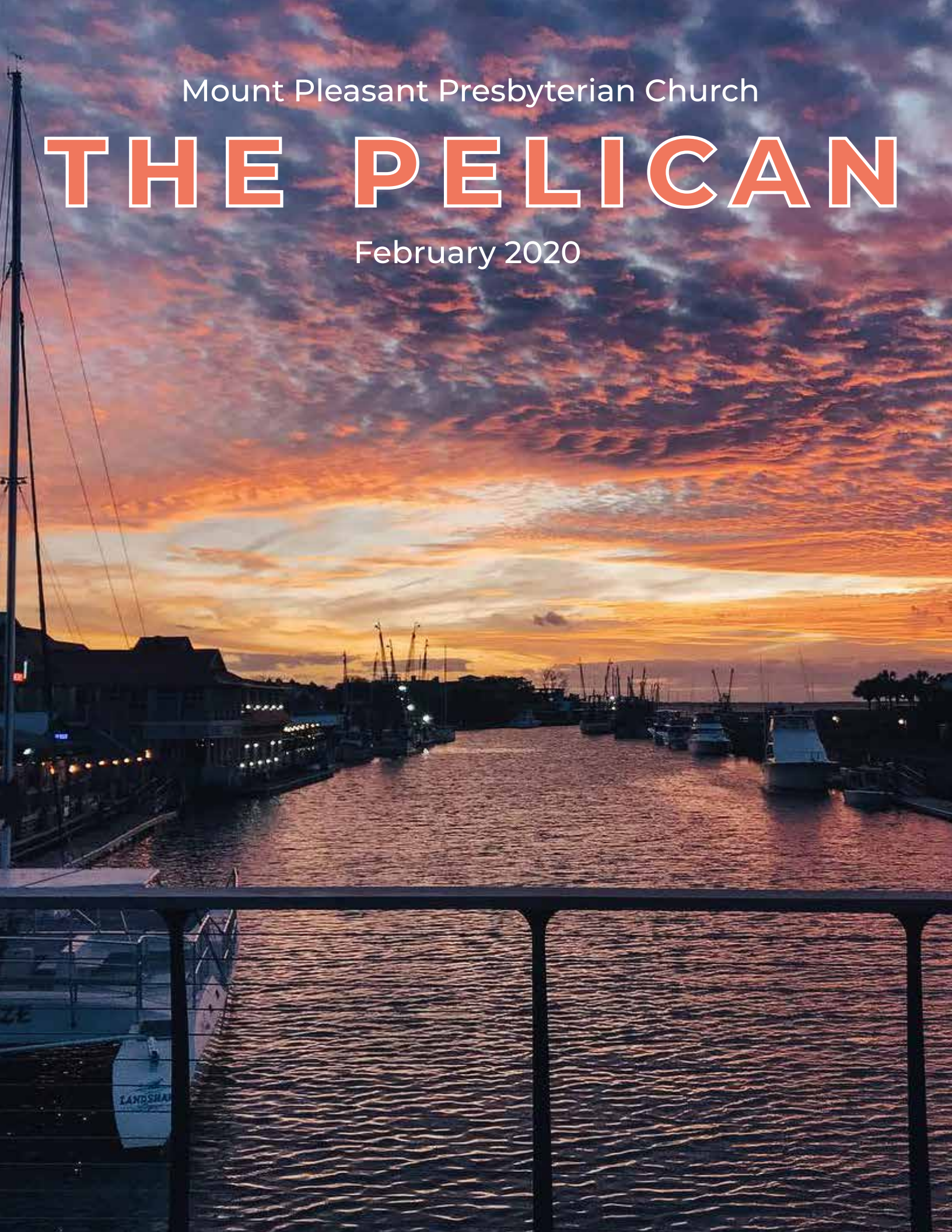


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FROM THE PASTOR

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Pastor & Head of Staff



Lent in the Neighborhood

*And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.
(2 Corinthians 9:8)*

Later this month, we will begin our annual pilgrimage through Lent, the time of prayer and penitence that prepares us to greet the dawn of Easter with reverence and awe. In 2020, our Lenten discipline will be to join with thousands of other Presbyterians around the world in a study of the book *Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission*. In this study, we will reflect not only upon our strengths as a congregation, but also upon the amazing gifts and capacities of our neighbors – the churches, schools, ministries, and individuals who also call Mount Pleasant home. Through scripture, discussion and prayer, we will contemplate what it truly means to love our neighbor in this day and age.

