MDPC INFO

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Dave Peterson Gary Bowker

Today's Chancel Flowers are given

• by Gayle Adamson, in memory of Olga and Burton Ostrander.

The White Rose is in memory of:

- Jim Black, who passed away March 7, 2017.
- Sally Daniel, who passed away March 12, 2017.

Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

This week, we ask that you pray for these partners in ministry that MDPC assists with your support:

Child Advocates trains and supports volunteer caseworkers to handle court-appointed abuse and neglect cases of Houston children. In 2013, it helped more than 2,250 children, but there are thousands more young victims lost in the system who need advocates. childadvocates.org

ChildBuilders promotes healthy social and emotional development of children in preschool through high school. Its services and prevention programs build strong families and protect children from being victimized. childbuilders.org

MDPC field partners Reverends David and Kim and their team train and coach church leaders and new Christians in Asia, and connect them to resources and curriculum. Pray for Dave and Kim and their two children as they build community and future mission plans. Pray that God would continue to go before them in every way, helping them build new support

Operating Income

2017 Annual Budget Actual Income to date @3/12/17 Needed to Meet 2017 Budget

MDPC

100% \$ 11,400,000 \$ 1,722,522 \$ 9,626,078

MDPC Dollar-for-Dollar in Action

MDPC partner Casa El Buen Samaritano provides whole-person (body, soul, and spirit) healthcare to low-income Houstonians. It is seeking clinic volunteers, bi-lingual translators, and help with childcare, one night per month. Can you help? Contact Alicia Alaniz at a.alaniz@casaelbuen.org.





STUDY & SMALL GROUP SPOTLIGHT



Eat Pray Lent Study Groups

Savor Jesus' 7 Last Words from the Cross in worship and through the community of an Eat Pray Lent small group. Various groups would be delighted to welcome you, or start your own! This week's group spotlight is on:

Wednesdays, 7:00 AM, Cafe Express on Woodway



New Member Classes

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by associate pastors and elders and includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners. Sundays, April 2-May 14 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM Register with Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org, 713-490-9553

Stroke Scan

Three vascular screenings to help prevent stroke, aneurysm, and related health conditions. Results are interpreted by a board certified radiologist and mailed in 3-4 weeks (severe results expedited). Thursday, April 13 | Summit Room | \$135 A Stroke Scan rep will be here on Sundays, April 2 and 9 to help you register and answer questions. For details and appointments: strokescan.mdpc.org

Concert Series: Brahms' Requiem

Presented by the MDPC Sanctuary Choir and orchestra, conducted by Dr. Charles Hausmann. Free admission; open to the public. Sunday, April 9 | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary concerts.mdpc.org

The Third Word

John 19:26-27

Easter Lily Time

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Easter lily dedications in memory or honor of loved ones will be on a special insert in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Purchase at <u>flowers.mdpc.org</u> or using the envelopes at the Front Office or Connection Center. Deadline is Monday, April 10 | \$9/dedication

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Journey to the Cross

Walk with us through Holy Week on a guided tour of the stations of the cross. An experience for children and families.

Good Friday, April 14 | Tours run 9:30-11:30 AM Register to receive a tour time: journey.mdpc.org

The Spoken Word: April 10-13, 2017

Experience God's Word in a special way during Holy Week and prepare your heart for the miracle of Easter. Come to read or come to listen, strengthen your faith, and enjoy the fellowship experience. Pastor Alf kicks off reading at 6:00 AM Monday; we conclude on Maundy Thursday by 4:00 PM. Registration opens March 20 at spokenword.mdpc.org. Sign up to read for a 15-minute increment.

