

You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last, so that **the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.**
— John: 15:16



Rev. Dr. Danny Massie
Interim Pastor

Getting Acquainted

Having been on the job only several days I am making a concerted effort to learn your names and faces. I am sure Kim is doing the same so let me encourage all members to re-introduce themselves when we speak...unless we call you by name.

Reviewing the names and faces in our church's pictorial directory is most helpful and revealing as well. Your names are diverse and distinctive and lead me to some assumptions for good or ill. You are a colorful bunch as I noticed names such as BLACK, BROWN, WHITE, GREENE and SILVER. Objects within our church family include items like BELLS, BANKS, BRIDGES CANNONS, CASES, COUCHES, DOLLS, FORTS, JETTS, ROOFS, SPRINGS, STAIRS, STARRS, STONES, WALLS AND WELLS. I found a BLUFORD among us but looked in vain for a REDCHEVY.

And we clearly have a lot of wildlife among us, what with names like WOLFE, BUCK, COLLIE, CRANE, DEER, FOX, HAWK, GRIFFIN, HERRING, HERRON, MARTIN, even NETTLES.

The physical terrain of the church is lovely and diverse as well for I discovered WOODS, WATERS, MARSH, MEADOWS, FIELDS, HILLS, STREETS and TOWNES. Healthy cuisine within MPPC includes OATS, RICE, CALE, CHERRYS, LEMMONS but no limes. However, since we have a LIMEHOUSE we are probably covered in that delicacy too.

There are some ROYALL roots among us for we have KINGS, DUKES and KNIGHTS within the church. JOLLY, JOYE and WITT suggest good humor is here and romance as well, given the presence of LOVES AND KISSES.

I was fascinated by the obvious and diverse professions and vocations within our family lineage. Your directory tells of BUTLERS and BAKERS and even candlestick makers who were better known as CHANDLERS. Our needs can be met given our native skills of COOKS, CARPENTERS, merchants (i.e. CHAPMAN), COOPERS, FISHERS, FARRIORS, FARMERS, FOWLERS, HARPERS, HATCHERS, HUNTERS, MILLERS, PAINTERS,

**Mount Pleasant
Presbyterian Church**

**Lenten Keynote
Dinner & Speaker**

Feb. 11, 5:30 pm

**Pancake Supper
Tuesday, Feb. 13**

February 2018

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name/tele to jpassmore@mppc.net

Speak with an Usher

Call the Church: (843) 884-4612

Ash Wednesday Worship
February 14
7pm, Sanctuary

PORTERS, SAILORS, SKINNERS, SMITHS AND TILLERS. And we not only have SOWERS but SEEDS to accompany them.

Naturally, being a Presbyterian crowd, I noticed as expected some SCOTTS and even a GLASGOW, and more people named MCthis or MCthat than can be listed. However, to be ecumenical we also have BISHOPS and VICARS. And biblical roots are suggested with ISAACS, JACOBS, SOLOMONS and SAULS, MATTHEWS, PETERS and STEPHENS.

Thankfully, JUSTICE is present among us and we always have room for a GUEST.

I could say MOORE but this STORY is still unfolding. It is a RIDDLE we can continue to unravel as we make our WAY forward and come to know ourselves and our church family members better in the coming months.

Danny

Lift up your prayer

MPPC Search Committees

In an effort to keep everyone apprised of the current search teams, below is a list of each team, their leaders and members. There are currently five active search committees with a fifth scheduled to come together soon. If you have any questions, please reach out to the committee. We ask God's blessing over the work of these committees and offer thanksgiving for each member's commitment of their time and talent. We also ask that you lift up this process in prayer and pass along any names and contact information for qualified candidate(s) for these key staff roles.

