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The Passage of Time



We have some great historians and history writers in Mt Pleasant. "A *Stately Heritage, The Story of Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church 1699-2007*" by John L All tells the story of the life of MPPC. Reading the history, I couldn't help but again being impressed

with the dedication and generosity of many people through the years! The post-World War II-history of MPPC was a busy time, beginning in 1948 with the report, "a strong full-time leader at last!" Then follows stories of ever-growing ministries, adding land and buildings, rebuilding, finances, meals, activities, reorganization and rebuilding...

And the stories of our pastors... It is interesting that of the 8 "full-time pastors" since 1948, only 4 stayed longer than 10 years. And from the last 4 "full-time pastors" at MPPC, only 1 managed to stay longer than 5 years. There were also many associate pastors, interim pastors, a parish associate or two, directors of Christian education and music, and of course, support staff (which I guess some must have been full-time, as I read that Peter Jorgenson served as the first full-time Associate Pastor from May 1980-December 1985) and an intern or two.

Somehow, I get the impression that MPPC hasn't done a great job in retaining pastors. Is the problem with the congregation, or with the pastors? Through a simple process of deduction (the only factor that stays the same!) is MPPC. Systems theory poses that a system gives the results for which it has been designed and set up. And if the problem is with the congregation, what is it, and how can we try to prevent our history from continuing in this way?

I am convinced that MPPC takes care of every staff member who works here. The congregation is generous in making sure that everyone can live, even in these financial circumstances we find ourselves in. I think some of the problems lie with our expectations of our "full-time pastor."

Do we expect to have a preaching pastor, to recreate the previous time of stellar growth? (It will not happen!) Do we expect someone who will lead us to great and successful ministries, being a glamorous country club church for only those who can afford the membership fees?

I wonder how many of our current members became members during the ministry of Rev. Jim Lowry. According to John All, Jim wrote, "...my fondest memories of Mt Pleasant are of people... and My closest relationships were with the staff..." It was during his ministry (July 1981—April 1992) that the congregation grew with almost 30 members a year (a total of 310 members), while Mt. Pleasant's population grew from 15,000-21,876.

Would it change anything if everyone in the congregation prayed that God will prepare us, and prepare the right candidate to be our future pastor, while we try to understand what we truly expect of such a candidate? And what reasonable expectations we have of the pastor who leads Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian for the next 10-15 years?

What if a healthy transition takes some time—much longer than the replacement of personnel takes in the secular world—because we try to find out who God has called us to be, what the ministries are God calls us to, and who our neighbor is?

What if we begin to believe that we all are indeed participating in God's choice for our next long-term, full-time pastor here at Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church, and open ourselves to the work of God's Spirit who continues to guide, nudge, empower, inspire, comfort, and inform us in a journey to grow together as God's representative in this part of Mt. Pleasant?

Blessings,

Rev. Dr. Danie de Beer
Interim Pastor & Head of Staff

connected through mission

When You Hear God Calling...

Have you ever prayed for God to let you hear His voice and show you how He wants you to be His hands, His feet, His eyes, and His heart to do His work? Bruce McAdams heard that Call and acted on it. Upon receiving a call from Lutheran Services, Bruce made a trip to the MUSC Dental School to provide transportation for an Afghan refugee. There he met Nadia Paikan, a 28 year-old mother of 4. Bruce took Nadia and her two sons to a podiatrist for an in-grown toe nail.

Rewind to Sept. 21, 2021:

The world watched in horror, the terror in Afghanistan as the Taliban seized power, cutting off avenues of escape for the Afghan people. Nadia fled to the airport with a 2 week-old daughter, a 19 month-old daughter and her two sons, then ages 6 and 9. Her husband, who worked at a radio station, was prevented from leaving because he had been grabbed by the Taliban. She and the children had already left to go to the airport. They had discussed that if this should happen, that she would take the kids and leave. They are able to keep in touch though she still worries. She also left behind her mother, father, and four siblings.

Nadia has an attorney who speaks Dari who is helping her to be granted asylum here so that she can apply for a green card. Lutheran Services of the Carolinas is paying the attorney fees. Nadia lives in a two-bedroom apartment in N. Charleston and she works 4 days a week at the Istanbul Shish Kabob Restaurant. Before we started providing transportation to and from work, she would take her two young daughters to daycare by bus and then ride the bus to work. At the end of the work day, she would ride the bus to daycare and then back to her apartment with the girls. Her boys go home after school to an empty apartment and wait for Nadia and the sisters to come home.

