



Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Pastor & Head of Staff

The Path of Grief

*In this world you will have trouble. But take heart!
I have overcome the world. (John 16:33, NIV)*

Dr. John Redhead, former pastor of the church where I grew up in Greensboro, once compared grief to a "lazy wind." While watching coverage of the Walker Cup golf matches, he heard a Scottish commentator say that tough bunkers of the Old Course were just the beginning of the hazards players would face. There would likely be cold and rain, not to mention "a lazy wind." "A lazy wind," he continued, "is one that is too lazy to go around, so it goes right through you." The trouble of life "may go around you for a time," Redhead preached, "but sooner or later it will go right through you."

Redhead's wonderful sermon, which first aired over the radio in the forties as part of the popular "Protestant Hour" program, and was later replayed immediately following the Kennedy assassination, focused on a portion of Jesus' teaching that many call the "Farewell Discourse." He is preparing the disciples for the grief of his crucifixion and death. He does not sugarcoat the difficulties that are coming, but he also assures them that they will never be alone. Jesus promises that the power of the Holy Spirit will surround them and lead them from darkness to light, from confusion to wisdom, from conflict to peace, and from death to life. "In this world you will have trouble," Jesus says. "But take heart! I have overcome the world!"

Here at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, one of the ways we seek to shield people from the buffeting winds of grief is through a ministry called the Mourner's Path. Founded in 1995, this Christ-centered mission seeks to help grieving people find their way back to joyful living. Trained facilitators assist small groups to deal with the despair, anger, loneliness, guilt, and other emotions that complicate healing when traumatic loss has occurred. If you have been in a struggle with grief, or if someone you care about is having a difficult time, I hope you will be on the lookout for information about the next session of Mourner's Path. The group will meet on Sunday nights for a period of eight (8) weeks starting on September 29th.

In Galatians 6:2, Paul teaches that one of the ways we fulfill our calling as Christians is by "bearing one another's burdens." The world contains plenty of trouble; that we all know. But our faith reminds us to keep searching for the light, even when darkness seems to be overtaking it. "Take heart!" Jesus says. "I have overcome the world!"

Blessings and peace,

Peter

**Mount Pleasant
Presbyterian Church**

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

Summer 2019

SUNDAYS

Worship: 9:00 AM, Sanctuary;
10:30 AM, Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall (The Net)
Sunday School: See Schedule (Inside)

Fellowship Breakfast
8:30 – 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

Childcare
Available during every service, Seabrook
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Sermons

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After Hours / Weekends



Rakes on Wheels: Spring Yard Cleanup for Seniors *MPPC Members in Action!*

The month-long yard cleanup project for Meals on Wheels (ECMOW) recipients was successfully completed in March by 14 different teams of volunteers from our congregation.

Rachel Hamilton from East Cooper Meals on Wheels reported: "We are very grateful to your church members for their yard cleanup efforts this spring. The project exceeded our expectations here at ECMOW. We hope that your congregation will be interested in doing this work again as our recipients loved meeting the workers and having their yards spruced up."

A total of 70+ MPPC members volunteered to work on this project. The weather cooperated and multiple yards were attended to on every Saturday during March. Most of the volunteers stepped forward as individuals, couples and families with children.

As the effort gained momentum, several small groups came forward from a Bible study group, a Sunday school class, and the MPPC middle school group. The recipients of our efforts were very appreciative of our members' efforts. Praise for Jesus and tears of gratefulness were among the reactions from home owners who thanked our members for their help and their love expressed through the simple act of cleanup work on their property.

So, who did our congregation assist?

- 85% were single people living in their home alone and three quarters of them were women.
- 50% were African American and 50% were caucasian.
- In all cases, these folks needed assistance with their yards...whether because of age, disability, or a lack of resources to get the job done.

This cleanup was organized and led by your MPPC Local Missions Team. Team members coordinated the cleanup efforts between Meals on Wheels, the home owners, and the members of our congregation who did this energetic work.

The effort received the nickname: "RAKES ON WHEELS."

Jim Custer, chairman of the team says: "We will likely see our "Rakes on Wheels" effort mobilized again in the not too distant future. Storms and the needs of our larger community will tell us when our caring congregation will again be asked to help their neighbors in need."