POP Ministry Training

Our lay ministers serve Med Center patients, families, and caregivers. In 2016, over 12,000 people were cared for through Prayers of the People (POP). Saturday, March 25 | 9:00 AM-4:00 PM | MC 122 No cost; lunch and materials provided Please register by March 23: popministry.org/training

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Sunday, March 19, 2017



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MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.		CCLI # 182374
	8:30 AM SERVICE	
GATHERING MUSIC		
WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Dan Aikins
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		
MESSAGE	The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Third Word	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTI	ON	

9:45 AM SERVICE

*CALL TO WORSHIP		
*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Tara Reynolds
SONG OF RESPONSE		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
MESSAGE	The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Third Word	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLI	E	
*CHARGE AND BENEDICT	ION	

Musicians in these services: Ian David, worship leader; Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez, worship leader; Craig Gysler, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM SERVICE				
PRELUDES	Be Thou My Vision At the River	Wayne Oquin (b. 1977) arr. Aaron Copland (1900-1990)		
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Steane				
CHORAL INTROIT	Wondrous Love	arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	#446; Vs. 1, 2, 3 Austrian Hymn		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE				
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed				
*CONGREGATIONAL RI	ESPONSE The Gloria Patri	Hymn #579		
ANTHEM	Surely He Hath Borne Our Griefs (from The Deat	h of Jesus) Carl Graun (1704-1759)		
OFFERTORY	Cross Cry	Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)		
MESSAGE	The 7 Last Words from the Cross: The Third	Word Alf Halvorson		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	My Song Is Love Unknown	#76; Vs. 1, 2 Love Unknown		
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION				
POSTLUDE	My Song Is Love Unknown	Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)		
Musicians in this service: Jason Amos, Offertory soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Ivan Ley, Prelude soloist; Kathryn White, organ/piano				

MORE ON MDPC SUNDAY MORNINGS

11:00 AM FIFTH SERVICE: Join folks in the Amphitheater for energetic worship, dynamic teaching from a diverse line-up of guest speakers, and casual community. Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more.

11:15 AM SPANISH SERVICE: MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries worships in the Chapel. For more information on Spanish and bilingual community events and programs, visit fuente.mdpc.org.

VISITORS: If you are visiting MDPC today, we are delighted that you have come to worship with us! Allow us to welcome you personally at the Connection Center located in the Sanctuary Lobby.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? For inquiries on how to become a member of MDPC, contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.

Walking the Mourner's Path[™]

TRANSFORMING GRIEF INTO JOYFUL LIVING

his Christ-centered eight-week grief program is limited to ten participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Two trained facilitators will guide the group.

Wednesdays, March 22-May 17 | 3:30-5:00 PM Chapel Bride's Room (116) | Cost: \$30 (Scholarships available) Register online at grief.mdpc.org or with Beverly Fluke of Caring Ministries (bfluke@mdpc.org, 713-490-9542).



First Communion Retreat

This is a special event for 1st-5th grade children and their parents. The retreat is designed to prepare children for their First Communion, giving them a clear understanding of the important sacrament. The children who are participating will take their First Communion on Sunday, May 7.

Next Sunday, March 26 | 12:30-3:30 PM

Contact Mallory with guestions: mmoore@mdpc.org Registration: communion.mdpc.org



Meet us at The Well, a gathering place for women of all ages and life stages to

commune and connect. This April, we come together to hear a panel of real, honest women share their personal stories of hope.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 • CHAPEL 6:30-8:00 PM (LIGHT SNACKS @ 6:00 PM)

For details, to RSVP, and to reserve free childcare: thewell.mdpc.org

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oly Week is an opportunity for each of us to deeply reflect on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. His victory over the grave is one of the most consequential events in all of human history, but it also has significant personal meaning for us and



Holy Week Services

Maundy Thursday April 13 at 6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

An experiential celebration of the Passover story and the Lord's Supper. Details and RSVP: maundy.mdpc.org

Good Friday April 14 at Noon | Sanctuary

Easter Sunday April 16

We'll celebrate Easter morning in five unique services: 7:00 AM Sunrise: Acoustic praise music 8:15 AM Blended: A mix of traditional and contemporary music 9:45 AM Contemporary: A family-friendly service 11:15 AM Traditional: Hymns led by the MDPC Sanctuary Choir 11:15 AM Spanish: Led by Pastor Mauricio Chacón

> For everything Easter, visit lent.mdpc.org.



