

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

The Pelican



"Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' ... They cast their crowns before the throne, singing, ¹¹'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things...' (Revelation 4:8-11)

Worship is the central act of the Christian faith. For centuries, young Presbyterians have learned this lesson in the very first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism: *"What is the chief end of man?"* the confession asks. *"Man's chief end,"* it quickly answers, *"is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever."* In worship, we tap into the very core of our being and do what is most natural for us – giving joyful praise and honor to the Holy One who creates us, sustains us, and loves us without fail.

As Presbyterians, we also believe that there is not one "right" way to worship. Some worship styles are relatively fixed, tracking closely with certain established forms, practices, and patterns. Other modes claim more freedom, seeking to provide plenty of room for inspiration and creative expression.

Because not everyone worships the same way, and because everyone experiences God differently, we are fortunate to offer two distinct worship styles here at MPPC. Our sanctuary services tend to follow more traditional forms, while our Net service has embraced a more informal style with respect to music and language. Both of these forms of worship honor God, and both of them are quenching the spiritual thirst of our worshipping community in their own ways. My hope, prayer, and intention as your pastor is that both of these forms of worship – sanctuary and Net – will not only survive but thrive as integral parts of our congregational life.

While our forms of worship may vary, we do find common ground when it comes to the "marks" of authentic Christian worship. We may choose different music, instruments, language, and levels of formality, but we all share these values as Presbyterians standing in the Reformed tradition:

The Word. First and foremost, we believe that worship is "rooted" in scripture. We consider the "reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming" of the Word of God to be both "central" and "essential" to true worship (*Book of Order*, W-3.0301).



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"I love being a part of our MPPC Music Ministry . . .

because we strive to create an environment that is welcoming, excellent and honors God. "

~MPPC Scholarship Singer

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The Sacraments. Word and Sacrament are closely linked in our theology. The ritual acts of baptism and the Lord's Supper, instituted by Christ and given life by the Holy Spirit, inspire us, feed us, and seal us as God's own. Even when we are not celebrating these rituals on a given Sunday, we are encouraged to make the symbols that represent them (font, cup, and plate) visibly prominent in our worship spaces.

Prayer. Prayer, we believe, "is at the heart of worship." There are many ways to pray, and there are many kinds of prayer, including adoration, thanksgiving, confession, supplication, intercession, and dedication. Faithful prayer, however, is always shaped by scripture and always "inspires us to join God's work in the world" (*Book of Order*, W-2.0202).

Self-Offering. Having been given new life in "the costly self-offering of Jesus Christ," the people of the church respond by offering Jesus "our lives, our spiritual gifts, and our material goods." Each and every service of worship therefore includes opportunities to respond with our own self-offerings (*Book of Order*, W-3.041). This includes the music and song that we offer, both individually and together, as an act of thanksgiving and praise to God.

Around these basic principles of worship, we will continue to embrace the creative freedom given to us in Jesus Christ. In the sanctuary, in the Net, and out into the world, we will continue to pursue together our primary goal and end -- "to glorify God and enjoy him forever." Blessings and peace,

Peter

Women's Retreat 2020—Mindful, Grateful, Joyful

Save the Date! January 24-26

Join us at Pawley's Plantation for a wonderful weekend of Rest, Reflection and Renewal. The guest speaker will lead large group sessions, infused with scripture, humor, music, and small group discussions. Various break out sessions are offered, and several shared meals are included, as well as free time on your own. Housing is organized by the committee and included in the cost, and people can choose their own villa groups or be placed with others. By getting out of our normal routine, the weekend is intended to be a time of rest, reflection and renewal.

Join us for an information session on **Sunday, October 6 at 5:30 p.m.** Members of the planning team be on hand to provide more info and answer questions. A light supper will be offered. Plus we will have a short video introduction from this year's Speaker!

Registration will begin October 6th!

