

# the pelican

*"a community of faith where all are welcomed and encouraged to actively live out God's love with energy, compassion and joy"*





# from pastor nicole



Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
I give thanks to God for each  
of you every single day. I am  
humbled to have the privilege  
of serving alongside you in  
ministry at Mount Pleasant  
Presbyterian Church.

Can you believe it's almost been a  
year? What a year it has been!

Rally Day marked our first Sunday together,  
when we were charged to "*Come and See*" God  
doing a new thing. Thank you for showing up --  
with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love  
-- to worship together, learn together, and serve  
together.

Thank you for the courage you've shown in  
stepping out in faith, as we discern together what  
God is calling MPPC to do and be in this season of  
life. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your  
gifts and talents with this congregation and its  
mission partners. Thank you for your generosity in  
sharing your financial gifts that allow us to pay staff  
fairly, care for this beautiful (and aging) facility, grow  
in faith together through education, and deepen  
our discipleship through service.

Throughout this year, I've often returned to a  
blessing from one of my favorite books: *To Bless  
the Space Between Us* by Irish poet and spiritual  
writer John O'Donohue. One of the blessings I  
return to over and over is "For a New Beginning". As  
we continue this new beginning together, I invite  
you to join me in praying this blessing-- for you, for  
me, for our shared life together at Mount Pleasant  
Presbyterian Church.

## For a New Beginning

By John O'Donohue

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,  
Where your thoughts never think to wander,  
This beginning has been quietly forming,  
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,  
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,  
Noticing how you willed yourself on,  
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety  
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,  
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,  
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,  
And out you stepped onto new ground,  
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,  
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear  
You can trust the promise of this opening;  
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning  
That is at one with your life's desire.  
Awaken your spirit to adventure;  
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk;  
Soon you will home in a new rhythm,  
For your soul senses the world that awaits you.

Grace and Peace,

**Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP

**BEGINNING SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 14**

**8:30 & 11 A.M.**  
SANCTUARY WORSHIP

**9 A.M.**  
BREAKFAST CHURCH,  
FELLOWSHIP HALL



Mount Pleasant  
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# rally day

## Get Ready to Rally!

It is a joy to share a new season with you at MPPC as the Director of Christian Education. Although my primary focus is on children's ministry, I am grateful to lead our Christian Education team as we collaborate to provide intentional and meaningful ways for people of all ages to grow in faith. The Christian Education Committee is excited to roll out our fall programming with something for everyone! In a few weeks, come rally with us our Faith Formation theme for 2025-2026: **"Go and Tell!"** *"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'" – Mark 16:15*

Last year, our faith formation journey centered around Isaiah 43:19, **"Come and See, God is doing a new thing!"** We shared a year of gathering, discovering and noticing how God is doing a *new thing* in our lives and in our community. We stepped closer, listened deeply, and found comfort and renewal in God's presence. We welcomed Rev. Dr. Nicole Partin Abdnour. We have come and seen the goodness of God. We'll always want you to come and see the new thing God is doing among us but this year it's time to take one step farther.

**This year let's take the next step in our faith journey: Go and Tell!** Jesus calls us not only to *come and see* the good news but to *go and tell* it. As we move into fall programming, we invite you to be part of our church family and experience God anew through worship, study, prayer, missions, music, stewardship, fellowship and spiritual growth rooted in this bold and joyful call. Ask yourself these questions: Where have you seen God at work at MPPC? Who has been a part of your faith formation? What and who is helping you grow closer to God and learn more about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior? How is your relationship with Jesus deepening and growing? After answering these questions, GO and TELL someone your story!

