

Very truly, I tell you,
I am the gate for the sheep...
Whoever enters by me will be saved...
— John: 7-9

**Mount Pleasant
Presbyterian Church**

Lenten Worship & Events

February 11-March 29

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Holy Week Begins March 25



Rev. Dr. Danny Massie
Interim Pastor



The Lenten Dilemma

One of my favorite artists is a famous Dutch and Flemish Renaissance painter by the name of Pieter Bruegel the Elder, not to be confused with his two sons, Pieter Brueghel the Younger and Jan Brueghel the Elder (both of whom were notable artists in their own right). His landscapes, biblical depictions and peasant scenes from the 1600s are mesmerizing and informative. They reveal some of the sensitivities of those who had embraced the recent Protestant Reformation in the Low Countries of Europe. (If I am still among you come December I will surely mention his "Census at Bethlehem" where Joseph and Mary are almost lost amid the chaos and activities of a small village in the Middle Ages. The message: It is still easy to miss the significance of Jesus' birth in the midst of so much holiday activity.)

But the Bruegel painting I have in mind for the current season is "The Fight Between Carnival and Lent." Again, we see the chaos and activity of a small village in Europe. On the right side of the painting is a medieval church surrounded by observant worshippers and

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Welcome to MPPC Live!

March 2018

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obedient children. Alms are being given. This is the overtly religious side of life. On the other side of the work beside an inn there is revelry and celebration and excesses of food and drink. Bruegel depicts the dilemma Protestants have always had when it comes to the season of Lent.

Traditionally we Protestants have been suspicious of many rituals observed by our Catholic friends and have wondered what is appropriate and what is not. And we are torn frankly between the excesses and extremes of both fasting and feasting, of Fat Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Is self-denial or celebration in order? Do we give up or take on something for Lent? Do we pretend for forty days that we do not know that Jesus is the risen and reigning Lord, the giver of life abundant and eternal? Or do we focus on his bitter suffering and painful death for which our sins are responsible? Must it be one or the other? Could it be both? I think so.

A balanced life and a balanced faith makes room for both sentiments and seasons. In faith and in life there is sorrow and joy, sparsity and abundance, self-denial and pleasure. Yes, we are journeying to a cross this Lent, but the road ends, lest we forget, at an empty tomb.

I pray that you will have a balanced journey in your Lenten observance this year.

Image, The Fight Between Carnival and Lent, Pieter Bruegel the Elder, ca 1559 PD|100 via Wikimedia Commons

Danny

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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. 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), Jack Evans (john.evans.iii@morganstanley.com), Julia Royall, Laura Dozier, Christian Blackburn (youth), Caroline Cochran, Fred Crawford, Scott Douty 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 are 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 completed reviewing the Personal Information Forms of many interested candidates, and we are interested in having members of the congregation refer candidates to us. We are deciding now which candidates we would like to interview. Our team asks that the congregation pray for us as we discern who it is God is calling to be our next Associate Pastor.

Director of Christian Education (DCE)

Chair: Andi White-Bogan (whiteand@muscd.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, 33 candidates have expressed interest, five were found to meet the minimum requirements, Skype interviews have been conducted with two and they will have face to face interviews. Applications will be accepted through March 2 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.

Member Care Report

BIRTHS

Harris Louise Eargle, daughter of Sarah & Austin Eargle (DG #28), Jan. 30.
Hadley Jane O'Neal, daughter of Stephanie & William O'Neal (DG #69), Jan. 31.

DG - Deacon Group

DEATHS

Alberta Quattlebaum, aunt of Julia Royall (DG #21), Dec. 30, 2017.
Lee Davis, brother of Maryanne Davis (DG #48), Jan. 3.
Beulah Haselden, grandmother of Tresey Mellichamp (DG #51), Jan. 5.

