

Why Small Groups?

When Jesus was asked what the most important commandment was, his response was in two parts, and in simple terms he said "Love God and love your neighbor." It sounds easy, but in practice it isn't so simple. We might ask as a bystander did: "but who is my neighbor?", and we might also ask: "what does it mean to love God, what does that look like?" Being a part of a small group offers the opportunity to explore God's Word with a group of people who are trying their best to live out this two-fold commandment from Jesus. In a small group we learn about scripture and apply it to our lives. Small groups hold one another accountable while also providing support and encouragement as we engage with God, the Word, and the world. Consider joining a small group, or let us help you start a new one!

Adult Sunday School Classes

The Academy of St. John Seabrook 206

The Academy class works to equip God's people through expanding our understanding of Biblical revelation and how we live it out in the world.

The Middle Seabrook 209

We are all in the middle of something. Some of us are in the middle of raising kids, our lives, taking care of parents etc. All of us are exploring the middle of our faith journey.

Christian Parenting Grace Hall 222

We focus on faith through all seasons of parenthood. Join us as we magnify God's word for our lives, study our children's Sunday School lessons, and read various Christian books.

The Harbor Seabrook 210

This class will delve deeply into the history of Christianity from the Apostolic Age to the Modern Era.

Seekers and Sowers Seabrook 207

Read and study the Bible verse by verse with this wonderful group of men and women who aim to read and reflect deeply together.

Adult Bible Studies

Sunday Bible Study 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Conference Room

Men and women of all ages are welcome to study God's Word with us.

Soul Training - Mondays 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Grace Hall 125

This weekly Bible Study for women of all ages focuses on spiritual development.

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SUMMER

Through September 2

New Adult Series - 8 am Sundays in August, Fellowship Hall

Worship - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School - 9:30 am, All Ages

Session Meeting

Aug. 28, 6:30, Fellowship Hall

Deacon Meeting

Aug. 28, 6:30, Grace Hall Lower Level

Rev. Tom Herrington's Reception

Sept. 2: Join us for a retirement reception to honor Tom's 40 years of ministry and 13 years of service to MPPC. It will follow the 11 am worship service on Sunday, September 2nd.

Wednesday Night Kick Off: Sept. 5 Fall Sunday School: Begins Sept. 9



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Women's Bible Study - Wednesdays

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This long-standing group meets weekly at member's homes.

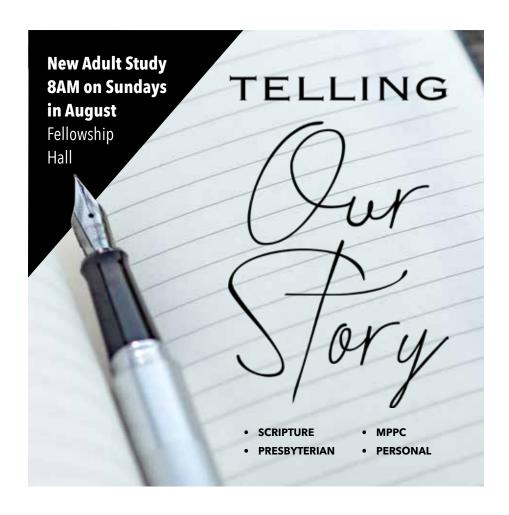
Men's Bible Study - Fridays

7:00 – 8:00 am, Parlor Start your Friday off right by studying God's Word with other men of the church.

Presbyterian Women - Various

Five Circles to choose from (mppc.net) These small group Bible studies meet on different days once a month for study, prayer, and fellowship.

Not sure where to start? Contact Ann Burdette (aburdette@mppc.net) and she'll help you get connected.





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Sunday Morning Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 – I I:00 am

We would like to thank the Endowment Fund and Ministry Team for giving a generous donation to the Sunday Fellowship breakfast food program. For more information about the Endowment Ministry, contact Katie Edwards (katieedwards2911@gmail.com).

Member Care

BIRTHS

Ruth Jennings Edwards, daughter of Kate & Will Edwards (DG #44), and granddaughter of Nancy & Doug Dangerfield (DG #73); June 20.

