

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us. — Romans 12:6

## Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

### Small Group Sign Ups Begin

Mid January

Feb. 11: Lenten Keynote Speaker & Dinner



**Rev. Dr. Charles Elliott**  
Interim Pastor

# God's Grace in Abundance

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you for allowing Caryl and me to spend this past year in the service of Jesus Christ with you here at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. We always will treasure the friendships we have made here. One of our great joys has been in the discovery of scores of connections we share with you and with the people who have been a part of our lives and ministry across the years. Our Presbyterian family is indeed a closely-knit group.

You have been kind to us far beyond our deserving. I have shared with several of you recently a comment by the late Dr. Fred Craddock, one of my favorite preachers and storytellers. He said, "One evidence of the grace of God in a person's life is manifested in that person's ability to be gracious to others." I think he was absolutely right. And Caryl and I know that in the grace you have shown to us, we have witnessed God's grace in abundance.

As we prepare to get a little more serious about this retirement thing, we encourage you to welcome Dr. Danny Massie and his wife, Tita, into the church family as warmly and as generously as you embraced us. They are wonderful people. Pray for and support your amazing church staff, your officers and leaders. And do everything you can to ensure that Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church continues to be the great agency of mission and witness that God has created and empowered you to be.

You will remain in our hearts and in our prayers always. We will give thanks to God for every remembrance of you.

Our love in Christ,  
*Charles and Caryl Elliott*

**You're Invited To A Reception Honoring  
Our Interim Minister, Rev. Dr. Charles Elliott  
Sunday, January 7, 2018**

**following 11:15 am worship**

*Join us in saying farewell to Charles and Caryl as they  
begin their new life of retirement in Myrtle Beach!*

## January 2018

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# Welcome

## Dr. Danny Massie

*MPPC's Next Interim Pastor*



The Session and the Transition Ministry Team are pleased to announce that the Rev. Dr. Danny Massie has accepted our call to become our Interim Pastor/ Head of Staff beginning in January 2018. He plans to be in the office in early January to work with Dr. Elliott and the staff to ensure a smooth transition to his service. We are pleased and excited to have secured someone with his experience and credentials to be our next Interim Pastor.

Dr. Massie grew up in Mississippi and graduated from Belhaven University. He received the Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Union Theological Seminary in Virginia; did additional study at New College in Edinburgh, Scotland; and received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Lees McRae College. He has served churches in Norfolk, Virginia, Vicksburg, Mississippi, Kingsport, Tennessee; and was Pastor of First Scots Presbyterian Church in Charleston from 1997 until his retirement in 2015. He recently completed service as Interim Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Orangeburg.

Dr. Massie has been married to Tita Morrison Massie for 49 years, and they have four children and six grandchildren. Tita is an educator at the South Carolina Aquarium. The Massies have a home on Sullivan's Island.

He serves on the Board of Trustees of Thornwell Home in Clinton, and has been on the Boards of the Christian-Jewish Council of Greater Charleston, the Charleston Area Justice Ministry, and One80 Place. He is a member of the St. Andrew's Society of Charleston and is active in the life and work of Charleston-Atlantic Presbytery.

His hobbies include reading, golf, collecting epigraphs, travel, and following college sports.

We look forward to welcoming Dr. and Mrs. Massie to the life and work of MPPC, and we are grateful for his willingness to shepherd us through the next phase of our transition as a congregation.



**Rev. Kim Trimboli**  
*Interim Associate Pastor*

## Kim's Korner

Ah changes. I imagine that this has been a challenging year of changes for you, changes which have already happened, and the knowledge that there are several changes yet to come. A friend of mine in ministry often says "Change is painful and difficult." I've never liked that statement, but it isn't completely wrong. Change often comes with a sense of loss and of pain, particularly change we don't choose. Even change we choose is difficult because it is easier to remain in what is familiar than break out to do something we have never done before.

Still, the stories of our faith are stories of change, of transition, of transformation. God does not change, though our understanding of God changes and grows, and God's children are constantly being called into changing situations. Christians are told in Romans 12 to be transformed by faith, to renew our minds and hearts. If God is constantly inviting us into change, then I prefer to think of change as a challenge and opportunity rather than something that is painful and difficult.

It is a good thing for me that I view change as an opportunity because of my role as a transitional pastor. My intentional choice for ministry is to be a pastor that comes to churches that are in the "between" places of ministry and assisting them in the work of transition. I look forward to being here with you in your time of transition and during a time in which the church is making decisions about your future.

I have been serving churches for nearly 30 years, first as an Educator and now as an ordained Pastor. I have served in churches from very large to very small, and have been blessed to learn from God and to be a part of the lives of amazing people of faith in each of them. Saying goodbye to each congregation I have been connected with has been a challenge, saying hello to each new congregation is full of joy and opportunity.