*DG - Deacon Group

BAPTISMS

Jack Tiller Bullwinkel, Feb. 4; **Harrison Greene French**, Feb. 18;
James Emerson Beech, Feb. 18; **Jefferson Brody Bates**, Feb. 25
Wells Brooks Duffey, Feb. 25

WEDDINGS at MPPC

Jasmine Otero and Brad Dutton, Feb. 3
Courtney Herring and David Anderson, Jr., Feb. 10
Virginia Garrett and Chris Trusk, Feb. 24

ENDOWMENT

In HONOR of

Rev. Charles and Caryl Elliott, given by Dorothy Anne Bowers.
Rev. Tom Herrington, given by Dorothy Anne Bowers.
Ilse A. White, given by Patrick O'Neil.

In MEMORY of

Mr. Claude I. Moore, Sr., given by Tim and Tina Sease.

RECENT GIFTS

In HONOR of

CHAD SMITH, gifts were presented to Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church by Caroline Smith.

HOPE HOUSE

Gifts were presented to the Hope House by Jeff & Avis Griffith, Brent & Angie Lawson, Gene & Karen Talbot, Anonymous, and Deborah Brooker.

In HONOR of

Miff Cone, given by William Henesy.
Carla Gilman, given by Madeleine, Joe, Jack & Peter Davis.

In MEMORY of

Bosie Carter, given by Circle 4, Gary & Linda Hayden, Alice & Richard Weil, Ginny Fields, Gerald & Nancy Hall, Paul & Diane McDermott, Douglas & Beth Carnes, Suzanne & Dick Query, and Katharine Bloder.



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Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

Join us as we welcome

Our New Members

*Who became part of the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church family
February 18, 2018*



Ike (Norman) and Leanna Boatwright join MPPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. They reside in Mt. Pleasant with their son, Isaac (2).



Lloyd Fox joins MPPC by Transfer from First Christian Church, Napa, GA. He resides in Mt. Pleasant.



Douglas (Doug) and Elizabeth (Betsy) Fraser join MPPC by Reaffirmation of Faith. They reside in Mt. Pleasant with their two daughters, Anna (6) and Charlotte (3).



Peter and Gwenyth (Gwen) Hemmers join MPPC by Transfer from Congregational Church of New Canaan, CT. They reside in Mt. Pleasant.



David and Linda Kay join MPPC by Transfer from Santee Presbyterian Church, Santee, SC. They reside in Mt. Pleasant.



Kevin and Suzanne Lewis join MPPC by Transfer from First (Scots) Presbyterian Church. They reside in Charleston with their son, Sam (9) and daughter, Sarah (8).



Harry and Patricia Olsen join MPPC by Transfer from Central Presbyterian Church, Summit, NJ. They reside in Mt. Pleasant.



Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Learning Center

Mary Ruth Starr

Director of MPPC Learning Center

We show our teachers and staff how much they are appreciated in March during Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week on March 5-9. We love to show them how much we care for them and this is a time to thank them for loving all our children. Thank you teachers and staff!

We also take spring photos on March 13th and 14th outdoors. So get those Easter outfits ready!

We have a great time at the Learning Center celebrating St. Patrick's Day and everything green and gold! And glittery too!

We also prepare our students to understand what Holy Week is about and Easter.

We hope everyone has a wonderful break with their family and we will see you again in April!

HAPPY SPRING

Well, almost!

Spring Photos: March 13 & 14

Spring Break: March 30 - April 8

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, 843-856-2020).



Rev. Kim Trimboli
Interim Associate Pastor

Kim's Korner

In February we baptized several babies, promising them and their parents that we would guide and nurture them in knowing and growing in the knowledge and love of Christ. Some of the ways MPPC fulfilled this promise was with our recognition of the first graders who had completed their six-week course on worship, the presentation of Bibles to third graders, and the welcome of new members to the life of the church.

Yet none of these events is "graduation" from the need to be nurtured and guided in our knowledge of the Word as presented to us through the words of scripture. Yet how do we approach our Bibles to seek continuing understanding of the messages of scripture to our hearts and lives?

In April, your pastoral staff: Danny, Tom, and I will be leading a three-week series for Night School about how Presbyterians approach a study of scripture. We'll talk about how our engagement with the Bible will help us to continue to deepen our knowledge and love of Christ.