A big part of this study will focus on the difference between a mentality of scarcity and a mentality of abundance. Unfortunately, much of life around us focuses on scarcities – scarcities of time, natural resources, money, and ability. A philosophy of scarcity breeds fear about what could happen if scarce resources run out. On the other hand, a

mentality of abundance is quick to see what is right, what is working, and what we do well. It sees positive potential not only in ourselves but in the people around us. It does not fear the power of others, but believes instead that the possibilities of power are greatest when power is graciously and selflessly shared.

Christ, the Good Shepherd, said very clearly that he came so that we “may have life, and have it abundantly” (John 10:10). Jesus also said, along with angels, prophets, and psalmists, that we need not fear, because God is with us, and God has plans for us. Following this lead, we pray that in the weeks to come you will walk this Lenten journey with us, as we all seek the blessings of God’s extravagant grace.

In Lenten faith and hope,

ANGEL TREE IMPACT

From us to you,

Thank you so much for all of
your kindness and support
during the 2019 holiday season!

Love,
The Windwood Family

Andrew
THANKS YOU
JOSHUA
Neil
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thanks
Dalcai
thank you
Demondos
thank you
Javen
Isaiah
Thank
you

Windwood Farm is a home for children located in Awendaw, SC. The farm has been a home for boys over the past 35 years. The mission of Windwood is to provide help, hope, and healing for the boys who live on the farm, many of whom have experienced various forms of child abuse and neglect.

In December 2019, there were 25 boys living on the farm, all of whom were featured on MPPC's Angel Tree. Church and community members wishing to participate in the Angel Tree program picked a name from the tree and purchased Christmas gifts for the child listed on their angel.

Despite the farm's best efforts to fill the season with holiday cheer, many of the boys on the farm went to bed on December 24th worried that Santa would not be able to find them. On Christmas morning, all 25 boys were ecstatic to discover that not only did Santa take the time to find them, but he also wrapped the top gifts on their wish list.

As the Executive Director of Windwood wrote in a letter to MPPC:

"It took several hours of playing with new toys, singing Christmas carols, and watching tried and true movies of the season to bring the noise level back down to a quiet roar.

Thank you for helping to place the miracle of the season in the hearts of our boys."

Including the boys at Windwood, over 120 children were able to wake up to a Christmas miracle because of the kindness and generosity of your Angel Tree donations.

This wonderful letter and thank you note from Windwood Farm goes to show that such a small gift can make such a large impact on those who receive it.



HOPE HOUSE

Celebrating a House of Hope

"...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Travel back in time with us about a dozen years. Next to our sanctuary on Hibben Street stood an empty, two-story three-bedroom house in need of a purpose -- and much repair.

After much prayerful discussion, the mission-minded members of Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church decided to turn it into a faith-based, home-away-from-home for people far from their own homes, caring for loved ones in nearby hospitals.

On February 15, 2010 Hope House officially opened its doors to guests. And they have been coming ever since, more than 1,750 so far -- many finding comfort and peace here, even friends for life. Over these past ten years, hundreds of MPPC members have volunteered as caretakers and team leaders, making sure our guests at Hope House have everything they need.

Others of you have donated food, furnishings and all sorts of supplies. You've made prayer shawls. You have given of your time to help keep this old House, Hope Cottage and the grounds looking beautiful and inviting.. efforts that do not go unnoticed by guests.