DEATHS

Grace Walker, mother of Shellie Koepcke (DG #38); May 18.

James H. Middleton (101), father of Jim Middleton (DG #44); May 21.

Betty Smoes, sister of Donna Simpson (DG #32); May 24.

Mildred Wright, mother of Alexis Wright-Singleton (MPPC Receptionist); July 2.

BAPTISMS

Hatley Stokes Player, June 10 Thomas Reid Daffron, June 17 Sarah Katherine O'Reilly, July I Crosby Bernard Smith, July 8 Caleb Lee Kerce, July 15 Penelope Foord Lee, July 22

Joseph McConnell Brady, Jr, June 17 Harris Louise Eargle, July I Parry Laine Greer, July 8 William Graham Lee, July 15 Lucas Banks Anderson, July 22 Elizabeth Nilington Murphy, July 29

WEDDINGS AT MPPC

Collins Martin and Daniel Wooten, June 9 Sarah Lawson and Niles Goodfellow, June 16 Kathryn Adkins and Ryan Sneed, June 23 Coleman Maness and Jacqueline Antunes, July 7

HOPE HOUSE

Gifts were presented to the Hope House by Jeff & Avis Griffith and an Anonymous donor.

In HONOR of

Tommy Covington, our father, who was a patient at MUSC ICU, given by his family, Nikki Goolsby, Yolanda Watson, and the rest of the Covington family.

Mangro and Lutie Floyd, given by William Floyd.

In MEMORY of

Nicole Anderson, given by Patricia and William E. Clark, Jr.

Booker Dalton, given by Circle 4, Nancy's Circle – Sarah and Alex Cash, Beth and Doug Carnes, Bebo and Doug Heath, Eva and Richard Fitzgerald, Jean and James Fleming, Nancy and Gerald Hall, Judy and Greg McCoy, Anne and Bob Ostrom, Linda and Gordon Schreck, Alice and Richard Weil, Ginny Fields, Katherine Bloder, Carla and Jeff Gilman, Linda and Gary Hayden, Carol and Andrew Hawkins, Barbara and George Smyth, Mary Jane and Fred Crawford, Susanne and Dick Query, and Susan and RL Fitzgerald, Patricia and William E. Clark, Jr **Belinda Leyen** whose husband Thomas stayed at Hope House in April, given by Jon Lambert, SCDOT Traffic Operations Office, and the Belinda's brothers and sisters.

Don Rice, Jr., given by Tim and Sharon Wells, Bobby and Peggy Dunlap, and Ray and Gay Dunlap, Larry and Laura Scott, Philip A. Pahigian and First United Methodist Church of Newnan, Ga. Agape SS Class

RECENT GIFTS

In HONOR of

Dot Sewell & Dinkey Stroman, gifts were presented to Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church for Mourner's Path Ministry by Martha Johnson.

ENDOWMENT

William Royall, given to the Endowment by The Dalton family.

In MEMORY of

Don Johnson, given to the Endowment by Mary Ruth Aiken.

Booker Dalton, given to the Endowment by Mickey Seabrook; Dallas Deer, JR and Gary & Lois Canady. Don Johnson, Booker Dalton, Billie Sumner, Margie Cunningham, given to the Endowment by Doris Benke.

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DG - Deacon Group

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Email jpassmore@mppc.net w/name & phone to receive alerts.

Sunday Mornings

Fellowship Breakfast 9:00 - II:00 am, Fellowship Hall

Childcare

Check-In Kiosk in Grace Hall Lobby During every service, Seabrook All childcare volunteers are background checked.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Through Sept 2

New Adult Series - 8 am "Telling Our Story"

Worship - 9:30 & 11:00 am

Sunday School - 9:30 am All Ages

Events, Registrations & Meetings mppc.net > calendar













Amy ThomasDirector of Children and their Families

We have had an exciting and busy summer. We started off the summer with Vacation Bible school, with our theme of the Rolling River Rampage. In July, we had our wonderful Wednesday socials. We picnicked at the park, painted at the art social, watched movies, ate pizza together and had popsicles on the playground and ended with games and ice cream. We look forward to ending our summer with arts camp in August.