The adult choir has been an important part of my Christian journey since joining at the age of 15. The members of the choir are like family. We always have fun at practice and enjoy singing in hopes that it is providing for a more meaningful worship service. With our leadership in Barbara and Jason, each member of the choir is made to feel important no matter what their musical ability. If you enjoy making close friends and like to sing, please come join our happy family. ~ Adult Choir Member

Service of Wholeness

Tuesday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

“Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.” James 5:14

God calls the Church to continue the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, caring for one another, sharing joys and sorrows, providing support in times of stress and need, and offering admonition, forgiveness and reconciliation. Relying on Christ's grace and the Spirit's gifts, the church seeks to shepherd its members through times of danger and death, illness and loss, crisis and celebration, struggle and sin. Services of wholeness and healing are one way of enacting the church's ministry of pastoral care. (Book of Order, W-5.0204).

In this service, the leaders and ministers of the church will pray for you or a loved one and keep those needs confidential. Please join us for this time of worship and bring your joys and concerns to your church family.

Walking the Mourner's Path



Walking the Mourner's Path is an 8-week, Christ-centered program which will be offered at MPPC on Sunday evenings between September 29 and November 17.

Who can benefit from this program? Anyone who wishes to renew the joy in life after the death of a loved one, someone who sees everyone else going on with their lives but still feels stuck in grief, someone who believes that they have not had the opportunity to grieve fully for someone who died recently, years ago, or somewhere in between.

The group will be limited to 10 participants, creating a safe space to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group.

For questions or to register, contact Andi Awkerman at aawkerman@mppc.net or Lib McGregor Simmons at lmcgregorsimmons@mppc.net.

Special Life Events

When you welcome a new baby into your home by birth or adoption, be sure to inform Andi Awkerman aawkerman@mppc.net so that a rose can be placed in the sanctuary and the Net to express the congregation's joy and gratitude to God for the precious gift of your child.

To schedule a baptism, a parent of the child to be baptized may call Ann Burdette: aburdette@mppc.net to get on the schedule. Parents who have not previously had a child baptized at MPPC will be expected to attend a Baptism preparation meeting in the month prior to the baptism date.

To schedule a wedding, church members may call or email Andi Awkerman aawkerman@mppc.net to begin the scheduling process. All pastors expect to have at least three pre-marital counseling sessions prior to the wedding date.

WORSHIP AND MUSIC MINISTRIES

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 13 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



See below for more opportunities!

Not sure where to start? Contact Director of Music Barbara Loehr-Fox (bloehr@mppc.net) and she will help get you connected.

"As a child, I assumed everyone had a grandmother, an uncle, and a mother who directed the church choir while playing the organ. How often have I thanked God for giving me a family who devoted themselves to the calling of worship through music? Well, every time the spirit moves through me during an anthem, a Christmas cantata, especially our Maundy Thursday favorite of The Seven Last Words of Christ, but most importantly, when I hear the voices of the children singing their love of Jesus and proclaiming the Good News of Bible Stories.

And let me not forget the many inspired postludes Jason plays so beautifully and the heavenly sound of our Handbell choir ringing the melodies of our favorite hymns from the balcony. I imagine heaven is continuously filled with God's music." ~Adult Choir Member

Handbell Choir Opportunities

Adult Handbell Choir: Monday rehearsals, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. (Sept. – mid May)

Intermediate to advanced players. The Adult Handbell Choir is an enthusiastic group of ringers who regularly participate in worship. They ring on five octaves of Schulmerich handbells and handchimes. They are always looking for additional members. If you have some handbell ringing experience, come join us.



Jubilant Bells: Sunday rehearsals, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. (Sept. – April)

Beginning to intermediate ringers. This intergenerational handbell choir is for 6th graders – Adults who are beginning to intermediate ringers. Ringing throughout the year in worship, this choir is full of dedicated, fun-loving people who would welcome you at whatever level of experience you have (or don't have!).

Choral and Instrumental Ministry Opportunities

Adult Choir: Wednesday rehearsals 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (year-round/summer schedule varies)

This well-established choir sings weekly anthems as well as larger seasonal works in the 11:15 worship service. A solo voice is not required. The highlights for the year include a Christmas Cantata with players from the Charleston Symphony and participating in a Lessons and Carols service on Christmas Eve.

