

Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church

April 2023

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EASTER SUNDAY
at mount pleasant presbyterian church

9 AM
Fellowship Hall
with the Net Band

***10:15 AM**
Traditional Service in
the Sanctuary

***11:30 AM**
Sanctuary Service
+ Live Stream Option

**Overflow in the Fellowship Hall*

from rev. dr. de beer

Easter Meditation



Easter is a time of joy and celebration, but it is also a time of reflection. It is a time to remember that Jesus died on the cross to show us how far God's love for creation goes. It is a story which doesn't end in death and the cross ...

there is new life and resurrection in this story to remind us that death is not the end, and that there is always hope of a newness of life.

As we celebrate Easter, let us also reflect on the meaning of this holiday in our own lives. How do we find hope and renewal in the midst of our own struggles? How can we share this hope with others?

I often wonder what it was like on that Sunday at the tomb where the body of Jesus was buried. The gospel writers tell us that emotions among the followers of Jesus ranged from being fearful and afraid, to being perplexed and full of joy. Maybe they realized then that their world had been turned upside down.

It is Mark who gives me the most haunting story ... *"they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid"* (Mark 16:8).

Will this Easter fill us with joy and excitement, the first stirrings of a newness of life? Will the resurrection of the Christ fill us with hope and renewal? Or will we continue to be confused, terrified, not saying anything to anyone, because we are afraid?

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



AN EASTER PRAYER

We thank you for the gift of Easter, triune God. Thank you for the promise of eternal life, and the hope and renewal that comes with the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Help us to live in the light of this hope and renewal. Help us to be witnesses to your love and grace.

Amen.

easter season at mppc

SUNDAY, APRIL 2, 2023



Palm
Sunday

Worship Services at 9 & 11 a.m.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

Fauré Requiem

06 April
2023

302 Hibben St
Mount Pleasant, SC

Join Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Maundy Thursday for a Holy Communion Service followed by "Requiem in D minor" by Gabriel Fauré presented by the MPPC Choir and Orchestra.

Friday, April 7, 2023



Good Friday

"Stations of the Cross"
MPPC Campus from 12-3 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Worship Services:

9 a.m. in the Net

10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary

11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary w/ Livestream



Children's Choir April Schedule

- April 2-SING IN WORSHIP 11 a.m. (Kingdom Choir Only)
- April 2- NO REHEARSAL-Palm Sunday
- April 9- NO REHEARSAL- HAPPY EASTER!
- April 16- Rehearsal 4:30-5 p.m.
- April 23- Rehearsal 4:30-5 p.m.
- April 30- Rehearsal 4:30-5 p.m.

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ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES IN APRIL

MPPC offers five adult Sunday School classes on Sunday morning. Childcare is available during worship hours and for all studies. There is NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Connect 3 (9:30 a.m., Parlor)

Connect 3 is a discussion based, shared leadership class that meets informally around couches and chairs in the Parlor. Their post-Easter study is Adam Hamilton's video study Christianity and World Religions. Through this study, Hamilton deals with questions so many of us have about the four major world religions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism - and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity.

The Academy of Saint John (9:30 a.m., SB 206)

Academy of St. John is mostly a lecture/presentation-based class that includes videos and guest speakers. Amy-Jill Levine's Signs and Wonders is their post-Easter study as they explore the miracles of Jesus.

The Harbor (9:30 a.m., GH 222)

The Harbor is a discussion-based study that uses the Bible as its text and outside resources and commentaries to help explore the biblical passage. They are studying the Book of Romans.

The Middle (10 a.m., GH 226)

The Middle uses video-based curriculum to study various themes and topics throughout the Bible. Post-Easter they will be doing a mixture of studies that include wrapping up Hamilton's Luke study to Jevon and Nicole Caldwell-Gross's The Big Picture: Seeing God's Dream for Your Life.

The Youngish Adults (10 a.m., SB 209)

The Youngish Adults is comprised mostly of younger parents and adults whose study topics range from parenting to marriage to thematic Bible studies. Post-Easter they will be studying Adam Hamilton's Love to Stay: Six Keys to a Successful Marriage.

Volunteers for VBS Needed!