MPPC members from the Local Impact mission team and The Academy of St. John church school class have also heard God calling and are providing transportation for Nadia. Other church members from MPPC and other congregations in the area have been providing furniture, diapers and other household items. Soon, Bruce plans to organize providing regular transportation to and from the grocery, in-home learning English sessions and driver's training. Sudais, the eldest, is almost fluent having been learning English since living in the United States.

Nadia has expressed many times to Zainab, her caseworker, how grateful she is for the ways we have been able to make positive changes in the lives of herself and her children.

MPPC is working with members of Providence Church and All Saints Lutheran; together we form a Circle of Welcome. Bruce keeps us all posted as to donations received and what is needed. While Lutheran Services drives home that the refugees need to become independent and self-sufficient, Nadia needs more support, care and help than other Afghan refugees who have come to Charleston, such as single men and families with both parents present, in order to become self-sufficient.

So, this is how God awakens his people to hear His call and follow. Love your neighbor, Jesus told his disciples.

If this story has stirred your heart, please contact Bruce McAdams or Pastor Bart to see how you might be a part of God's calling to help this family.



connected through education

...It's Sunday Night!!

It's an all-new lineup on Sunday nights for children, youth, and adults that includes fellowship, dinner, and program opportunities. We call it "Sunday Night Live" where you will find all children's choirs, children's programs, Bible Time & Crafts (preschool), JAM (grades K-2), Kids Alive (grades 3-5), youth music, Cornerstone Youth Ministry youth group, and adult studies. It's a place for everyone. Together. A multi-age event. And there are even hands-on mission opportunities scattered throughout Sunday Night Live's schedule. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged; you can register for the entire semester block or for the Sunday's that work best for you and your families' schedule. Suggested donation for dinners: \$8/person, \$5/child 5 and younger. Registration link available at mppc.net/events.

SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE

Youth Programs:

Confirmation- 4 pm GH 221-225

This is a time for 8th graders to learn what it means to be a true member of MPPC and to affirm their baptismal vows. We use the PCUSA curriculum, *Big God, Big Questions*. Registration is open until September 26th on Realm.

Youth Music- 5 pm, Sanctuary

This is a time for our musically inclined youth to come together to jam. There will be a youth choir and band, so we welcome all of your musical talents!

Youth Dinner- 5:30 pm, FH

All of the youth music members get a chance to eat after rehearsal and the other youth can come and eat when they can. You may pay in advance for the entire year or week by week on Realm.

CornerStone Evening Youth Group- 6 pm, Basement

This will be a time for Middle and High School Youth after dinner for a brief small group time and lots of recreation. Some weeks we will combine Middle and High School groups and other weeks we will stay together. This is the perfect time to come together and reset before a busy school week! The event we will be doing each week will be shared in the Youth weekly email.

Adult Programs:

Adult Conversation & Interest Groups- 4:30 pm, FH

Dinner- 5 pm, FH

Part of God's Story- 6 pm, FH

What will be our story when we are no longer here? It is a question many of us may wonder but what is amazing about our story is that it is part of God's story. Our story is alongside God's work through Moses, Abraham, Jacob, Peter, James, Martha, Mary, John, Esther, and Ruth to name but a few. And Jesus prayed for us along with so many others before he died. We are part of God's amazing story and that's what makes our story amazing. Part of God's Story is a three-part program on Sunday evenings. Whether we are in our twenties, single and free, married with or without children, or whether we are in our eighties, we have a story to tell and we find stories fascinating. Part of God's Story is an opportunity to begin to preserve our story, leaving a legacy of who we are and whose we are for those we choose to tell. All are welcome!

Fall – Beginning our story through Bible study and guided questions; Winter - Genealogy and lineage, our bigger story; Spring - Beliefs and value, what we believe.

