

eNews @ Morningside

I imagine I am not the only millennial who hears the immortal words of Elle Woods any time we are confronted with a challenge or are told we might not be able to handle something. "What? Like it's hard?" she chirps when her ex discovered that she was accepted into Harvard Law. Elle, who has never had to work hard for anything in her life, discovers quickly that getting into the school was nothing compared to how demanding the course load, relationships, and life at Harvard Law would be. But rather than balk at the challenge, or run away, Elle embraces the work. When Harvard pushes her, she pushes back (in fabulous outfits no less) and she accomplishes more than anyone ever imagined she could. In our lives of faith, as we are confronted with difficult passages of



scripture, conflicting ideas of theology, or just plain disagreements, it is easier to throw up our hands and cling to what is familiar. When we are willing to wrestle, to study, to challenge ourselves and our previously held notions, we find ourselves growing and changing in profound ways. Join us this Sunday as we consider how study as a spiritual practice – how wrestling with God – deepens both our relationship with God but also ourselves.

Peace, Pastor Emma

This Week @ MPC



Screen on the Green

Friday, March 15 @ 6:30 & 7:30 pm

Our first Screen on the Green of the year is next week! Pack your picnic and join us on the front lawn. We'll be showing the short film "Lost and Found" at 6:30 pm followed by "Paddington 2" at 7:30 pm. *In case of inclement weather, this event will be cancelled.*

Middle Ground - Tonight!

Wednesday, March 13; 5:30-7 pm

Join us tonight for dinner, fellowship, and worship! If you haven't given Middle Ground a try, the new year is a great time to jump in. Dinner is at 6 pm followed by a short worship service with discussion around the tables until 7 pm. For those of you who are regulars, consider helping with dinner by signing up today! Click here to sign up to help!



Reminder - Children's Choir resumes tonight at 6:30 pm! See you there, kiddos!



LGBT & Friends - Tomorrow!

Thursday, March 14 @ 7 pm

Join this group for food, fellowship, and a discussion about carrying the changes of lent through Easter at David Lowery's home on Thursday, March 14 at 7 pm. RSVP to Michael Siedschlag.

Faith Development

Sundays, 9:45 am; Room 201

Rev. Dr. Sarah Bogue finishes a 3-week series called "The Stories We Tell: Medievalism and White Supremecy" this Sunday, March 17.



Lenten Worship & Holy Week

Sunday, March 17 Study - Philippians 4:8

Sunday, March 24; 10:30 am Palm Sunday

Fellowship & Procession at MPC

Thursday, March 28; 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday

In-home Potluck & Communion

Friday, March 29; 7 pm Good Friday

Joint Tenebrae Service at Central Presbyterian

Sunday, March 31; 9 am & 11 am Easter Sunday Worship with Communion

Maundy Thursday Potluck Supper

Thursday, March 28 @ 6:30 pm

On Maundy Thursday, we remember that Jesus sat at a table with his friends and broke bread, shared a meal with them. Every year on Maundy Thursday, we gather in homes around the city to share in a potluck dinner and to participate in a service of communion. Sign up for our 2024 Maundy Thursday gathering by clicking the button or sign up in the Narthex.



Supper Sign-Up



Easter Tributes

Due Wednesday, March 27

Submit your Easter Tribute by Wednesday, March 27 for inclusion in the bulletin for Easter Sunday, March 31 and th eapril Month at a Glance. Suggested donation is \$10 payable by cash, check or via Realm - choose "Easter Tibutes" from the drop-down menu.

Easter Tributes

Lenten Practice List

So often when we think about Lent, we imagine giving things up -- no chocolate, no wine, no swearing, etc. We think that Lent is a time to deny ourselves. Perhaps, it's time to remember that Lent is meant to be a season of deepening - where we take up practices and try new ways to engage our faith so that our roots may go deeper. Your staff, with the help of the C.A.R.E. Team, have put together a list of 25 practices for you to try in these next 40 days. They may not all be up your alley, but rather than deny ourselves this Lent, why not expand and see where the Spirit leads us! Click here for the full list.



STUDY

- Read the book of Philippians. It was the inspiration for our Lenten Sermon Series
- Read a Psalm everyday
- Check out <u>A is for Alabaster</u> by Anna Carter Florence to meet a new biblical character everyday
- Contemplate your mortality with Pastor Katie's Lenten book study
- Read Nature's Best Hope or watch the accompanying short film

RHO Readers

Sunday, March 17 @ 12:30; Room 201

The RHO Readers book selection for March is Under the Whispering Door by T. J. Klune. Pastor Emma will lead the discussion. Clike here for a short summary of the book. Email Jill Klotz for more information and/or the Zoom link.