If you have not signed up to volunteer for Vacation Bible School a day or two...or three or four or five – SIGN UP TODAY! We need all able and willing bodies to help! Come and teach a young apprentice how to make a basket, pottery, soap, a musical instrument and many, many more items in the Marketplace. Don't fret – all directions will be included for you – the master craftsman!

Please sign up on the link or contact Lynn in the church office at clwiard@mppc.net.

The children will love you for it!

Third Act: "Boone Hall" with Jim Westerhold on April 24

Join us on Monday, April 24, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish lunch and "Boone Hall" presentation by MPPC member and Boone Hall General Manager Jim Westerhold.



According to their website, "Boone Hall Plantation was founded in 1681 when Englishman Major John Boone came to Charleston and established a lucrative plantation and gracious home on the banks of Wampacheone Creek. The family and descendants of Major Boone were influential in the history of South Carolina, the colonies and the nation. In 1743, the son of Major John Boone planted live oak trees, arranging them in two evenly spaced rows. This spectacular approach to his home symbolizes southern heritage and will take root in your memory for many years to come. It would take two centuries for the massive, moss-draped branches to meet overhead, forming today's natural corridor..."

Friends are welcome! Sign up at mppc.net/events.

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Vacation Bible School Donations Needed!

Many VBS donations are needed to have a successful program that the children will talk about for years to come! Please check in those closets that need to be cleaned out, those junk drawers and in that garage that holds so many treasures and see if you have any of the following:

- Nine tents – need to borrow
- Yarn – ALL colors
- Lots of Old Fabric – NO florals
- Old Sheets – NO florals
- Old Wicker Baskets
- Wood Glue, 2x2 inch wood
- Flower or Herb Seeds or Seedlings
- Dowels, ½ to ¾ inch
- Old newspapers or magazines
- Working Blender
- Working crockpot – 2
- Lima Beans and Gold spray paint

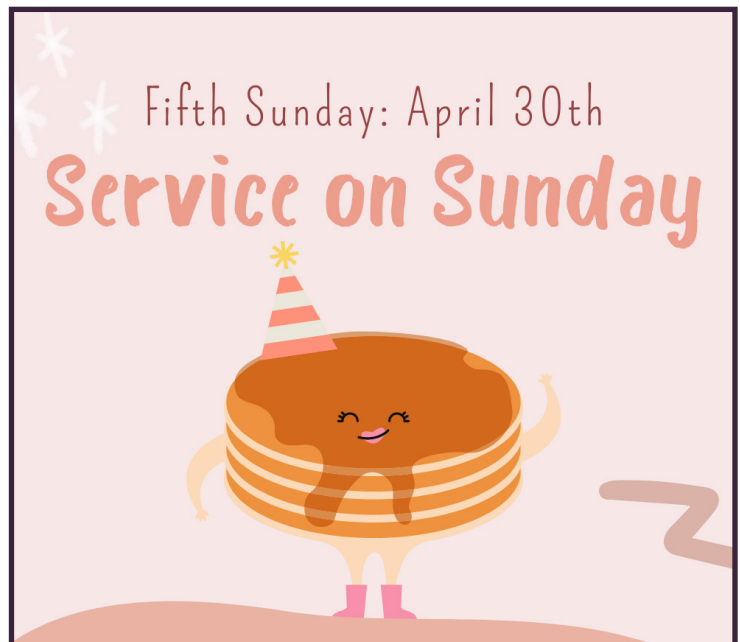
Items can be brought to Lynn Wiard's office. Thank you in advance!

Children's Palm Parade

The children's Palm Parade will be held at both services on Palm Sunday, April 2. Children will receive their palm and process into the church at the beginning of the service.

Easter Sunday

There will be NO Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 9.



Sunday, April 30 is Fifth Sunday!

Children are invited to a Pancake Breakfast during the Sunday School hour for breakfast and mission. Children will be making placemats for the clients of Meals on Wheels. Each fifth Sunday of the month has been designated as a S.O.S. – Service on Sunday where children are encouraged to come and do a mission project.

"Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth." John 3:18

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CornerStone Weekly Schedule

Middle School Youth Events

- Middle School Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesdays
- Sundays:
 - Breakfast in the Basement at 10 a.m.
 - Dinner with entire church at 5 p.m.
 - Middle School Youth Group from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

High School Youth Events

- High School Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. at the Chick-Fil-A on Longpoint on Thursdays
- Sundays:
 - Breakfast in the Basement at 10 a.m.
 - Dinner with entire church at 5 p.m.
 - High School Youth Group from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

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Genealogies & the Bible

I wonder how we might read and understand the biblical Jesus without the genealogies of Matthew and Luke. Does it matter that he is of the lineage of David, and knowing that, what insight does it give to the greater story of God's story? And what about the genealogies found in Genesis? From Adam to Noah (Gen. 5:1-31) to the descendants of Jacob and Esau (Gen. 36:1-43) and the lineage of Moses (Ex. 6:14-26), biblical genealogies help us understand God's story. They also give us insight into the biblical characters of whom we read.

I suspect our genealogies help us tell our story in a similar way. To help us learn about our story and the "how to" of genealogy research, Laurence Overmire will be offering a 2-hour **Zoom genealogy workshop** for MPPC on **Sunday, April 16, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** This workshop is a stand-alone event and is open to our congregation, but you must register. On subsequent **Sundays, April 23 – May 7, Sunday Night Live's Part of God's Story: Us** will continue our conversation about genealogy. Part of God's Story will be an opportunity to check-in with how your research is going, get tips from others researching his or her genealogy, and to explore the genealogy stories of the Bible. I hope you will consider joining us.

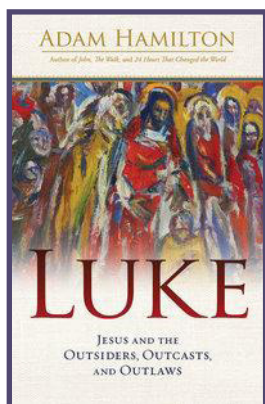
Dan Wiard

Director of Christian Education



Lenten Study Evaluation

Most if not all Lenten Small Groups will be completed by the first Sunday of April and the beginning of Holy Week. A brief evaluation form will be mailed to participants on Monday, April 3. We ask that you return those evaluations no later than Thursday, April 6.



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PART OF GOD'S STORY: FINDING YOUR ANCESTRAL GOLD

Sunday, April 16, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Zoom Workshop

Finding Your Ancestral Gold Zoom Workshop on April 16

Everyone has an amazing family history – but most have no clue how truly remarkable it is, because they have never investigated the generations going far, far back in time. Led by a genealogist and author of 6 epic family histories, Laurence Overmire. He also wrote the book *Digging for Ancestral Gold, The Fun and Easy Way to Get Started on Your Genealogy Quest*, this Zoom workshop (**Sunday, April 16, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.**) inspires you to embark on a quest for your ancestral heritage and guides you through the steps to get you started. For those with Beginning to Intermediate experience. Bring your family histories and your questions. **Register at mppc.net/events.**

Laurence Overmire has had a multi-faceted career as an actor, poet, playwright, director, educator, and genealogist. His genealogy work has encompassed tens of thousands of hours over the last 3 decades. He is the author of 7 genealogy/family history books. A frequent lecturer, he has been a featured genealogist at the Portland Highland Games in Portland, Oregon, and the Alaska Scottish Highland Games in Palmer, Alaska. He is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) through his Revolutionary War ancestor, Capt. John George Overmire.

Through his work, Overmire has seen first-hand that we are all one human family, interconnected with one another. To help others become aware of their intriguing ancestral ties, Overmire researched many of the early immigrants to America, tracing not only their celebrated ancestors, but also the prominent Americans who descended from them. As one of the pioneers in this type of research online, his work has helped hundreds of thousands of people discover their family roots and find their intimate connections to the people and events that have shaped world history.

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ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday

Dear MPPC,

You did it again! Our ECCO Grocery Bag Sunday for March was another record breaker. You brought in over 1,500 lbs. of groceries for our neighbors in need. Our previous Grocery Bag Sunday you brought in just over 1,000 lbs. I challenged you to break that record and you did. You know what that means.... it's on to 1,600 lbs.

We can do it if we work together to feed families in need. ECCO serves around 1,500 households East of the Cooper, where 70% of those households are led by single women. These households also have 636 children. The children ECCO serves are in our schools, on our children's sports teams and in our other community organizations.