Called to Life: An Invitation to a Missional Way of Being By Rev. John Hage and Ruling Elder Ellen Creed Branham. Facilitated by Rev. Bart W. Edwards- 6 pm, Parlor

Almost a decade ago, MPPC began a missional study based on this work. Although much has changed at MPPC and in the world over the last decade, the mission of God and life as a missional church continues. This excellent study will lead participants to consider and better understand how we as individuals and a church can discern and follow God's call in 2022 and beyond. Prayerfully discern how you will grow in your faith this fall at MPPC, and as you do consider these words from Frederick Buechner: The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet." Together, let's explore and listen for the ways God is calling us, find the deep hungers of the world and see what happens when they meet!

Children's Programs: See next page

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Sunday Night Live for Children!

We're looking forward to spending Sunday nights together! It is crucial that we have volunteers to lead our children, if you would like to volunteer, please contact Jessica at ijkluesner@mppc.net.



SNL Children's Programs:

Angel Notes- 4:45 pm

MPPC's youngest choir for children ages 3-5/PreK. Siblings who are younger than the recommended age are welcome with a parent present! During this time, children will learn about God through classic children's music.

The Kingdom Choir- 4:45 pm

Choir for children ages K-5th grade. Children will have the opportunity to sing fun music in harmony and learn about faith through song.

Dinner- 5 pm, FH for all ages!

Bible Time & Crafts- 5:30 pm

For our children ages 3-5, where they will learn Bible stories, sing songs, and learn through play about God and the many lessons of the Bible.

Jesus and Me (JAM)- 5:30 pm

For K-2nd grade children. They will enjoy a year long journey through the Bible with stories and crafts that bring the stories and lessons of the Bible to life.

Kid's Alive- 5:30 pm

Our program for 3rd-5th graders! We hope this will create a "youth group" feeling for the children where they can grow through Bible study, games, and crafts. We will be using the Bible Trivia curriculum to engage our young people in new and exciting ways!

Sunday Mornings Beginning Sept. 18!

Grades K-5

We are so excited for Sunday School this year where children in grades K-5 will be able to grow in their faith and understanding of God. Children will gather in their classrooms for a short video and Bible stories that will connect each week's lesson to their lives. The classes will be divided into, K-1, 2-3, 4-5. We'll be using the Celebrate Wonder curriculum and children will be able to deepen their faith while we create a safe space for them to ask big questions and claim their spiritual identity as children of God.



Preschool

Our preschool program will be using The Beginner's Bible lesson series and will also begin their lessons with a short video. The children in this program include 2's, 3's, and 4's. We are looking forward to this fun curriculum and seeing how our little ones grow this year!

Nursery & Childcare

Nursery and childcare is available for toddlers and infants during the 10 a.m. Education hour.

Kids Praise

Our "children's church" program will be changing our dates this year, we'll be worshipping together on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays of the month so that our children can receive Communion together with the congregation each month. This worship experience for children ages K-2nd grade will include a story based on the weekly Bible reading and activities to help them better understand the message. This volunteer-led experience begins following the children's message during the 11 am service, when children will head to Kid's Praise in GH 122. After the conclusion of the service, parents may pickup their children immediately in GH 122. If you would like to volunteer to lead, please contact Jessica at ijkluesner@mppc.net.

Third Grade Worship

A six-week program designed for our third graders to learn the different components of worship and the basic elements of the sacraments. Our prayer is that they will continue to worship with their families and attend Sunday School weekly.

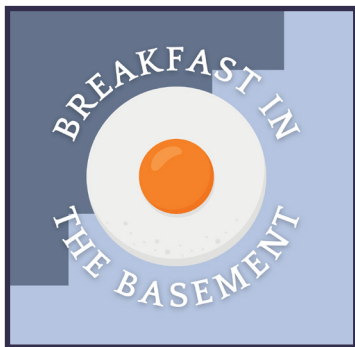
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New Year, New Programs

We are gearing up for a GREAT start to our school year in CornerStone Youth Ministry! I can't wait to see all of the youth on a weekly basis after our Rally Day Kick Off! We have a lot planned this year, so I encourage you to get plugged in by coming to the weekly and monthly events listed below. We have also already planned our 2022-2023 trips and the registration dates and trip dates are also available in the weekly email, so you don't forget to add them to your calendar! Not a youth, but want to come join the fun? We are always looking for youth advisers to help with our events so please reach out to help with our events or trips!