I thank you for the warm welcome I have already received, and am excited to get to know you as companions in faith and ministry. I love to go out for a cup of coffee or tea, and around here, maybe even a short walk on the beach! If you'd like to talk or need a visit, feel free to give me a call and schedule time to get together.

Peace,

*Kim*



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## Member Care Report

### BIRTHS

**William Bruce Looper**, son of Marcene & Dustin Looper (DG #20) and grandson of Phyllis & Bruce Adkins (DG #71), November 15.

### DEATHS

**Eula Louise Horres**, mother of Russell Horres (DG #12) and of Don Horres (DG #31), November 4.

**Patricia Walker**, mother of Debbie Chavis (DG #41), November 6.

**Ferris Kimball Joyner, Jr**, uncle of Lauren Vicars (DG #69), November 25.

**Shirley Cauthen**, sister-in-law of Mary Seabrook (DG #18), and aunt of Lewis Seabrook (DG #42) and Mary Bell (DG #35), November 22.

**Mary Ruth Middleton**, mother of Jim Middleton (DG #44), November 29.

**John Deaderick Scott**, father of James Scott (DG #12), December 5.

### ENDOWMENT

Gift were presented to the MPPC Endowment by Ms. Becky Reynolds.

In HONOR of

**Rev. Dr. & Mrs. Charles Elliott and Rev. Tom Herrington**, gifts were presented to the MPPC Endowment by Ms. Dorothy Anne Bowers.

### HOPE HOUSE

Gifts were presented to the Hope House by Jeff and Avis Griffith, Lillian S. Smith Foundation, Harry and Patricia Olsen, Elise Galloway, and Orlene Franks and Mona Knight.

In MEMORY of

**Patricia Walker**, Mother of Debbie Chavis, given by Ben and Sara Pelot.

**Shirley "Toy" Schnibben**, given by Dr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford.

**Bosie Carter**, given by Willard and Sugie Stout, Caroline and Rick Baarcke, Lorice McMahan, Mary Way, Fay McKay, Elizabeth Gill, Donna Keith, Penn National Ins. – Chuck Uckele and Staff, Gulfstream Property and Casualty Insurance Co., Monday and Thursday AM Bridge groups, Coward-Hund Construction Co., Frank and Judy Porcher, Dr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford, Diane and Randy Hoagland, Friends from MPPC, Elise Galloway, Georgia Darby, Gail and James Hallex, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Eigner, Jr., and Bill and Thalia Gerard.



## Thank You

to everyone who has committed their time, talent, and gifts to our church family during the Christmas season and throughout the year. Your generosity is the foundation of our church family.

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# Feb. 11 Lenten Keynote Speaker & Dinner

5:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

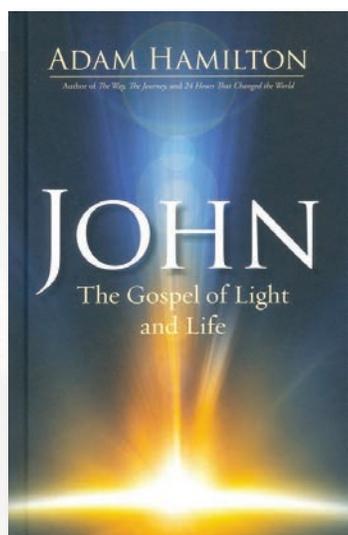
## Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield “Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign!”



You are invited to join us on February 11th at 5:30 pm for our tradition of starting the Lenten season with a light dinner and a keynote speaker. This year, we are blessed to begin our observance of Lent by welcoming the Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield to introduce our Lenten study of the Gospel according to John with an address entitled “Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign!” From turning water into wine to the raising of Lazarus, Jesus preforms signs throughout God’s Gospel. Why the word “sign” and to what do these signs point? Does Jesus still preform signs? We’ll explore Jesus’ signs in John to help prepare us to see God’s signs throughout our Lenten journey.

Jill serves as the editor and publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, an independent publication on the PC(USA). She received her Master of Divinity degree from Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va., and her Doctor of Ministry from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She has served pastorates in Greenwood, Fort Mill, and Columbia, SC. Jill is a contributor to the *Connections* preaching commentary series and is currently serving on the Board of Trustees of Austin Presbyterian Seminary.

Jill is married to Grant Duffield whose career has been in public administration; and they have three children: Joseph, Jessie, and Marissa. She has a winsome, outgoing personality, a gracious sense of humor, and a passion for Christ and the Church. You will enjoy getting to know her and having the opportunity to hear her.