Separate **Men's and Women's Choruses** are a part of this group and sing for special occasions in worship throughout the year.

Kirk Choir: Sunday rehearsals at 8:30 a.m. (early September – early June)

This choir provides leadership in the 9:45 a.m. worship service and is perfect for those with unpredictable schedules. The rehearsal emphasis each week is on the anthem of the day.

"Music is a fair and glorious gift of God." ~Martin Luther

You are invited!

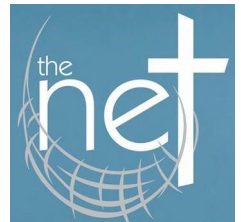
Come share the gifts God has given you in one of our ensembles.

Sage Choir: Thursday rehearsals, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. (Sept. – mid May)

Geared for **older adults** who enjoy rehearsing during the day, this group will sing monthly in worship. Each rehearsal incorporates fellowship and a prayer/devotion time.

The Net Band: Vocal and Instrumental - Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00.

Take part in a unique aspect of our worship ministry. The praise music for our 11:15 a.m. Sunday service in The Net is led by instrumentalists and vocalists. The Net Band has included guitars, drums, keyboards, string instruments, and woodwinds, in addition to lead and backup singers. Contact Rev. Kim Trimboli (ktrimboli@mppc.net) for more details.



Vocal & Instrumental Ensembles: If you are interested in shorter-term commitments or playing a musical instrument for worship let Barbara or Jason know by calling the church office.

"Barbara and Jason are excellent leaders of the Sage Choir and make it fun and educational. I have enjoyed singing to the Glory of God with a great group of seniors for the last 10 years. I don't know how to read music but those members that can read have helped me. It's a small commitment of time - practice once a week and sing once a month – but the rewards are great.

We warm up with hymns including a devotional hymn, listen to a devotion by Barbara or Jason, and practice anthems. Then we finish by praying for people at and outside of MPPC. Singing in the Sage choir is indeed an uplifting music ministry." ~Sage Choir Member

FINE ARTS AT MPPC

Our Fine Arts program includes an Arts Camp for Children in August and the Village Concert Series throughout the year.

MPPC Village Concert Series 2019-2020

- November 8, 2019 **Dozier Winds** - Army woodwind quintet featuring music composed or arranged by people who have served in the military from the mid-19th century to the present day.
- January 31, 2020 **Chamber Music Charleston** – featuring flute, oboe, bassoon, violin and harpsichord
- March 13, 2020 **Voxie** – Celtic music ensemble with harp, violin and vocalists
- April 24, 2020 **Gravel Road Bluegrass Band** – a five-piece band playing and singing hymns, Gospel songs and other favorites



Our Fine Arts program is primarily funded by gifts from generous donors. If you would like to be a sponsor for the Fine Arts program at MPPC, contact Barbara Loehr-Fox at BLoehr@mppc.net.

"I have participated in our music ministry since soon after joining MPPC almost 36 years ago. I started with Adult Choir and played handbells for about 25 years. I helped with Jr. Choir when my children were participating, and I have helped with Angel Notes the last few years. I have seen many changes both in the church and in my own life but the choir has always provided a special place of belonging and feeling love, joy and peace." ~Music Ministry Aficionado

FALL SCHEDULES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 8!

On September 8 we return to our regular schedule of three worship times:

8:15 Traditional Service

9:45 Traditional Service and Sunday School

11:15 Traditional Service, Net Alternative Service, Connect3 adult class

Breakfast is served in the Fellowship Hall between services! Nursery provided at all hours! Join us for **RALLY DAY** to kick off the new Sunday School year!



Youth Group Kickoff

Sunday, September 8 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Middle School and Senior High will begin together in the MPPC Fellowship Hall

Youth Group families invited. Bring a side to share; chicken provided!

Recreation, Fellowship. Dinner, and MORE!