**Go and tell your neighbors how God is at work through the people and ministries at MPPC then invite them to celebrate with us on Rally Day!**

### Rally Day is September 7!

- 10 a.m. Worship in the sanctuary
- A Meal in the Fellowship Hall provided by the Breakfast Team as well as a Ministry Fair (following worship)

*Come and see where God is at work and then... **Go and Tell!***

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**COME & SEE GOD  
AT WORK AND THEN...**

# Go & Tell!

## MPPC RALLY DAY

- 10 a.m. Worship Service
- Community Meal
- Ministry Fair

**Sunday, Sept. 7**

*"Jesus said to them, 'Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.'"*  
— Mark 16:15

# HYMNS ON TAP

**Sunday, Sept. 7, 3-5 p.m.**

## Hobcaw Brewing

The Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church Music Ministry invites the church and community to an afternoon of family fun full of singing, games & refreshments from 3-5 p.m. at Hobcaw Brewing Company (496 Long Point Rd. Mt Pleasant, SC) following our Rally Day events.



# children's ministry

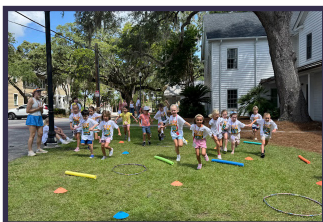
## What a Summer It Has Been!

If you were on campus June 16–20, you know how amazing this year's Vacation Bible School was! We sang, danced, learned Bible stories, explored cool science and art projects, played fun recreation games with our youth, enjoyed delicious meals, and laughed our way through each day with energizers and activities. We closed out the week with a wonderful family picnic and had our adventure continue with the return of the Spivey's RV, Big Bertha! If you know, you know.

The week ended with exciting news — together we raised **\$2,447.60** for our mission project, **Morning Light (Star Gospel)**. Wow! To God be the glory. Thank you, children and families, for your generosity. **Save the date for next summer: June 22–26, 2026!**

Two “expectancies” to celebrate on staff! Lauren Houston (Children's Choir Director and Children's Volunteer Coordinator) and Stephanie Luxhoj (Children's Ministry Assistant) are expecting and due later this fall! Prayers abound for both families as they look forward to welcoming a new family member.

We are thankful for the gift of Stephanie Luxhoj in the role of Children's Ministry Assistant. Stephanie has decided to step away from her part time job here and focus on her family at this time in her life. We are sad to see her leave our staff but are grateful for the many ways she shared her gifts and talents in children's ministry and beyond. As she shared, *“It's been a joy to support the spiritual growth of our children and take on a deeper role within the ministry at MPPC. While I'm stepping back from the staff position, I remain committed to the life of the church and look forward to supporting Children's Ministry as a volunteer, as I'm able in this next season.”* We are grateful for all Stephanie brought to children's ministry and beyond!



## Rally Day!

On Rally Day we will roll out our fall programs, calendar of events including special days and Advent — we can't wait for you to see all that's ahead for children and families at MPPC!

**Mark your calendars for Rally Day: Sunday, September 7, 2025.** Rally Day is our church-wide kickoff for the new program year — a day to **celebrate, connect, and grow together** as we discover what God has in store!

There will be worship at 10 AM in the Sanctuary followed by a meal and fellowship in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a Ministry Fair during that time — explore what's happening at MPPC this year! Meet ministry leaders, ask questions, and find ways for your family to get connected. Be sure to stop by the Children's Ministry Table to learn all about our fall programs, events, and opportunities to grow in faith and serve together.

## Other Important Dates:

- **Children's Volunteer Training- September 3 6:30pm Grace Hall #123** Everyone from Sunday school leaders to volunteers for W@W, Kids Praise and beyond. Come and learn about Children's Ministry as we seek to share God's love and our faith with the children in our midst.
- **Sunday School for All Ages** – begins Sunday, September 14 at 9:45 AM (Seabrook Building).
- **Kids Praise (3K-Kindergarten)** – begins Sunday, September 14 during 11 AM worship (Grace Hall)
- **Rise Against Hunger** (and dinner) – Wednesday, September 17 at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
- **W@W (3K-5th Grade)** – begins Wednesday, September 24, 5–6 PM (registration opens mid-August on Realm)

**Come as you are, bring the whole family and see what's happening in Children's Ministry this fall!**

Joyfully,

**The Children's Ministry Team**



# volunteer spotlight

## Children's Ministry Volunteer Spotlight

Volunteering with Children's Ministry at MPPC is a meaningful way to make a lasting impact in young lives while strengthening our church community.

