

MPPC **Pacesetters** News & Updates

OVERVIEW

Welcome to MPPC Pacesetters News & Updates

This newsletter strives to keep the MPPC Family & Friends current on Pacesetters Happenings.

It is intended to reduce announcements and make available information not found in MPPC’s digital media outlets. Currently circulation is limited to handouts at Events plus a distribution box near the Pacesetters Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall. Working on an online outlet.

We’d love feedback. See contact info below

November Highlights

November finds the Pacesetters Board working to fine tune monthly events through May..

Our November seasonal focus is::

- **Veterans Day** - Thanking those who served for their service
- **Thanksgiving** - Thanking our creator for help in times of struggle and his many blessings along life’s way
- Remembering **all who struggle** this day; particularly our neighbors in Western NC, other storm impacted areas, and those struggling with conflict in so many places

Events

NOVEMBER

Rev. Dr. Nicole Abdnour

Our new Senior Pastor is our guest at November’s event. She visits to become familiar with the Pacesetters Program and its participants. Please take time to welcome her to our fellowship

In January Rev. Dr. Abdnour will join us again to share her thoughts on older adult programs and issues.

The SC Aquarium - Carissa V. Bishop

November’s program is another fun evening of fellowship, food and...fish?! Yep, that's right! The program will be presented by Carissa V. Bishop from the SC Aquarium! The Aquarium is committed to conserving water, wildlife and wild places. With education, research and community engagement, it focuses on fostering positive change for the natural world surrounding us through conservation efforts. Come learn about the aquarium’s initiatives and ways you can get involved!

Carissa, our presenter, is a member of MPPC and attended preschool here!

DECEMBER

A Holiday ...”Break”?

Yes the Board recommends giving December a rest. The second Friday falls late this year, on the 13th. That day begins one of the busiest of the holiday weekends

Office Parties, Family gatherings, community celebrations, Choir, Choral, Symphony, and Band rehearsals and concerts. and so much more. Conflicts everywhere.

Our small fellowship having limited resources finds competing with the large holiday events is a challenge almost everywhere we turn.

So the Board recommends deferring our small celebration to Valentines Day so that we can freely enjoy both family and friends and the many fine and varied Holiday events our community makes available in December

JANUARY

REV. DR. NICOLE ABDNOUR

Our senior pastor will speak briefly on older adult programs and ministries

PLATTE MORING

Platte is a member of our church, who gave the sermon on August 8th of this year. He mentioned his service in Afghanistan and his interaction with the people while there.

In January he will present a program on that experience

Event Particulars

Date: Friday, January 10, 2024
Gathering: 5:30 / Appetizers
Meal: 6:00 PM / S&P Catering
Cost: \$20.00
Menu: Hoppin Jon plus fixings
Program: 7:00 Rev. Dr. Nicole Abdour
7:20 Platte Moring
Closing: 8:00 PM

FEBRUARY

VALENTINES EVENT MOVED TO FRI FEB 7TH

Another conflict with with a major holiday

Do we move the event to Fri the 7th or keep the 14th? A show of hands says the 7th it is.

The Dec Holiday meal of Pork Loin and Roast Beef w/expanded appetizers will be offered in Feb for \$20. Programming for the 7th is now being sought. Ideas or suggestion's?

Stay tuned.

Random Notes

THE FOOD PROGRAM

Take Outs: Can't eat a full Meal? Get a Take Out.. Enjoy your appetizer, salad, & desert at table and take the main home .

Ongoing

ATTENDANCE TRENDS

September: 45 Attendees & 1 Guest
October: 45 Attendees & 2 Guests

FINANCES

September EOM Status: \$468.50 Under Bdgt
October Revenues: \$905.00
October Expenses: **-\$1,077.50**
October Rev + Exp: **-\$172.50**
October EOM Balance: \$296.00

EOY Projected Balance: \$166.00 Under Bdgt

INITIATIVES

New initiatives are making slow but steady progress. As time permits we are working to:

- Monitor attendance trends
- Review membership rolls to reach out to non-participants
- Monitor shut-ins to see where we can help
- Reach out to new members 55 & older

OPPORTUNITIES

Many ways exist to support our fellowship. Contact us if interested in any part of our program. Flexible schedules can be arranged.

About Pacesetters

WHAT IS PACESETTERS

- Provides 55 & Older Adults a place to gather in Fellowship
- Open to all. All ages and beliefs, MPPC membership not required
- A component of Adult Faith Formation
- Emphasizing fellowship with and caring for one another

BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Mellichamp	Jo Ann Hiott
Anne Farmer	Mike Farmer
Pam Owen-Early,	Nancy Lewis
	Andy Kay

CATERING

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POINTS OF CONTACT

- Contact a board member (See Realm)
- email Andy at mppcpacesetters@gmail.com
- The suggestion box at events

REQUESTS, COMMENTS, AND INFO

Get information and provide input via:

- eNews
- Pelican
- A Newsletter usually available at the Pacesetters Bulletin Board in Fellowship Hall
- Any of the points of contact listed above