



Mount Pleasant
Presbyterian Church

SUMMER
Worship
May 26–Sept. 1
9:00 & 10:30
mppc.net



Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Pastor & Head of Staff

Engagement

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, [Jesus] saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-20, NRSV)

These days, many congregations (including ours) are struggling with questions of “engagement.” As churches notice dips in attendance, volunteerism, and pledging, we are all trying to find new ways to get people more actively engaged in ministry. Within our Presbyterian tradition, involvement in the life of the church has always been seen as “a joy and a privilege” on the one hand, and “a commitment” on the other. Enjoying the privileges of faith and engaging the duties of faith are two sides of one coin. “A faithful member,” our *Book of Order* says, “promises to be involved responsibly in the ministry of Christ’s Church” (G-1.0304).

The decision to engage is as old as the church itself. When Jesus called the first disciples on a shoreline in Galilee, Peter and Andrew were at work. They were fishermen, and they worked hard every day just to keep their families fed and a roof over their heads. In a subsistence economy, fishermen did not just abandon their nets on a whim and leave them in a wet, sandy heap. But that is exactly what they did. Although the NRSV says that they “left” their nets to follow Jesus, the Greek word for “left” has a more nuanced connotation that is lost in the English translation. The very same word is used in other parts of the Bible to describe the premature end of a marriage. So, when Matthew says Peter and Andrew left their nets behind, the evangelist is actually saying that they divorced their nets. They abandoned them, forsook them, cut them off, and walked away. There was never an option to just commit a little bit to Jesus, but then go back to work. The decision to follow Jesus was a decision to go “all in,” even if it meant leaving a great deal behind.

God may not be calling you to take a leave of absence from your job as Peter and Andrew did. But God is calling us all to engage. In the life of faith, the greatest blessings follow the greatest commitments, and the most fulfilling spiritual journeys are reserved for those who are willing to engage with their whole selves. In this Eastertide, may we as individuals, and as a congregation, commit ourselves to new levels of engagement in Christ’s Church... and dare to discover where God may be leading us next.

Blessings and peace,

May 2019

Connect With Us

SUNDAYS

Worship: 8:15 & 9:45 AM, Sanctuary
11:15 AM, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall (The Net)
Sunday School: 9:45 am (All Ages)
Fellowship Breakfast
9:00 – 11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall
Childcare
Available during every service, Seabrook
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Sermons

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SUMMER WORSHIP

May 26 – Sept. 1

9:00 AM Traditional Worship & Sunday School
10:30 AM Traditional Worship & The Net

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adults

Adult & Youth: Please view the online [church calendar](#) for summer details.

Children

Beginning on Memorial Day weekend with the summer schedule, the Sunday school classes will be as follows:

- Rising 2K & 3K in Seabrook 102
- Rising 4K in Seabrook 100
- Rising 5K and 1st Grade in Seabrook 203
- Rising 2nd and 3rd Grades in Seabrook 204
- Rising 4th and 5th Grades in Seabrook 208

Volunteers

Summer is a great time to test the waters of Sunday school leadership. The curriculum will continue to be Deep Blue consisting of Bible stories, activity sheets, and a DVD message. Now what we need are volunteers to help guide the classroom discussions and activities.

You may be thinking:

- *About volunteering to teach in the fall / Yes, please test the waters in the summer, it's warm*
- *There's no way I could guide our children / You already are by being present in their lives*
- *This is not my "cup of tea" / Just try it, you might like it*
- *I'm not qualified / Of course you are, Jesus tells us to "make disciples of all people"*
- *Been there, done that / Awesome, you're experienced*

There's NO ongoing commitment required during the summer. Simply sign up for the day you would like to teach.

Materials will be sent to you the week before so you can get familiar with the topic and arrive with a smile to greet the children. Plus, you won't be alone as there will be two leaders for each Sunday. Take just a moment to look at your calendar, select a date, and [click this link](#) (mppc.net/events) to sign up! Just wait, you're going to have FUN!