Senior Pastor/Head of Staff (PNC)

Chair: Wade Thompson (wade.thompson@comcast.net), Julia Royall, Laura Dozier, Christian Blackburn (youth), Caroline Cochran, Fred Crawford, Scott Douty, Jack Evans and Mary Ann Seamon

Status: After prayerfully considering the comments from the congregation, the team completed and submitted the Ministry Information Form (MIF). The PNC Team has received many candidate recommendations from the congregation, which is welcomed and appreciated. We will continue to accept candidates from the congregation throughout the process. Candidate submissions should be provided directly to a team member or via email: mppc.pnc@gmail.com. All submissions are held in the strictest of confidence.

Associate Pastor

Co-Chair: Bruce McAdams (mcadams.bruce@gmail.com), Co-Chair: Jim Westerhold (westerhold.jim@gmail.com), Lindsay Bruorton, Bob Hervey, Rita Hallman, Kyle Murrell, Christina Lee (youth), Don Horres and Liza Dunn

Status: We have 40 submissions/applications to date and are still seeking qualified candidates while we begin preparing a short-list for interviews. We are planning to conduct interviews starting in late February and continuing through March.

Director of Christian Education (DCE)

Chair: Andi White-Bogan (whiteand@musc.edu), Jane Parker, Sheri Ledbetter, Anna Shugart, Butch Hills, Joe Molinari and Freeman Milligan

Status: We have been educating ourselves about the DCE position, responsibilities and needed qualifications via interviews and document review. We are now developing our Ministry Information Form and hope to have it completed, approved, and posted by mid-March.

Middle School Director

Chair: Renee Pickren (pick2boys@yahoo.com), Coby Frampton, Michael Horton, Susan Carullo and John Bailey

Status: To date, 15 candidates have expressed interest. We have developed a short list and are scheduling interviews beginning February 8th. Applications are still being accepted through March 2nd at resume.submissions@mppc.net.

Net Search Team

Jim Deavor, Courtney Buxton, Robert Word, Chris Shugart, and Shannon Beckham.

Status: The committee was recently approved by Session.

Rebuilding: Separation & Divorce Recovery Support Class

Begins Feb. 28
Wednesday Evenings
6-7:30 pm, SB 209
10 week class, \$30

Register at
mppc.net > calendar

For more information:
Andi Awkerman (884-4612,
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Member Care Report

DEATHS

Bob Glasgow, brother of Lois Canady (DG #35) and uncle of Ashley Slane (DG #43) & Lesley Hathaway (DG #30), December 16.

Mildred Lewis Smith, mother of David Smith (DG #17), December 16.

Blondell Davison, mother of Carol Byrnes (DG #1), December 19.

William J. Marsh, father of Bill Marsh (DG #39) and grandfather of Courtney Marsh (DG #18), January 1.

*DG - Deacon Group

BAPTISMS

Patrick McIntyre Howle

WEDDINGS at MPPC

Ashley Rigger and Jonathan Mayer, February 20

Jackie Willis and Judd Roberts, February 27

HOPE HOUSE

Gifts were presented to the Hope House by Paul M. Platt, Laurence & Phyllis Simeon, Amy Coleman, Art of Creating, Inc., Shirley Kennedy, and Mike & Claire Walsh.

In MEMORY of

Bosie Carter, given by Billy, Melanie, Will & Emily Cappelmann; Mark & Robin Buchanan; Harry & Barbara Mims, Jr. and Mary Ashley Jones.

Coach Don Powers, given by Ellen Gower, Anne Roffey and Sue Googer.

Marcia Roush, given by Doug and Jan Hart.



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MyMPPC Giving Statements

Thank You for your financial gifts in support of the mission and ministry at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. Our Finance Department is working diligently to finalize the congregational giving statements which will be sent electronically. You can also access your personal giving records through MyMPPC using these steps:

1. Go to mppc.net and click on "MyMPPC" (top right)
2. Click on "TAKE ME TO MyMPPC" (scroll to middle of page)
3. Log in to Realm and click "MyProfile" (top right, under your name)
4. Click on "Giving" (at left)
5. Click the "Year to Date" button and select the **date range** or "Last Year"
6. Click "Filter" to access your giving statement.

Once you have accessed your giving records through MyMPPC, you will be able to confirm this information with your giving records. Thank you for your generosity.