More details will be in the next edition of the Pelican, so look for those, but go ahead and mark your calendar now to join us on April 11, 18, and 25!

Peace,

Kim



The MPPC Learning Center Diaper drive was a HUGE success. We donated 5,611 diapers (goal: 4,000) to be given to the Junior League of Charleston for distribution to their partners who have families in need. Thank you to all who contributed!



Empowered to Lead (E2L)

“Give a man a fish, and you feed him for a day. Teach a man to fish, and you feed him for a lifetime.”

Many of us are familiar with that ancient Chinese proverb. But what if it were possible to extend its relevance from a single individual to an entire community? We are happy to report that this “what if” has become a reality.

Empowered to Lead (E2L) is a collaboration between MPPC and Daystar University in Nairobi, Kenya focused on creating long-term, transformational change in Kenyan communities struggling to overcome persistent challenges in economic well-being, public health and/or education. The collaboration involves Daystar University graduate students returning to their own villages and communities, working alongside community leaders to execute competitively-selected, multi-year community development projects. Daystar University provides the mentoring and oversight for the students throughout their project; we at MPPC provide resources for infrastructure and other costs critical to overall project success. E2L’s first project completed in the spring of 2017. By every

measure it was a resounding success. Planning currently is underway to identify the next E2L project!

From Daystar’s website:

“Daystar University was founded on the principle of nurturing servant leaders for the transformation of Church and Society. We strongly believe that real transformation (social, political or economic) can only be achieved by having the right people in place; people who, have the moral and ethical maturity needed to propagate a just society.”

Our church has been engaged with Daystar University for years. First by providing scholarship support for Daystar students. These scholarships provide an opportunity for sponsored students to receive a high quality, Christ focused education. And now Daystar, with E2L support, helps these graduates put their education to work to make a difference for the betterment of their home communities.

The first E2L Team traveled to Kenya in 2014 finding Daystar true to its mission of developing servant leaders. After meeting with university faculty, MPPC decided to move forward, sponsoring a community de-

Join Our Kenya Team



Our Kenyan E2L Team is seeking excited volunteers from our congregation to join us in this wonderful work. If you feel a call to service in this ministry, please contact a team member: Russ Keller, Elizabeth Amory, Paula & Jim Custer, & Chris Sarkowski
We would love to have you join us!



velopment project, and awarding a grant to a recent graduate whose home village, Kitale, was 230+ miles from Nairobi.

Our church approved the project to address three complementary initiatives within the Kitale community:

- Construct greenhouses on a community farm. The goal was to grow cash crops for sale in local markets and distribute proceeds from the sales proportional to the community member's individual involvement.
- Plant tree seedlings on local farms to provide the community with near-term value as a local food source and to sale mature seedlings to large nurseries. And, the long-term value; planting the seedlings for future sale to the timber industry and for future carbon credits from the Kenyan Government in support of national reforestation goals.
- Provide an educational component that would engage the local primary school, focused on environmental sustainability, with an additional emphasis placed on personal hygiene for disease control.

In February 2017 members from MPPC traveled to Kenya to review the results of this ground-breaking project. After seeing the impact of the initial project for ourselves, and through the eyes of the local elders, villagers and primary school students, we felt a strong calling to continue the work E2L has begun and to explore how one or more follow-up projects might proceed.



Thornwell is one of our mission partners that provides a variety of residential and community based services offering hope, healing, and wholeness to children in need and their families. Below are several letters of thanksgiving that we'd like to share with you.

November 9, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thanks to Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, children and families in need will be able to enjoy this festive time of year, despite their traumatic past. You truly provide safe and loving homes for children at a time in their lives when they need it the most.

And sadly, for many of our children in the cottages, the first Thanksgiving meal they enjoy at Thornwell is usually the first one they've ever had. It's no surprise since many of the children have grown up not knowing where their next meal is coming from.