Welcome Our New Associate Pastor Rev. Bart Edwards

Aug. 5: First Sermon at MPPC

Aug. 12: Installation @11 am, Reception to follow

Bart comes to us from Lynchburg, VA where he has been the Pastor/Head of Staff at Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church. His roots originated in Fayetteville, AR but over the years have spread to include CA, MS, TN, and NC as places he and his family have called home. Bart's extensive business background, coupled with his call and experience in ordained ministry, has given him a rich and unique perspective on servant leadership within a church. His ministry and life are grounded in the importance of building and growing strong and healthy relationships; first and foremost being his relationship with God. Bart enjoys spending time with his family, camping, hiking, fly fishing, tennis, reading, and sports. Bart's wife, Suzy, has a Master of Arts in Theological Studies from Columbia Theological Seminary and is a certified Christian Educator. Bart and Suzy went to seminary as second-career students when their two children, Rollie and Carter Lee, were young. Their son, Rollie, graduated from Hampden-Sydney College with a degree in Business and Finance and a minor in Rhetoric. He is working for a Home Health Care company in Lynchburg. Carter Lee is a rising junior at Elon University in NC. She has declared a double major in Public Health and Policy Studies and Classical Studies Minor. Carter Lee will be studying abroad in the fall at the Danish Institute in Copenhagen, Denmark. As a family, they enjoy traveling, camping, and laughing together.

Education

- M. Div., Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA
- BA History/Business, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

Training and Certifications

- Interim Ministry Training, Union Presbyterian Seminary, Richmond, VA 2016
- Certified Healthy Congregations Facilitator, Healthy Congregations, Inc., Columbus, OH 2015

Professional Experience

- Pastor/Head of Staff, Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, VA, 2012-Present.
- Associate Pastor-Family Ministry, First Presbyterian Church, Morehead City, NC, 2005-2012.
- Edward Jones Investments Representative, Prairie Grove, AR, 1999-2002
- Vice-President of Quality Assurance, PacOne, Inc., McComb, MS, 1993-1999
- QA Trainer/Customer Service Manager, Thomas J Lipton Co. Memphis, TN & Los Angeles, CA, 1984-1993

Service to the Church

- Missions Committee, Presbytery of the Peaks, 2017-Present
- Committee on Ministry, Presbytery of the Peaks, 2013-2016
- Missions Committee, Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, 2010-2012
- Planning Member for Associate Pastors Conference, Montreat, NC, 2009
- Ordained Elder

Personal Reflection

(excerpt from Bart's Personal Information Form)
Describe the ministry setting to which you believe God is calling you.

I look forward to receiving my next call from a church that recognizes the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all things. I am seeking a congregation that is actively pursuing God's will and living God's mission in the church, local community, and world. I anticipate serving a church that worships, serves, and grows together through times of joy and sorrow. I anticipate the next church I serve will care deeply about God's Word, worship, and the Sacraments. When meaningful and faithful worship flows from the heart, other spiritual gifts will flourish from the body of the faithful. I hope to serve in a church where members, alive with the Spirit, will love and encourage one another and will carry one another's burdens while rejoicing and ministering together. I look forward to being called to a church where we can foster healthy and sustaining spiritual growth and relationships. I look forward to sharing my spiritual gifts through thoughtful preaching, authentic worship, and humble teaching. I am excited about continuing to blend my theological education and my love for people with my life experiences and my extensive business background to meet the opportunities and challenges present in congregational ministry. In addition to preaching and teaching, I hope to exercise my God given gifts and skills through administration, pastoral care, communication, counseling, conflict resolution, and interpersonal relationships with the Body of Christ that calls me to be their servant leader.



Rev. Kim Trimboli Interim Associate Pastor

Kim's Korner

Just in the past few weeks I attended a friend's installation into a new pastoral role, talked to a couple about a wedding, visited friends and family in states where we used to live, and celebrated with friends who are on the move to new jobs and communities. I had the opportunity to take a graduation gift to a child who grew up with my kids and to make some college visits with my youngest son.