WALKING THE MOURNER'S PATH™

Transforming Grief into Joyful Living

**Eight Weekly Workshops
Begins March 11**
Sundays 6-8 pm, Parlor

Registration:
mppc.net > calendar
\$30 includes materials
Scholarships Available

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

REV. DR. **JILL DUFFIELD** **5:30**
FEBRUARY 11

5:30 pm Soup & Salad Supper

6:00-7:00 pm Keynote Lecture

Sign, Sign, Everywhere a Sign

Explore Jesus' signs in the Gospel of John to help prepare you to see God's signs throughout your Lenten journey.

7:00-7:30 pm Question & Answer



Jill currently serves as the editor and publisher of *The Presbyterian Outlook*, an independent publication on the PC(USA).

A \$5 DONATION FOR SUPPER IS MOST WELCOME.

Visit www.mppc.net > Calendar > Lent
for more information about Jill, an overview of the Lenten Season and Lenten Small Groups.

How To 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. **If you haven't signed into MyMPPC before, you will need to request a login at mppc.net/mymppc-questions.**

Access a Video Tutorial:
mppc.net > Calendar > Lent,
scroll down to Small Group

OR

**Follow These Steps
Once Logged Into MyMPPC:**

1. Click "Community." (left menu)
2. Click "Groups."
3. Click "Find Groups."
4. Click "Lenten Small Groups."
5. Scroll through the groups marked 2018. Find an "Open" group that meets your needs, then click the name.
6. Click on the button "Join Group." This will send a message to the group facilitator to add your name to their group. Please allow some time for the facilitator to do this.

After the facilitator adds you to the group, you will be able to see the name of the group in the drop-down menu under Groups on MyMPPC. You will also receive a confirmation email from your group facilitator.

If you try to join a group that has become full, the facilitator should send you a message letting you know so you can find another group.

If you are having difficulty finding a group that meets your needs, please let Rev. Kim Trimboli know (ktrimboli@mppc.net).

7. **Purchase the Study Book: John: The Gospel of Light and Life** by Adam Hamilton in the church office (\$10, cash/check). Read the first chapter for your first meeting!
8. **Enjoy your fellow group members' companionship, and a good Lenten practice for deepening your relationship with God.**

Childcare

If your group is meeting on Tuesday or Thursday evenings, it may be possible to arrange childcare. Advance reservations will be necessary, simply contact Ann Burdette (aburdette@mppc.net).



Rev. Kim Trimboli
Interim Associate Pastor

Kim's Korner

Some people have the self-discipline it takes to make New Year's resolutions and actually manage to stick to them for the coming year. As we think about stewardship this month, I am reminded that these resolutions are intended to help us in the stewardship of our lives. Time magazine made a list a few years ago of the top most broken resolutions, and I've made and broken quite a few of them. Lose weight, watch less tv, exercise more, get more organized, be less stressed: All broken. We make goals in order to improve our lives in some way, and sometimes they help, and sometimes not, but when we break them, we definitely don't feel good about it.

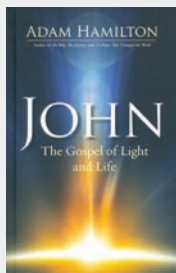
By the time you read this, you'll have had a month in which to make (and break!) your resolutions. Me too. So, I'm offering a suggestion for a short-term commitment, even if you hadn't added "Develop my faith" to your list of resolutions: Join a Lenten Bible Study Group. You can read about the groups details elsewhere in the newsletter and sign up online through MYMPPC. This six-week commitment, along with the opening presentation from Rev. Dr. Jill Duffield, is a way to practice the stewardship of your faith life as you grow in your relationships with other church members, develop your knowledge and understanding of Scripture, and deepen your relationship with God.

If you've already signed up, great! If not, use the guide to the left to sign up, check out the list of open groups online, and feel free to call or email with any questions.

Peace,

Kim

Lenten Small Group Study



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.



