MONTH AT A GLANCE

DEAR MPC FAMILY.

Music is a part of the fabric of Morningside. As we make melodies of all kinds, I am reminded that there is something beautiful that comes when all of our various ministries align in harmony, and this fall is no exception.

We are celebrating the incredible success of the 8th annual Morningside Sings! More than 30 singers of all ages gifted the community with Broadway tunes that delighted our spirits. And their gift of music helped us raise more than \$7,000 for our mission and music ministries here at MPC. A huge thanks to Jeff Peters, Jonathan Crutchfield, Derek Matthews, and so many others!

Music continues to emanate through our life together this fall.

- MPC Kids! launches Children's Choir again on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m.
- MPP students are singing and dancing each week in Chapel.
- Handbells resumes this month and is open to new ringers.
- Our Chancel Choir continues to elevate our worship with anthems that draw us closer to heaven. New voices always welcome!

But there is one aspect of our music life as a congregation that is getting a facelift this fall. In August, the Session voted to move us to a new hymnal called *Glory to God*. Some of you may have noticed that our blue hymnals from 1990 are showing their age with broken bindings and missing pages and they're no longer cost-effective to replace. Fortunately, the PC(USA) published a new hymnal that has all the old favorites with lots of new hymnody to expand what we can sing in worship. On September 10 and 11, Dr. Mel Bringle, chair of the hymnal committee, will be here to help us explore *Glory to God* together and I hope you'll join me in learning more about this resource that will help us give glory to God (See page 4 for more details). We will need your help to purchase these new hymnals and more information about that is coming soon!

One of my favorite hymns in the $Glory\ to\ God$ hymnal reminds me of why we sing as people of faith:

My life flows on in endless song,
above earth's lamentations;
I hear the sweet though far off hymn
that hails a new creation
Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear the music ringing.
Since Christ is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

SINGING OUR WAY INTO THE FALL, PASTOR KATIE



We celebrated 7 years with Dr. Jonathan Crutchfield on September 1! We are so blessed to have you as our organist, choirmaster, and member of this faith community. Your creativity, thoughtfulness, and immense talent help to make Morningside what it is. Thank you for your dedication to your congregation and the work of the church universal!



WORSHIP TOGETHER IN SEPTEMBER

We've been exploring questions that help us reconnect to one another and to God. "I've Been Meaning to Ask" invites us into deeper relationship with one another through the simple gift of an openended question.

Where Do We Go From Here? 9/4
Acts 10
Pastor Katie, preaching
Communion

SINGING THE FAITH

Music is a central way in which we profess what we believe. This month, our sermons will center around hymns that describe and confess our convictions about God, Christ, Spirit and Church. Through music and Word, we come to know God in our souls.

- 9/11 Pastor Katie and Mel Bringle, preaching Hymn 1: *Holy, Holy, Holy* "Singing the Faith"; Psalm 96 & Exodus 3 Communion
- 9/18 Pastor Katie, preaching Hymn 274: *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd* "Who Do You Say That I Am?"; Luke 9:18-20
- A Pastor Katie preaching

P/25 Pastor Katie, preaching Hymn 288: Spirit of the Living God "Potter and Clay"; Jeremiah 18:1-6

FAITH DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATING OUR FAVORITE **HYMNS** Sundays; 9:45 a.m.

We'll spend four weeks learning about the history of some of our favorite hymns, exploring the new Glory to God Hymnals, and talking about the

music that feeds our spirits.

- September 11 -- Mel Bringle leads a hymn sing in the Sanctuary
- September 18 -- Joe Floyd and Bill Humphries
- September 25 -- Jerry Mashburn
- October 2 -- Mac Frampton

Morningside needs...



SUNDAY SCHOOL **VOLUNTEERS**

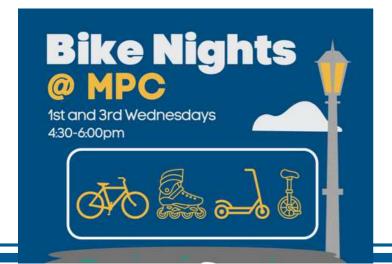
We need Sunday School teachers for children and youth! If you'd rather assist, there's a place for you! Click here to teach or assist in Sunday School or to care for the littlest ones in the nursery. You can even commit one Sunday at a time.