Your gift provides food, warmth, and care for children who have never had such food, warmth, and care in their lives. It's what most of us take for granted during this time of year. Your continued support helps Thornwell take care of children in our cottages but also helps improve homelife for families throughout Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina with our Building Families program. Thank you for putting children and families first.

Would you pray for our children? Weekly, we email a list of prayer needs for our children and family teachers. If you would like to participate, visit thornwell.org/pray.

With Gratitude for All You Do,

Sarah Gray
Vice President for Mission Advancement

MPPC Contribution: \$250 - Given in Glory to God and in Honor of the Ministry of MPPC.

December 15, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Brady was placed at Thornwell earlier this year. Before he arrived, his mother lost her home, so he didn't know where he would be living or where his next meal would come from.

Thanks to you, he is now cared for and in a safe place he can call home. Your gift helps pay for everyday essentials like food and clothes for kids like Brady. You also provide tutoring sessions to help them succeed in school, and therapy sessions to they can overcome their traumatic pasts.

Your gift also helps children and families throughout South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida improve their lives at home. Like Brady, these families face challenges that are difficult to overcome alone. You make it possible for these families to overcome their challenges. Thank you! We look forward to sharing more stories of the children and families you helped with your gift.

May God bless you and your family during the holiday season!

With Gratitude for All You Do,

The Rev. Elliot M. Smith
President

MPPC Contribution: \$1,935.50 received on 12/11/2017



Glenn Hair
Director of Finance

Get to Know Glenn, Our New Director of Finance

I am a Charleston native having been born at Roper Hospital in Charleston, SC on March 20, 1959 (1st day of Spring!). I've lived most of my life in North Charleston and attended North Charleston Elementary and High School (*Go Blue Devils!*, Class of 1977). I received my accounting degree (B.S.) from Baptist College at Charleston (now Charleston Southern University) with a double minor in English and Criminal Justice.

I'm currently single and have been blessed with three amazing children: April (38), Justin (28), and Rebecca (15); and three grandchildren from April: Amya-17, Mikayla (16), Mekhi (16). My passion is volunteering, mission trips, walking the bridge, worship music, and watching Rebecca play volleyball on her travel and high school teams. I have been a member of Seacoast Church for 11 years after moving there from Remount Road Baptist Church. I was raised in Cooper River Baptist Church.

Thank you all for such an amazing welcome. I am so excited for the opportunity to be a blessing to everyone at MPPC. PLEASE feel free to stop by and introduce yourself!

Blessings,

Glenn



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 (next page) 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, 843-884-4612).

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 **"2017 Contribution Statement"** (**See Graphic Below**)
- 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.

The screenshot shows the MyMPPC Giving interface. At the top, there's a blue header with 'Giving' and a search bar. Below that, a yellow banner reads 'NEW: Conveniently access your 2017 giving statement.' with a red arrow pointing to a button labeled '2017 Contribution Statement'. The button is circled in red. Below the banner, there are tabs for '+ Give', '+ Pledge', 'Giving' (selected), and 'Scheduled'. There are also filters for 'Year to date' and 'Nondeductible'. A 'Dismiss' button is visible near the bottom right of the banner area.