**Rev. Kim Trimboli will facilitate a Lenten Small Group Study on Wednesday Nights:
Feb. 21 & 28; March 7, 4, 21, 28
6-7 pm, Grace Hall 123, 125**



Metanoia- MPPC volunteers work in North Charleston community garden.



Hands of Christ - Volunteers help their student select school clothes.



One80 Place - 30 Tweens made 11 "No Sew" blankets for the homeless in the family center.

MPPC Local Missions: Supporting Our Partners

At Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, we believe the Church was created by God and sent into the world as agents of God's mission, and nowhere is that mission more clearly revealed than in Jesus' life, relationships, and teaching. At our core has been the commitment to make a difference in the world locally and globally. Inspired by God's love, we want our lives to matter; we want our efforts as a church to contribute to something larger than ourselves. *To be "Missional" is to understand that the Church exists not to meet our needs, but to use our gifts to carry out God's mission in the world.*

Your support of our local mission partners through donations of time and hard-earned dollars brings to life the words found on our website. Some of our partners continue to need families and/or groups such as Sunday School classes, your Circles, or your Lenten Small Group to provide hands-on volunteering. The following is a list of our mission partners and our Local Mission Team liaison members to contact if you have any questions about how you can serve.

Carolina Youth Development Center

Serving children separated from their parents. MPPC Contact: Joe Barnes, joseph.barnes62@gmail.com

East Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO)

Helping our neighbors in need help themselves. MPPC Contact: Julie Williamson, jibw@yahoo.com

East Cooper Habitat for Humanity

Building homes for qualified low-income families. MPPC Contact: John Nuernberger, johndandsue.nuernberger@gmail.com

East Cooper Meals on Wheels

Distributing meals to homebound community members. MPPC Contact: Diane Thompson, dcliffie@hotmail.com

East Cooper Faith Network (ECFN) I-Beam/ Fix-it/Camp I-Beam

Pairing adult mentors with second and third graders who are struggling with reading and/or social skills. MPPC Contacts: Amy Murrell, amysmurrell@gmail.com & Thom Gault, thom.gault@gmail.com

Florence Crittenton

Serving at-risk pregnant young women to become self-sufficient and instill in them self-worth. MPPC Contact: Nancy Hall, ladybugnan@earthlink.net

Hands of Christ

Distributing school uniforms and supplies to disadvantaged youth. MPPC Contacts: Becky Watkins, golfparham@gmail.com & Stephanie McCants, stephaniemccants@gmail.com

Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center

Creating a community where children are safe from abuse and trauma. MPPC Contact: Charlotte Guerrey, charlottejguerrey@gmail.com

Metanoia

A holistic mission serving the Chicora-Cherokee neighborhood, investing in neighborhood assets to build leaders, establish quality housing and generate economic development. MPPC Contact: Coleman Legerton, colelege@gmail.com

One80 Place

Serving the homeless through temporary housing and helping them to become self-sufficient. MPPC Contact: Jim Custer, custer.jim@gmail.com

Windwood Farms

Serving boys separated from their parents. MPPC Contact: Joe Coates, JCoates@charlestoncounty.org

Hope House

Serving qualified family members of hospitalized patients. MPPC Contact: Beth Moore, bmoore@carolinaoneplus.com

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Teaching English as a second language. MPPC Contact: Greg Nevers, nevergreg@gmail.com



Gratitude

THROUGH GIVING

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[STEWARDSHIP]

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
Beverly Hutchison

Tim Kelly
Trey Lucy
Jane McCullough
Coby Mazingo
John Myers
Bob Ostrom

Jennifer Passmore
Ashley Canady Slane
Harry Smith
Mac Thigpen
Bobby Warrick
Scott Wells

Complete your 2018 pledge in one of three ways:

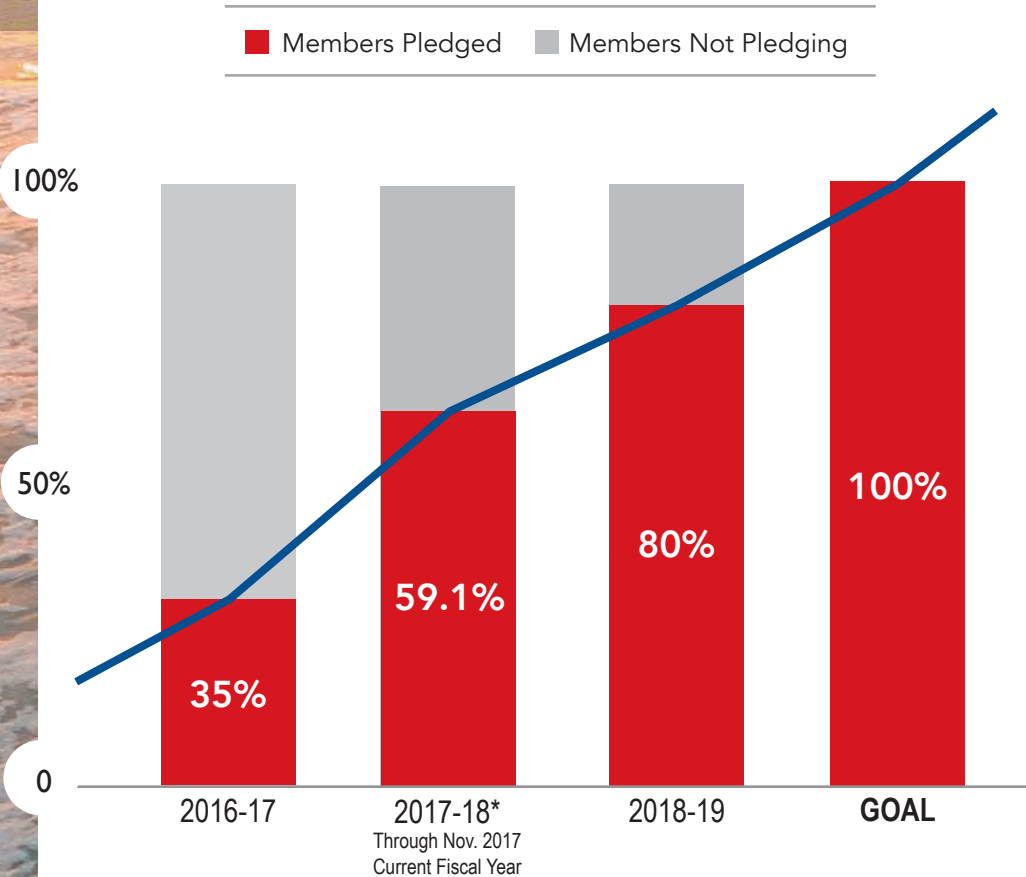
- 1) mppc.net/stewardship
- 2) MyMPPC > Giving > Pledge > Tithes and Gifts

Request a login to MyMPPC at 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.

**Make Your
PLEDGE
TODAY!**

mppc.net/stewardship

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Neighbor to Neighbor: The Journey Continues

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

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).

www.mppc.net

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
	\$ 2,158,998.00

Equipping Budget

Adult Faith Formation	\$ 8,800.00
Youth Ministries	\$ 50,575.00
Children Ministries	\$ 17,225.00
	\$ 76,600.00

Worship Budget

Worship & Music	\$ 65,690.00
The Net	\$ 9,600.00
Technology	\$ 23,940.00
	\$ 99,230.00

Engaging Budget

Member Care	\$ 10,000.00
Every Member In*	\$ 2,200.00
Officer Training	\$ 2,000.00
	\$ 14,200.00

Following Budget

Denominational	\$ 100,000.00
Local Missions	\$ 85,000.00
Internat'l Missions	\$ 59,000.00
	\$ 244,000.00

LENTEN SEASON



Barbara Loehr-Fox
Director of Music Ministries

How are your New Year's resolutions coming along? By now your good intentions may have turned into regret. I have a cure for you which will add joy and health to your life, yet doesn't include strenuous exercise . . . JOIN A CHOIR! Music is a wonderful way to express your love and thanksgiving to God. Our adult, youth and children's choirs welcome singers all year round. If you play an instrument or are interested in playing bells we would love to have you join us, too. We always have room for you. Contact me for more information - bloehr@mppc.net

Lent begins in February and our annual Ash Wednesday service will be on February 14 at 7:00 p.m. We will also provide worship opportunities at Noon on the Thursdays of Lent starting on February 22. A light lunch will follow, donations to defray the food costs are appreciated.

