER @ NICHOLAS HOUSE

Saturday, November 4

This is a great opportunity for all ages to serve with our neighbors. Sign up to donate food or serve a meal. Children are welcome! We will be playing outdoor games and hosting an indoor craft for the families at Nicholas House. Click the buttons below to sign up to Donate Food and/or to Serve Food at the dinner.

[Donate Food](#)

[Serve Dinner](#)



**CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
EDUCATIONAL EVENT**

Monday, October 2 @ 7 pm

Practical climate solutions, such as solar, EV charging stations, and energy efficiency retrofits often come with a high price tag and the expense can be a barrier. Participants will learn about resources and funding opportunities available for faith communities and households; grants, utility rebates, and federal funding opportunities through the Inflation Reduction Act. **Hanna Schultz** from **Georgia Interfaith Power and Light** will present and discuss. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Atlanta hosts the event in Room 217 - 2650 N. Druid Hills Rd NE, Atlanta. If you would like to learn more about this green funding and resources event, click [here](#).



Not sure what belongs in the compost bin? Check out this list from CompostNow.

YES.
Compostable
Put it in the bucket


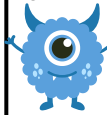
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Meat, bones, fish products
- Pasta, bread, cereal
- Cooked foods
- Dairy products, egg shells
- Coffee grounds, filters, & tea bags
- Paper towels and paper towel rolls
- Soiled paper food packaging
- Pizza boxes
- Muffin wrappers
- Flour and sugar bags
- Paper plates
- Candies, cookies and cake
- Baking ingredients, herbs, spices
- Household plants including soil
- 100% cotton cheesecloth
- Pet food
- Items labeled BPI Certified Compostable
- Items labeled ASTM D6400 or D6868

NOPE.
Not compostable with CompostNow
Put it in the recycling or trash

- PLASTIC (unless labeled compostable)
- Styrofoam meat trays
- Aluminum foil
- Clams, oysters, mussels (basically rocks)
- Candles, synthetic corks and gum
- Artificial flowers and plants
- Rugs, carpets
- Cigarette butts, tobacco
- Dental floss and Q-tips
- Baby wipes
- Disposable mop sheets
- Dryer lint sheets
- Vacuum cleaner bags
- Hair, pet fur, pet waste
- Dead animals
- Fireplace or BBQ ashes
- Recyclable materials
- Items labeled biodegradable (meaningless)
- Items labeled Oxo-Biodegradable

Still not sure?
Got Questions?
Contact us at thedirt@compostnow.org



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<p>29</p> <p>Commitment Sunday</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School 11 Worship 12:30 Club 46 3 GSU Voces Amici Concert 6 Youth Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 Partner with the Preacher</p>	<p>31</p> <p>HALLOWEEN</p> <p>1 Staff meeting 7:30 Handbell Choir Rehearsal</p> <p></p>				