Office Closed: July 4 & 5

Worship

Sunday Schedule through Sept. 1:

8:30 – 10:30 AM Sunday Fellowship Breakfast - FH

9:00 AM Worship - S

Children's Sunday School - GH

Middle School Sunday School (6-8th Grades)
- GH 223-225

The Middle (formally A of A) - SB 209

10:30 AM Worship - S, The Net - FH

Connect 3 Sunday School Class - GH 123, 125

June 2: Installation of Officers

June 9: Communion & Pentecost Offering for VBS

On June 9th, we will be receiving donations for VBS as part of our Pentecost Offering. Specifically, we are asking for the following items to support our VBS week:

- Scotch tape
- glue sticks
- plastic tablecloths
- pencils
- newspapers
- Solo cups
- modeling clay
- baby wipes
- paper bowls
- crayons
- pretzel sticks
- paper plates
- markers
- mini moon pies
- paper towels
- Elmers glue
- sugar cones
- sugar cones
- felt tip markers
- small clear plastic cups

Donations can also be dropped off in the Children's Ministry office at your convenience. For more information, contact Susan Dalton (sdalton@mppc.net).

Fellowship

Pacesetters Dinner & Program

July 19

6:00 Dinner, 7:00 Program

Come and listen to award winning musician Roger Bellow and The Drifting Troubadours as they play and sing some of your favorite Country Western Classics & More. Wear your favorite Western Attire & enjoy an evening of Country Western Music, BBQ and Great Fellowship as the Pacesetters kick off the new Church Year. RSVP by July 15 to [Alexis Wright-Singleton](mailto:asingleton@mppc.net) (asingleton@mppc.net).

Summer Study

Vacation Bible School: June 17-20

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. Donations for the mission project are accepted through the Finance Department (check memo: VBS mission). For more information, contact [Susan Dalton](mailto:sdalton@mppc.net) (sdalton@mppc.net).

Youth VBS Car Wash: June 20

Thursday, June 20th

10-12, Fellowship Hall Circle

The car wash is free, but donations will go to support the VBS Mission Project: E2L Kenya Chicken Farming.

Summer Sunday School Leaders

Summer is a great time to test the waters of Sunday school leadership. You don't need special training and you don't have to be a Bible expert. The curriculum is well planned and ready to use with Bible stories, activity sheets, and a DVD message. Now all we need are volunteers to guide the classroom discussion and activities. It's only an hour, you'll have a partner, and there are snacks! Won't you follow Jesus' instructions to "go and make disciples of all people"?

Now, take just a moment to look at your calendar, select a date, and click on this link to sign up! Just wait, you're going to have FUN! For more information, contact [Susan Dalton](mailto:sdalton@mppc.net) (sdalton@mppc.net)

Arts Camp: Aug. 5-7 (5:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

Children who have just completed kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to our 12th annual summer Arts Camp, bringing different aspects of art to life in new and exciting ways! Registration is open April 1-July 29, and is limited to 60 children. Cost is \$30/child, and registration forms are available at church and online (mppc.net/events). For more information, please contact [Barbara Loehr-Fox](mailto:bloehr@mppc.net) (843-884-4612, bloehr@mppc.net).

STEPS 2019 @MPPC: Aug. 24

Visit capresbytery.org/steps-2019 for more information.

Anniversaries

**Happy Anniversary Mitch (20 yrs)
& Joann (5 yrs)!**



Please join the Personnel Committee as we celebrate Mitch Snead's 20 years of dedicated service and commitment to our church. It is with great pride and admiration that we congratulate Mitch on this milestone.



Congratulations are also in order for Joann Westberry, Finance Assistant, on her five years of service to MPPC and the MPPC Learning Center.

DEATHS

Alton Fulbright, father of Sally Tucker (DG #5); April 16.

Joshua Morrow, Tom Herrington's nephew; April 22.

Helen Hough Devane, Tom Herrington's mother; May 2.