As I think about how these are, particularly in some cases, major transitions for the people involved, they are also all very normal, natural parts of life, which happen on a regular basis. They are times of change, times of letting go of what was, while transitioning into something new.

Not all our transitions are dramatic, and not all of them happy. But it interests me that most of the messages about change that people give are unhappy ones. "The only person who likes change is a wet baby." A friend often speaks about change as being 'painful and difficult,' and sometimes it is. Yet life always is changing, sometimes dramatically and sometimes in small ways. While the changes can be viewed as difficult, or challenging or painful, they are also an opportunity, a new opening, an occasion of possibility and even excitement.

Christ calls us to be a people who are changed, transformed into something new, a people whose purpose is to reflect and share the love of God in every aspect of our lives. Colossians invites us to "be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

Watch and see. Look for ways in which change in your life can be an opportunity to live out the new life we have in Christ. Pay attention to the way in which we can celebrate the truth that while life is constantly changing, the love of God never changes, but invites us into a new way of being.

As we enter into the latest changes of life at MPPC and in whatever is going on in your personal life, are you open to God's invitation? How will you deepen your relationship with God and become the new self who God is calling you to be? How will MPPC open itself to becoming the church its Creator now calls it to be? I'll be listening for God's continuing call on my life and can't wait to see how God is working in your life and in the life of this community of faith.

Peace,





Dave Ramsey's

Financial Peace University: Begins Aug. 15 Registration: mppc.net > calendar

What if you were following a plan for your money that you KNEW worked? With Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, you CAN take control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. Go online If you're interested in learning more about the group or to register. We're offering it at MPPC just for you starting August 15th. This is the year to take control of your money...God's way! Register today for Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University.

Middle School Awanita Retreat: Aug. 24-26 Sign up by Aug. 12

Awanita Valley is a fun retreat for spiritual growth and friendship among the youth at MPPC. This weekend retreat includes: group time, worship, singing, ropes course, zip line, hummer rides, s'mores, a bonfire, and so much more! Rising 6th through 8th graders are able to attend. Cost is \$100 (\$50 deposit). We are also looking for chaperones if you are interested. To register, chaperone or to receive more information, contact Courtney Kraus.

ESOL Info Meeting: Aug. 28

Do you speak English? Do you want to help others in our community learn English? Classes are offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm. We need teachers, assistants and anyone who wants to help our neighbors. There will be an informational meeting on Tuesday August 28th at 6:30 pm in Grace Hall Room 226. Hope to see you there! You can also contact Rita Hallman (ritalandishallman@gmail.com) or Greg Nevers (neversgreg@gmail.com).

College of Officers Gathering Sunday, September 30th

MPPC Fellowship Hall For all current and resting ministers, elders & deacons



Courtney KrausDirector of Middle School Ministry

Hello.

I am so happy to be at MPPC! I am from Hartsville, SC, but for the past four years I have been at Auburn University studying Communication Disorders. My path of youth ministry began my sophomore year in college when I became the Middle School Youth Director at First Presbyterian Church Auburn. The love and desire to help youth in middle school grew and so upon graduation I decided to continue this journey in Charleston. This has always been my happy place and I am ecstatic that I now get to call it my home. My family still lives in Hartsville and my younger brother will begin Auburn in the fall. I am happy to serve MPPC and the kindness and love that has been shown to me is indescribable. I am looking forward to the program year with lots of new and exciting things taking place.









Rising 6th Grade Mission Madness week @ VBS.

We traveled all around Charleston helping out in the community. We tie dyed t-shirts for the boys at Windwood Farms and the next day we got to deliver them and played games on campus. On Wednesday we did a beach sweep on IOP, collecting trash and making a clear path for the sea turtles. Thursday we did a car wash at the church raising \$350 for the Lamb Institute. We celebrated our hard work by going to Skyzone and Frankie's Fun Park. Thank you to all who helped make this week possible!