Blessings,

Courtney Kraus
Director of
Youth Ministries



PRAYER BREAKFAST

Weekday Mornings:

**Middle School Prayer Breakfast-
Tuesdays, 7 am, FH**

This is a time when we build community with each other by touching base with the crazy life of a middle schooler and we end close with a devotion from D365 (our favorite devotional app). Chick-Fil-A is catered each week so be sure to let Courtney know when you will be attending.

**High School Prayer Breakfast-
Thursdays, 7 am, Long Point Rd
Chick-fil-a**

This is a time when we build community with each other by touching base with the crazy life of a high schooler and we end close with a devotion from D365 (our favorite devotional app). The cost of Chick-Fil-A is covered each week so you do not have to worry about bringing money.

Sunday Mornings:

**Breakfast in the Basement- 10 am,
Basement**

This is our time to eat together, check on each other, and discuss the Bible in a new light. We will gather as an entire youth group and then break into Middle and High School small groups.

See pg. 3 for Sunday Night Schedule!

Monthly Events:



**Mini Montreat Mid-Month
Monday- 6:30 pm**

Missing Montreat? So am I that is why we decided to create a mini Montreat to connect with one another ONCE a month as we do energizers, sing music, break into small groups, and listen to a keynote. We will meet from 6:30-7:45 in the FH and Basement. Meets: Sept. 19, Oct. 17 & Nov. 14.



High School Book Chat- 6:30 pm

Looking to dive deeper into your faith each month? Join our Book Chat! We will meet from 6:30-7:45 in the Basement. We will be discussing the book, *Faith After Doubt*, by Brain McLaren. This will be held in person, and we will also have Zoom set up for those that want to join virtually. Meets: Sept. 14, Oct. 13 & Nov. 2.

Special shout out to some awesome church members that make these youth events possible!

2022-2024 Youth Ministry Team

*Chair: Tara Montgomery
Tara Branham
Ashley Brown
Lesley Hathaway
James Kennedy
Amy Murrell
Sarah Phelps
Carmen Scott
Shelley Scruggs*

*Beth Sharp
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2022-2023 Youth Advisers

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Adult Faith Formation and Discipleship 2022-2023

Welcome to Adult Faith Formation and our latest programs and ministry for the coming 2022-2023 calendar year. In adult faith formation, we believe the deepest, most meaningfully rich life we can live begins with Jesus Christ. In a broken world, one can experience complete love that can fill our heart and spirit beyond measure through Christ. It begins by knowing Christ and having a personal relationship with him where we know him like we know our best friend or significant other.

We offer adult faith formation opportunities that connect faith and life to deepen and experience God's amazing love. Through all types of education gatherings, small groups and large, people gather for Bible study, conversation, and fellowship. Central to our groups is a deep desire to be the hands and feet of Christ, welcoming the stranger, and to be in

the community to which we serve. Our intent is to make, and to minister to, disciples for Christ in all walks of life.

It is out of gratitude that we worship God and want to be more like Christ. We hope you will plan to participate in adult faith formation this fall and in the coming months. It can happen 24/7, on campus and off campus, in person and online. The opportunities are rich. Where would you like to get connected on your faith journey in adult faith formation?

Peace,

Dan Wiard

Director of Christian Education



Terms to Know This Fall

- **Sunday School** – We bring back a term most familiar to everyone, Sunday School. Sunday School is our education time that meets on Sunday mornings.
- **Small Group** – These groups are short studies, and the group tends to offer support for group members. Remember to add an extra chair for visitors! Groups are always open.
- **FOCUS** – These are intentional, focused events and programs that happen less frequently than small groups. Men's Group, Older Adults Group, Gathering Around Books (GAB) are FOCUS groups.
- **GH** – Grace Hall building
- **SB** – Sea Brook building

Sunday School: Sunday Mornings (cont. on next page)

THE HARBOR (9:30-10:30)

The Harbor is an in-depth Bible study that includes presentation and discussion. This fall the class begins in Paul's letter to the Romans. No preparation is necessary; the Bible is your study guide and text! Butch Hills facilitates and participants gain rich insight through a historical perspective of the text. [GH 222](#).

