

MONTH AT A GLANCE

August was a month of church-wide celebrations! We danced our way through Kickoff Sunday. We ordained officers with a laying on of hands. We baptized a baby and welcomed a class of new members. We were wowed by two incredible performances of the Morningside Sings gala! We've gathered in large crowds, like those that often followed Jesus throughout his ministry in Galilee.

But one of the most profound aspects of Jesus' ministry was that even when he was preaching to a huge crowd on a hillside, he never missed the chance to notice each individual. Jesus truly saw those he encountered personally and cared for each of them as unique and beloved children of God.

At Morningside, there are plenty of chances to gather for worship and large group celebrations, but the heartbeat of our community is the ability to be seen, known, and loved just because you're you.

YOU are invited this month to find a way to encounter Christ by encountering one another personally through one of our many small group offerings. You can read more about all of them on page 8 of the MAG. We are excited to be launching a new affinity group for young adults called FAM! And alongside our affinity groups, new programs like Middle Ground give you a chance to dig in spiritually in a more intimate and conversational setting. No matter who you are--what age, stage, identity, or hair color--there is a group for you!

I hope that you will check one out this month. Not only is it a chance to get to know your church family better, you just might see the face of Christ in your neighbor!

WITH JOY IN THE JOURNEY, PASTOR KATIE



Morningside Mingle
Saturday, September 23, 6-8 pm
Leafmore-Creek Clubhouse

All are welcome for this annual fellowship event hosted by MPC's Deacons. There will be food and drinks, and most importantly, a chance to spend time with your church community. You may even meet someone new! Childcare is available. RSVP using the button below.

[**Mingle RSVP**](#)

WEDNESDAY EVENING PROGRAMMING

MIDDLE GROUND

1st & 3rd Wednesdays
beginning September 6
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
beginning September 6
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.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Choir is open to children in PreK through 5th grade and is held in Room 001.

- 6:00 - Pizza dinner
- 6:30 - Rehearsal

Email our new Children's Choir director, [Rosie Smith](#), for more information. Fall schedule:

Choir Sings in Sunday Worship - October 29

Rehearsals - 9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/18, 10/25
NO rehearsal Fall Break - 10/11

Children's Christmas Pageant - December 10

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



JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Every Wednesday @ 7:30 pm

The Chancel Choir welcomes people 16 years and older who are interested in singing with the choir to contact [Jonathan](#).

Wednesday rehearsals are from 7:30 to 9 pm. The choir meets on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am. The ability to read music and a great attitude are what's needed to join!

JOIN HANDBELLS

Every Tuesday @ 7:30 pm

Playing a musical instrument like handbells has been scientifically proven to improve visual memory, communication, dexterity, as well as social well-being. Our MPC Handbell Choir can provide this for you as well as guaranteeing a jolly good time! The first practice is September 12. The group rehearses every Tuesday from 7:30-8:30 pm. and play in Worship services 7 or 8 times a year. Can't commit right now? We're always looking for subs, too. All ages and stages welcome! Contact [Jeff Peters](#).



GROW TOGETHER ON SUNDAY MORNING

Sunday School

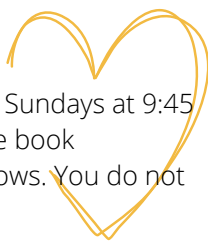


FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Faith Development kicks off with an in depth study of the Lord's Prayer! In conjunction with the sermon series for worship, the class will be reading and discussing NT Wright's The Lord and His Prayer. All are welcome to join in every Sunday at 9:45 am in Room 201.

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 high's and lows. You do not have to have read the book to attend.