FEBRUARY

14: Ash Wednesday Service

7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Lenten Small Group meetings begin
Childcare Available

22: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 pm, Worship w/Communion,
Sanctuary, Lunch to follow
MPPC Fellowship Hall

MARCH

1: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 pm at Palmetto Presbyterian
Church, Lunch to follow

8: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 pm, Worship w/Communion
Sanctuary, Lunch to follow
MPPC Fellowship Hall

15: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 pm, Sunrise Presbyterian
Church, Lunch to follow

22: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12 pm, Worship w/Communion
Sanctuary, Lunch to follow
MPPC Fellowship Hall

UPCOMING CONCERTS

Your Fine Arts Ministry is hard at work. You'll want to mark your calendars now for:

The Charleston Symphony Orchestra String Quartet

Friday, February 16, 7 pm

The Muskingum University Choir and Wind Ensemble

Sunday, March 4, 3 pm

Andrew Tyson

Young Concert Artist Pianist

Friday, April 27, 7 pm



Contemporary Worship Sundays, 11:15 am Fellowship Hall

On 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.



Lowcountry Snow

The Lowcountry Snow we had on Wednesday, January 3, was the third largest recorded snowfall in Charleston's history. Depending on where you live, Mount Pleasant received between 4 to 4.5" of snow (a bit more in some parts)! Lynn McCants snapped these photos of our beautiful Sanctuary as the magnificent snowflakes were falling. The office was closed due to icy roads for two days. We did manage to build a snowman before it was back to work on Friday.



Steve Day
Executive Director

MPPC Mid-Year Report

Thank you for what you do at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. You are an important part of growing our ministry initiatives that support following God's call in our lives, our community and in the world. The mid-year review (at right) shows the impact this great community of faith is having on our mission to go and make disciples. Our great God is certainly pouring His blessings through each of you with your time, talent and treasure. God is awesome and so are you! Please continue to lift our church in prayer as we follow Him. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Steve Day (sday@mppc.net or 843.884.4612).

Peace,
Steve



Jason Pedeaux
Organist, Assoc. Dir. of Music

THE **Village**
CONCERT SERIES

Fine Arts News

Village Concert Series: Charleston Symphony Orchestra Quartet

The 2017-2018 season of the Village Concert Series continues on Friday evening, February 16. This second concert of the season will feature members of the Charleston Symphony Orchestra in a concert of music for string Quartet. The performers will be Yuriy Bekker and Micah Gangwer, violins; Jan-Marie Joyce, viola; and Norbert Lewandowski, cello. The program will consist of string quartets by Haydn and Schubert. Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss this evening of wonderful chamber music performed by some of the finest musicians in Charleston.