MPPC MID-YEAR REPORT

July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

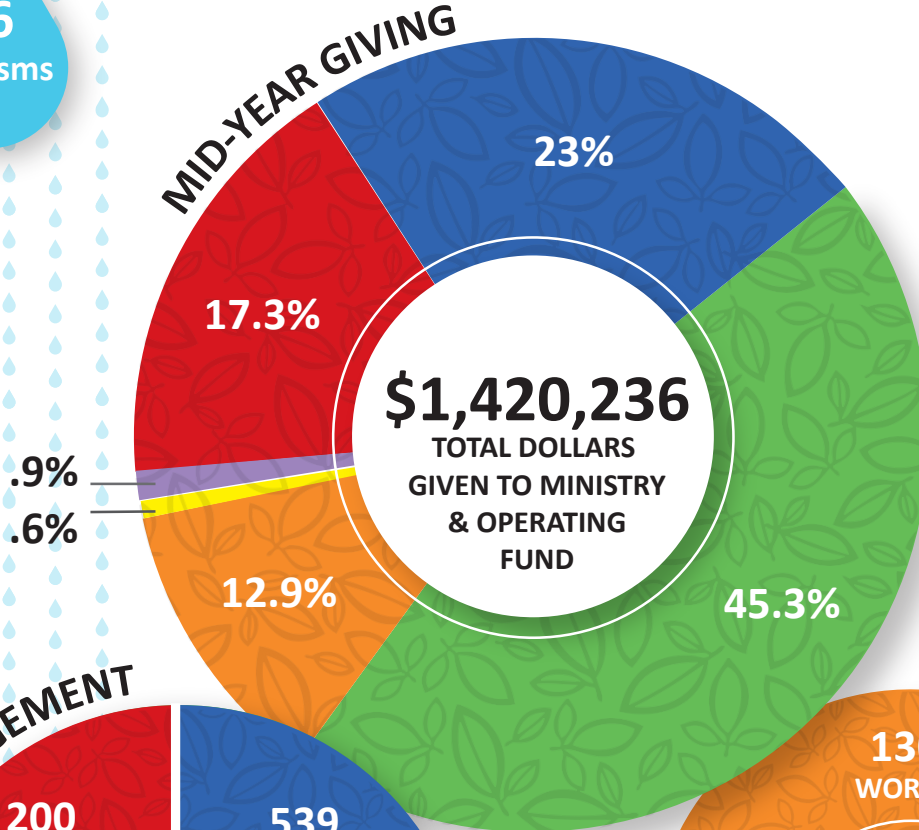
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27% of GIVERS PROVIDED
80% of our MID-YEAR INCOME