MPC KIDS! **FALL PROGRAMMING**



We are back in full swing after Labor Day! Save the dates for our MPC Kids! programming beginning 9/7. Dinner will be available for all Wednesday night programming.

- Bike Nights! (All ages) 1st and 3rd Wednesdays @ 4:30 p.m.
- MPC Kids! Fellowship (1st-5th Grade) 2nd Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m.
- MPC Kids! Fellowship (2yo-Kindergarten) 4th Wednesdays @ 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday School (All Ages) Sundays @ 9:45 a.m.





CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Calling a kids to make a joyful noise!

- All 1st-5th graders are invited to sing with Ms. Amani each Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. beginning 9/7.
- All 2 year olds-Kindergartners are invited to sing with Ms. Amani on Sunday mornings as part of their Sunday School time.
- The children are preparing to sing for Worship on Sunday, October 23, as well as the Children's Pageant on Sunday, December 11.
- To learn more about Amani Jones, our new Children's Choir director, go to page 4.





Calling all 4th-6th graders to mark your calendars for the following Fridays at 5:30 p.m. to join us for Club 46! See you there!

- Friday, September 23
- Friday, October 28
- Friday, November 18
- Friday, December 16



TAI CHI IS BACK!

Sundays; 9:45 a.m.

People of all ages and skill levels are invited to join Bob Wells in the Fellowship Hall every Thursday from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. for Tai Chi for Beginners, beginning on September 8. No need to sign up! Bring a friend and show up!



MOTNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN MPP DINE OUT

•••• Preschool •••• Wednesday, September 21 Support our preschool by joining us for dinner on the new outdoor patio or inside Atkins Park for dinner from 5-9 p.m. Mention MPP and 10% of all sales will be donated back to MPP!

MORNINGSIDE GOES TO MONTREAT OCTOBER 14-16

CHURCHWIDE FALL RETREAT @ MONTREAT CONFERENCE CENTER

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11

We welcome this year's keynote speaker, **Rev.**Michelle Thomas Bush, Associate Pastor for Youth and Families at Myers Park Presbyterian in Charlotte. Michelle is a trained enneagram facilitator and will guide us through an exploration of self using the enneagram.

The enneagram is a tool that helps us see ourselves at a deeper, more objective level. John Calvin says that knowledge of self leads to knowledge of God and vis versa, so this deep dive into self-knowledge aids us in our own spiritual journey into the heart of God.

Come breathe fresh mountain air, Relax on the porch, Hike, Play, Eat Together, Rock hop, and more!

Note: This year, church budget is covering all program and registration costs. The fees included here are for room and board. William Black Lodge is near capacity! Sign-ups are received on a first-come, first-serve basis. Additional rooms are available at the neighboring Assembly Inn.

Register Here-

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We are pleased to welcome six new members and their families to Morningside. We hope that you will get to know each of them in the coming weeks!

- Kayt and Tim Williamson, daughters Annie and Brooke
- Jake and Hailey McPherson, son Shepherd
- Walker and Allison Seman





SAVE-THE-DATE FOR MPC'S PRIDE BOOTH

Saturday, October 8 & Sunday, October 9

Join us as we celebrate our LGBTQ+ siblings at Atlanta Pride! You can visit MPC's booth at the festival or sign up to volunteer at the booth. More details coming soon!

DEACONS' CORNER

Here are some of the activities the deacons have been involved in for August. Contact a deacon if you or anyone you know is in need or has an idea of how the deacons may help.

- Activated several meal trains
- Sent cards and notes expressing encouragement and best wishes
- Delivered flowers to those needing cheer
- Maintained the church prayer list
- · Provided outreach and ways to engage
- Planned for upcoming Morningside Mingle!



Click for Mingle Sign-Up

<u>Themes and Streams of 21st Century</u> <u>Congregational Song</u>



Hymn Workshop

Saturday, September 10, 10 - noon

Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 11; 9:45 - 10:45am

Worship with Special Hymnody Sunday, September 11; 11am - noon

MPC hosts a Hymn Festival with Mary Louise "Mel" Bringle, the architect of the Glory to God hymnal. With expanded hymns and the return of some "oldies but goodies," Mel will help us understand how our hymnody positively impacts our worship. Gone are the days when hymnals were just for "hymns." The repertoire of sacred music continues to grow, incorporating an increasingly wide array of genres. Hymnological scholar Michael Hawn has helpfully identified these genres as seven "streams," ranging from classical hymnody to folk music, black and white gospel, spirituals, praise music, and global/ecumenical forms. In this presentation, we will explore features and examples of these streams as they appear in the "new" PC(USA) hymnal, Glory to God, and further investigate distinctive themes animating 21st congregational song.