Let's keep supporting our neighbors in need to build a better community for everyone by challenging ourselves to support ECCO with our next Grocery Bag Sunday Program coming April 30th.



Blessings,

Rev. Bart Edwards

Associate Pastor for Missions



Haiti Outreach Ministries (HOM) Bible College Breaks Ground!

Construction has begun on the Bible College, located on the new Espwa Campus. This project has been many years in the making, and it is exciting to see the construction team at work! The first steps involved establishing building pads on which the foundation will be placed and then the building itself. Please pray for the continued safety of the workers on this project.

Once completed, the Bible College will prepare students to spread the Good News of Christ through careers in service and ministry. The facility will also double as classroom space for training in construction trades. Both purposes are aligned with the overall goal of the Espwa - or "Hope" - Campus, which is to provide economic empowerment opportunities to our Haitian brothers and sisters.

If you'd like to learn more about HOM or the Bible College, please contact Rev. Bart Edwards at bedward@mppc.net.



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Easter Cards for ECMOW

Homebound Meals on Wheels recipients are isolated and often feel lonely and forgotten. Congregation members, including children, are encouraged to lift the spirit of these folks by preparing (homemade or purchased) Easter cards and including their own message of love and support.

Finished cards need to be delivered to the specially marked box at the receptionist's desk in the church office no later than Tuesday, April 4, for delivery by ECMOW drivers prior to Easter. Address cards: "Dear Meals on Wheels Friend." Thank you!

Red Balloon Yard Sale for Nadia

Daniel Island hosts a red balloon yard sale twice a year where anyone on the island who wants to participate puts a red balloon outside their house. For the past year, MPPC has been working with Providence Baptist Church to support Nadia Paikan, an Afghan refugee, and her family as they settle into the Charleston area. Providence Baptist Church participated in the island-wide yard sale on March 25 and their proceeds went toward Nadia and her children.

Thank you to everyone who helped by donating or purchasing items! We raised \$1,750 which will be put to immediate use on April 1 to cover Nadia's rent and daycare (MPPC and Providence Baptist are 100% responsible for these expenses).

If you are interested in helping with Nadia's daily transportation needs, please contact Bruce McAdams. We also have a refugee fund set up that supports Nadia if you wish to give financially.



Walk for Water: Water Mission Event

Team MPPC showed up and showed out this past Saturday at Water Mission's Walk for Water event! There were over 30 walkers of all ages for our team who walked 1.5 miles with their empty bucket, filled it up, and walked 1.5 miles back to symbolize the day-to-day experience people affected by the global water crisis. The MPPC team raised \$2,805 through donations for Water Mission! Way to go, Team MPPC!

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Making a Difference

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

With guests constantly coming and going, Hope House is blessed to have dedicated Caregivers and Team Leaders who volunteer to check them in, and when they check out, make the rooms ready for other guests.

Four of our newest Caregivers try to sign up for a shift every week, just so they can get to know our guests.

When asked why she decided to volunteer here, Rosemary Fitze said simply "Avis." That's Avis Griffith, one of the original members of the Hope House team. Because of her "infectious enthusiasm" for our ministry, Rosemary said she was hooked.

Even though she had heard about Hope House for a while, it wasn't until Ann Cortez was at an awards function with Director Beth Moore that she realized what an amazing mission it truly is. She describes the House as "warm and inviting," so much so that if she could she "would want to live here."

Carol Givens, who came here from Richmond, Virginia, says while checking out MPPC's various missions, she was so moved hearing about Hope House that she "signed up on the spot!" Carol says she tries to arrive before her scheduled shift, so she can talk with guests before they leave for the hospital and maybe lift their spirits a bit.

Rick Porter volunteers once a week without fail. You may remember he was a guest at Hope House during the height of COVID, while his wife was gravely ill. Even then he took it upon himself to make others feel welcome. One Team Leader even dubbed him "The Mayor of Hope House."

If you would like to join this amazing team, please contact Beth Moore at bmoore@carolinaone.com.