ACADEMY OF ST. JOHN (9:30-10:30)

This lecture-style class approaches Scripture through the lens of academics whenever possible while using DVD resources to deepen the class presentation. Studies this fall include Adam Hamilton's Creed: *What Christians Believe and Why (the Apostles' Creed)* in Sept/Oct. *The Wired Word* is our curriculum in early Nov. and will explore weekly current events through the lens of Scripture. Amy-Jill Levine's *Light of the World: A Beginners Guide to Advent* will round out the 2022 studies Advent Nov. 27- Dec. 18. [SB 206](#).

CONNECT 3 (9:30-10:30)

This diverse and growing class studies Scripture through thematic and topical studies. Their curriculum line-up for the year includes *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*, by Susan Robb, our 2022 Lenten study author (Sept/Oct), *Words of Life: Jesus and the Promise of the Ten Commandments Today*, by Adam Hamilton (Oct/Nov), another Adam Hamilton study *Faithful: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph* (Nov. 27 – Dec. 18), *1 Corinthians: Searching the Depths of God*, by Jaime Clark-Soles (January/February 2023), *Courage: Jesus and the Call to Brave Faith*, by Tom Berlin (Feb/Mar), and *Christianity and World Religions: Questions We Ask about Other Faiths*, by Adam Hamilton (Apr/May). This class has shared leadership among class members and is discussion-based. Participants in this class will also engage in mission and service opportunities locally and internationally, with scattered fellowship parties throughout the year! [Parlor](#).

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Sunday School: Sunday Mornings pt. 2

"YOUNGISH" ADULTS (10-10:50)

While children and youth are connecting on Sunday mornings in their space, we hope parents and young adults will come together during the education hour for fellowship, conversation, and study in their newly renovated space – the library! This year our youngish adult curriculum includes Doug Fields' *Intentional Parenting: 10 Ways to Be an Exceptional Parent in a Quick-Fix World* (Sept/Oct), Adam Hamilton's *Enough: Discovering Joy Through Simplicity and Generosity* (Oct/Nov), an Advent study yet to be named Nov. 27 – Dec. 18, *Love to Stay: Six Keys to a Successful Marriage*, by Adam Hamilton (Jan/Feb 2023), followed by the church-wide Lenten study. [Library, SB.](#)

THE MIDDLE (10-10:50)

We are all in the middle of something. Some of us are in the middle of raising kids, our lives, taking care of parents etc. All of us are somewhere in the middle of our faith journey. This group explores and studies God's message for them in these seasons of life. Initial studies in The Middle class this year include *Called: Hearing and Responding to God's Voice*, by Susan Robb, our Lenten author from 2022 (Sept/Oct), *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, by Amy-Jill Levine (Oct/Nov/early Jan), and an Advent study yet to be selected. [SB 210.](#)

Beyond Sundays

MEN AND WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Sunday (4 p.m.)

Class selects material on a study-by-study basis. This group also typically participates in church-wide small group studies. Meets on the [MPPC campus.](#)

MEN'S MORNING STUDY, Friday (7 a.m.)

This is an informal group of men, ranging in age from 20's to 70's dedicated to learning more about the Bible as they study the Bible one book at a time, reading and discussing about one chapter per week. There is NO HOMEWORK, and the Bible is the curriculum. The group gathers for breakfast and fellowship at [Page's Okra Grill](#) on the first Friday of the month.

SOUL TRAINING, Monday (6:45 p.m)

This weekly Bible Study is open to men and women of all ages and is looking at the Gospel of Luke. [GH 123.](#)

THE IN-BETWEEN

If you are a young person and looking for a small group for (mostly) post-college young people, consider joining The In-Between. The group is an informal Bible study that gathers around Mount Pleasant for study and fellowship. Contact Dan Wiard for more information.

FOCUS Groups

WISE GUYS, Tuesdays, 12:10, Sept. 20-Dec. 6, Zoom

The Old Testament books of Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Song of Solomon (also call the Song of Songs) were once attributed to King Solomon. Scholars largely reject this authorship now and believe that their words flowed from the quills of more than one author. What the books have in common is that they address how one is to live wisely before God, and thus, they are characterized as "wisdom literature."

The class is facilitated by Lib McGregor Simmons. Email Lib to receive the calendar of readings and the Zoom link.