CORO VOCATI IN CONCERT

Saturday, October 1 7:30 p.m.

The professional choir presents, *Dear World*, a program inspired by the question, "If I had one thing to tell the world, what would it be?" The program includes music by Vaughan Williams, Shrushi Rajasedka, and Péter van Dijk. Tickets available at the door or at **corovocati.org**.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR DIRECTOR

Welcome Amani Jones as our new Children's Choir Director. Amani jumped right in and prepared some of our children to sing in "Razzle



Dazzle". She will teach our Children's Choir each Wednesday from 6:30-7 p.m. beginning September 7. She also will teach our two year olds through Kindergartners each Sunday morning. Amani graduated from Reinhardt University and attends Florida State University preparing for her master's degree in music education. She teaches chorus and drama at M.M. Bethune Middle School, sings with the Atlanta Women's Choir, and now sings with our church choir.



HANDBELL PLAYERS WANTED!

Tuesdays @ 7:30 p.m.

Join the handbell choir - experience preferred but not a deal-breaker! Rehearsal is every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. The handbell choir plays in Worship services throughout the year and at Christmas and Easter as well. Rehearsals begin September 13. Can't commit full-time? We would love to put you on our sub list. Contact Jeff Peters.



Saturday, October 29 7:30 p.m.



MPC's Nancy Frampton Rising Artist Series welcomes Georgia-native soprano, Jasmine Habersham. With a voice that has been hailed as "exquisite" by *Broadway World*, Jasmine is sure to delight concert attendees with a repertoire that includes arias by Mozart, Handel, and Rossini; Broadway classics from shows like *West Side Story* and *Sweeney Todd*; and some of her favorite spirituals. MPC is thrilled to be hosting Jasmine's first solo concert in Atlanta – you don't want to miss this special event!

Nancy Frampton
Rising Artists Series
at Morningside
Presbyterian Church



FACILITIES

A lightning strike in August affected a number of our electrical systems, including our sound board, light board, organ mother board, and door system. Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through repairs and engineer solutions.

- The sound board has been replaced
- The light board is on order
- A new door system is scheduled to be installed
- Discussions on the organ repair are underway



Aluminum can recycling bins have been placed throughout the facilities so we can easily separate cans from other recyclables!



The cross beams on the bridge have been removed and plans are being made for a church work day to replace the foot boards.



After a flood in July, the carpet in Classroom 001 was removed, the concrete floors prepared and painted. Rugs are being placed for reading spaces for the children and the books and shelving has been replaced as well!



MEMORIAL GARDEN **MAINTENANCE**

Many thanks to those who consistently care for our Memorial Garden to keep it looking beautiful and available as a place for reflection and meditation. Seen here: Joann Bertrand, Nancy Lane, Mary Chapman, Linda Sweum, and Nancy Hamilton. They are always happy to welcome additional folk with green thumbs or a willingness to pull weeds to help them tend and care for the garden. Contact Mary if you'd like to join their merry band.



THEOED TALKS

Sunday, September 18 @ 5 p.m. Center Stage Theater in Midtown

If you haven't heard of TheoEd before, it's a faithbased speaker series in which leaders in the church and the academic realm delivery short, TED-style talks on spirituality and the life of faith. Sponsored by Emory's Candler School of Theology and 1st Presbyterian Church, the event on 9/18 features, Kristin Du Mez, NYTimes bestselling author; Jim Wallis, author, theologian, and founder of Sojourners; Gary Mason, UMC minister working on conflict resolution in Northern Ireland, and more! Tickets are \$15 and free for students. Click here for more information.

PICTURES OF AUGUST

















































YOUTH



















Affinity Groups

Morningside sponsors several groups with shared interests who meet on a regular basis.

These groups are open to all. Get involved!

Enjoy getting to know others in your faith community. Check out

MPC's communications for dates, times, and special programs

that these groups will be presenting throughout the year.