### Purchase the Study Book:

1. [Smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) (Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to MPPC)
2. Other online book retailers
3. Church office (a few copies)

## Lenten Small Groups

The series that we’ll be using is by Adam Hamilton and is titled: *John: The Gospel of Light and Life*. The six-part series is based on the major themes of the Gospel of John, and includes topics such as “The ‘I Am’ Sayings of Jesus” and “The Farewell Discourse.” The Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield, the editor and publisher of the *Presbyterian Outlook* magazine, will launch the series as our keynote speaker for Lent on the 11th of February, and small groups will begin that week.

### Sign Up for A Lenten Small Group

If you have participated in one of these Lenten studies before, or if you are interested in finding a group, forming a group, or joining a new group, you will be able to do so on MyMPPC. By mid-January we expect to have the groups, times, and locations available on MyMPPC so you can see when groups are meeting and which groups

# NT NIGHT SCHOOL

## WINTER TERM

Wednesday Nights  
6:00 – 7:00 pm

### Art of the Season

*In the weeks following Christmastide, the church regularly remembers some major events from Jesus’ life. For three Wednesday nights we will look at three major events in the church year before Lent to see how artists over time have portrayed them.*

#### Epiphany: Jan 10

*Epiphany celebrates the physical revealing of Jesus to the Gentiles, and is represented by the visit of the Magi to the Christ child. Through an illustrated lecture, we will look at how artists have interpreted the Visit of the Magi.*

#### Baptism of the Lord: Jan 17

*The Sunday after Epiphany is the time in which Jesus’ baptism is remembered. In this class we will look at slides to see how artists have interpreted the Baptism of Jesus.*

#### Transfiguration of the Lord: Jan 24

*Jesus is revealed as the Son of God and as the spokesperson for God. We will see how artists have interpreted this event over time.*

have openings. Once you’ve joined a group, you will need to acquire a book on your own or there will be a few copies available at the front desk of the church during office hours.

### Small Group Facilitator Sign Up & Orientation (Jan. 28 or Feb. 7)

We will need some additional leaders for small groups this year. If you are available and interested in being a small group facilitator, please contact Kim Trimboli! The study is self-explanatory and has plenty of material for the leaders and participants to discuss. Materials including the book and leaders guide will be provided to facilitators at no cost. New facilitators are asked to come on January 28th or February 7th (time TBA) for orientation. **If you have any questions or for more information – please contact Kim Trimboli (ktrimboli@mppc.net, 843-884-4612).**



**Steve Day**  
Executive Director

## Hello MPPC!

I am very excited to be part of the MPPC staff family and humbled by your warm welcome. My wife, Tyra, and I are thrilled to be relocating to Mount Pleasant from Tampa, FL where I served as the Executive Director at St. James United Methodist Church. We praise God for orchestrating this transition and know that His hand goes before us as we get settled in ministry here.

Tyra and I lived in Mount Pleasant 25 years ago just after we were married and have very fond memories of our time here. Since then, God has blessed us with two beautiful daughters who live in Florida. Chloe, 22, recently graduated from Florida State University and is now working as a pediatric nurse. Avery, 20, is in her junior year at the University of South Florida in Tampa. Needless to say, we are very proud of them and eager for you to meet them.

We look forward to returning to Mount Pleasant and being a part of this great community of faith. I join you in prayer for the Lord's blessings and provision for Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church so that our mission and ministries introduce Christ to this community, this nation and this world. I look forward to getting to know you.

Peace,

*Steve*

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**For more information,  
contact Andi Awkerman(aawkerman@mppc.net)**

## Wednesday Nights Begin Jan. 10

**Drop in for dinner and fellowship at Simply Supper, followed by opportunities to connect and deepen your faith.**

### LOGOS (K-5th Grade)

4:30–7:00 pm, Grace Hall LL (Pick up: Seabrook 203)

Register via MyMPPC > Events or

Contact Amy (athomas@mppc.net)

### Simply Supper

5:00–6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

\$10/adult | \$8/senior (65+) | \$6/child (6-12)

Children 5 and under are free.

Family Max \$25 (Nuclear family only)

Register: mppc.net > calendar

### Childcare

6:00–8:00 pm, Seabrook Nursery

Later for classes meeting past 7:00 pm.

RSVP: Amy Thomas (athomas@mppc.net)

### Chapel Ensemble

5:45–6:30 pm, Choir Room

A choir for adults which meets the last Wednesday of the month.