Adopt-a-Day at Hope House

APRIL 1

In Honor of Hope House;
Given by the Griffith Family

APRIL 3

In Memory of Jan Hart;
Given by Circle of Sisters #4

APRIL 4

In Appreciation of Alexis Singleton and all the help she gives to the Volunteers at Hope House; Given by Angie Case

APRIL 6

In Memory of Jan Hart; Given by MPPC Worship & Music and Circle of Sisters #4

APRIL 7

In Memory of our son, Ricky Cox, on his birthday; Given by Pat Cox

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

Carol Givens



Rosemary Fitze



Ann Cortez



Rick Porter



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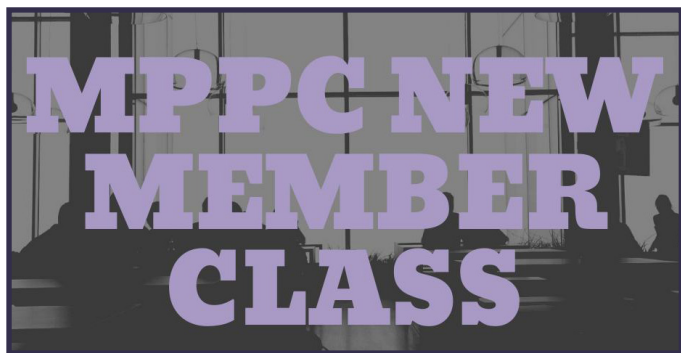
Pacesetters: The Classic King

The "Classic King"—Michael Viljac, is coming back by popular demand on **Friday, April 14**. He will be performing a mix of Golden Oldies from the 50's, 60's and more. Come and enjoy a delicious potluck meal, great fellowship, and your favorite music of bygone years.

Doors open at 5:45 p.m., dinner is at 6 p.m. and the program begins at 7 p.m.

RSVP: Susan Mellichamp by April 10, 2023 at SusanMell@mac.com or cell: 843-697-2111. \$5/per person, paid at the door.

Menu: Potluck dinner, bring your favorite dish!



MPPC New Member Class

Our next New Member Class will be held on **Sunday, April 16th**. Participants will meet in person from **4-7 p.m. in Grace Hall 123-125**. A light meal will be provided. The classes will allow us to introduce each of you and us. Pastors, Elders and other church leaders will join us to talk about life at MPPC and answer any questions you may have. Please spread the word and ask any friends and neighbors who may be considering membership in our church to contact Rev. Bart Edwards with any questions they may have.

Register at mppc.net/events.



Kirkin O' the Tartan Service

It's time to dust off your family tartan flag or banner for our special Kirkin O' the Tartan Service on Presbyterian Heritage Sunday on Sunday, May 21! Your flag will be part of a special procession prior to the 11 a.m. worship service that Sunday.

We ask that you bring your flag in to the church on Sunday, May 14 so that we can have time to set everything up in advance. If you don't want to carry it yourself but would be willing to let the church borrow it for that Sunday, please contact Tony Sane at tsane@mppc.net. The Net will be celebrating as well with a bag piper during the 9 a.m. service!

These services will be a great opportunity to wear a kilt or anything you own that is tartan patterned to church. The tartan is a symbol of this love and togetherness, no matter what our heritage. In our Kirkin' service, we remember ancient times, as well as past and present kith and kin, while asking God's help and blessings in the future. Please join us at either 9 or 11 a.m. for this special worship service!

Join a Presbyterian Women Circle!

The 2022-23 Presbyterian Women Horizons Bible Study is entitled "Celebrating Sabbath: Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight." 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. Join one of MPPC's PW Circles that meet monthly from September to May (or June).

CIRCLE 3 – "Naomi" – 2nd Tues. at 2:30 p.m., Parlor, Contact: Anne Farmer or Sue Verner

CIRCLE 4 – "Circle of Sisters" – 2nd Weds. at 9:30 a.m., Parlor, Contact: Anne Ostrom or Beth Carnes

CIRCLE 5 – "Sisters in Christ" – 2nd Thurs. at noon, Parlor, Contact: Robin Taylor



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***SUNDAY SCHEDULE**

9 a.m. The Net

10 a.m. Education Hour + Fellowship Time

11 a.m. Sanctuary + Live Stream Worship

Visit mppc.net to learn more about faith formation opportunities for all ages!

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