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Missions: ESOL

We are blessed at MPPC to be a part of a missional church that focuses on our neighbors here and far away. Our Local Missions team has sponsored the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program since 2015. **The purpose of ESOL is to help adult immigrants who live and work here in our community to learn English or to improve their English so that they may be able to participate more fully in the life of the community.**

Each of us who has been a part of this program has been blessed to get to know these individuals and their families. We offer free childcare so that husbands, wives & single parents can attend. At the end of each semester students receive certificates on the number of hours they have attended as well as enjoy an "end-of-semester" party in the fellowship hall. Students bring food, often traditional from their own countries. Entertainment at these parties has included games, a clown, and music, not to mention all the fellowship.

Below are some interesting statistics from this past winter/spring session that may be of interest:

ESOL@MPPC Facts	
Number of Registered Students	80
Number of Countries Represented	26
Number of Languages Represented	16
Number of Volunteers	29



Our Fall semester will begin August 30 with registration. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings (6:30-8:00) upstairs in Seabrook and Grace Hall.

We are planning to have 6 classes - 2 beginner, 2 intermediate, and 2 advanced. For each class there is a lead teacher, who is experienced and/or certified in teaching, as well as one or more assistants.

The ESOL team would like to say "thank you" and to offer you an opportunity to join this outreach program. If you have had experience teaching ESOL and would like to become a lead teacher, please let us know. To help as an assistant it is not necessary to speak another language or to have any teaching experience. All you need is a heart to help people who are eager to learn.

If you would like to volunteer to help as a teacher, an assistant, or in some other way, contact Rita Hallman (ritalandishallman@gmail.com, 843-607-2118). Please consider joining us one or two nights a week and please keep this ministry in your prayers.

I-Beam: Read to Succeed



Children learn to read from K-2nd grade. Then they read to learn the rest of their lives. Being able to read enables them to be successful. I-Beam mentors help children in grades 2-5 practice their reading once a week from October-April. The mentor also shares lunchtime with the student and builds a caring relationship as the child progresses from 2nd through 5th grade.

In 2010 when literacy was identified as the most important need for Mt Pleasant, I-Beam was started at Jennie Moore Elementary School by MPPC and Greater Goodwill AME churches in Jan. 2011. Now there are 9 schools and 300 mentors. Over eight years MPPC mentors have seen 2 or more students graduate to middle school with improved reading skills. Many of these mentors now want to "retire" so we need YOU to replace them. Please join our I-Beam Team to provide for these struggling readers. MPPC will have an informational luncheon on August 26 following the 11:15 service. Mentor training sessions will be held in September.



Come join us in making a difference in a child's success!

Sign up between services in August and September or call Sharon Barnett 843-388-0642.

I-Beam: "One Child, One Adult, One Hour each Week"

Middle School CROSS Mission Trip Memories

June 24 -June 29

Our Middle School Youth were able to go to Charlotte, NC for a full week of mission work. They traveled to two different mission sites each day and built relationships with one another, but also relationships with the homeless, sick, elderly and children of refugees. This was an eye opening week full of hope and the middle school youth are looking forward to giving back to the Charleston community as well.

See more photos on facebook: /mtpleasantpres





























^ Montreat 2018: "Lift Every Voice"

This past June, our high school youth spent a week of their summer in keynote, worship, and recreation building community with one another and growing in their faith exploring the theme "Lift Every Voice."



Chris SarkowskiDirector of High School Ministry

Salkehatchie 2018:Building Relationships& Serving God

In July, our high school youth traveled to Bamberg, SC for a week of working on houses, building relationships, and growing closer to God while participating in the Salkehatchie Summer Service mission organization.





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We Are THE CHURCH



In his insightful letter to the congregation, Dr. Massie inspired us to seek a renewed commitment to discipleship and churchmanship at MPPC, to take our shared life in Christ more seriously and become fully engaged in Jesus's call to each of us to offer our God-given time and talents in serving others. To be a committed congregation is surely a measure of our love of Christ. Those who are truly committed to God and His church are those whose lives are filled with the greatest joys and fulfillment that God can give. Such abundant life is God's plan for every member. Jesus wants to fill his church with disciples, not simply admirers of Jesus, with participants, not just spectators.