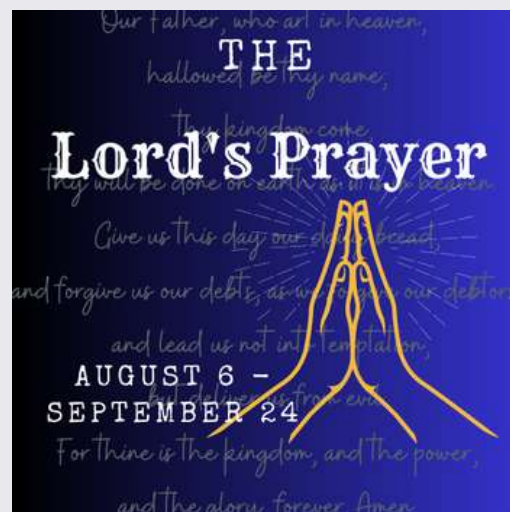


CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

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 below to volunteer!

[Sign Up HERE!!!](#)

WORSHIP TOGETHER IN SEPTEMBER



Sermon Series: *The Lord's Prayer*

We say the Lord's prayer every week in worship, but do you ever stop to contemplate what you're praying? We continue our deep dive into the prayer Jesus taught us to pray and unpack why it can serve as a grounding for our prayer life.

"Forgive us our debts"

Matthew 18:21-35 9/3
Pastor Katie, preaching
Baptism

9/10 Matthew 4:1-11
Pastor Amanda, preaching
Communion

"Lead us not into temptation"

"Deliver us from evil"

Ephesians 6:10-17 9/17
Pastor Emma, preaching

9/24 Ephesians 3:14-21
Pastor Katie, preaching

"For thine is the kingdom, power, glory, forever"

Lifting one another up in prayer draws us closer to both one another and to God. Click [here](#) to see who in our community could use extra prayers. Click [here](#) if you'd like to submit a prayer list.





blessing
of the **PETS**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30; 8AM - NOON
@ THE MORNINGSIDE FARMERS' MARKET

*Pets on leash and in crates are welcome.
Even a photo will do!*



OCTOBER 20-22

**ALL CHURCH
RETREAT**



Keynote: Dr. Ryan Bonfilio
Old Testament Professor
Candler School of Theology

SEEKING SHALOM

Often translated "peace," the Hebrew word shalom entails far more than just the absence of war and conflict. Shalom describes God's grand and beautiful dream for a world in which wholeness and healing are cultivated not only in individual lives but also at the level of just societies and flourishing communities. In short, shalom is what is so very good about the good news of the Gospel. Explore various dimensions of the biblical vision of shalom, including its connection to issues of justice, community, and the church's mission.

\$210 per adult (over age 10)
\$110 per child (age 5-10)
Children under 5 free

- Hiking
- Rock Hopping
- Porch Rocking
- Snacks
- Board Games
- Fun for All Ages

[Register Here](#)



MPC STAFF UPDATES



Happy Anniversary

Happy Anniversary! Eight Years of Jonathan!

- September 1 marks our beloved **Jonathan Crutchfield's** 8th work anniversary with Morningside Presbyterian Church! There aren't enough words to express our gratitude for his leadership, creativity, and wisdom. We're more than a little biased, but we think he's the greatest Organist/Choirmaster in the whole world!

familiar faces



Welcome Staff Bass Interim

- We welcome **Stephen McCool**, baritone to Morningside as an interim bass staff singer while

Brandon Odom is on hiatus. Stephen has sung here many times, You may have seen him singing with the Atlanta Opera chorus, as well, or at St. Philip's Cathedral. Holding bachelor's and master's degrees from Georgia State, Stephen is a creative teacher to young students in piano and voice through his teaching studio: the McCool Studio.

new faces



Welcome Our New Youth Intern

- Austyn Long** has just begun a Master's of Divinity program at Columbia Theological Seminary. She moved to Decatur with her partner, Matt, and her cats Jade and Momo from Poynette, Wisconsin where she was a state park educator. Her first experience working with youth was as a camp counselor at Johnsonburg Camp and Retreat Center (Pastor Emma worked there too!). Her favorite thing about working with youth is being able to accompany young people as they ask big questions, learn about themselves, and about where God is working in their lives and in their communities.

Former Intern's Ordination

- Sam Phillips**, MPC's former intern & youth assistant, is getting ordained! All are invited to celebrate Sam's ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, October 1st. The service is at Central Presbyterian Church at 2pm. Sam is currently serving as a chaplain resident at Emory's Winship Cancer Institute.