As we begin a new decade, our heartfelt thanks for entrusting us with this special ministry.

If you would like to get to know our many wonderful guests who stay at Hope House and Hope Cottage, please contact Beth Moore at (843) 532-4892 or bmoore@carolinaone.com for information about volunteer opportunities.



*"God bless you all for what you do...
your love made it bearable." -G.W.-*

*"Never doubt that this house is serving God."
-the D., S., & M. families-*

Adopt-a-Day at Hope House

FEB. 3

In Honor of Earl Hewett for his quick response in replacing our sump pump during recent rains, Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

FEB. 6

In Honor of Rhetta Moore, Given by Betty G. Moore

FEB. 8

Happy 10th Birthday to Hope House, Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

FEB. 11

In Honor of our Brother, William L. Olmsted, MD, Given by Thomas Olmsted and Family

FEB. 15

In Honor of our Hope House Director, Beth Moore on the 10th Anniversary of its opening, Given by Angi Case

FEB. 16

In Memory of Bernice Frazier, Given by Tangula Banks

FEB. 19

In Honor of Logan Prochaska for her support as we plan Hope House's 10th Anniversary Celebration, Given by the Hope House Ministry Team

FEB. 24

In Honor of Millie and Tom Horton, Jan and Hugh Burgess and In Memory of their Mother, Helen D. Bull, Given by Paul and Elizabeth Grantham

FEB. 29

Happy Birthday to Beth Moore, Given by the Hope House Ministry Team



Hope House Turns 10

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE 10TH BIRTHDAY OF HOPE HOUSE!

The doors officially opened on February 15, 2010 and since then more than 1,750 guests have been able to call this house home while caring for their loved ones in our area hospitals. Hope House operations are funded by your monetary donations and sustained by your donations of time and talent.

Some of our volunteers will be at Hope House after both worship services on Sunday, February 16th and we invite you to come by for a tour and refreshments to celebrate the ways your gifts have spread God's love throughout this ministry.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

January was filled with such renewal and optimism in the world of youth ministry. The youth have been on the go since 2020 began! At the beginning of January, the College Youth from MPPC attended a College Conference in the beautiful mountains of Montreat, North Carolina where the focus was, "Remembering Sabbath."

The following weekend the High School Youth went on a Ski Trip to Sugar Mountain where we remembered the importance of change and being open to new opportunities as we explored the theme, "Something New." This was an amazing trip and a first for MPPC in a long time!

In addition to trips, the youth weekly programming has been in full swing as we continue Middle and High School Prayer Breakfasts, Bible Studies, and Sunday Youth Group. Most recently, we have focused on plans for our upcoming Valentine's Spaghetti Supper Youth Fundraiser on February 12th and Youth Sunday on April 26th.

We hope to see all of you at both events as we are working very hard to make them fun for the entire congregation.

RSVP for the Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser online or in the church office!

Courtney Kraus,
Director of Youth Ministries



Valentine's Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser

Wednesday, Feb. 12 | 6-7:30 p.m.

Enjoy a date night or night out with the entire family while the youth cook and prepare a night of fun and fellowship for a great cause.

The youth will provide dinner, dessert, entertainment, and a silent auction. Tickets are available online through Realm and the church office.



\$10 for adults
\$5 for children



Important Dates

- **February 2nd:** Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday. Please bring any change to donate to our local charity- One80 Place.
- **February 12th:** Valentine's Spaghetti Supper Youth Fundraiser from 6:00-7:30
- **February 24th:** Last day to register for Middle School Montreat Conference
- **March 2nd:** Youth Sunday Planning during youth group (Middle and High School Youth)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

We all know what it feels like to sing a hymn with a full heart, internalize the message from the pulpit, and recommit our faith through reciting the Apostle's Creed. We know the emotional experience of officer installation, seeing new members join the church, and taking part in church leadership.

For many of us, this experience is a ritual that began in our youth, through the experiences of participating in worship and Sunday School. Almost everyone can remember when they came to understand the importance of Ash Wednesday, Pentecost, and World Communion Day as parts of our faith and of the life of the church.