Providing children with positive role models, a safe environment to grow in faith, and the personal attention they need to feel seen and valued is paramount to the mission of our church. Hear from one of our longtime VBS volunteers, **Margaret Burwell**, as she reminisces on some of her favorite memories of volunteering and why she values the opportunity so much!



### Can you share a favorite memory or moment from your time teaching science during VBS?

*I had no idea what to expect the first year we did science. I loved the children's reaction to "fishing" for ice cubes like Jesus's disciples were "fishers of men". And the day we made ice cream in a ZipLock bag, one little girl asked, "what does making ice cream have to do with Mary visiting Elizabeth?" I will admit that even though some of the activities in the curriculum were a stretch, we usually were able to make a connection for the children.*

### Have you witnessed any "aha!" moments with the kids—where science and faith connected in a meaningful way?

*We try to always stress that science is a wonderful, fun thing to do at VBS because it's a way to show just a few of the wonders that God has created in our world.*



### What first inspired you to volunteer with children's ministry at MPPC?

*I think, "Once a teacher, always a teacher"! I taught science for many years and when I saw the VBS curriculum that included SCIENCE, I was excited about doing this very different thing at VBS. I immediately thought about my neighbor and friend Donna Horton, an outstanding elementary teacher who specialized in science at Mt. Pleasant Academy. I thought we could be a great team- and we were!*

### Why do you think volunteering with children's ministry is important?

*At all of the baptisms we have here at MPPC, we are asked to nurture the faith of the children and teach them about Jesus! VBS is the perfect place to do this, plus, in the children's ministry, we as older adults have a chance to get to know not only the children of the church but the younger adults who are moving into leadership positions.*

### How has volunteering with children's ministry impacted your own faith journey?

*I love hearing the children's reactions to the daily bible stories as well as the questions they ask. It sort of erases some of the ideas that come up when I think, "What is this world coming to?" To use an overused phrase, I probably learn more from them than they learn from me.*

### How long have you been teaching the VBS science station, and what keeps you coming back each year?

*Donna and I began doing VBS science together four years ago and I feel like we're improving a little every year. I will also admit that I love the positive comments we get from the children and parents, as well as staff members.*

### What would you say to someone who is thinking about volunteering but isn't sure if they're the "right fit"?

*I'd say, "Just do it!" The wonderful thing about volunteering is that your participation is totally up to you. If one job isn't just what you wanted, there are always others to try.*



### What advice would you give a first-time children's ministry volunteer?

*Always have fun with the kiddos!*

While it may seem daunting at first, anyone with a caring heart and a willingness to serve can make a difference- no teaching degree or special skills required! Volunteering can be deeply rewarding, as many often find joy in experiencing the children's energy, curiosity, and spiritual growth firsthand.

If you feel called to, or just curious about, volunteering with Children's Ministry, please reach out to our team! We are happy to find the perfect fit for your God-given skills, talents, and passions to help serve the children of our church!

With gratitude,

**Lauren Houston**

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# youth ministry



## Answer that Call...

It's no secret that we have wonderful youth here at MPPC. They are energetic and excited about their faith, they are gifted in so many ways, they are a support system for each other, and they are vital to the life of our church. Keeping a youth program running requires a little elbow grease and perhaps even more volunteers. We are lucky to have dedicated adults who care about the youth and show up for them. But of course, more help is always needed, and I invite you to come and share your time and gifts with our youth. And instead of attempting to explain the experience to you, here are some testimonials from your fellow members:

*I remember how important youth group and church camps were to me in my developmental years. I am happy that I have been able to help chaperone and serve as a mentor so our youth can have similar experiences. It brings me joy to see our youth grow in their faith and build strong friendships. Thankfully we are blessed with excellent youth leadership so really all you must do is show up and enjoy seeing God at work!*  
- Maryanne Davis