Barbara Loehr-Fox (bloehr@mppc.net)

### Angel Notes Choir (3 & 4 year olds)

6:00–6:30 pm, Grace Hall 202 & 205

Barbara Loehr-Fox (bloehr@mppc.net)

### Preschool Bible Time (3 & 4 year olds)

6:30–7:00 pm, Seabrook 205

Amy Thomas (athomas@mppc.net)

### Middle School

5:00–5:30 pm - Dinner, FH (bring \$6)

5:30 – 6:15 pm - Bible Study, GH 226

6:15 – 7:15 pm - Recreation, GH LL

Chris Sarkowski (csarkowski@mppc.net)

### High School

Wednesday Night Live

5:30–6:15 pm - LOGOS Dinner

6:15–7:15 pm, Grace Hall LL

Chris Sarkowski (csarkowski@mppc.net)

### Adult Choir

6:30–8:00 pm, Choir Room

Jason Pedeaux (jpdeaux@mppc.net)

### Night School

6:00–7:15 pm, Grace Hall 221

Ann Burdette (aburdette@mppc.net)

### Jan. 10, 17 & 24

For three Wednesday nights following Christmastide, we will look at the way artists have portrayed three major events from Jesus' life throughout history. The class will be taught by retired PCUSA minister, Jerry Beavers.



## **MPPC Honduran Medical Mission**

*Sharing God's Love and Changing Lives in Central America*

**By Leigh Brandenburg - 2018 MPPC Medical Mission Team**

In the early 90's, I sat in the congregation of St. Philips church in downtown Charleston and heard an inspiring young woman speak of her calling to minister to orphaned and abandoned children in Central America, specifically in the inner city of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This young woman was Suzy McCall and this was her charge from God.

That story never left me...I spent many years wondering what happened to that young woman until I met her again several years ago at the LAMB Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Suzy had listened and followed God's call.

It's amazing how God works. He plants this small seed, this desire that is His voice calling us beyond the safety and security of our privileged lives into a country, a culture to serve people who are solely dependent on each other and the Divine providence of God. An impression was made on me all those years ago that I did not forget.

It was Suzy's leap of faith, the invitation by Trish Hutchison, and the support of my family that inspired me to join the medical team in 2012 for my first mission trip to Trinidad de Copan, Honduras. The experiences I had that first year laid the foundation for what would become a passion for returning each year to assist our dedicated doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, teachers and therapists.

The quality of care provided by our medical team for our Honduran brothers and sisters is inspiring and exemplifies our MPPC Missional objectives. Every year, I continue to marvel at the great medical attention provided by our team and the love reciprocated by the patients they treat. If you've ever had the desire to be a part of MPPC missions, we encourage you to take the leap of faith.

### **In 2017...**

**Our Honduras medical, dental and pharmacy teams served over 1,100 men, women and children.**

**Our pharmacy filled 2,841 prescriptions and our dental team provided over 300 patients with dental surgery.**

**In addition, we provided approx. 500 pairs of reading and sunglasses.**

### **HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT OUR 2018 TEAM**

We are asking our congregation to support our medical team in 2018 with donations of men's, women's and children's sunglasses, toothbrushes, and monetary donations to purchase vitamins and medicines needed for our trip.

### **VOLUNTEER LOCALLY**



If you wish to volunteer at One80 Place as an individual, a church group, or a family to serve a meal you can register and sign up to serve breakfast, lunch or dinner at [one80place.volunteerhub.com/events/indexv](http://one80place.volunteerhub.com/events/indexv). We need three people for breakfast, six for lunch, and four for dinner. For more information, call: Sarah German at One80 Place (837-737-8387).

# Gratitude

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*Neighbor to Neighbor: The Journey Continues*

Dear MPPC Family:

Last year, even in a time of transition, more people pledged than in past years. **THANK YOU!** This Stewardship insert shares the work you made possible with your pledge to MPPC last year. For those who were unable to pledge last year—will you join our journey this year?

*Just as each of us has one body with many members, and not all members have the same function, so in Christ we who are many are one body, and each member belongs to one another. We have different gifts according to the grace given us... — Romans 12: 4-6*

We are all at different places in our lives as far as family, career and faith. Yet we are all part of this church. We each have gifts. We all are called to use our gifts and participate. All of our gifts contribute to the health of the body.

### **We ask you to consider: What can I contribute in the next year?**

- **For those who have never pledged**, we invite you to step out in faith — at a level that works for you and your family.
- **For those who have pledged**, consider increasing your pledge by 10% over last year.
- **The Neighbor to Neighbor campaign only lasts for two weeks (Feb. 4-18)**. We need your help to move the notebook to your neighbor.
- **Remember only the Financial Director of the church will see your pledge**. Once all of the notebooks and pledges are turned into the church, the Finance Ministry can produce a budget for the next fiscal budget year. Our fiscal budget year is July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Thank you for taking this journey with us — together we can do more!