See page 10 for more FOCUS Groups

THE GAB GROUP, 4th Fridays, 5:30 p.m. Zoom

Gathering Around Books is a monthly discussion of fiction and non-fiction books which are not overtly religious but whose content offers food for thought and dialogue from a faith perspective. The discussion is facilitated by Lib McGregor Simmons. Register at mppc.net/events to receive your automatic Zoom link. Books coming up for discussion are as follows:

- Sept. 23: *Made In China* by Anna Qu
- Oct. 28: *Beloved* by Toni Morrison
- Nov. 25: *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor
- No meeting in December
- Jan. 27: *The Splendid & the Vile* by Erik Larson

connected through mission & music

Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event - Sept. 25th!



Rise Against Hunger meals represent the hopes and dreams of people worldwide. Rise Against Hunger volunteers are the heart of their mission to end hunger and they could not send millions of meals around the globe each year without them.

Let's come together Sunday, Sept 25th at the Fourth Sunday Mission Event. We will be packing meals to help hungry children around the world. Our MPPC goal is to pack 14,256 bags – that equals a shipping pallet. I (Pastor Bart) have seen pallets of Rise Against Hunger meals while working in Haiti at Haiti Outreach Ministries. HOM uses these meals to feed over 1,000 students every day. In many instances this is the only meal a child will receive in a day.

If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Bart, bedwards@mppc.net. We will meet for regular Sunday Night Live dinner at 5 p.m. and then at 5:30, children, youth and adults will remain in the Fellowship Hall for the meal packing event rather than going to their typical classes and programs. So come one and all, young and old. This is a hands-on mission project for all ages!

The link to sign up is available at mppc.net/events on the 25th of September.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

In Christ,
Pastor Bart

Rev. Bart Edwards
Associate Pastor for Missions



MPPC Music Ministry

We are excited to begin a new season of music for children and youth! Below you will find information on numerous ensembles for all ages! We hope you and your family will consider being a part of our music ministry! Contact Tony Sane at tsane@mppc.net with questions.

Sunday Night Live Ensembles

Youth and children's choirs/band opportunities!

See pages 3 and 4.

Beginner Handbell Choir: 4:30 p.m.

This is open to anyone wanting to learn how to play bells-starting 6th grade into adulthood. Meets in the choir room on Sundays.

Tony Sane

Director of Music Ministries



Village Concert Series:

The Gravel Road Bluegrass Band

Join us in the **Sanctuary on Friday, September 23 at 7 p.m.** to enjoy an exciting performance by the Gravel Road Bluegrass Band! Based in Mt Pleasant, South Carolina, the band is a core group of three multi-talented musicians along with supporting members who perform in a variety of venues in the southeast. The group's varied musical backgrounds have converged into a style that is unique and innovative in the acoustic music world. Members are Derek Deakins, guitar and vocals, Lisa Deakins, fiddle and vocals, and Meg High, vocals. Listeners enjoy the group's unique arrangements of bluegrass, country, folk, and pop tunes along with their vocal harmony precision.



Endowment Gifts

In Memory of Betty Douty

Dal and Linda Schreck
Ronnie and Terry Strawn

Endowment Fund

David and Donna Smith contributed to the Endowment Fund

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Sharing and Caring

"...remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.' " – Acts 20:35

For a dozen years hundreds of guests have passed through the doors at Hope House.

Some have come back for a second stay.

That's what Cathy Perry recently did. Her husband received a lung transplant in February. When she learned there was room for her again at the House, she said "God sent me here this time."

It turns out a new guest needed her support, because her husband was getting ready to undergo a lung transplant. They bonded as so many of our guests do.

Cathy and some of the other guests have even created their own "chat room," so they can keep in touch.

One of them is Rick Porter, who many of you may remember was at Hope Cottage for many weeks during the pandemic tending to his ailing wife. After she passed, he asked if he could volunteer as a Caretaker at Hope House. He wanted to give back by helping others get through a tough time. Rick started the middle of last month!

Thank you to all the Volunteers who keep Hope House going and being there for our guests.