Pick-A-Pan Clifton Dinner

Saturday, March 23 @ 5 pm

Our bi-monthly dinner at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries is coming up on Saturday, 3/23 at 6 pm. If you would like to help, look for aluminum pans in the narthex on Sunday, March 17. We will need an entree, sides, salad, bread or rolls, and dessert for about 15 people. All are welcome to stay and serve! Contact Ann Watson or Joe Floyd for info.





Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 30 @ 10 am

Egg Fillers Needed!

Our annual egg hunt on Saturday, March 30 will have over 2,000 eggs on the front lawn. We need YOU to take some of our recycled eggs home, fill them with nut-free treats, and return them to the church office by Sunday, March 24. You can find the empty eggs and spare bags in the stairwell by the front office and welcome center. Thank you for supporting this fun event for the community!

Theology on Tap

Tuesday, March 19 @ 7 pm

Gather at the Watson's home on March 19 at 7pm for dinner and fellowship. We will be stuffing eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt on 3/30, so bring some nut-free candy. You're encouraged to bring \$10 to offset the cost of dinner. Be sure to RSVP by clicking here.





One Gray Hair Lunch

Wednesday, March 20 @ 12 Noon

One Gray Hair will gather for lunch on Wednesday, March 20 at noon. David Lowery, our Elder for Discipleship, and Pastor Emma will be leading a conversation about hopes and dreams for the future of this wonderful Affinity Group. We hope you'll join us! Please RSVP to Pastor Emma by this Sunday, March 17.

Friends at Morningside

Sunday, March 24 @ 12:30 pm

Gather for Sunday Brunch after worship on Sunday, 3/24 at the Wise's home for discussion about the parable of The Widow and the Judge. Email <u>Pastor</u> Emma for more info on the group.





Hike Sign Up

Kennesaw Mountain Hike

Wednesday, March 27; 9:15 am - 2 pm

Plan to join the hike up
Kennesaw Mountain on
Wednesday, March 27, led by
Karen Ruetz from Chestnut Ridge
Christian Church. It's easy hike to
the top of Kennesaw Mountain
with lots of opportunities for stops
along the way...to be rewarded
by a spectacular view and lunch
at the top. Bring a sandwich and
water. Enjoy God's creation,
hiking and friends! Click the
button to sign up.

Grow Together

Officer Nominations

Your officer nominating committee (ONC) is beginning the work of calling the next class of elders and deacons to lead the congregation. We need your help! If you've seen someone whose gifts for leadership or service would help MPC follow Christ, nominate them to be an elder or deacon. Questions? Talk to Kim Rockwood, ONC Chair.

Nomination Form





Vacation Bible School

Registration is Open!

Register now for Camp Firelight, June 10 -14. Campers will learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to share God's love in the world. VBS is open to 2 year-olds through 5th graders. VBS runs from 9 am - noon with optional aftercare and Mission Camp until 3 pm. We also need volunteers! Sign up below to lead our campers through everyone's favorite summer activities or to help with camp preparations.

Volunteer for VBS

Register for VBS

Serve Together

Nicholas House Fundraiser Host

Deadline March 18

Each year, Nicholas House hosts a Dream Builders event highlighting its mission and how supporters can make a lasting impact on family homelessness in Atlanta through their pledged giving program, the Dream Builders Society. This year's function will be an evening cocktail hour held at The Carter Center on Thursday, June 27. NH is looking for a handful of committed supporters to serve as table hosts for the event! You can learn more about the opportunity and how to apply here: Being a Dream Builders Table Host. The deadline to apply is March 18.





Sign Up Here

Intown Cares Grocery Delivery

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We need volunteers to sign up to deliver groceries to Maggie Russel Towers. Each delivery date needs a driver and a ride-along helper. Meet at MPC at 10:15 am, then travel to Intown Cares where you load groceries at 10:30 am and head out for delivery.

Prayer List

How can we pray for each other? Click below to submit a prayer request.

Submit a Prayer Request

Prayer List



In Community



MPP Enrollment

Enrollment is open!!! Come see our preschool in active play! Courtney is hosting group tours every Wednesday at 10am. Please sign up for a tour by clicking the button below. Or pass the information on to friends or families.

MPP Tour