As we grow together to be more like Christ who emptied himself to serve others, we are inspired by the dedicated service of many of our members, often working "behind the scene" to offer their gifts to the church. In presenting the contributions of several members, we recognize that their motivation is not to receive praise or recognition from others, but to experience the joy of Christ's love in answering Jesus' call to be active contributors in their discipleship. Hopefully, in learning about the service of these volunteers, we will be encouraged to renew our own commitment.

The Apostle Paul taught that being a member of the church means being a vital organ of a living body. Each of us is an indispensable, interconnected part of the Body of Christ. "We Are the Church", composed of committed members doing His work!

As our pastors and choirs work diligently every week to prepare for our Sunday morning worship services, there are members of MPPC who are dedicating their time and skills "behind the scenes" to enable a meaningful time for our united worship of God. Bill Carl is an outstanding volunteer who serves as a member of the Sunday Morning A/V ministry team.

Have you ever thought about how the sound system in the sanctuary runs so smoothly, assuring that all can hear clearly, or wondered who is video- recording and archiving the services for future use? Bill has been the technical volunteer for 7 years, first working with Don Horres and presently assisting our Technical Director, Michael Hardee, in these essential tasks. Bill is excited that the A/V equipment has been upgraded recently to enable live-streaming of each 11:15 service. Bill has also run sound and video for weddings and funerals held at MPPC. If you were married in the past 20 years at our church, Bill was probably there recording your special day!

Michael and Bill currently facilitate a team of eight A/V volunteers. They coordinate the scheduling, recruiting, and training of these volunteers for Sunday mornings and weddings. Bill's dedication is steadfast; he rarely misses a Sunday, but when he does, it's to spend time with his 9 –month- old grandson, Crosby Bernard (C.B.), who was baptized here on July 8! The Carl daughters, Michelle and Jane, were raised in our church where Bill has been a member since 1980.

Bill has found other ways to faithfully serve at MPPC. He has also been a member of the Communion Setup team since 2000. He enjoys the "camaraderie of his teammates." Those serving on both the A/V and Communion ministry teams are "a great group of people that can be depended on to serve no matter what may occur."

Thank you, Bill and other volunteers, for offering your time and talent in these areas. We are grateful for all you have done and continue to do at MPPC. We are the Church!



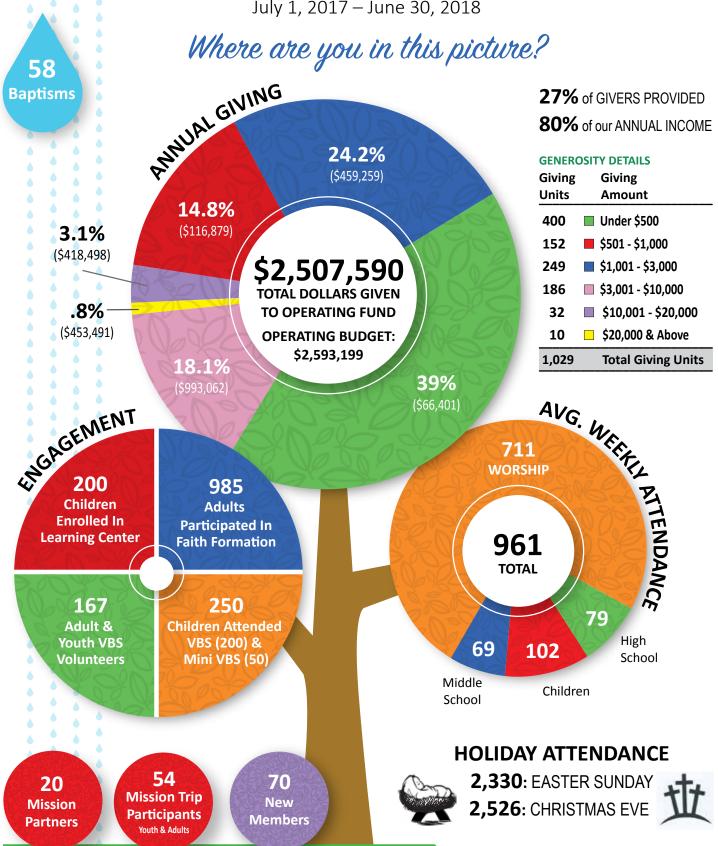
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I serve on both of these committees
because I enjoy the camaraderie of the other
members and my teammates. Since starting
service on both of these committees, I have
seen church members come and go, but the

members that currently serve are a great group of people that can be depended on to serve no matter what may occur. I plan to continue serving on both of these committees.