LGBT & FRIENDS

Thursday, September 8; 7-9 p.m.

This group meets quarterly. This month's gathering features guest speaker, Tara Borelli, a Senior Attorney with Lambda Legal. Tara will be speaking about various legislation that has affected the LGBTQIA community in recent years. Meet at David Lowery's home and RSVP to Michael by 9/4. Dinner will be provided; please bring your own beverage. Please note: Masking will be encouraged through the program portion of the evening.

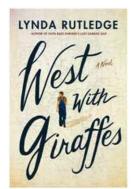
MPC COUPLES & FRIENDS

This group meets monthly on the second Saturday, however, this group will not meet until October. Email Kathy for more info!

RHO READERS

Sunday, September 18; 12:30 p.m.

These avid readers meet year round, every 3rd Sunday of the month (except December) to discuss the book of the month. The group meets in person and via Zoom. Contact Jill for info.



RHO Readers September Book

West with the Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge When Woodrow Wilson Nickel,105, learns giraffes are going extinct, he finds himself recalling an unforgettable experience in1938, when two giraffes miraculously survive a hurricane while crossing the Atlantic. The novel is based on the true story of America's first giraffes and their cross-country road trip in 1938, which includes the real-life figure Belle Benchley, the world's first female zoo director.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, September 20; 7:00 p.m.

Theology on Tap is an opportunity for the men of MPC to gather together once a month in-person or via ZOOM for fun and fellowship. The theme this month is "What Did You Do This Summer?" Speakers include Bill Humphries, who will share details of his visit to Oberammergau in Bavaria, Germany, which has a 380-year tradition of Passion Play performances. Email Tom for more information.

ONE GRAY HAIR

Wednesday, September 21; noon This group meets on the 3rd Wednesday of odd months at noon. This month, any person with even one gray hair is invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Sarah.

WOMEN'S ROUNDTABLE

Monday, September 26; 7:00 p.m. This intergenerational group meets the 4th Monday of every month to hear enlightening speakers and discuss service to our world. Stay tuned for more details on this month's program. Contact the Roundtable Facilitators for more info.

september birthdays

- 1 NASH BURKE
- 2 SARAH BOGUE
- 2 AMELIA MILLARD
- 2 RANDY YOUNG
- 4 TYLER RYAN
- 5 MAGGIE MASHBURN
- 5 DREW SLAYTON
- 6 SANDY MASHBURN
- 8 ZANE JENSEN
- 9 GREYSON ANDERSON
- 9 WILL HUNTER
- 11 AUDREY ANDERSON
- 11 PETER COBB
- 12 MOLLY DURDEN
- 13 LISA IERN
- 14 KATHERINE NUCKOLS
- 15 MATT FREASE
- 15 SOPHIA REGNAULT
- 16 GENINE SHAFER
- 20 RYAN GORMAN
- 21 CALLIE STEWART
- 23 BEN BRADWAY
- 24 HUGH BELL
- 24 JOHN KINUMBE-BAUME
- 25 PETER CHATEL
- 26 CAITLIN VANDERMEER
- 28 ELLIS O'BRIEN
- 28 KYLE ULEP
- 29 FINN FLEMMING
- 29 JAMES SCRIBNER

orning(side) Lift

Every Thursday @ 8:45 a.m. All are invited to meet at San Francisco Coffee every Thursday at 8:45 a.m. Just good folks chatting over some good coffee. Contact Pastor Emma for info.

MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

SERVE TOGETHER

"Charity bring to life again those who are spiritually dead."

- Thomas Aquinas



Creation Justice Ministries and the National Council of Churches USA joins with the Orthodox Christian and the Roman Catholic Church communities, world-wide in celebrating the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in an ecumenical response to the challenge of climate change, demanding shared responsibility and commitment. Below is the prayer offered by Pope Francis for this event:

All-powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, Help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen. -Pope Francis

Click <u>here</u> for more information on the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.



KITCHENWARE FOR SIX STAR FAMILY

Six Star Refugee Partnership, of which MPC is a member, is helping a new Afghan refugee family by furnishing their apartment in Clarkston. MPC will be collecting kitchen items only. Click HERE to sign up for items you'd like to contribute. Drop off donations at the church. The set up date will be in September. If you'd like to help set up the apartment, contact Holly Campbell.