Welcome Our New Children's Choir Director

- Rosie Smith** joins Morningside as our new Children's Choir Director. Recently graduated from Georgia State University

with a Master's degree in Choral Conducting, Rosie teaches Middle School music at Summerour Middle School in Norcross. She is certified as a K-12 music specialist and has taught children K-5th grade. Rosie is excited to lead our young singers this year.

MPC @ PRESBYTERY

Did you know one of your Associate Pastors chairs a presbytery committee? Did you know that your head of staff and Elder Joe Floyd serve on two other committees? This is what happens at our quarterly Presbytery Meetings!



Welcome New Staff Soprano

- AnnaLauren Kelly** joins Morningside as its soprano staff singer. Originally from East Tennessee, she earned her Bachelor of Music degree from Carson-Newman University and her Master of Music degree from Georgia State University. This summer she sang in operas in Urbana, Italy with FIO Italia, and will sing the title role in this semester's opera, *Suor Angelica*, at GSU. She enjoys crafting of almost any kind and spending time with her loved ones.



NEW MEMBERS



WELCOME

From top left, clockwise : Joey, Megan, & Marsh Maxwell; Alli, Tyler & Piper Henderson; Margaret, Michael & Ellie Arwood; Lorraine, Jonathan, Eve & Luke; Camille, Omar, Chloe & Saylor Hasan; Andy Hey

PICTURES OF AUGUST



KICKOFF SUNDAY



Morningside



PREBYTERIAN CHURCH

YOUTH KICKOFF



WILD WATER WEDNESDAY



SESSION RETREAT



SAVE-TH-DATE PRIDE BOOTH!

PIEDMONT PARK
OCTOBER 14
&
OCTOBER 15





MORNINGSIDE SINGS!

DOBBS READING BUDDIES ORIENTATION





Affinity Groups

— LGBT & Friends —

Thursday, 9/14 @ 7 pm; offsite

Food and fellowship at the home of David Lowery

(1983 Woodside Rd NE, 30324). Bring a

beverage of your choice. **RSVP to [Michael](#) by Monday, 9/11.**



september birthdays



- 1 NASH BURKE
- 2 SARAH BOGUE
- 2 AMELIA MILLARD
- 4 TYLER RYAN
- 5 DREW SLAYTON
- 5 MAGGIE MASHBURN
- 6 SANDY MASHBURN
- 8 SAYLOR HASAN
- 8 ZANE JENSEN
- 9 GREYSON ANDERSON
- 9 WILL HUNTER
- 10 BRENDA SPRING
- 11 AUDREY ANDERSON
- 11 PETER COBB
- 12 MOLLY DURDEN
- 13 LISA JERN
- 14 KATHARINE NUCKOLS
- 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 JAMES SCRIBNER



— Friends at Morningside —

Sunday, 9/17 @ 12:30; offsite

FAM meets following worship at Allison & Walker Seman's home (109 Kathryn Ave, 30033). This

group seeks to create a space of fellowship, growth, and community for MPC's young adult

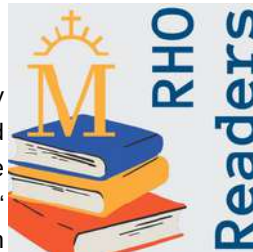
population. "Young Adult" is difficult to define, but the want for connection is not! This group is open to everyone and will meet once a month on Sundays. We'll have good food, conversation, and friends. Email [Pastor Emma](#) for information.

— RHO Readers —

Sunday, 9/17; 12:30 pm, Room 201

The September book is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. "Cooking is chemistry, and chemistry is life. Your ability to change everything - including yourself - starts here."

It's the early 1960s and chemist, Elizabeth Zott takes a very unscientific view of equality amidst her all-mail coworkers. Like science, life is unpredictable. Elizabeth finds herself a single mother and the reluctant star of a beloved national cooking show. Her scientific approach to cooking proves revolutionary and ultimately changes the status quo. Snacks provided. Contact [Jill](#) for more information.