MPPC MID-YEAR REPORT

July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

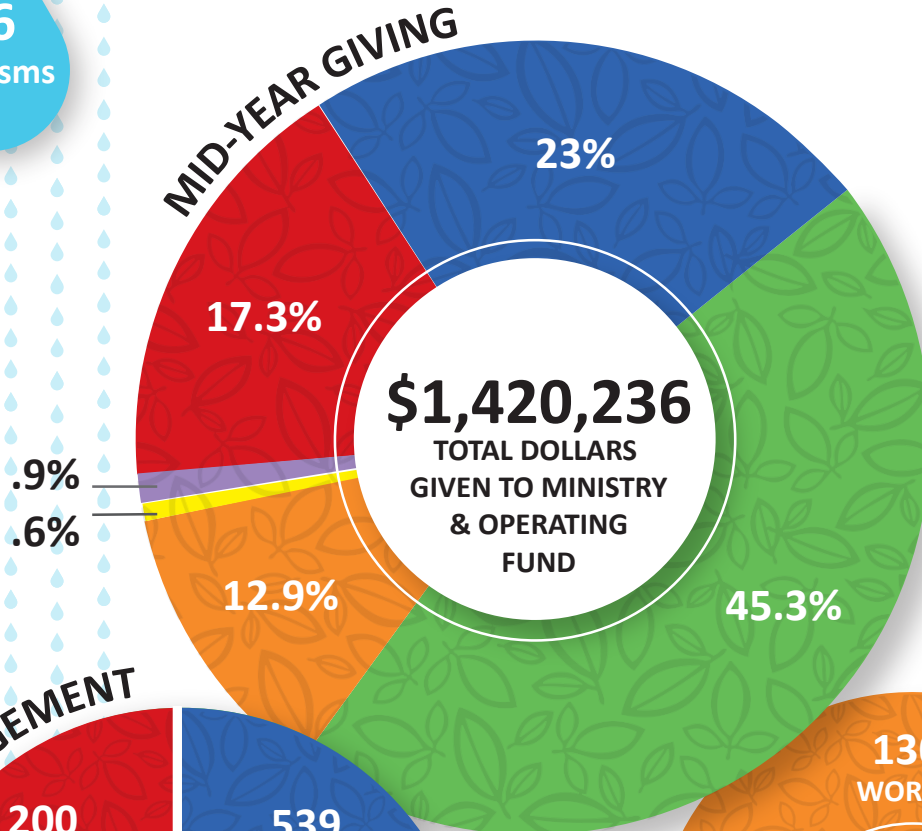
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80% of our MID-YEAR INCOME

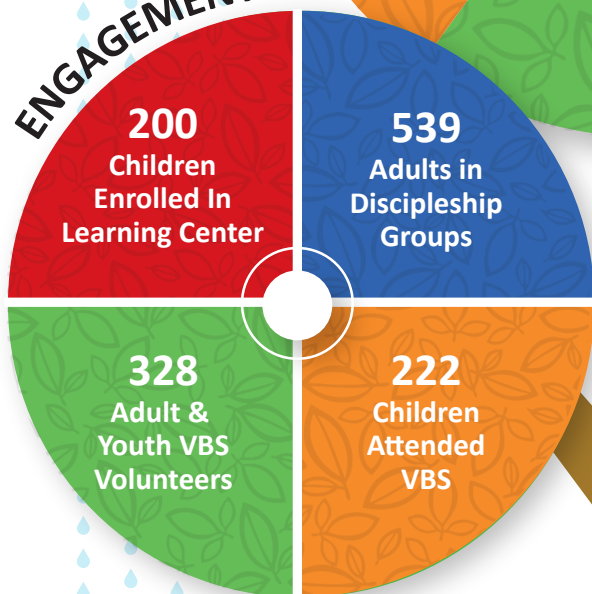
MID-YEAR GENEROSITY DETAILS

Giving Units	Giving Amount
397	Under \$500
152	\$501 - \$1,000
202	\$1,001 - \$3,000
113	\$3,001 - \$10,000
8	\$10,001 - \$20,000
5	\$20,000 & Above
877	Total Giving Units