*I have been working with the youth for about 2 years now. I've been a chaperone on the middle school mission trips, and I help with the Confirmation class. The youth at MPPC are so great! I'm always amazed by how smart and insightful they are, and they're incredibly fun to be around. I think I probably get more out of being with them than they do!* - Sarah Phelps

*I first worked with the Youth at MPPC when I was in my 20s and it was a lot of fun! Now as a parent of two youth I'm not near as cool a volunteer as I was in my 20s, but I'm still enjoying getting to know not only my children's friends on a deeper level but getting to know new faces. At this stage I'm more crowd control, but it's always entertaining! Especially alongside my mom crew on Sunday evenings. However, I do have a feeling the kiddos wish some non-youth moms were hanging with them! ;) -Rebecca Sailor*

*I have worked with the youth in our church for quite a few years. I've taught Sunday School and confirmation, helped with youth group, chaperoned trips and service projects, chaperoned youth mission trips to Jamaica and Honduras and one of my favorite things is going to Montreal for the high school conference. My children were part of youth group when I started, but I continue to be involved because it is so rewarding to watch the youth grow in their faith. I believe we're all called to share our faith and what could be more important than sharing our faith with our youth. I'm always amazed when I hear their faith stories. We think they're not paying attention, but they always surprise me with their depth of understanding. Please join us in this amazing ministry!* -Cynthia Rivers

*I started volunteering with Middle School Prayer Breakfast the year before my older daughter, Weller, went to Moultrie. I think at first, it was so that I could get a glimpse into what the MS Youth program was like and understand how things work with this age group. But even before Weller came to middle school, I found that I very much enjoyed being around the Youth, watching them interact with each other, and grow up in front of me. But once Weller got to Moultrie, getting Weller here and being agreeable about it wasn't easy at first. Now that Weller has nearly completed her sixth-grade year, I'm happy to say that she is thriving, loving the MPPC Youth programs, and I am enjoying being involved with these young people even more. There are some amazing kids participating in the programs, and both she and I are truly feeling God's love and presence through this special group. I'd encourage any MPPC parents to get themselves and their children involved with Glenna and the Youth program!* -Towner Magill



So I urge you – come and see what you have to offer these wonderful youth, though I promise they will likely offer you more. Your dedication to the youth program can look like almost anything you'd like. It can be as high or low commitment as your lifestyle allows. You can commit to something weekly like being a youth advisor who helps facilitate lessons at youth group on Sunday nights, or being a Sunday school teacher. You could commit to a short-term mentorship during our confirmation class. You could reserve a week or weekend just once a year to be a trip chaperone (and make guaranteed life long memories). The relationships with you and the wisdom from you are so valuable and important for our youth to help them grow as Christ followers. Getting involved in the youth program is a great, and I'd argue maybe the most fun, way to get involved in the church, so if you are looking to answer that call, here is a wonderful opportunity! Anyone, at any age, from any walk of life is eagerly welcomed to help guide and learn alongside the youth, so please reach out to me if you feel that this is a way that God is calling you into service!

## Important Dates:

- Aug. 19: Middle School Prayer Breakfast starts
- Aug. 21: High School Prayer breakfast starts
- Sept. 7: Rally Day
- Sept. 14: Sunday School and Youth Group start
- Oct. 11 & 12: Confirmation starts

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# adult faith formation

## Adult Faith Formation turns our attention toward Fall:

### Sunday Mornings during the Faith Formation hour:

Bible 4 Everyone presents "A Fruitful Life: Discovering Jesus' Invitation in the Sermon on the Mount" Sept. 14 – Nov. 2! Using the 8-week study authored by Ashley Hales and Bryce Hales and published by IVPress, participants in this flexible study are invited to explore Jesus' sermon on the Mount found in Matthew's Gospel. In it is found Jesus' vision of a fruitful life: lives oriented to the flourishing of individuals and communities and a visible example of the kingdom of heaven here and now.