Music Opportunities for Youth and Children

Youth:

Jubilant Bells: Sunday afternoons, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m. (Sept. – April)

Beginning to intermediate ringers. This intergenerational handbell choir is for 6th graders – Adults . Ringing throughout the year in worship, this choir is full of dedicated, fun-loving people who would welcome you at whatever level or experience you find yourself.

Youth Choir: Sunday afternoons, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. (Sept. – April)

A choir for 6th – 12th graders, this group sings in worship and joins the Adult Choir for specials services.

Children:

Angel Notes & Bible Time: 3- 5 year olds, Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

This group begins together for a music time and transitions into a time for crafts, Bible stories and fun. This young group will sing in worship several times a year.

LOGOS Choir: K – 5th graders, Wednesdays from 4:45– 5:30 p.m.

The children's choir is a part of the LOGOS program – a comprehensive program on Wednesdays from 4:45 – 7:00 p.m. The children sing in worship and present a Christmas concert and musical in the spring.



"I have always loved to sing. I grew up listening to my Dad warm up his voice for choir every Sunday morning. Singing takes on a whole new life when it is used to praise our God. Many of the lyrics are straight out of Scripture and for me, it is a time to soak in His pres-ence, it is prayer. It is an honor to be part of the Praise team helping lead our congregation and our prayer is that we can draw us all a bit closer to heaven on earth when these beautiful lyrics are sung. He is truly 'worthy of every song we could every sing, worthy of every breath we could every breathe' (from Build my Life by Pat Barrett)" ~ Net Band Member

New Member Class: Sunday September 29

We are always excited to welcome new members into the life of the church. If you are interested in becoming a member of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, please contact Rev. Kim Trimboli (ktrimboli@mppc.net) for more information. The next class will be Sunday September 29 from 4:30-7:30 p.m.

WORSHIP SUPPORT AND PREPARATION:



Flower Ministry – provides flowers for the sanctuary worship services. Contact Martha Waters for information and available dates - mbw412@att.net

Decorating Ministry – seasonal decorating of the worship spaces and some outdoor decorations for holidays like Christmas and Easter contact Pam Owen-Early - zeldaofgatsby@bellsouth.net

Ushering Ministry – Ushers are often the first people our worshipers meet on entering the church. Their inviting and welcoming spirits help promote a sense of Christian fellowship and begin the worshiping experience. Ushers are responsible for greeting, preparing or straightening the sanctuary, taking up the offering, recording attendance, helping Communion servers, and are generally first responders for any issues that may arise during the service. It is a wonderfully rewarding ministry for all who have the gift of hospitality. Contact Alexis in the church office for more information - asingleton@mppc.net

Lay Reading Ministry - The Lay Reader Ministry is for any confirmed member who enjoys leading in worship through the reading of scripture. You will have a brief training session and an opportunity to stand in the pulpit before your first reading. You get to choose the Sundays to read, so it's easy to fit this service opportunity into your schedule. Contact Alexis in the church office for more information - asingleton@mppc.net

"I've sung in many choirs over the years, but none were more enjoyable than singing with the Kirk Choir. Singing in a smaller ensemble and keeping up with the young voices of our college students are challenges, but they make it all the more fun!" ~Kirk Choir Member

Sanctuary Service - Looking for a new way to serve our church? Do you enjoy quiet, peaceful, meaningful service? Want to find a way to serve that works with your schedule? Then join our team of "Sanctuary Ninjas," who come in when no one is around and tidy up our church home. Contact Coby Mozingo for more information - cobymozingo@gmail.com

Communion Ministry – There are three teams of dedicated members who prepare the bread and juice for every Communion Service. They serve several months at a time with roughly one Communion prep per month. Contact Harry Douty for more information - hdouty@bellsouth.net



Mission

The Heart of Hope House

Those who help out at Hope House know the trials and heartache many of our guests face each day as they focus on loved ones in nearby hospitals. Sometimes guests find that by sharing their stories with each other they find strength and hope.