Blessings,

*The Stewardship Ministry Team*

Mack Cross  
Steve Day  
Liston Guerry  
Stacy Hanling  
Jack Hibbits  
Len Hutchison

Beverly Hutchison  
Tim Kelly  
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**Complete your 2018 pledge in one of three ways:**

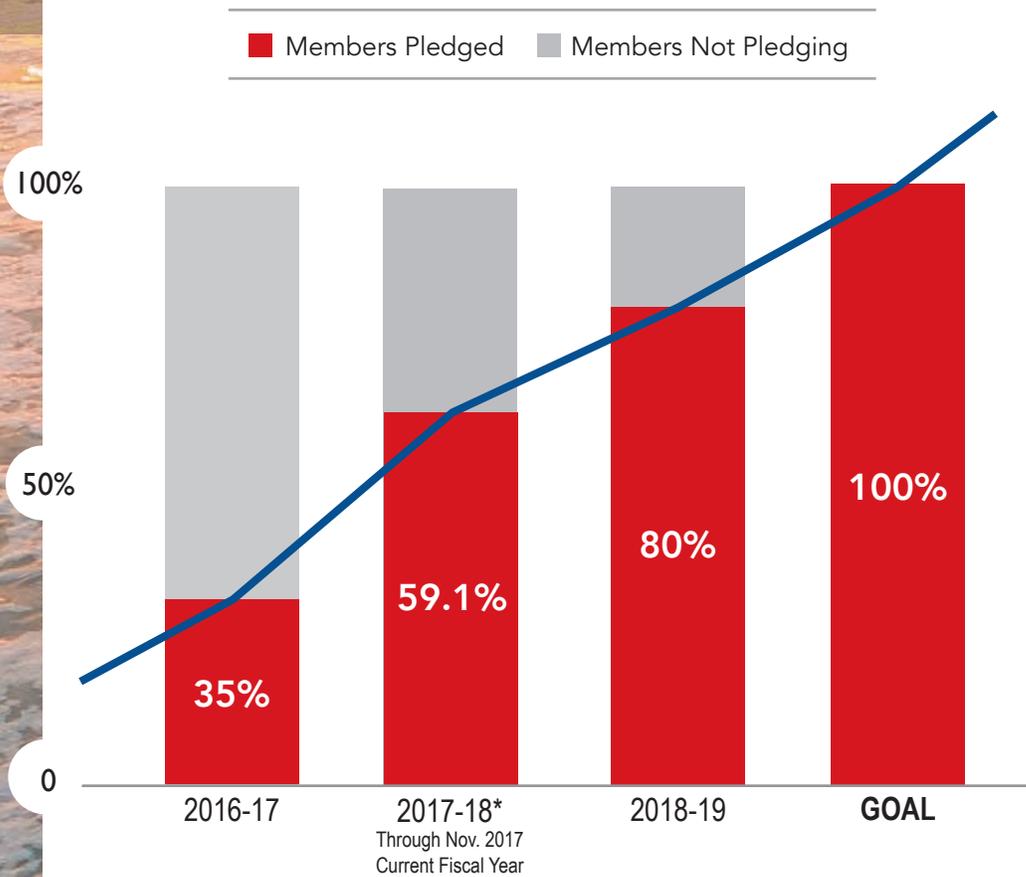
- 1) [mppc.net/stewardship](http://mppc.net/stewardship)
- 2) MyMPPC > Giving > Pledge

Request a login to MyMPPC at [mppc.net/mymppc-questions](http://mppc.net/mymppc-questions) for access to set up your profile.

### **3) Neighbor to Neighbor Pledge Books (Feb. 4-18)**

Members who pledge online by 1/24/18 will automatically opt-out of the pledge book and mailed pledge (those who are not on a route) process. For members who prefer to pledge through the Neighbor to Neighbor pledge books, they will be routed to homes starting 2/4/18.

# Active Pledge Commitment



## DID YOU KNOW?

**Our current budget of \$2,593,028  
was based solely on  
2017 Pledge Commitments.**

As a church family, our goal is for every hand and heart to commit to our journey. Imagine what more we could do if we all joined together.



[mppc.net/stewardship](http://mppc.net/stewardship)

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## Neighbor to Neighbor: The Journey Continues

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### EQUIPPING: \$76,600\*



#### Adult Faith Formation

- Equipping **2,958 adults** to grow in life and faith through small groups, Bible studies, Sunday morning and midweek classes, and holistic faith formation ministries.



#### Children's Ministry

- One of the biggest responsibilities we have is to introduce our children to Jesus Christ.
- We're ministering to **793 children** from birth to the age of 12.
- Building a foundation to foster relationships that demonstrate Christian love through Sunday school, VBS, LOGOS, camps, and missions (local and international).



#### Middle School Ministry

- We are shepherding over **193 children** in grades 6 through 8.
- Forty-five 8th graders are gaining a foundation of understanding faith through our yearly confirmation class.
- We're building a Christian community through Sunday School, Bible studies, camp retreats, and local missions.