Worship

Confirmation Sunday: May 5

Blue Confirmation Group

Leaders: Shannon Hagood and Jeff Taylor

Abby Bailey	Isabelle Flynn
Luke Bishop	McPhail Herring
Connor Branham	Isabella Hurd
Thomas Buxton	Olivia Segui
Destiny Craft	Owen Sharp
Ellison Driggers	

Yellow Confirmation Group

Leaders: Stephanie Bynum and TJ DeDuca

Hannah Bilbro	Louisa Shapiro
Sam Delongchamps	Baker Story
Anne Edens	McRae Wallace
Will Hathaway	Gardner Watson
Jack Jordan	Anna Hunter Woods
Lilah Scott	

Skrek Confirmation Group

Leaders: Jane Parker, Missy & Jim Westerhold

Samantha Brown	David Jessup
Sarah Courtney Cavatoni	Carson Kenner
Hunter Anne Cothran	Lowry Sisk
Emma Davis	Amelia Way
Connor Hagy	Madelyn Wood
Elizabeth Jackson	

Red Confirmation Group

Leaders: Michelle Darden and Travis Darden

Ramsey Dutton	Channing Smith
Elizabeth Ann Hautt	Meghan Sowers
Garrett Mayer	Eliza St. Laurent
Yelise Otero	Christian Streck
Mathew Pardieck	Austin Walton

Church Office Closed: May 27

VBS

VBS Volunteers & Donations

Houston, we are preparing for VBS launch to Mars and Beyond! We have a full load of participants, but still need volunteers to launch the ship and staff Command Central. This year's mission is with the E2L program in Kenya. We are raising money to support self-sustaining chicken farming for a community in Kenya. Every dollar buys one chicken that can be used to provide families with eggs and meat and eventually income through selling these goods in the local marketplace. Learn more about volunteer and donation opportunities at [mppc.net/events](#) or contact [Susan Dalton](#) (sdalton@mppc.net). Thank you for supporting our Mission to Mars and Beyond!



Hope House OPEN HOUSE: May 19

9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

The Hope House Ministry Team welcomes you to come see the much-needed improvements your gracious gifts have enabled us to make! For more information, contact [Beth Moore](#) (843-532-4892, bmoore@carolinaone.com).

The Blessings of Hope House

Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification. —Romans 15:2

Guests at Hope House often tell us what a blessing this ministry is. Those of us who volunteer realize WE are the ones who are blessed. Over and over again, we witness acts of selflessness and courage on the parts of the guests themselves.. helping fellow guests through a particularly difficult time, taking care of their laundry, fixing or bringing them meals, sometimes sharing their own stories of heartbreak or survival. They laugh together –cry together –pray together. Bonds are formed and friendships forged. While the Team Leaders and Caretakers are the faces of Hope House, so many others work tirelessly behind the scenes. Some bake treats or cook meals that can be stored in the freezer for guests to heat up after a long day at the hospital. Others tend to the gardens spring, summer, fall and winter.. or donate some of the comforting Prayer Shawls they knit or crochet for so many in need. Even the children at MPPC lend a hand, filling "Goodie Bags" with items a guest may have forgotten -plus a little bit of candy. And every month the Hope House Ministry receives donations, mainly from church members, through the Adopt-A-Day program to honor or memorialize someone near and dear to them. For more information, contact [Beth Moore](#) (843-532-4892, bmoore@carolinaone.com). Heartfelt thanks to all who lend your many talents to the guests at Hope House.

LAMB Bake Sale: May 19

Fellowship Hall, Between Services

Join the youth as they raise money to "Build a House in a Day" for their LAMB mission trip to Honduras this summer.

Staff



Dr. Dan Wiard
Director of Christian Education

On May 6, Dr. Dan Wiard (pronounced like Wired) will join our staff as Director of Christian Education.

Dan will be coming from Salisbury Presbyterian Church in Midlothian, VA where he has been serving as their DCE since 2013. Dan is an experienced Christian educator who is well known and highly regarded by his colleagues in his field. He has faithfully served churches in VA, PA, DE, SC, and NC. He has an earned doctorate in Educational Ministries (D.Ed.Min.) from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, GA; a Master of Arts in Christian Education from the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA; and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. Prior to earning his doctorate, Dan also had earned certification as a Certified Christian Educator. He is a member of the Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators and has been an APCE presenter and workshop leader.