Sometimes one particular guest tugs at the heartstrings of those who volunteer at Hope House. Such was the case recently with a young man whose wife was suddenly taken ill in the upstate. He drove her to Charleston for treatment; but he brought only a few clothes with him. And since they had little money, he spent the first week sleeping in his car. That is when Hope House learned of his plight. Thankfully there was a room available. He checked in and quickly found he had been “adopted” by the Hope House Ministry Team. Some members donated clothes, others brought him food or gift cards.

His spirits lifted, he went in search of work in the Charleston community. Within a week he had landed a job in nearby Summerville that allowed him time to visit with his wife every day. They still have hurdles to overcome. But as he told one Hope House volunteer, he knows they have a fighting chance because of the kindness he was shown by our church community .

His wife also felt that welcoming spirit when they attended a Sunday service with Hope House director Beth Moore. Both were so appreciative of the love and kindness shown by each church member they met. *If you would like to hear more about the many ways you can become involved with this ministry, please contact Beth Moore (bmoore@mppc.net).*

"Choir is my support group here at MPPC! And how awesome is it to know every week that I'm using my God-given love of music to enhance worship for everyone!? How can I keep from singing?" ~Adult Choir Member

Hope House Adopt-A-Day and Donations for September

- 1—In Honor of our 49th Wedding Anniversary
Given by Greg and Judy McCoy
- 2— In Honor of Cheryl deHall's Birthday
Given by Mark and Jennifer Davidson
- 8 and 9—In Memory of our Children,
William and Christina
Given by Bill and Pamela Marsh
- 12—In Honor of Bob and Naomi McCormick
for their service to Hope House
Given by the Hope House Ministry Team
- 14—In Honor of Andrew deHall's Birthday
Given by Jennifer and Mark Davidson
- 18—In Honor of our Mt. Pleasant PC Pastors
Given Anonymously

- 23—In Honor of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sidney
Johnson
Given by their daughter, Louise J. Guy
- 26—In Honor of all Hope House Caretakers
who go over and above expectations
Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

Additional Donations

Hope House: Avis and Jeff Griffith

In Memory of: Luke Lainer, given by Sandy Plain Baptist Church. Luke's family were guests at Hope House.

In Honor of: Gordon McCaleb, Given by Heather P. Coleman

SAVE THE DATE—SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

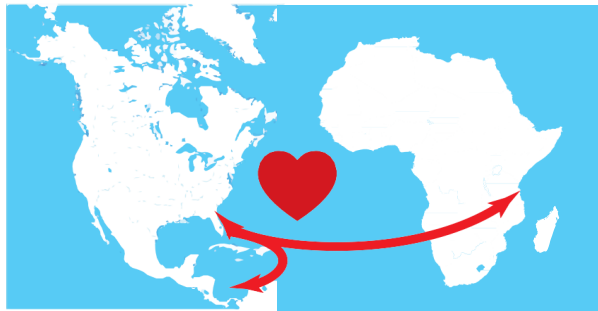
MPPC Missions Street Fair

Between the Educational Building and the Sanctuary

Join with us starting at 9:00 a.m. to experience and learn about the light your dollars, hands, and hearts are shining in this community and the world, sharing God's love.

Come and take a peek at our 10 international missions ranging from Central America & the Caribbean to Kenya, along with the 20 missions that we serve in and around Mount Pleasant.

Explore the ways that you and your family can get involved!



LOCAL MISSION PARTNERS

Bridge Builders
Carolina Youth Development
Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center East
Cooper Community Outreach (ECCO) East
Cooper Faith Network (ECFN) / I-Beam East
Cooper Habitat for Humanity
East Cooper Meals on Wheels/Rakes On Wheels
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
Florence Crittenton Home
Hands of Christ
Hibben Hospitality/Hibben Cold Shelter
Hope House
Kairos Prison Ministry
Linus Quilt & Prayer Shawl Ministry
Metanoia
One80 Place
Ronald McDonald House
Samaritan's Purse
Thornwell Home
Windwood Farm Home for Children