#### High School Ministry

- **225 MPPC youth** focus on faith development while connecting with a life of worship and service through Jesus Christ.
- Building a Christian community through Sunday School, Bible studies, camps, retreats, as well as local and international missions.

“ All shall give as they are able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which he has given you.”

— Deuteronomy 16:17

### WORSHIP: \$99,230\*



#### Worship Ministries

- Each Sunday, during worship services as well as many special services throughout the year, we enhance the worship of God through diverse musical experiences and creative styles of worship.
- We equip over 170 people to serve God through musical offerings, Fine Arts Ministry events, and worship planning. We have **14 musical ensembles and choirs** (ages from 3 to 93).

## ENGAGING: \$14,200\*



### Every Member In Ministry

- Welcoming visitors and new members into our midst daily, teaching and challenging us to embody God's limitless hospitality.
- Discerning how God is calling us to use our gifts, passions, and faith to serve God's purposes.
- Providing an environment to facilitate meaningful relationships by which we love one another, serve alongside each other, and experience formational connection to the Body of Christ.



### Member Care Ministry

- Providing comfort and support to **4,169 members** when in need by visiting hospitals, shut-ins, and offering meals to members who are ill, hurt or grieving.
- We offer marriage enrichment, divorce recovery, homebound communion, grief support, and a Cancer Support Group.

## FOLLOWING: \$244,000\*



### Missions: Local & International

- We support **13 Local Missions:** Community Partners - Carolina Youth Development Center, Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, East Cooper Faith Network (I-Beam, Fix-It!), Hands of Christ, Metanoia, One80 Place, Windwood Family Services, East Cooper Community Outreach, East Cooper Meals on Wheels, East Cooper Habitat for Humanity, Florence Crittenton; and **Internal Partners** - Hope House and English Speakers Of Other Languages (ESOL).
- We support **7 International Missions:** The LAMB Institute Honduras, Habitat for Humanity Honduras, Kenya- Daystar University/Empower to Lead/Afrizo choir, Missionary couple in the Middle East, 43 Families Coffee in Nicaragua, Nueva Vida Clinic- Nicaragua Trinidad De Copan Honduras Medical and Building.



### Denomination

- Denominational Giving supports the local Presbytery, General Assembly, Montreat Conference Center, and contributions to major capital campaigns such as Montreat Endowment & Fund.

## CORE SERVICES: \$2,158,998\*



### Operations

- We're providing support (office, communication, administrative, and transportation) for the entire MPPC congregation — **4,169 members**.
- We prepare meals (Wednesday night dinners, Pacesetters, and fellowship) and maintain **60,000 sq. ft.** of MPPC facilities. Recent projects: Sanctuary renovation, painting, HVAC, Sanctuary porch reconstruction, painted Grace Hall and Parlor, pruned trees.

## \*CURRENT MPPC BUDGET:

**\$2,593,028**

For more detailed information, please contact the Finance Department (843-884-4612).

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Core Services Budget	
Operations	\$ 129,538.00
Property & Grounds	\$ 324,002.00
Personnel Ministries	\$ 1,660,058.00
Food Costs	\$ 18,400.00
Stewardship	\$ 2,000.00
Pastor Nominating Comm.	\$ 25,000.00
	<b>\$ 2,158,998.00</b>

Equipping Budget	
Adult Faith Formation	\$ 8,800.00
Youth Ministries	\$ 50,575.00
Children Ministries	\$ 17,225.00
	<b>\$ 76,600.00</b>

Worship Budget	
Worship & Music	\$ 65,690.00
The Net	\$ 9,600.00
Technology	\$ 23,940.00
	<b>\$ 99,230.00</b>

Engaging Budget	
Member Care	\$ 10,000.00
Every Member In*	\$ 2,200.00
Officer Training	\$ 2,000.00
	<b>\$ 14,200.00</b>

Following Budget	
Denominational	\$ 100,000.00
Local Missions	\$ 85,000.00
Internat'l Missions	\$ 59,000.00
	<b>\$ 244,000.00</b>



**Barbara Loehr-Fox**  
Director of Music Ministries

## *Happy New Year from Worship & Music Ministries!*

### **What a glorious Advent and Christmas season we experienced!**

As we begin our Stewardship season, I'm reminded that our gifts of time, talent and wealth are equally important to God. The Advent and Christmas season is a perfect microcosm of the time and talent work your Worship and Music Ministry does throughout the year:

- Many people gave of their time to decorate (and undecorate) the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall - inside and out.
- Cantata Sunday was glorious with over 40 singers and instrumentalists enhancing our worship with an inspiring and beautiful Baroque piece.
- The children's choirs sang to the glory of God and shared their joy and excitement through a wonderful concert.
- Our Travelers' Service and Christmas Eve services were beautifully presented to God with children acting out the Christmas story, youth and adult choirs singing, and instrumentalists playing. Our communion preparers were hard at work, as well.
- The Usher Ministry graciously welcomed and met the needs of our many worshippers throughout the season.