CLIFTON SANCTUARY DINNER

Saturday, September 24 @ 5 p.m.

MPC is providing dinner for our friends at Clifton this month! Contact Clifton Shepherds,

Ann Watson and Joe Floyd to find out how you can help.



In celebration of the 25th anniversary of our Joe's Place program, the building is now receiving a much-needed facelift. An incredible church partner has awarded us with a \$20,000 check to make such improvements! We have begun work to create a safer environment for the guests by updating all electrical work, remodeling one of the main kitchens with efficient appliances, and upgrading the bathroom plumbing. These upgrades will ensure the safety of our guests and offer a more comfortable space where they can focus on the final stages of transforming their lives. Joe's Place has been the final step for a lot of our guests transforming into productive, contributing citizens of the community. We are excited about the projects taking place there now. We can't wait to show off the finished work.

-Lori White, Director of Communications



DRIVE OUT SENIOR HUNGER! Monday, September 12, 2022

Meals On Wheels Atlanta is thrilled to announce that the 22nd Annual Meals On Wheels Atlanta Golf Classic will be held Monday, September 12 at The Golf Club of Georgia. Enjoy tasty cuisine, hand-crafted libations, premium player gifts, prizes, and an exceptional round of golf! Help us DRIVE OUT senior hunger by clicking here to explore the exciting player and sponsorship packages available at this year's exclusive tournament. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this incredible event while ensuring that no senior goes hungry or forgotten in our community.



HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

- Click here to volunteer at ICM
- Click <u>here</u> for a list of what what ICM's food pantry needs*
- Click <u>here</u> to volunteer to deliver groceries
- Click <u>here</u> to deliver groceries from ICM to Maggie Russell Towers with a fellow Morningsider
- Contact MPC Shepherd, <u>Suzanne Macpherson</u> for info

ICM reports an 18% increase in children accessing the Food Pantry, which they think is tied to the expiration of the Emergency EBT cards and free school breakfasts and lunches. It's heartbreaking to think that children in our neighborhood are struggling to get enough food outside of school hours.

Click the link to send food directly to the ICM Food Pantry through their Amazon Wish List.

PRODUCE FOR ICM

ICM has been getting BEAUTIFUL produce from several Farmers Markets this summer. Thank you to the Morningside Farmers Market, Peachtree Road Farmers Market, and Freedom Farmers Market!

MDM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



- MDM seeks a Communications Volunteer to assist with social media presence and Mailchimp emails. Email a resume to info@mdmatl.org.
- •<u>Solid Foundation</u> needs reading tutors for their students (ages 5-16). Must be available 8am-2pm; background check required. <u>Email their administrator</u>.
- •Friends of Refugees is hosting volunteer orientations for those who want to get involved. Learn more and register here.
- •Global Growers Network hosts several garden workdays in the Clarkston area. Learn more and sign up here.
- •Amani Women Center is looking for volunteers and ESL tutors for their sewing academy. Fill out an interest form and volunteer application here.



SEPTEMBER HIKE

Thursday, September 22; 10:00 a.m.

The MPC C.A.R.E. Team is sponsoring a church wide hike to Arabia Mountain on Thursday, September 22. The mountain has a beautiful outcropping of yellow daisies which only bloom in the fall – so don't miss it! We will drive the van and meet in the church parking lot at 10:00am. Bring your lunch and enjoy the view from the top of the mountain with good friends! It was a spectacular hike last year! Contact Jeanne for more info.





CLIMATE LEGISLATION

The Inflation Reduction Act passed in August focuses on Clean Energy. Click here for a special message from the Southern Environmental Law Council's Director of Federal Affairs, Nat Mund.



nation of us all. WENDELL BERRY

MODA VISIT

In August, members of the MPC C.A.R.E. team went to the Museum of Design Atlanta to check out their exhibit on regenerative design.

TOMATO LUNCH

Many thanks to Ann and John Watson for sharing the bounty of their Suches tomato garden with other members of the MPC C.A.R.E. team, MPC and MPP staff at a tomato sandwich lunch on Tuesday, August 9. It was DELICIOUS and enjoyed by all

Did You KNOW?

*Plastic bags of any kind - wrapping, grocery bags, sandwich bags, cannot be recycled!

*Paper towels cannot be recycled, either!



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