MPPC ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018



MEMBERSHIP

TO

Discipleship

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FROM



Glenn Hair
Director of Finance

WHY GIVE ONLINE?

Checks are disappearing; Seventy four percent of Americans say they write no more than one check per month. Using the online giving portal at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church will ensure that your gift will be received according to the schedule you set. Automatic recurring gifts, as well as one-time gifts, can be set up so you need not be concerned about forgetting your checkbooks or missing a gift when on vacation.

Online giving simplifies the record keeping process for the church staff and makes the budgeting process more predictable. It also eliminates the need to count or record donations manually.

Did you know that checks must be touched three times to process? Once by the Monday morning count team, once by the staff to record on your giving record, and once by finance to scan for remote deposit to our bank. On the other hand, online giving by bank draft or credit/debit card is totally automatic and seamless.

Please feel free to contact finance director Glenn Hair at (843) 884-4612 EXT 240 for assistance or guidance.

Did you Know?

Did you know that funds from the Endowment purchased the new piano and the drums for The Net? The Endowment gives back to the church a certain % of the interest earned each year so the church can do things outside the normal budget; such as buying instruments. Want to know more about the MPPC Endowment Fund and how a gift to the fund can make a difference now and in the future? Contact Chairman Tim Sease tsease I @att.net or Katie Edwards at 843 364 8495.



2018-2019 Budget

2018-19 Budgeted Expenses

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Local Missions	\$ 85,000.00
International Missions	\$ 59,000.00
Adult Ministry	\$ 10,000.00
Children's Ministry	\$ 17,225.00
Middle School Ministry	\$ 21,150.00
High School Ministry	\$ 29,100.00
Worship Ministry	\$ 65,290.00
Tech	\$ 45,000.00
Fellowship & Food Service	\$ 15,000.00
Member & Pastoral Care	\$ 9,100.00
Membership	\$ 2,500.00
Officers	\$ 2,500.00
Office Expense	\$ 50,000.00
Communications	\$ 45,000.00
Stewardship Expenses	\$ 4,000.00
Property & Grounds	\$ 325,000.00
Denominational	\$ 80,000.00
Pastor Nominating & Search	\$ 15,000.00
Personnel Ministries	\$ 1,845,663.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 2,725,528.00

The MPPC Hope House and Learning Center are additional ministries, with net expenses, which are relfected below.

MPPC Hope House	\$ 54,196.00
Learning Center	\$ 512,513.00
MPPC Total	\$ 3,292,237.00

Finance Ministry Team

Laura Brisson	Jack Hibbits	Tim Sease
Shannon Carter,	Len Hutchison,	Harry Smith
Church Treasurer	Ministry Chair	Doug Szubski
Beth Moore	Lewis Lee	Shawn Weinke
Steve Day	Trey Lucy	Mitch Witherspoon
Glenn Hair	Lisa Schwartz	

For questions or more information, contact Len Hutchison (Ihutch602@gmail.com).





Beth MooreDirector of Hope House

Leading By Example

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves" – Philippians 2:3

We hear it time and time again: guests commenting on the love and comfort they feel at Hope House.

Caretakers are largely responsible for this! Their duties include checking guests in and out, making sure they have what they need, and lending an ear or providing words of comfort when needed.

And Team Leaders, who sometimes spend hours on the phone trying to accommodate someone who seeks comfort at Hope House while a loved one lies in a hospital bed.

For nearly five years, GREG McCOY, has done all that, plus trained many a wannabe Caretaker.. all the while serving as "Master Juggler"-- taking an empty calendar and somehow filling it with Caretakers Monday through Sunday, week in and week out. He posts a weekly update to all the volunteers, letting us know who is in which room and how their loved ones are doing. Greg also sends a weekly report to the hospital social workers, informing them of current room availability.