Adopt-a-Day at Hope House

SEPTEMBER 1

In Honor of our Wedding Anniversary; Given By Greg and Judy McCoy

SEPTEMBER 2

In Memory of Gloria Goff; Given by Maria Goff

SEPTEMBER 2

In Honor of Linda Stout who graciously donated a kidney to Alan 12 years ago; Given by Alan and Connie McNeel

SEPTEMBER 3

In Memory of Linda's Husband, Rusty Stout; Given by Alan and Connie McNeel

SEPTEMBER 3

In Memory of Marion Jones for her 12th Birthday; Given by Dean Rowell

SEPTEMBER 4

In Memory of David Gavin (7/5); Given by Ron and Katie Gavin

SEPTEMBER 7

In Memory of Jerry Hogan for the countless hours devoted to repairs at Hope House; Given by the HH Ministry Team

SEPTEMBER 8

In Memory of our children: William and Christina Marsh on the anniversary of their birthday; Given by Pamela and Bill Marsh

SEPTEMBER 9

In Memory of Tim Limbert; Given by Al and Alice Jenkins

SEPTEMBER 13

In Honor of Holly, Carter and Whitney; Given by Al and Alice Jenkins

SEPTEMBER 16

In Honor of Ann's Birthday; Given by Bob Ostrom

SEPTEMBER 17

In Memory of Jerry Hogan; Given by John and Kathy Wilkerson

SEPTEMBER 19

In Memory of Paul Patrillo "Pop Pop"; Given by Karl and Miff Cone

SEPTEMBER 21

In Honor of Victor Lance; Given by Juliette Lance

SEPTEMBER 23

In Honor of Antwon Long; Given by Rosalyn Mitchell and the Mitchell Family

SEPTEMBER 24-27

In Honor of my thriving husband, Chick; Given by Nancy Dykeman

SEPTEMBER 26

In Memory of Douglas Mellichamp on our wedding anniversary; Given by Susan Mellichamp

Visit mppc.net/hope-house to make a donation.

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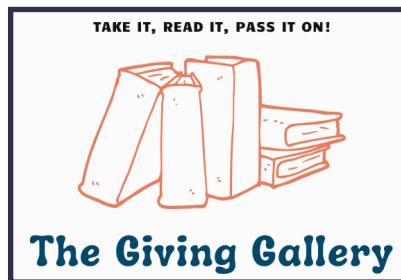


The Impact of the Learning Center

"We have been so blessed as a family to have our kids at our preschool Learning Center. The monthly Bible verses and songs about Jesus fill our home and end up encouraging our adult faith too. Even when we were given the option to go to our wonderful public school early, we chose to keep the kids at Mt. Pleasant Learning Center, our church weekday preschool, to give them one more year of Christ-based learning."

We have had some amazing teachers and the best ones have helped point our kids to Christ, been godly examples in their daily lives, and come along beside our littles teaching them how to live in faith. These are amazing things that will shape their hearts and minds for years to come. Thank you, Learning Center, for loving on our kids when they aren't at home in our arms!! They love you & so do we!!" ~ Karoline Ray, LC Parent

The Giving Gallery



The next time you're in the Education wing on campus, be sure to check out the Giving Gallery created at the 2nd floor bridge between Seabrook and Grace Hall. The previously empty

bookshelves now boast a treasure of free resources. The catch is —books can only be taken, not returned! The church is updating its library collection to be even more relevant for group Bible study and personal exploration. This means we are giving books away! Novels, devotionals, poetry, and biographies are just some of the books you'll find of interest. Stay tuned for more information to come on the updated Library collection in S209!

Presbyterian Women

The 2022-23 Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study is entitled *"Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight."* In the nine lessons of this Bible study—with passages from Genesis, Exodus, Deuteronomy, Isaiah, Matthew, Luke, and Acts—we'll consider Sabbath from new lenses. Ultimately, Sabbath reminds us to honor God who honors us by giving us a day each week to reset our pace, our priorities, and our lives. Visit mppc.net/adults for circle meeting locations and times.

SIGNS and WONDERS

FOCUS: Pop-up Studies

At different times of the year different small groups will appear, some thematic, others interest based. These groups can be started by any members of the congregation and the Adult Faith Formation Ministry Team will help resource you. Contact Dan Wiard if you would like to start a small group!

Signs and Wonders: A Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus

(Wednesdays, Oct. 12-Nov. 16, 7-8 p.m. Zoom) Amy-Jill Levine explores selected miracles of Jesus in historical and theological context. For each miracle, she discusses not only how past witnesses would have understood the events, but also how today's readers can draw meaning from Jesus's words and actions. [Register in Realm.](#)



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