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

AMOS Health and Hope
Nicaragua Daystar University, Kenya
Empowered to Lead (E2L) 2019 Project:
Farming & Health Initiatives in rural Katangi, Kenya
Habitat for Humanity Honduras
Haiti Outreach Ministries
JHC-CDCD Nueva Vida Medical Clinic
Kinyago Dandora School, Nairobi, Kenya
Lamb Institute, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Medical Trinidad Honduras
Palmetto International

MPPC also supports missionaries in Honduras and Iraq

Mission



Second Sunday Speaker Series

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the exciting new Second Sunday Speaker Series, starting on October 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Sponsored by the MPPC Bridge Builders team (formerly known as the Diversity Team), this event will feature a speaker for 30 minutes, followed by round table discussions for the next 30 minutes, and time for snacks and fellowship for anyone who is interested in visiting and discussing further. We are promoting this series to neighboring congregations and hope to have a diverse crowd with different perspectives to share.

The beginning line up is as follows:

October 13 - Brian Hicks, writer for the Post & Courier and author of the book, *In Darkest South Carolina*

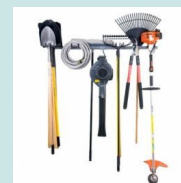
November 10 - Louise Brown, a participant in the MUSC hospital workers strike 50 years ago

December 8 - Rabbi Stephanie Alexander from Kahal Kadosh Beth Elohim synagogue in Charleston

Property & Grounds Work Evening Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019 5 - 7 p.m.

Come and work for a couple of hours around campus. We will do campus clean up and prep for the upcoming hurricane season. Hot dogs/brats will be served before 7 p.m.

RSVP to [Stacy Hanling](#), sign up through Realm, or call the church office at 843-884-4612. Thank you in advance for your help!



"I love being a part of our MPPC Music Ministry because it's an easy, fun, and rewarding way to not just participate in worship, but to lead in worship. Adult choir is a diverse group of rather talented and dedicated folks, ably led and directed by seriously talented musicians, and we have a really good time talking, laughing, making music, and worshipping together. Plus, you get one of the best reserved seats in the house each Sunday." ~Adult Choir Member



Volunteers Needed! We are currently building volunteer teams to handle Guest Registration and Clean Up for the dinner portion of our Wednesday evening programs. If you are interested in serving in this capacity and would like to join this fun group of folks please contact [Steve Day](#) at the church office in order to be a part of the rotation! Steve can be reached at 843-884-4612 ext.262 or by email at sday@mppc.net.

LIFE AT MPPC



Blessing of the Animals

On the afternoon of October 6, MPPC will host Blessing of the Animals, an outdoor worship service that will witness to God's love, care, and concern for creation. This will be a new service for our congregation, and we are in search of a team of animal lovers who will join Parish Associate Lib McGregor Simmons in planning the gathering. Contact Lib at lmcgregorsimmons@mppc.net if you are interested in helping "All creatures of our God and King."

I-Beam needs you!

One child, one adult, one hour, once a week. Mentor local 2nd-5th grade students who have reading challenges. Please consider volunteering this coming school year. Visit our sign up tables in front of the church or in the fellowship hall September 1st, and 8th. For more information call Terry Horres 843-442-6525 or email thorres@carolinaone.com.



Pacesetters September 13

RSVP NOW for Pacesetters in September! The "Classic King," Michael Viljac, is returning by popular demand, and will be performing a mix of Golden Oldies from the 50's, 60's and More. Come and enjoy a delicious meal, great fellowship and your favorite music of bygone years.

RSVP by September 10 to Doug Mellichamp (843-884-2384) If you need transportation to dinner or have questions, contact Alexis Wright-Singleton in the church office.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY

The next AAH pickup event is Saturday, September 7th at 8 a.m. Church volunteers & scouts from Boy Scout Troop 20 meet in front of the Fellowship Hall to proceed on their route from Mill St. to the Ravenel Bridge. For more information contact Elton Carrier (Elton_carrier@att.net), (843-442-1812).



NEW RESOURCE DATABASE!!