— Theology on Tap —

Tuesday, 9/19 @ 7 pm; offsite

ToT meets at John Watson's home (1397 Harvard Rd NE, 30306). The guest speaker, Rev. Andy James is the stated clerk of the Presbytery of Atlanta. Contact [Pastor Emma](#) for info.

— One Gray Hair —

Wednesday, 9/20 @ noon, Fellowship Hall

Nancy Hamilton will tell us about her summer trip to Sicily and share her experiences at cooking school and touring the island. Sarah and Richard will prepare a delicious menu appropriate to the region. Email [Sarah](#) to RSVP.



— Women's Roundtable —

Monday, 9/25 @ 6:30 pm; offsite

Gather for dinner at Hillery McNeill's home (20 Stratford PI NE, 30342). MPC Member, Rachel Spears will speak about her work as the executive director of Pro Bono Partnership.





MISSION @ MORNINGSIDE

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SERVE TOGETHER

“Overcoming povert is not a gesture of charity. It is an act of justice.”

- Nelson Mandela

MDM FRIEND-RAISER

Saturday, September 30; 1:30
Memorial Drive Ministries Campus

All are invited to attend the Memorial Drive Ministry’s Friend-Raiser on Saturday, September 30 at 1:30 pm. MDM will provide refreshments, yard games, as well as tours of the MDM campus with supporters who want to learn more. The Amani Sewing Academy graduation will be after this event around 3:30 pm and all are invited to attend and to celebrate those who have finished the sewing academy. Email [Amy Jensen](mailto:Amy.Jensen) for info.



CLIFTON’S ON THE RADIO!

Morningsider and Board President, Leslie Prince, recently had the opportunity to share about Clifton on Atlanta's K-Love radio station.

K-Love does a Closer Look program that focuses on the needs of the community and how organizations serve and meet those needs. They heard about

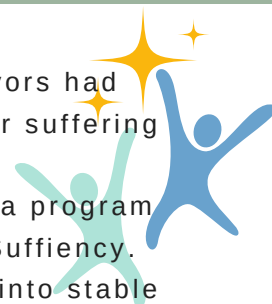



great work that Clifton does and asked if we would be willing to share about our ministry. You can tune in on WAKL 106.7 FM and hear Clifton’s segment on the following dates: 9/24 and 10/22, Sunday evenings, at 10:30 pm. It’s great to have these platforms to bring awareness to the unhoused and resources that can provide necessary help.

MPC is hosting dinner for our friends at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries on Saturday, September 23 at 6 pm. Click here to [email](#) Ann Watson and Joe Floyd if you can help. What a great opportunity to serve these worthy neighbors!

CLIFTON SUCCESS

Before coming to CSM, Mr. Favors had been homeless for 3 years after suffering a stroke. He took advantage of resources, including attending a program at the Atlanta Center for Self-Sufficiency. Now, Mr. Favors is graduating into stable house. Congratulations, Mr. Favors for your hard work and progress!

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.

Intown Cares Food Pantry needs donations! Click [here](#) to get information on how todrop off food donations. Here's a list of their greatest needs:

Ramen noodles	Tuna packets
Shelf-stable milk	Vegetables (poptop can)
Pasta & Pasta Sauce	Instant Coffee
Fruit cups	Rice (1-2lbs bags)
SPAM	Canned Meats
Canned fruit	Utensil Packets
Instant Oatmeal/Grits	Peanut Butter
Canned Beans	Jelly
Cereal	Canned Soup (not condensed)

Deliver donations directly to the Food Pantry behind Druid Hills Pres on Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays from 9 am—noon.

NOT THIS



RECYCLABLES & TRASH

PLASTIC FOOD PACKAGING
PLASTIC BOTTLES
METAL & GLASS
K-CUPS & COFFEE PODS
PLASTIC STRAWS
MILK CARTONS
RUBBER BANDS



WORLD RIVER DAY

In honor of World River Day, MPC C.A.R.E. is joining Georgia Interfaith Power & Light in cleaning up 8 park

site across the Atlanta-metro area. Morningside will be at Mason Mill Park on Sunday September 17. Clean-up is from 2-4 pm. Register [here](#) and contact Curt Barrett for more information.