So it's no wonder that Greg has decided it's time for –in his words- "a new Sheriff in town." Kevin Roach is taking over the juggling duties -- with an assist from his wife Gail, who recently joined the Caretaker staff.

Greg's fellow Hope House volunteers aren't letting him ride off, though, without a little prose:

- "Well done, good and faithful servant" the Querys
- "What a fabulous job. Thanks for all your dedication." Barbara Berger
- "Thanks for all your hard work and keeping us straight." Mitch and Mary Linda Witherspoon
- "You have done a magnificent job! We appreciate you! "

For the near future, Greg plans to spend more time with family. He says he'll still be there for Hope House though...filling in as Caretaker or Team Leader, when needed.



30: In Honor of Paul, on our Anniversary, given by Elizabeth.

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.



Grocery Bag Sunday August 19th

Donations benefit East Cooper Community Outreach

Simply fill the bag with needed non perishable items listed on the bag and return it the following Sunday, April 26, to the Fellowship Hall.



Barbara Loehr-FoxDirector of Music Ministries

Hello from your Worship Ministry Team!

Arts Camp 2018 is happening this month on August 6, 7 and 8. Be sure to check out the pictures on Facebook and in the next Pelican.

Our new program year is coming up fast. We are putting the finishing touches on our plans and want to invite you to join one of our 14 musical ensembles. Each group is full of joy and our rehearsals have many moments of fun as we learn to be a community and share our faith through music. There is always room for you!

- Children's musical opportunities Wednesday evenings
- Youth musical opportunities Sunday afternoons
- Handbell musical opportunities Sundays and Mondays
- Adult musical opportunities Wednesdays, Thursdays, Sundays
- Instrumental musical opportunities throughout the year

We try to enhance worship and glorify God through our gifts of talent and time. For more information visit our website or contact me in the church office. We'll be rolling out our new Village Concert Series soon. Stay tuned.



Jason Pedeaux Organist, Assoc. Dir. of Music

Youth Music Opportunities

As you begin to make plans for the fall, I wanted to let you know about to music opportunities for youth.

Jubilant Bells is an intergenerational handbell choir for 6th grade students through adults. This group is led by Diane Hader and meets in the choir room on Sundays from 4:00 – 4:45 pm.

MPPC Youth Choir is for students in grades 6 - 12. We meet on Sundays at 4:45 - 5:30 pm in Seabrook room 206. We sing regularly for worship and on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals for both of these groups begin on Sunday, September 9.



My heartfelt thanks for all the love, support and other expressions of sympathy following the death of my mother, Mildred Victoria Wright.

- Alexis Wright-Singleton

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Contemporary Worship Sundays, 11:00 am Fellowship Hall



Victoria Stewart Malone
Net Music Leader

Meet Our New Net Leader!

On behalf of the Net Search Team: Victoria Stewart Malone has accepted the call to become the new music leader for the Net and joined our team on July 16th.

A singer, songwriter, and pianist she has been a musician and/or vocalist for churches, weddings, funerals, and special events. She has appeared on stage, on television, in film, and has even sung the National Anthem at a River Dogs game. As an educator she gives instruction in piano, voice, and drama. A graduate of Appalachian State University she brings a love of Christ, church, music, and life in general with her.

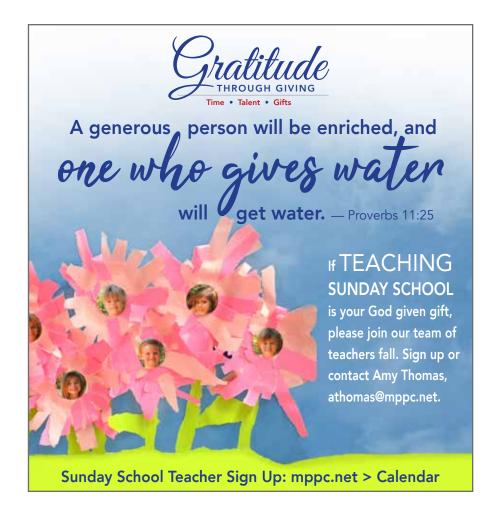


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