From the authors: "Growth in the Christian life requires being acted on – like the ground being leveled and planted – so that something more life-giving can grow."

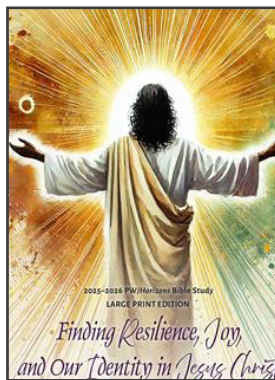
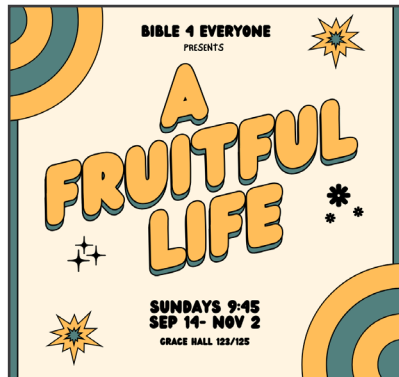
Fruitfulness means growing toward living and loving as Jesus did. Come as your schedule allows – all are welcome because the Bible is for everyone!

### Connect With Your Sisters In Christ: Come to Circle!

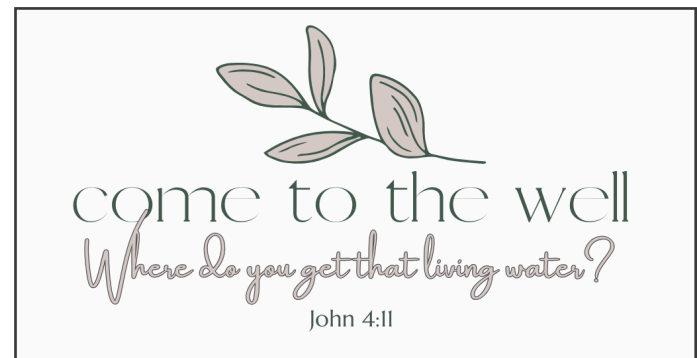
The 2025–2026 PW/Horizons Bible study: *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ* by Rhashell D. Hunter with Suggestions for Leaders by Joyce MacKichan Walker

The 2005–26 Bible study explores resilience. This is modeled by several biblical characters, gospel and epistle writers, and – of course! – Jesus. The Bible study is also about joy. How do we find joy in a chaotic world? Christian joy may be different from how a lot of people define joy. We will also seek to rediscover our identity in Christ and in the community of faith. Join a Circle today!

- **PW CIRCLE 3 – "Naomi"** – 2nd Tuesday at 2:30 p.m., Parlor. Contact: Anne Farmer at [afarmer69@homesc.com](mailto:afarmer69@homesc.com) or (843) 312-4060 or Sue Verner at [sverner@bellsouth.net](mailto:sverner@bellsouth.net) or (843) 814-1991



- **PW CIRCLE 4 – "Circle of Sisters"** – 2nd Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Parlor. Contact: Anne Ostrom [anneostrom@aol.com](mailto:anneostrom@aol.com) or (443) 324-4144 or Beth Carnes at [bethlinda422@gmail.com](mailto:bethlinda422@gmail.com) or (843) 412-2737
- **PW CIRCLE 5 – "Sisters in Christ"** – 2nd Thursday at noon, Parlor, Contact: Robin Taylor at [tegacaygamecock@yahoo.com](mailto:tegacaygamecock@yahoo.com) or (803) 517-4101
- **Keeping the Faith (PM Meeting)**: first Thursday of each month, 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor OR **Keeping the Faith (AM Meeting)**: first Friday of each month, 9 a.m. in Grace Hall 221/223/225. Contact: Lindsay Bruorton at [lindsay.bruorton@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.bruorton@gmail.com), McRae Hogan at [mcrae1021@gmail.com](mailto:mcrae1021@gmail.com) or Amy Murrell at [amysmurrell@gmail.com](mailto:amysmurrell@gmail.com).