Children's worship opportunities aim to help children learn the importance of faith and church membership in a way that they can understand, enjoy, and internalize. When a message and service of worship are geared toward children, with illustrations they can apply to their own lives and songs they can understand, they grow in seeing their faith as something that deserves their attention and nurture. They begin to see themselves as a part of the church and of the body of Christ.

The Children's Ministry and Christian Education teams and I are thrilled to announce that **beginning February 9, MPPC will offer Children's Worship during the 10:30 Service of Worship.**

Combined with the educational experience of Sunday School, Children's Worship is designed to offer a worship experience especially for children in Kindergarten through second grades. Children will have an opportunity to learn and practice the elements of worship and experience faith formation through this service. On Communion Sundays and some special Sundays, children will remain in service with their families to take part in the life of the church.

After the children's message during both the Sanctuary and Net services, children in K-2 will be invited to exit to Children's Worship with a leader. They will convene in Grace Hall room 120, where they can be picked up after church. Children are invited to bring Bibles with them to service, and some will be provided. Sarah Harbin-Coleman and co-leaders will conduct the service. For preschool and grades 3-5, supplemental materials will be provided in worship to help them experience worship in their own way.

We are so excited to offer this worship opportunity for children, and we welcome questions and feedback as we develop this program.

Sarah Harbin-Coleman,
Director of Children's
Ministries



We are looking for members for our planning and volunteer team!
Contact Paula Angelos or Sarah Harbin-Coleman to join us!

Vacation Bible School June 29 – July 2

Knights of North Castle: Quest for the King's Armor invites children to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power by exploring how we put on the armor of God. Join us as we take up the gauntlet and learn our strength in God and share God's love with others! Games, science, snacks, mission projects, and more will fill our week with fun and learning! Registration opens for MPPC members Feb. 1

MPPC Arts Camp July 20-22

Bethelwoods Summer Camp August 2-7

Kids and youth who have completed 1st-12th grade as of Summer 2020 are invited to spend a week in prayer and worship as they experience all the traditions of sleep-away camp! Campers are grouped by grade and spend their week canoeing, swimming, learning archery, making crafts, and in Bible study, all in the beautiful foothills of York, South Carolina. Housing is bunk beds in air conditioned cabins! Sarah Harbin-Coleman will be a camp worship leader for the week. Register online at bethelwoods.org. Grades 9-12 attend for 2 weeks as Leaders in Training.

Third Grade Bibles Presented March 8 | 9 a.m. Service

If you are the parent of a third grader and have not been contacted about your third grader receiving a Bible, please email Sarah Harbin-Coleman. Please make plans to join us in celebrating this important milestone in our children's faith journey.

Family Mission Day Saturday, Feb. 8

Join our second annual Family Mission Day! Families will have an opportunity to create a simple craft and deliver it to church members who are not always able to worship with the congregation. Register on Realm.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



I recently saw an Instagram post. It was posted by Hill City Church, in Richmond, Virginia. It struck me as thought provoking and worthy of discussion, and it made me reflect on what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. The post

began by talking about the word “Christian” and what that means for us. The post encouraged us to think about how different races, cultures and genders are treated in America. Do we treat those different than us in a way that is “Christ-like?”

Through both worship and education, how do we seek to be Christ-like? Church is not something we do alone; we are a community of people worshipping an amazing God. Our commonality is that we worship the God of Scripture who has been active in and with the world from the beginning of time and God continues to be engaged in our world and in our lives today. We worship not only on Sundays, but every day in how we live our life.