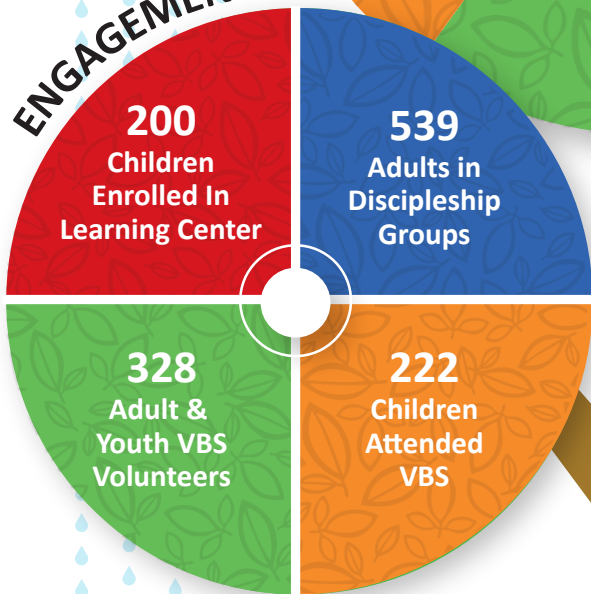
MID-YEAR GENEROSITY DETAILS

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

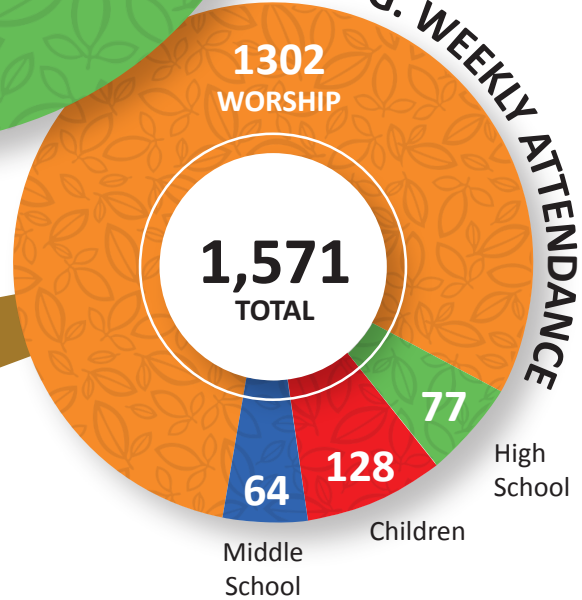
MID-YEAR GIVING



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

Easter Worship

April 1

7:00, 8:15, 9:45 & 11:15 am

He is Risen



Barbara Loehr-Fox
Director of Music Ministries

As we continue our Lenten journey be sure to note the special worship opportunities of the season. The Lenten Worship and Lunch Series on Thursdays at noon gives us time to stop in the middle of our busy schedules to worship and reflect on the life and death of Christ. We have joined forces with two of our sister churches this year. See items marked **NEW**.

Palm & Easter Sunday:

Check-In Kiosk for Children

All children, birth through 12th grade, are checked in through the Grace Hall Check-In Kiosks. In preparation for these two Sundays, please familiarize yourself with the check-in process. If you are new to MyMPPC, please request a log-in at mppc.net/mymppc-questions.

LENT

MARCH

1: Lenten Worship & Lunch

NEW: 12:00 pm, at Palmetto Presbyterian Church, 1720 Carolina Park Blvd (Hwy 17N) Communion service with musical leadership by Crystal Cassels, pianist
Lunch to follow

8: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12:00 pm, Worship, MPPC Sanctuary
Communion service with musical leadership by Charlton Singleton, jazz trumpeter
Lunch to follow, Fellowship Hall

15: Lenten Worship & Lunch

NEW: 12:00 pm, at Sunrise Presbyterian Church, 3222 Middle St., Sullivan's Island
Communion service with musical leadership by Matthew Parker. Lunch to follow

22: Lenten Worship & Lunch

12:00 pm, Worship, MPPC Sanctuary
Communion service with musical leadership by Christopher Teves, classical guitarist
Lunch to follow, Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK

25: Palm Sunday*

Palm frond tradition

29: Maundy Thursday Worship*

7:00 pm, Sanctuary
Maundy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. We combine the remembrance of the Last Supper in which Christ gave us a new commandment to love one another as he

loved us with a Tenebrae Service of lights and songs commemorating the betrayal, crucifixion and death of Christ. The Adult choir is lead in worship with St. John's Passion by John Ferguson.

30: Good Friday Prayer Vigil

7:00 am – 7:00 pm, Sanctuary

30: Good Friday Ecumenical Prayer Walk

3:00 pm, Sanctuary

Refreshments to follow, Fellowship Hall
leaving from the steps of MPPC at 3 pm.

This walk combines some of our churches in the Old Village on a walk which remembers Christ's crucifixion and death through scripture and song.

31: Easter Egg Hunt

10:00 am, Church Street

Visit our website in case of inclement weather, or sign up to receive text alerts (email name/telephone number to jpassmore@mppc.net).

EASTER

APRIL

1: Easter Sunday Worship*

7:00 & 8:15 am – Sanctuary

9:45 am, Sanctuary (Overflow, Fellowship Hall)

No Sunday School

11:15 am – Traditional, Sanctuary

Contemporary "The Net," Fellowship Hall

Resurrection of the Lord Sunday – the most glorious and well attended Sunday of the church year.

**Childcare is available*



Jason Pedeaux
Organist, Assoc. Dir. of Music



Fine Arts News

On Friday evening, February 16, The Charleston Symphony Orchestra String Quartet (above) presented a wonderful concert of music by Haydn and Schubert. The musicians were Yuriy Bekker and Micah Gangwer, violins; Jan Marie Joyce, viola; and Norbert Lewandowski, cello.

Village Concert Finale

On Friday evening, April 27 at 7 pm in the Sanctuary, the Village Concert Series will present its final concert of the 2017-2018 season. Prize-winning pianist Andrew Tyson will perform. He made his orchestral debut at the age of 15 with the Guilford Symphony as winner of the Eastern Music Festival Competition. After early studies with Dr. Thomas Otten of the University of North Carolina, he attended the Curtis Institute of Music, where he worked with Claude Frank. He later earned his Master's degree and Artist Diploma at The Juilliard School with Robert McDonald, where he won the Gina Bachauer Piano Competition and received the Arthur Rubinstein Prize in Piano. Make plans now to attend!