Tom Herrington: 1520 Old Village Drive, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

BAPTISMS

April: Marie Elizabeth Ayers & Henry Hunter

Zachariw (4/4); Camden Isabelle Bates &

Graham Parker Schmidt (4/28)

May: Ramsey Dutton & Yelise Marie Otero (5/5)

Nora Grace Keeler, Leighton Reed Martin & Eleanor Leigh-

ton Byrd (5/19); Amelia Louise Buganski (5/26)

MPPC WEDDINGS

Angela Basanti & Warren Phillips (4/12)

Cary Hubbard & Tyler Brunneman (5/18)

Buddy Britton & Susan McClain (6/1)

HOPE HOUSE

Donation given by Avis & Jeff Griffith

In Memory of Bill Lunwick, my brother, given by Patty Pair

In Honor of Susan & Doug Mellichamp and Mona Knight,

our Lenten Small Group Leaders.

ENDOWMENT

Donations given by Lynn & Stephanie McCants and Nancy Lewis.

In Memory of Dallas Deer, Jr., given by Susan & Douglas Mellichamp.



A Spiritual Opportunity with our Neighbors in Christ

THE WOMEN

The Gospel Through the Eyes of Prophets, Queens, Servants & Mavens

June 15 | 4 p.m., Sanctuary | Reception to follow

You and your family are invited to an ecumenical performing arts worship experience as we join with Olive Branch AME and All Saints Lutheran to commemorate the Mother Emanuel tragedy (June 17, 2015). The Journey Missionary Performing Arts Ministry seeks to create unity and cross boundaries through the performing arts. Members of all three churches have been practicing together in preparation for this meaningful event. For more information, contact [Barbara Loehr-Fox](mailto:bloehr@mppc.net) (bloehr@mppc.net)

Hope House Guests and Times of Trouble

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." - Psalm 46:1

Time of trouble is often obvious on the faces of guests registered at Hope House. From the moment volunteers meet the guests, we often begin hearing stories of the trials their loved one has endured and their suffering from one health issue after another. Sometimes, we walk in to find guests gathering in the kitchen or sitting together as they share meals in the dining room. We hear them describe to each other, their day at the hospital and they compare notes on the condition of their loved ones.

Time of trouble is often expressed by guests as they write their thoughts in the spiral notebook placed on the desk upstairs in an area we call, "The Prayer Corner." Sometimes, we find those troubles expressed on our Request for Prayer cards that are provided for guests in need. Sometimes we hear the guests when they express their time of trouble while sitting in the Celebration Garden and praying for their loved one to be healed.

These times are reminders of the fact that God is our refuge and our strength. He is always present and helps us endure these times. Hope House volunteers often get to experience this first hand and the blessings are astounding.

If you would like to hear more about Hope House and the many ways in which you can become involved with this ministry, please contact [Beth Moore](mailto:bmoore@mppc.net) (bmoore@mppc.net). Also, stay tuned for upcoming notices of the launch of **Phase II** in our **Celebration Garden**. You will have the opportunity to purchase bricks inscribed in honor or in memory of a loved one!



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Back to School Distribution of Clothes and School Supplies for Children in Need (K4-8th Grade).

July 30 @ MPPC • 5 pm, Fellowship Hall



MPPC is proud to partner with Hands of Christ (HOC) to provide the necessary tools for success, school uniforms and basic school supplies, to local students in need. Together we can make a difference in the lives of children, their families and our community.

Here's how you can help:

- 1. Sponsor a Child (\$30):** With a check donation, HOC will purchase 2 uniforms, 2 pair of socks, 2 pair of underwear and school supplies. Make checks payable to Hands of Christ and place in the collection basket or drop off to the finance office.
- 2. Donate Items:** composition books (marble), crayons 24 count box, dividers (packs w/5 tabs), glue sticks (2 packs), washable markers (10 ct), notebook paper, pencils (8 ct), pens (10 ct), rulers, scissors (blunt tip), spiral notebooks (single subject); new boys and girls school uniforms, underwear and socks to fit youth from 4k to 8th grade - Collection Bins: Fellowship Hall & Office Reception
- 3. Volunteer:** Contact [Bart Edwards](mailto:bedwards@mppc.net) (bedwards@mppc.net)