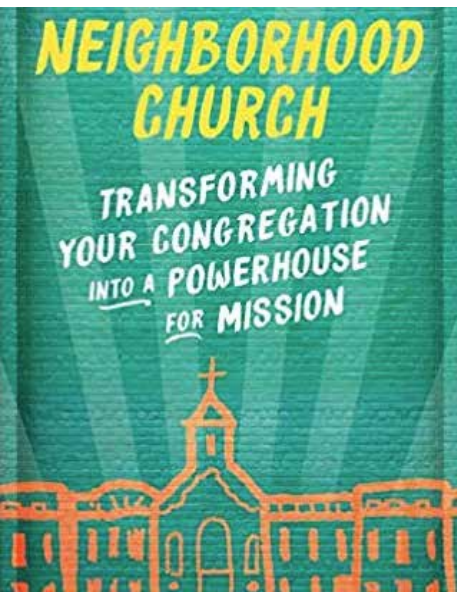
This Lent, the Adult Faith Formation Ministry Team invites you to participate in our Lenten study as we explore what it means to be Church and look at ways we do church. We will use the book *Neighborhood Church*, by Krin Van Tatenhove and Rob Mueller, as our guide to navigate who we are and how we are a missional

congregation. Tatenhove and Mueller weave storytelling, personal experience and case studies together to help readers explore what it means to be a neighborhood church and offer ways for congregations to “transform...from inward to outward moving.”

Through an array of conversations with people within MPPC, small groups are consistently requested. This Lent is an opportunity to join a small group. In small groups, we will discover some of our assets and examine opportunities that might be knocking on our door. As individuals, we will hear ways we are part of the Body of Christ through MPPC and explore how we can become more involved in our neighborhood. Sunday’s sermons will connect Scripture with our weekly focus.

It is astounding what God can do through a group of believers. You are part of the Body of Christ; join us for an amazing Lenten study on *Neighborhood Church* as we look outward as a missional congregation. *Neighborhood Church* is for the entire congregation. We hope you will participate!

Dr. Dan Wiard
Director of Christian Education



Small Group Kickoff & Dinner

Sunday, February 23

5:00-7:15 p.m. | Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Rob Mueller

Rob is the pastor of Divine Redeemer Presbyterian church, a one hundred-year-old urban Hispanic congregation in San Antonio, Texas. He began ministry working with the Christian Base Community model of church development that was created in poor Latin American Christian communities. Rob is also the co-author of *Neighborhood Church*. Childcare available upon request.

SMALL GROUP FAQs

Why Small Groups? Small groups are intimate ways to meet and fellowship with other people in the congregation. Conversations are easier; relationships can be deeper.

How do you sign up for a small group? Signups are currently ongoing for small groups. Stop by one of the Lenten Small Group tables on Sunday mornings, February 2 and 9, to sign up for an available group. You can also sign up using your MPPC Realm account. If you do not see a group that meets when you would like, we encourage you to consider facilitating a group that meets at a convenient time for you.

When and where do groups meet? All groups are asked to attend the Kickoff gathering Sunday, February 23, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our keynote speaker is Rev. Rob Mueller, co-author of the book *Neighborhood Church*. Outside of this kickoff gathering, groups can meet any place, any time. We ask that you coordinate times through the church office so others might join your group.

How often do small groups meet? Most small groups will meet weekly during Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. Groups will meet five times in addition to the Kickoff on Sunday, February 23. Some groups will include dinner or light refreshments, others might focus entirely on the lesson. Most groups last between 1-1.5 hours.

Is there childcare? Childcare is available and provided by the church for small groups that meet at the church Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday evenings.

Is there a cost to participate in the Lenten small group studies? We ask for a donation of \$10 to cover the cost of your book, *Neighborhood Church*. There is no cost for the Kickoff on February 23.

I travel. Can participate in the study while I am away from home? We are trying something new this year and offering an on-line small group. The on-line group will gather two-three times in face-to-face conversation, but the bulk of our discussions will be on-line.

Can I come to the Kickoff if I do not participate in a small group? Absolutely. We hope you will sign up to participate in a small group, but you are welcome and invited to the Kickoff and Keynote speaker presentation. If you decide you would like to participate in a small group at – or after – the Lenten study Kickoff, we will get you in a group.