## "COME to the WELL" WOMEN'S RETREAT at KIAWAH ISLAND

Save the Date: JAN 23-25, 2026



## Men's Ministry Steering Committee

The Men's Ministry Steering Committee is planning now for the upcoming year! Contact Freeman Milligan [fhmiligandesign@gmail.com](mailto:fhmiligandesign@gmail.com) for more information or to share your ideas.

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# worship & music



## Music & Worship Opportunities

### Fall Choir Ensembles

We are gearing up for Fall Choir Ensembles to begin! Please visit [mppc.net/music](http://mppc.net/music) on Sept. 7 and after to find out more information about the different ensembles we have to offer from Children's Choirs to Youth Choir, Beginner Bells to Adult Bells, and Chancel Choir to Breakfast Band. There is something for everyone!

### Hymns on Tap: Sept. 7

Join us for the Rally Day edition of Hymns on Tap on Sunday, Sept. 7 at Hobcaw Brewing from 3-5 p.m. See details on page 2!

### Village Concert Series: Sept. 12

Join us on Friday, September 12 at 7 p.m. in the Mount Pleasant Presbyterian Church Sanctuary for a Village Concert Series performance by Charlton Singleton Jazz Quintet! This concert is free and open to the public.

### Stephen Ministry Sunday: Sept. 28

Meet your Stephen Ministers and hear more about who Stephen Ministers are and what they do! If you have ever needed a Stephen Minister, know someone who might need a Stephen Minister, or thought of becoming a Stephen Minister, then make sure to attend this service.

## Summer Highlights:

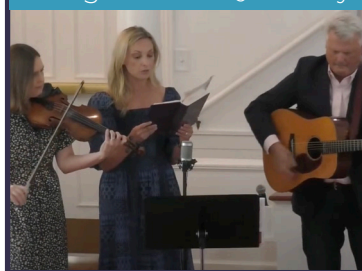
### Choir Sings National Anthem at Riverdogs Game



### Children's Music & Arts Camp



### Bluegrass & BBQ Sunday



### Montreat Conference



### All Saints Vespers Service, Nov. 2 at 4 p.m.

Held in the evening, this service will focus on remembering and honoring those who have passed away during the year, with prayers, spiritual reflection and gathering of friends and family. The choir along with musicians from the Charleston Symphony will be presenting John Rutter's Requiem as a part of this service. The Requiem was written in 1985 in memory of his father who had died earlier that year. In his own words: "I wanted to write an intimate requiem rather than grandiose, contemplative and lyrical rather than dramatic, a work that moves us closer to the light rather than darkness". This is an extremely moving work that shows joy among the sorrow and pain and brings us to Christ's light through music.

### Tony Sane

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# hope house

## Recent Developments & Plans for the Future

*"Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered." - Proverbs 11:25*

Hope House continues to be a beacon of support and care for the community. These updates reflect its commitment to serve the needs of the community and ensure its facilities and resources remain accessible and effective.

A significant change has been the recent demolition of the Cottage. Although the decision was met with some nostalgia, it marks a pivotal step in optimizing the use of space surrounding Hope House and the church. The Cottage served many guests in need of housing, and we were sad to see it go. We now look forward to adding more parking spaces for church members and visitors alike, and hopefully reducing congestion during events and gatherings.

In another positive development, Hope House recently welcomed four new volunteers. These individuals have stepped forward to contribute their time, energy, and skills, enriching the organization's ability to serve its guests. Volunteers play a crucial role in the operations of Hope House, assisting with everything from administrative tasks to hands-on activities that directly impact those in need.

The addition of these volunteers has already begun to make a difference. Their diverse backgrounds and enthusiasm bring fresh perspectives and ideas, enhancing the effectiveness of the ministry.