The money you pledge is at work in every heart and life of the many singers, instrumentalists, ushers, communion preparers, sound engineers and other wonderful servants who give of themselves to worship God through song and service.

*Thank you for your generous support.*



**Jason Pedeaux**  
Organist, Assoc. Dir. of Music



### **Village Concert Series**

**January 25**

#### **Tommy and Sandra O'Sullivan, Irish guitar and vocal music**

The second concert in our Village Concert Series will feature a husband and wife team. Tommy and Sandra have been singing together for many years now. Tommy has been acclaimed as "one of the great contemporary folk voices of Ireland." Together, their contrasting vocal styles have blended into their own unique sound. Please join us for this fun evening of Irish music.

**February 16**

Charleston Symphony String Quartet

**April 27**

Award Winning Pianist Andrew Tyson



### **Contemporary Worship Sundays, 11:15 am Fellowship Hall**

**O**n Sundays in the Fellowship Hall, we offer an alternative worship service. The comfortable chairs and casual atmosphere are enjoyed by all ages and seem to work especially well with young families. Grab a cup of coffee to enjoy during fellowship and worship. Sing songs old and new led by a talented band of people from within MPPC. You'll hear the same scripture and sermon as our other services, but you'll see it on a screen instead of from a pulpit.



The eclectic music is made up of modern popular music (Christian and secular), classic hymns and prayers, and songs from other parts of the world. Our sounds are influenced by music we hear every day from groups like Mumford and Sons to Jazz Trios, and many other genres. We are creative in worship without leaving anything out or watering it down. Most of all, we are people who just enjoy spending time worshipping God together in the midst of our hectic lives.



ADOPT-A-DAY @ HOPE HOUSE

## JANUARY

- 1:** In Memory of Bosie Carter and Steve Crosby, given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- 2:** In Honor of Peggy Billian, given by Bruce and Kay Billian.
- 4:** In Memory of Bosie Carter and her huge heart, given by Mark and Robin Buchanan.
- 6:** In Honor of Mrs. William H. Mapp, Jr., given by Ann and Rob Crowder.
- 7:** In Honor of Will, Anne, Noah and Ryan Laye for decorating Hope House so beautifully, given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- 9:** In Honor of Nick Ackard on his birthday, given by Laura and Vince Ackard.
- 10:** In Memory of Dennis Leroy Hair, brother of Glenn Hair, given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- 12:** In Honor of Rev. Dr. Charles Elliott for his untiring service to our church and the wonderful friendship we enjoyed with him during his Interim at MPPC, given by Dick and Susanne Query.
- 14:** In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Clawson, given by Ann and Rob Crowder.
- 18:** In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Crowder, given by Ann and Rob Crowder.
- 20:** In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Taylor, given by Ann and Rob Crowder.
- 21-29:** In Honor of Alder and Ames Murrell, given by Grammy.
- 23:** In Memory of Steve Crosby on his birthday, given by Gail Crosby.
- 24:** In Honor of Glenn Hair for his support of Hope House, given by the Hope House Ministry Team.
- 25:** In Honor of Anna Crowder and Jeff Crudup, given by Ann and Rob Crowder.
- 27:** In Honor of our daughter, Amelia Hathaway, on her 15th birthday, given by Mom and Dad.
- 29:** In Honor of Ms. Haywood Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Robinson and Master Charlie Robinson, given by Ann and Rob Crowder.

**If you would like to help**, please contact Beth Moore (843-532-4892, bmoore@carolinaone.com.) Support our mission by participating in "Adopt-A-Day." Honor a loved one through a gift, which will provide operating expenses for a day of your choice (\$50). Checks payable to: MPPC Hope House AAD (note day(s) adopted on memo line). Include honoree name and the address of the honoree/family of the individual being memorialized. Week or month options are available. Contact Elizabeth Grantham (345-0828, cainhoy@bellsouth.net) for more details.



**Beth Moore**  
Director of Hope House

## A New Year — Full of Promise

*As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." — First Peter 4:10*

Welcome to 2018 — a time to reflect on all that we have been given and the talents we can share.

At Hope House, we are reminded every day of your generosity and loving care. In the office there is a basket full of prayer shawls knitted by fellow church members. Our guests tell us time and again how the shawls provide such comfort to their loved ones in the hospital.

The kitchen pantry is kept stocked with food donated by other members. Many times these items are left in bags outside the door, no name, no note.

Some of you take time to prepare meals to be frozen, so when one of our guests returns exhausted from a long day at the hospital, all they have to do is pull one out and heat it up.