As DCE, Dan's primary responsibilities will be threefold: 1. to work with the Session, pastors and lay teachers in planning, approving, overseeing and evaluating MPPC's adult educational offerings; 2. to lead and manage MPPC's three member team of children's and youth Christian educators; and 3. to work with the Director of the Learning Center to select, approve, and oversee the Christian education curricula for the preschool programs.

Dan's wife, Lynn, is also a Christian Educator. They have eight grown children and they also do foster parenting. They both enjoy outdoor activities. Dan enjoys biking and Lynn enjoys kayaking. They are a lovely couple and will be a great addition to our church.



Happy Anniversary

Please join the Personnel Committee as we celebrate Jennifer Passmore and Alexis Wright-Singleton for their five year anniversary on staff this month.

BIRTHS

Caroline Elizabeth Flandry, daughter of Meredith & Andrew Flandry (DG #76) and granddaughter of Susan Marus & Jack Smith (DG #22), March 18.

DEATHS

Mark Hubbard, MPPC Member, husband of Judy Hubbard (DG #25), father of Justin Hubbard (DG #75) & Cary Hubbard (DG #25), March 18.

Dallas Deer, MPPC Member, uncle of Douglas Mellichamp (DG #7), April 7.

Harold S. Walker, brother-in-law of Hugh Burgess (DG #34), March 2.

Mamie B. Thrower, sister of Hugh Burgess (DG #34), March 10.

Harriet Whitsett, aunt of Will Whitsett (DG #24), March 11.

James Wallace, father of Janet Deaver (DG #7), March 12.

Alston Laye, mother of Will Laye (DG #72), and cousin of Bobby Mozingo (DG #47) & Alex Mozingo (DG #4), March 13.

Judith Gault, mother of Thom Gault (DG #55), March 18.

M. Banks Lowry, brother of Rev. Jim Lowry, former MPPC Pastor. March 15. (Martha & Jim Lowry: 600 Carolina Village Rd, No 504, Hendersonville, NC 28792).

Annie Jane Kelley Langston, mother of Sally Warren, and grandmother of Parker & Annie Jane (DG #26), February 19.



AMOS Health & Hope

In October of 2016, a team of youth and adults from MPPC travelled to Nejapa, Nicaragua to meet with the leaders of AMOS Health & Hope to explore the possibility of a mission partnership. AMOS Health and Hope addresses the problems of poverty, disease and preventable deaths by improving the health and well-being of people who suffer from unjust conditions of poverty, AMOS responds to community-identified needs and then builds upon the strengths of the community by working alongside them in health, education and leadership development.

We travelled with leaders from AMOS to the rural communities of Rancho Pando and La Consulta We spent 3 days living in the community and were able to see first-hand how the AMOS model works in providing improvements to the overall health of the community through programs such as water purification and health clinics that are operated and staffed by trained health promoters from within the community.

We have stayed in close contact with AMOS over the past couple of years and have been able to support them financially through the generosity of your contributions. In the summer of 2020, we plan to send another intergenerational team back to Nicaragua to participate in the work of AMOS within one of these rural communities. Our hope is also to identify and develop youth leaders from our own congregation who will not only participate in the trip, but will take part in the planning of this mission experience.

To learn more about AMOS and its incredible work, go to www.amoshealth.org. Look for more information and details to come or contact [Rev. Bart Edwards](mailto:bedwards@mppc.net) (bedwards@mppc.net).



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Community Service



Saturday of Service: May 11

8:00 – 8:30 AM Check-In

Register Online by May 10:

mppc.net/saturday

Saturday Of Service (SOS) is more than just a church work day. SOS provides an opportunity for us to deepen our discipleship by serving Christ in service to others: in our congregation, our community, and in the world. Last Spring we provided the equivalent over 70 work days to Hope House (congregation), Habitat (community) and others, including MPPC's long running "adopt a highway" program. This SOS we'll be on our own, so we need a good turnout. We'll have at least one project on campus, two or more in the community and trying to return to the oyster beds!