Youth Choir News

On Sunday, March 4, the youth choir and handbells of First Presbyterian Church, Myrtle Beach will join our youth choir in the 11:15 Sanctuary service. The two youth choirs will join together to sing the anthem, and the bell choir will play the prelude and offertory. Following worship, we will all go to lunch together. I hope you will join us for this very special service.



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.



Beth Moore
Director of Hope House



One guest's Message of Inspiration and Hope

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. — Isaiah 41:10

At Hope House you can find several places where guests can take time to pray, reflect, even write down their thoughts and concerns. One is a little area upstairs, near the guest rooms.

Among the recent entries, this one – written to the other guests. It reads in part:

"This home will inspire you; you will hear of some wonderful recoveries. You will also be faced with some sad stories. So just open your heart and listen when someone needs to open up and tell you of their misfortune.

On Sundays, there are three services at the Hope House church (MPPC). Try and attend – you will feel better. We all pray for each other.

Some will heal, some won't. We cannot predict the future. So take each day and use it to its fullest, for no one knows what tomorrow will bring.

As my husband lay hopelessly in the hospital in ICU, I blurted out the words, 'If you get better, I promise I will be nice to you every day.'

The friends from Hope House (guests and staff) are there for you. You can tell them your stories... it's OK to cry.

The Hope House is a warm and welcoming home. May God hold your hand, as He did mine, during your stay. And may your outcome be a good one. It may be a long road to recovery; so be patient and keep your prayers going.

God bless you, your family, and your friends (old and new). — D.F.

A later guest wrote: "I know when God looks down on this house, He smiles!" — B.T.

Our guests truly are the best measure of this ministry and all who participate in it. We pray for them, their families, and that this place may continue to provide comfort and peace for those in need.



ADOPT-A-DAY @ HOPE HOUSE

MARCH

3: In Honor of Dick Query on his birthday, given by Susanne.

14: In Honor of Christy Rowe on her birthday, given by Donna and Ken Widener.

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.

NEW Church Work Evening



Church Work Day on a Thursday evening. Come work around the church campus followed by a cookout.

**March 15 (5 -7 pm)
Register online by March 14: mppc.net > calendar**

For more information, contact Crystal Strickland at 843-478-1406 or (crystalastrickland@gmail.com).

Childcare provided upon request.



Julia Bailey
Administrative Assistant

Meet Julia, Our New Administrative Assistant

Hello Everybody! My name is Julia Bailey and I'm the new Education Administrative Assistant here at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church. I was born in Germany but raised in Mount Pleasant, so this place is home! I attended Anderson University for six years where I received my BS in International Business and Marketing and my Master of Business Administration. I love the Lowcountry so much! I am glad to be back here full time and I'm excited about being on this team at MPPC!

Julia



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MPPC Easter Egg Hunt!

Sat., March 31
10:00 am
Church Street

Hunt begins promptly at 10:15 am, in between the Sanctuary and Grace Hall.

Bring your basket and enjoy: egg hunting, jump castle, games, face painting, & decorating cookies

Now accepting donations:
candy, stickers, small toys
(by 3-26 in the church office)

Questions or to Volunteer?
Contact: jbailey@mppc.net



Souper Bowl of Caring empowers youth and unites communities on the day of The Big Game to help those in need by working to fight hunger in local communities across the country. By selling soup and collecting donations, MPPC youth raised \$1,408.31! That money will be donated to ONE80 Place where they will use it to feed and house those in need.



Amy Thomas
Director of Children's Ministries

First Grade Luncheon

We finished our six-week first grade worship program with over 30 children.