REAUTHORIZE THE FARM BILL!

The PC(USA)'s Office of Public Witness issued an Action Alert Tuesday encouraging Presbyterians to, among other things, urge their U.S. Senators and House of Representatives member to quickly reauthorize the five-year Farm Bill, which expires in 2023 and provides Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program and other anti-hunger initiatives to millions of residents as well as support to the nation's two million farmers.

In addition to writing legislators to prioritize anti-hunger programs in the 2023 Farm Bill, Presbyterians and other people of faith can pray for farmers, transporters, consumers and for those who benefit from government nutrition benefits, the Action Alert states. They can also educate themselves using resources including the "Eater's Guide to the Farm Bill," which was produced by Food in Neighborhoods and the Presbyterian Hunger Program and can be read [here](#).



MUSIC & MORNINGSIDE

"FROM BACH TO BRAHMS"

This fall, the Nancy Frampton Rising Artists Series welcomes double bassist Nina Bernat,

FINAL CONCERT OF THE SEASON!!



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!

IN COMMUNITY

Friday, September 15
8 pm
Alpharetta First United
Methodist Church

RHAPSODY IN
BLUE TURNS 100

MAC FRAMPTON IN CONCERT!

The Alpharetta Symphony celebrates the 100th anniversary of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* with our own Mac Frampton at the piano! Click [here](#) for more information and tickets.



Much like Tai Chi, yoga and strength training helps improve balance and flexibility, supports joint health, boosts heart health, and reduces fall risk. Tuesday classes include 90 minutes of chair

and floor exercise and stretch. The 6-week course begins **Tuesday, September 5** in Room 201 at MPC. \$80 for 6 weeks. Contact [Pam Sharpe](#) to register and for more info.

Practicing Tai Chi helps delay aging, improve flexibility, reduce stress, and aids in the treatment of many neurological diseases, like Parkinson's. People of all ages and skill



levels are invited to classes resuming on **Thursday, September 21** at 4 pm in the Fellowship Hall, led by MPC member Bob Wells. Invite a friend!



re:Wording
A Forum on the Past, Present, and Future of the Bible in Translation
Thursday, September 21

Pitts Theology Library is in the process of setting up the first exhibition featuring Michael Morgan's collection of Bibles in conjunction with the inaugural Morgan Forum. The event is free, but registration is required. Click [here](#) for more information.



COROVOCATI
CALLED VOICES INSPIRING ART

SAVE-THE-DATE SUNDAY, 10/22

Coro Vocati, including Morningsiders, Brandon Odom and Jonathan Crutchfield, will present the important, moving work, *Considering Matthew Shepherd* to 1st Presbyterian Church on Sunday, October 22. Stay tuned for more information.



MORNINGSIDE PRESBYTERIAN
PRESCHOOL

September Dine-Out with CASSROLES!


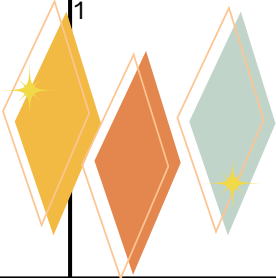

Wednesday, September 6 - ALL DAY!
Mention MPP at check-out

We all love the food at Casseroles! It's a small business owned by one of our very own MPC members and it is DELICIOUS! When you make a purchase on Wednesday, 9/6 and mention MPP, a portion of the proceeds will be donated back to our preschool. Grab something dinner and stock up for the coming weeks!



MORNINGSIDE
EST. 1995
Farmers' Market

FALL FLAVORS AT MORNINGSIDE
Saturday, September 30
8:00 - 11:30 am
@ Morningside Presbyterian Church
LIVE MUSIC | SAN FRAN COFFEE | THE BUTTERY PASTRIES
KIDS' ACTIVITIES BY EVOLUTION X

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