Others bring items we need constantly — from cleaning supplies to sheets and towels.



We will never forget one donation drive led by then three-and-a-half year old Lillian Maxwell. When her sister Cora turned one, she and her parents asked that instead of presents friends donate an item for Hope House. They collected bags full!

Then there are those of you who donate your time...helping to keep Hope House in shape, inside and out, as well as running smoothly.

Another way you help is simply to "Adopt-A-Day." Each \$50 donation ensures that we will stay open another day – to provide comfort and shelter to those who are miles from home, caring for loved ones in area hospitals.

*For all you have done...and continue to do...our heartfelt Thanks.*



## Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Learning Center

**Mary Ruth Starr**

*Director of MPPC Learning Center*

January is full of winter themes at the preschool. We learn all about snow (hope to see a little of it!), penguins, polar bears and all things winter. If we don't have snow here in Mount Pleasant there is always "Instasnow" that we can use.



### **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

We hope everyone had a blessed Christmas and Joyful New Year!



### **REGISTRATION**

Also in January, we start the registration process for the upcoming school year 2018-2019! We offer classes for Infants, Toddlers, 2K, 3K, 4K and 5K.

If you would like registration information, please email Mary Ruth Starr ([mstarr@mppc.net](mailto:mstarr@mppc.net)). We will have all registration paperwork ready on January 22, 2018 and registration begins on Monday, January 22 and ends on Friday, January 26. So, be sure to get those registration forms in by the 26th!

### **Learning Center Tours**

**Monday-Friday**

**9:30 am to 11:30 am**

We love to give tours and show off our beautiful school. If you are interested in having your child or children attend our school, please contact me ([mstarr@mppc.net](mailto:mstarr@mppc.net), 843-856-2020).



*A basket of blankets and prayer shawls made for the residents of Hope House by talented members of our Prayer Shawl Ministry. Their generosity is a special heartwarming gift for those who are far from home with loved ones in area hospitals.*

## Made With Love

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been self funded for many years, but is currently looking for your help. Donations allow them to purchase yarn they need to make their blankets, shawls, hats, and scarves. They donate many of their items to help those in need at Florence Crittenton Home, Dee Norton Center for Children and Families, Hollings Cancer Center (Infusion Center), Hope House, and MPPC shut-ins. For more information, to join our group, or to make a donation, please contact Beverly Hogan (843-849-6843) or Doris Benke (843-884-4988).

**Dec. 6, 2017**  
**Children's Choirs Concert**



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**Chris Sarkowski**  
Director of High School Ministry

### Mark Your Calendars!!!

#### Middle School

##### **CROSS Mission Trip**

Charlotte, NC  
June 24-29

Registration opens February 4

##### **Montreat Middle School Conference**

Maryville College  
July 18-21

Registration opens March 4

#### High School

##### **Montreat Youth Conference**

Montreat, NC  
June 9-16

Registration is full, email csarkowski@mppc.net to be placed on the waiting list.

##### **Salkehatchie Summer Service Mission Trip**

Bamberg, SC  
July 7-14

Registration opens February 4

##### **DO. LOVE. SERVE.**

Local Mission Experience  
August 10-12  
Registration opens April 15



**Amy Thomas**  
Director of Children and their Families

#### **First Grade Worship: Jan. 7**

First Grade Worship began January 7th, 2018 and will run for 6 weeks through February 11, 2018 during the Sunday school hour on Sundays. They will have guest speakers each week to introduce the different parts of worship. We will conclude with a panel discussion for the parents at 9:45 am, their first communion in the 11:15 am worship service and luncheon for the entire family after church!

What is the purpose of First Grade Worship? As a first grader, our hope is that your child should be regularly attending worship. The Children's Ministry has developed a program during Sunday school so young children can begin to understand the worship service and the basic elements of the sacraments.

This year, one of the important messages that we are focusing on is the good news that we are claimed and called by God to "be the church" in everything we do. We are called by God to worship and praise God beyond the physical walls of the church building.

#### **Third Grade Bibles: Feb. 18**

On February 18th, we'll kick off the 3rd grade Bible education and the receiving of the Bibles during the 9:45 am service. Then the children will go back to their Sunday school classroom and dig in!

#### **Daddy Daughter Dance: Feb. 2**

Dads/granddads/special friends need to dust off their dancing shoes for the ever popular Daddy – Daughter Dance on Friday, February 2nd. This was a huge hit last year and we want you to be part of the fun! Let me know if you would like to be on the planning team for this event!

#### **REGISTER FOR LOGOS**

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**Advent Family  
Craft Night**  
November 29, 2017



**Encore Singers December's Ministries**

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aawkerman@mpc.net)**

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