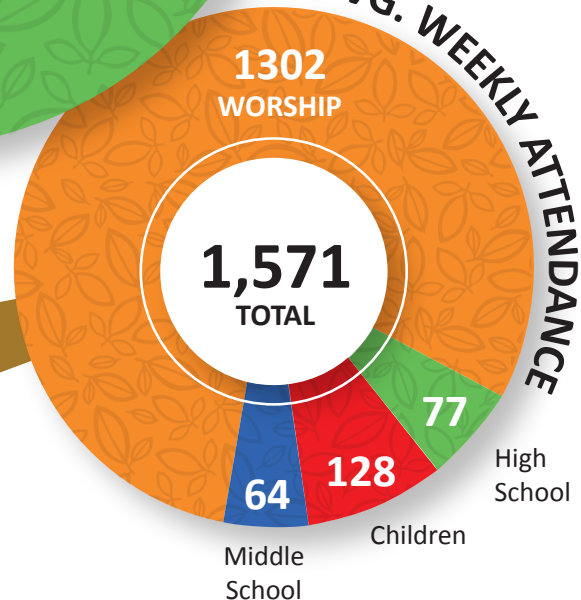
MID-YEAR GIVING



ENGAGEMENT



AVG. WEEKLY ATTENDANCE



HOLIDAY ATTENDANCE

2,223: EASTER SUNDAY

2,526: CHRISTMAS EVE



36
Baptisms

20
Mission
Partners

37
Mission Trip
Participants
Youth & Adults

46
New
Members

FROM MEMBERSHIP TO

Discipleship



Beth Moore
Director of Hope House

Challenges & Changes

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
– Philippians 4:13

2018 is only a month old. Yet already it has presented us with challenges. Not the least of which was the near record snowstorm that shut down much of the Charleston area for a couple of days.

The Hope House though remained open for those guests who managed to get back after visiting loved ones in area hospitals. We were blessed that no pipes burst (Caretakers made sure the faucets were dripping) and the power stayed on in the bitter cold.

In the coming weeks you will notice this historic house undergoing a dramatic change. The old roof is coming off and a brand new one installed! Much of the work is scheduled to be done during the day, while the guests are away.

What a perfect way to celebrate the **EIGHTH anniversary** of Hope House. More than **1,500 people** have passed through its doors, seeking a safe haven, a place to recharge during a most trying time...and finding comfort and comradery with other guests in this Christ-centered, temporary home away from home. Many leave messages like this:

"Thank you so much for your hospitality and prayers. God's presence is definitely here and may He continue to bless this house and all it stands for." – T.M.

"This house was a refuge for me. I felt God's presence as soon as I walked in." – P.Y.

We constantly marvel at the strength, faith and courage of our guests. And we give thanks to all of you, the members and staff of MPPC, who continue to support this mission.



ADOPT-A-DAY @ HOPE HOUSE

FEBRUARY

2: In Memory of Bob's parents, Bob and Betty King, given by Bob and Linda King.

12: In Honor of Carla Gilman, given by Madeleine, Joe, Jack, and Peter Davis.

14: In Honor of the members of MPPC who are serving on search committees and committing much time and energy to secure new ministers, given by Dick and Susanne Query.

28: In Honor of Beth Moore, on her leap year birthday, given by the Hope House Ministry Team.

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.

Hibben Cold Weather Shelter Opportunities to Serve (nights 34° & below)

The Shelter is in great need of gently used slacks and jeans for their guests. Consider that we all have both men's and women's slacks and jeans that we don't wear any longer. Please bring any you can part with to our Mission's donations box in the Grace Hall lobby. The Shelter is also seeking volunteers for both trained and untrained assistance with meals, for bed setup or takedown, and for over-night or partial overnight supervisors on nights when open. For more information, contact Jim Custer (custerjim@gmail.com).

Clean Your Closet & Share Gently Used Jeans & Slacks



OYSTER ROAST

January 31, Gold Bug Island

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MPPC EASTER LILIES

The cost of each lily is \$15. Available for pick up after the 11:15 am Easter service.

Order by March 19 (before 4:30 pm)
mppc.net/lily

Order online or fill out this form and do ONE of the following:

- Put it in an offering envelope, label it "LILIES", and place it in the offering plate.
- Bring the completed form to the church office.
- Mail the form to: MPPC, 302 Hibben Street, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Please print legibly:

Number of Lilies You Want to Give: _____

Given By: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

Would you like this gift to be anonymous? _____



Pancake Supper Feb. 13

**Simply Supper
on Tuesday!**

**5:00 – 6:30 pm
Fellowship Hall**

**Register Online
mppc.net > calendar
Pay online, in the office
or at the door.**



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