The Ministry Team recently hosted a "Volunteer Appreciation Drop-In" to recognize the invaluable contribution of its volunteer team. Plans are underway to recruit more volunteers in the coming months. Our efforts will focus on engaging individuals who are eager to serve and care for those in need. We hope to gather those with a blend of skills and perspectives. Our volunteer times are kept very flexible to make volunteering easy for those with busy schedules. The goal is to inspire people to join the mission of making a tangible impact on the lives of others.

If you have an interest in discussing how you can join the team, please contact, Beth Moore, (843) 532-4892.

**Beth Moore**

Director of Hope House  
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## July & August Adopt-a-Day at Hope House

### July 5

In Honor of Pierce Davidson's 2nd birthday; Given by Mark and Jennifer Davidson

### July 11

In Loving Memory of Bob King, on their wedding Anniversary, 6/19/25, Given by his wife Linda King

### July 14

In Memory of our son, Joe Coates; Given by Joe and Sue Coates

### July 15

In Honor of our Dad, Marcus Dee Googer; Given by Marc, Angela, Austin and Dylan

### July 15

In Honor of Holmes Burton Moore's 15th birthday; Given by his grandmother, Nancy Springs

### July 18

In Honor of Holly Whitlock Moore's birthday; Given by her mother, Nancy Springs

### July 24

In Honor of Hope House; Given Fritz and Debbie Goulding

### July 28

In Memory of our son, Joe Coates; Given by Joe and Sue Coates

### August 1

In Honor of Hope House; Given by The Neuhaus Family

### August 2

In Honor of my Grandson, Holmes Burton Moore's 15th Birthday, July 15, 2025; Given by Nancy Springs

### August 4

In Honor of my Daughter Holly Whitlock Moore's birthday, July 18, 2025; Given by Nancy Springs

### August 5

In Honor of Hope House; Given by a past guest at Hope House, Crystal

### August 6

In loving Memory of B.Owen Ravenel, III; Given by Shannon Ravenel

### August 7

In Memory of Pat S Johnson; Given by Karl and Miff Cone

### August 8

In Memory of Dr. Douglas Crane; Given by Donna and Mac Thigpen

### August 10

In Honor of John, Julia & Robbie Royall for their dedication to community through Royall Hardware for 50 years.; Given by Susan Mellichamp

### August 25

In Honor of Elton and Kathy Carrier's 60th wedding anniversary; Given by Elton Carrier

### August 26

In Honor of Deborah Griffin in her transplant journey; Given by Chrissy Sims

### August 31

In Loving memory of Marcia; Given by Bill and Children



# MPPC Missions



## Honduras Mission Trip with the LAMB Institute

A team of 15 people from MPPC, with ages ranging from 14 to over 70, recently returned from a powerful week-long mission trip in and around Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The team served with the **LAMB Institute**, an organization dedicated to caring for, educating and protecting children in their communities.

The week was a whirlwind of activity and connection. Our team had the opportunity to learn about the incredible work of the LAMB Institute firsthand. We spent our days playing games, laughing with, and holding the children at their children's home and day care. We also had the privilege of attending their local church service.


We were comfortably accommodated at Casa LAMB and enjoyed amazing, authentic Honduran food throughout the trip. One of the most impactful parts of our experience was seeing the love and dedication of everyone who contributes to LAMB. From the teachers in the school to the staff caring for the children, and the individuals working on the farm, building stone walls, and maintaining cabins, every person's passion for their work was clear.

Our team worked hard, assisting with various projects and activities. But it wasn't all work—we also found time to build new friendships, practice yoga, and even enjoy some competitive games of Uno. The experience was truly amazing, and we are grateful for the hospitality and the opportunity to support the LAMB Institute and the beautiful community they serve.