Find meaningful resources for your Sunday school class or small group! MPPC is pleased to house a diverse collection of books, curriculum, and DVDs that delve into a wide range of topics -from Genesis to Revelation, from the dinner table to the mission field, and beyond. Genres include Bible study, discipleship, spiritual growth, faith-life application, and church history. View the online data base of resources: <https://cloud.collectorz.com/mppc/books>. If you would like to check out a resource at the church, please contact Dan Wiard (dwiard@mppc.net) or call the church office.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Wednesday Nights at MPPC

Whether you are a child, young person, or an adult, Wednesday nights offer rich opportunities for faith formation and fellowship at the church beginning September 11. LOGOS children (elementary age) should pre-register online now. Angel Notes (preschoolers) register the night of September 11. Middle school youth coordinate with Courtney for the youth Bible Study. High school youth are needed as helpers and can sign up here. Adults – or anyone who might be interested in pastor-led studies – do not need to pre-register for a class. We invite you to just come, bring a friend, and enjoy the fellowship, supper, and study of your choice each Wednesday night.



For adults this fall, two studies are offered simultaneously:

The Acts of the Apostles: Lessons from the Early Church this study will explore the lives and actions



century followers of Jesus through the lens of the Book of Acts. What lessons can we learn from these earliest Christians, and how can they point us to a meaningful faith life today? Class topics will include "Meaning and Mission," "Challenge and Conversion," "Ritual and Redirection," "Prisons and Politics," and four others. This class, led by Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum, will meet in the Fellowship Hall following dinner.

Everything Happens for a Reason . . . and Other Lies I've Loved -- One moment Kate Bowler was 35-year-old wife, mom, and divinity school professor, as she says, "a regular person with regular problems." The next minute, she was someone diagnosed with Stage IV colon cancer. In her book *Everything Happens for a Reason And Other Lies I've Loved*, she wrestles with the questions: "Why?" "God, are you here?" "What does this suffering mean?" On four Wednesday evenings, the class will discuss portions of the book, and on four Wednesday evenings, there will be sessions on how to offer sensitive, genuine, Christ-like support when loved ones face illness and death. This class, led and facilitated by Rev. Lib McGregor Simmons, meets in GH 123.

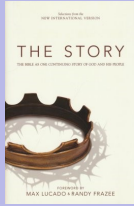
On **Wednesday, September 25**, Rev. Bart Edwards will lead and facilitate a special mission night as we hear about MPPC's local and international mission. Participants from both adult electives are encouraged to support mission night and will attend Rev. Edwards's presentation.

Wednesday Night Schedule

4:45-5:30 p.m.	LOGOS Choir
5:30-6:00	Dinner for ALL ages \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for children.
6:00-6:30	LOGOS Bible Study/Angel Notes Choir
6:30-7:00	LOGOS Recreation/Angel Notes Bible Time
6:00-7:00	Adult Study Electives
6:30-8:00	Adult Choir

Get fed
faith, fellowship + food

Young Adult Sunday School Class



New this fall is a young adult Sunday school class meeting during the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m. The class will focus on an overview of the Bible using *The Story* as their resource. “*The Story* is an abridged, chronological Bible that reads like a novel. There are no verse references, and Scripture segments are seamlessly woven together with transition text into a single grand narrative. For those intimidated or overwhelmed by the unabridged Bible, *The Story* helps people understand God’s Word more fully and engage with it more easily.” Whether you are confident in your knowledge of Scripture or looking for a way to begin to understand God’s amazing relationship with God’s people, *The Story* is an effective tool to engage Scripture. Pull up a chair, bring a friend and open *The Story* together and let the journey begin! The class meets in GH 122.

Young Adult Social—September 30

Join us Monday, September 30 for fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to get to know other young adults from MPPC! We’ll meet at Two Blokes Brewing from 5:30—7:00. Beverages and snacks are available on site, and we’ll also bring some light snacks to share. No cost other than what you purchase. For more information or to RSVP, contact Courtney Kraus (ckraus@mppc.net) or Rev. Kim Trimboli (ktrimboli@mppc.net) or call the church office.

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