Will there be a small group for youth? Yes.

How will children participate? Watch for details about a special connecting opportunity for children!

MUSIC MINISTRIES

Greetings from your Music Ministry!

How are you doing with your New Year's resolutions? By now your good intentions may have turned into regret. I have a new resolution for you which may just be what you're looking for - **JOIN A CHOIR!** Being a part of singing to the glory of God will bring joy, friendships and a feeling of accomplishment to you. Come join a choir - we always have room for you.

If you play an instrument or are interested in playing bells we would love to have you join us, too. Check out the website for more details or contact Barbara Loehr-Fox at bloehr@mppc.net.

Your Fine Arts Ministry has been hard at work:

Our first concert featuring the Dozier Winds—A Salute to Veterans was a wonderful success. This army band from Fort Jackson engaged the audience with music composed or arranged by people who have served in the military from the mid-19th century to the present day.



Our second concert by Chamber Music Charleston with our own member, Regina Helcher Yost playing the flute, was also a hit. Other members of Chamber Music Charleston included Zac Hammond, oboe, Jenny Weiss, violin, Sandra Nikolajevs, bassoon, and Julia Harlow on harpsichord. This concert utilized our beautiful harpsichord that needed a little TLC from Julia Harlow.



We continue to grow our Arts Lover email list. Let us know if you would like to be on it by emailing Alexis at asingleton@mppc.net.



Don't miss these upcoming concerts!

- **March 6 – Citadel Choir Concert – 7 p.m. – Free admission**
Please join us in the Sanctuary for a concert of classical and popular choral favorites presented by The Citadel Chorale under the direction of Kayleen Sanchez.
- **March 13 – Village Concert Series – 7 p.m. – Voxie**
Voxie is a Celtic music ensemble with harp, violin and vocalist. This will be in conjunction with Pacesetters. Come enjoy dinner and a concert. Reservations for dinner are required. The concert is free.

GET INVOLVED



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our next New Member class will take place on February 16 from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. in Grace Hall 123-125. This one-evening class will allow us to get to know you better and for you to ask any questions to discern if membership is right for you. Pastors, Elders and other leaders in the church will join us to talk about life at MPPC. A light meal will be provided. Childcare is available by request. Please contact Rev. Kim Trimboli at ktrimboli@mppc.net if you would like to know more or to register for the class!

PACESETTERS PRESENTS: BARBARA LOEHR-FOX & FRIENDS

With Broadway tunes, love songs and selections by some of our favorite children, this evening will put you in a Valentine's mood. Also enjoy delicious food & great fellowship! Doors open on Feb. 14 at 5:45 p.m., dinner is at 6 p.m. and the show begins at 7 p.m. RSVP to Douglas Mellichamp (douglasmell@me.com or 843-224-5359) by 5 p.m. on Feb. 10th.



SECOND SUNDAY SPEAKER SERIES

The Bridge Builders ministry team invites you to participate in the thought provoking programs that we have lined up for 2020. On Feb. 9 representatives from the Charleston Jewish Federation will address the rise of anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitism has become a huge problem, not only in the US, but also worldwide. We look forward to seeing you in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The new year finds us in need of sanctuary flowers for most Sundays in 2020! If you would like to provide an arrangement in memory or in honor of someone or in celebration of a special event, the following Sundays are available: February 16 or 23 and March 8, 15, 22 or 29.

Please also feel free to reserve a Sunday later in the year. Contact Martha Waters at mbwmpsc@gmail.com or 843-345-8167 for information on pricing and ordering.





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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00 a.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary*
10:30 a.m. *Worship in the Sanctuary*
10:30 a.m. *The Net | Worship in the Fellowship Hall*

Sunday School:

9:00 a.m. *(All Ages)*
10:30 a.m. *(Connect 3 Adult Sunday School)*

Fellowship Breakfast:

8:30– 11 a.m. *in the Fellowship Hall*

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