Celebrate Holy Week by participating in a continuous coverto-cover reading of the Bible. Sign up to read aloud for one or more 15-minute spot(s).

> Come to read. Come to listen.



The reading begins with Alf Halvorson on **Monday**, **April 10, at 6:00 AM**, and ends on **April 13, at approximately 3:30 PM**, in the MDPC Chapel.

Live Stream the readings from 1:00-4:00 PM weekdays at livestream.mdpc.org.

Registration opens March 20: spokenword.mdpc.org

DIGGING DEEPER



The Third Word: Tribe (/trīb/) noun

 A socially, ethnically, and politically cohesive group of people.
A contemporary word for family, typically by devotion to similar ideals and lifestyles.

Spend a few minutes reflecting on this word before reading further. Use the back of this sheet to jot some thoughts.

I'm not sure if you feel the same, but our third word of Christ from the cross seems like a real departure from the first two. In the first word, Jesus asks His Father to forgive His executioners. That is a paradigm shifting moment! Jesus is living out His own teaching about loving one's enemies in the most dramatic way. In the second word, Jesus forgives the sins of the criminal

on the cross next to Him and promises that they will be together in paradise. What an eternally significant moment! Then we come to word three: "Woman, here is your son." It just doesn't seem to have the same level of intensity. Why did John record these words? Why did God want this in the Bible? I believe there is something important about the character of God in these words that He desires us to know about Himself.

This word from the cross seems far more personal, more down to earth. The first reason for this is that Jesus is addressing an imminent, earthly need. He wants to make sure that a widow is going to be taken care of.

The second reason this word is so personal is obvious: He is speaking about His own mother.

I could not overemphasize the level of anguish that Jesus is experiencing at this moment. He has been beaten and abused, forced to carry His own cross to the place where He is now being crucified. He has thorns piercing His scalp. And that's just the physical distress. He is also going through the spiritual agony of separation from His heavenly Father. He carries the brokenness and injustice of the world on His shoulders.

Even while Christ is living out the most significant act of mercy, He is never too tired, too torn, or too distracted to find time to make sure a widow has a safe place to stay.

How do you react in times of stress? What happens when you've had a really bad day, are going through an uncertain time at work, or when something outside of your control derails your day? Many times we become distracted and uncaring towards the needs of others, even dull to the presence of God in our life.

At other times, we are able to snap out of our self-centeredness and show some compassion. But even in those times, the compassion that we are able to show pales in comparison to compassion of God. Those of us who belong to Christ are God's adopted children. As part of God's family, God's tribe, we can rest assured that He is never too preoccupied to care about our needs and our pain.

Begin by reading aloud the opening reflection followed by the Scripture passage (John 19:26-27).

- 1. What did this passage stir up for you this week? Any questions, insights, convictions?
- 2. Notice the words used to describe how John accepts Mary. What might that have meant practically for John? For Mary? Could you do something like that?
- 3. How do you react when you find yourself in a time of stress? How well do you respond to your family in those times?
- 4. Do you ever feel that your issues are too small for God to care about? How do Jesus' words in today's Scripture help form your opinion? Also read Matthew 10:29-31.
- 5. God calls those who have put their faith in Christ His adopted children. Read Romans 8:14-17. This passage describes those in Christ as "led by God's Spirit." What might this mean for us to be part of God's "tribe"?
- 6. What is your greatest takeaway this week? What has the Holy Spirit stirred up in you as a response to this lesson? How might you now look at life differently? Does this knowledge spark a deeper gratitude for Christ? How might this change your Christian walk? In what particular ways could the other members of the group encourage you, challenge you, and pray for you?

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