## Rise Against Hunger Mission Night

Rise Against Hunger's mission is growing a global movement to end hunger by empowering communities, nourishing lives and responding to emergencies. We will host a Rise Against Hunger Meal Packing Event on **Wednesday, Sept. 17** in the Fellowship Hall at 5 p.m. At our event, we will pack 14,256 meals with self stable fortified dehydrated meals! Pizza will be provided at 5 p.m. and the packing will begin at 5:30 p.m. Sign up coming soon at [mppc.net/events](http://mppc.net/events).



**Calling all Volunteers!**  
Mentor registration  
is open for the  
2025-26 school year.

I-Beam is recruiting volunteers to support students in several East Cooper elementary schools!

Volunteers spend time once a week mentoring and reading with a student. Promote a love for reading, build a positive connection with a child, and have a HUGE impact!

Contact [ecfnwendell@gmail.com](mailto:ecfnwendell@gmail.com) for more information.

## Volunteer with I-Beam

I-Beam is recruiting volunteers to serve as reading mentors in several East Cooper elementary schools this school year. Promote a love for reading, build a positive connection with a child, and have a huge impact! Contact [ecfnwendell@gmail.com](mailto:ecfnwendell@gmail.com) for more information

# mppc community updates

## Something Beautiful is Coming...

The Christian Education Sessional Committee is thrilled to announce that we have been awarded a **generous challenge grant** from MPPC to launch a new ministry rooted in creativity, community, and faith: **The Atelier at MPPC**, an Arts Ministry!

Inspired by the French word *atelier*, meaning an artist's studio or creative workspace, The Atelier will house a vibrant intergenerational arts ministry where people of all ages can gather to create, reflect, and connect with God and one another.

Thanks to the generosity of this grant and the shared vision of our children, youth, adult faith formation, and music ministries, **we will begin offering opportunities in The Atelier later this fall!** Whether you're a seasoned artist, a curious beginner, or just someone looking for a new way to engage your faith— **there will be a place for you.**

Located in Grace Hall, The Atelier will transform a currently unused classroom into a welcoming, joy-filled studio—stocked with everything needed to make art a meaningful part of our spiritual life.

This is more than just a new room, it's a new way of being church together. Through paint, clay, fabric, ink, and imagination, we'll explore how the arts can open our hearts to God, tell our stories, and help us build deeper relationships.

We believe The Atelier at MPPC holds extraordinary potential to deepen discipleship, build relationships, and open new channels for spiritual formation through the creative arts. From the support of this grant and the collaboration of our ministry teams, we look forward to opening the doors for all people to create, connect, and encounter God anew.

## Let's make something beautiful together in The Atelier at MPPC, A Collaborative Arts Ministry for All Ages.

The Atelier is coming... and you're invited! Interested in learning more or being a part of this ministry? Contact Suzy Edwards, Director of Christian Education at [sedwards@mppc.net](mailto:sedwards@mppc.net).



## Hello From Our New Learning Center Director, Lindsey Skinner!

Dear MPPC Church Family,

I am thrilled to introduce myself and join this great community. The Learning Center has an incredible team of teachers and precious students that I am honored to be a part of. With a strong background in early childhood education, I am confident in my ability to support and lead the school to new heights.

My husband Brady and I are excited to share that our two year old, Shep, will continue his experience in the twos program here at the Learning Center. Our five year old, Sam, is beyond excited to begin his journey in Kindergarten at Sullivan's Island Elementary.

During my years teaching, I have developed a strong desire to keep school fun and exciting not just for students but also for teachers. Engaging parents and the community is also a priority for me, as I believe that a strong partnership between school and home is essential for our children's

success. Along with engaging parents, I believe this is an exciting opportunity to build on the relationship between the school and our church family. I would like to encourage all members of the congregation to find intentional and simple ways to connect with the school. It is my prayer that the children, at the Learning Center, feel a sense of love and support for our church. I can assure you, the return of joy and reward you will receive from these students will be bountiful.

Thank you for supporting me as I step into this role. I look forward to offering you endless ways to build relationships with our students.

With gratitude,  
Lindsey Skinner  
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