One of the things we know about faith formation for children is that it begins in the home. Children model what they see. You (the parents) are the primary teachers, we (the church) partner with you to equip the parents with the tools needed to share the faith. So James Fowler in his book, *Stages of Faith*, writes about the first stage of undifferentiated faith-this is where children begin to learn from others which is why we have this program in first grade. We hope to see them worshipping and asking questions about worship with their families.

We concluded this educational experience with a wonderful celebratory luncheon for the first graders and their families.

Third Graders Presented Bibles

On February 18th, we gave the third graders a special gift from their church family: a Bible. By the time children are in third grade, we recognize that they are becoming proficient readers and we want them to have their very own copy of the Bible – God's Word – so they can begin to read it for themselves. We hope they will treasure this book and dig into all of the stories.

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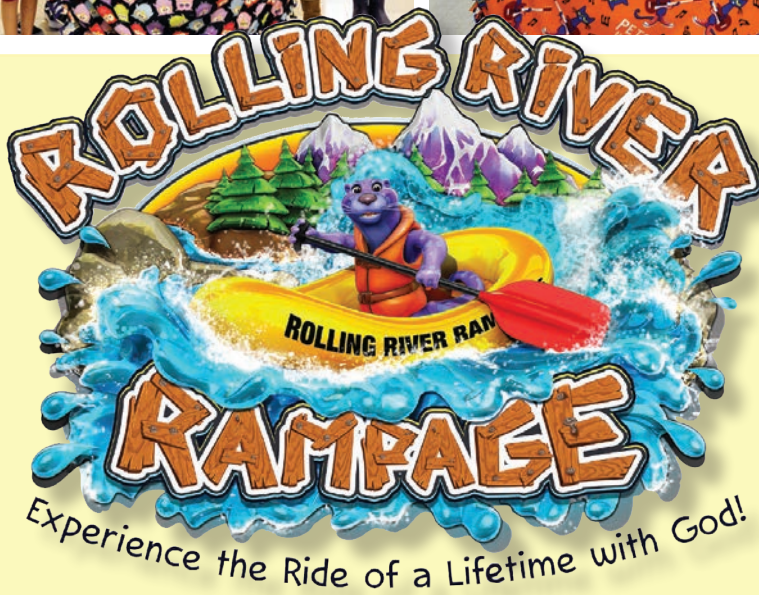
"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." — John 13:34-35

Daddy Daughter Dance >

We had our Daddy Daughter Dance on February 2nd with 160 people in attendance. The proceeds from this wonderful night benefit East Cooper Habitat for Humanity.

Tweens' No Sew Blankets

We had our third "tween" event (4th & 5th graders) at youth group a few weeks ago. This has proved to be a great way to transition into Middle school youth activities. We made no-sew blankets for the family center at One80 Place (photos below). The youth and tweens made 11 blankets for the center. They had competitions to see which table could finish first. See more photos on facebook.com/mtpleasantpres.



Vacation Bible School 2018

June 18-21

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

mppc.net > Calendar

General registration begins March 12th.

Join us for a "wild ride" down the Rolling River Rampage for 2018 VBS!!! Experience the ride of a lifetime with God. We look forward to an exciting summer! Stay tuned for more details.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Thomas (athomas@mppc.net or 884-4612).





DADDY*daughter***DANCE**

February 2, 2018

More Photos: facebook.com/mtpleasantpres





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

Order by March 19
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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

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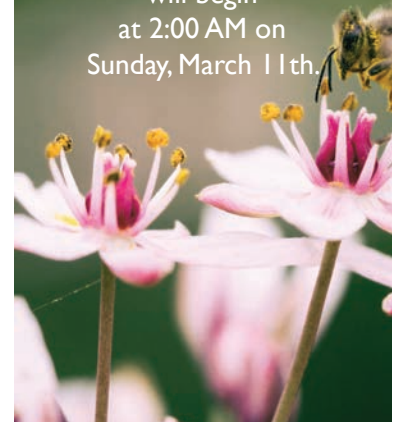
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Spring Forward

one hour
Saturday night
on March 10th.

Daylight saving time
will begin
at 2:00 AM on
Sunday, March 11th.



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