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What can I say about Easter that has not been said? The miracle of the Resurrection helps us to see that no tragedy, no loss, no betrayal, no problem is final. God will always have the last word, and, like the first, it is the Word of Life. That knowledge gives us the perspective to measure

all of our grief and worries against the victory of the empty tomb, so that no earthly calamity can drive us to despair and no tunnel can be so dark that there is no light at the end of it. That is the central message of Easter: Because of Jesus' sacrifice, our sins have been paid in full, so no matter how far we have strayed from God, we can always come home again.

According to Scripture, the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in the Christian's life. Our response to the miracle of Easter is to live fully as conduits of Christ's love, working together to see the wounded healed, the hungry fed, and the lost found. We'd love for you to join us as we celebrate Jesus' message of hope for the world.

In the Hope of Christ,

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson
Senior Pastor



Sunday, April 23
12:15 PM
Fellowship Hall
fuente10.mdpc.org

Fuente Anniversary

Come celebrate the 10th Anniversary of MDPC's Hispanic Ministries Fuente de Esperanza! We'll have music, testimonies, cultural dances, food, and lots of fun.
RSVP to Luz Pérez: lperez@mdpc.org

Easter Week

Maundy Thursday, April 13

6:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Celebration of the Passover Story and the Lord's Supper

This unique service will include descriptive and interactive elements from the traditional Jewish Seder, including the fellowship of the Lord's Supper. Pastor Rachel Poysky will explain the symbolic meaning of the traditional food and drink from the Jewish historical perspective, and also how they relate to Christians today.

As is customary in a Seder celebration, everyone over four years old is welcome and encouraged to participate. Childcare will be available for younger children.

Register at maundy.mdpc.org

Good Friday, April 14

Service: 12:00 PM | Sanctuary

Journey to the Cross

9:30-11:00 AM

Children's Ministries' *Journey to the Cross* leads you and your family on a walk through the last week of Jesus's life.

You'll be emailed a tour time when you register: journey.mdpc.org

Easter Sunday, April 16

7:15 AM Sunrise	Courtyard
8:15 AM Blended	Sanctuary
9:45 AM Contemporary*	Sanctuary
11:15 AM Traditional	Sanctuary
11:15 AM Fuente Spanish	Chapel

*Family-friendly elements for children



MDPC Young Adults

from Christyn Knoop, Young Adults Director

The transition from college to the “real world” is a rough one. The daily pre-dawn alarm clock, managerial expectations, and figuring out insurance can be a rude awakening.

●●● CONTACT US

Want to stay in the loop? Send us an email and we'll add you to the list:

Christyn Knoop, YA Ministry Director: cknoop@mdpc.org
Sarah Stone, YA Outreach Director: sstone@mdpc.org

I remember I literally had to go for power walks around the business complex during my lunch break because I was dying inside having to sit in front of a computer for eight hours a day! And that “free” coffee in the break room? Gross.

What helped me get through it was my community: a group of friends in the same season of life. We'd gather for happy hour or kickball after work, throw dinner parties in our first apartments, make picnics and watch movies at Discovery Green, and—the thing that perhaps cemented our friendships the most—we learned how to worship God together. Once a week we gathered in our IKEA and Craigslist-furnished living rooms to (quite imperfectly) pray for each other, read Scripture together, talk about what it might mean, dream about the future, and confess where we needed help. Someone would get excited about volunteering somewhere and we would cheer them on, and maybe even try it ourselves. We loved having fun together and, although we rarely said it out loud, we cherished being known by each other, of belonging to each other, and knowing our lives were knit together by a God who loved us and had good things in store for us as we grew closer to Him.

Are you looking for that kind of community? It doesn't happen overnight, but it does happen, and it starts with showing up...consistently. Check out what's going on for MDPC Young Adults these days and pick something to “show up” for. You won't regret it.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

For details, visit groups.mdpc.org

The Parish (20s)

Sundays, 9:30 AM | MC 101
Contact Ellie Tendall: etendall@gmail.com

Young Professionals of MDPC (20s)

Tuesdays, 7:00 PM | Walnut Bend
Contact Kaitlyn Wilson: kwilson@mdpc.org

Women's Dinner & Discussion Group (20s & 30s)

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:00 PM | The Heights
Contact Sarah Stone: sstone@mdpc.org

Women's Outer Loop Group (mostly married)

Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM | Westchase
Contact Ginny Trevino: ginny481@yahoo.com

Fifth Service Small Group (multi-generational)

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:45 PM | CityCentre
Contact Sharon Johnson: sharon_j_johnson@msn.com

Life 2.0 (couples in their 20s & 30s)

Sundays, 11:15 AM | MDPC 122
Contact Lori & Bobby Zabor: lori.zabor@gmail.com

Fifth Community (multi-generational)

Sundays, 11:00 AM (Following breakfast tacos outside the Amphitheater at 10:45)
Fifth Community is a place to learn, grow in our understanding of God and our faith, pray for one another, and come to the table of communion each week after worship. Join us for teaching and discussion as we take a “deep dive” into the Scripture and ideas introduced in Sunday's sermons, and enjoy the encouragement that comes with authentic community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Theology On Tap

Tuesday, April 11 | 7:00 PM
Black Lab Pub (Montrose)

“What's the Difference?” Special guests will talk about the theological distinctions between denominations and why these things might matter. Come enjoy free craft beer & food, and text your own questions to a panel of Young Adult pastors.

Details and up-to-date info:
facebook.com/TheologyOnTapHouston



Let's Serve!

Saturday, April 29 | 8:00 AM-Noon
Houston Food Bank (Main Warehouse)

MDPC is passionate about ending children's hunger. Join other 20s for a morning of sorting, boxing, and preparing food for local distribution. We'll top it off with a lunch of haute dogs and brews at Moon Tower Inn.

RSVP by April 23 to Christyn:
cknoop@mdpc.org

COLLEGE CORNER

Want college event updates? Email Trevor at trevorharris22@gmail.com.

College students, we can't wait to have you back with us this summer! Here's what you can expect:

Backpacking Trip - There are only 10 spots for our Rocky Mountain Adventure! May 31-June 4 we'll explore gorgeous back country, camp out every night, share life stories, and process how we are wired and who God has made us to be. If you're interested, text Christyn ASAP: 281-734-0914

Weekly Wednesday Bible Study at the Peñas - Come enjoy great food and fellowship as we trek through Scripture and issues of today.

Service Saturdays - Serve alongside your fellow students at one of MDPC's many outreach partners around Houston.

Sports Sundays - Come be active with us at MDPC's field and gym every Sunday evening with ultimate frisbee, kickball, and more.

Day Trips - From exploring the world of BBQ to Astros games, join us for great times at many of Houston's unique spots.

Preschool

Perhaps the best-kept secret at MDPC... At the 11:00 hour on Sunday mornings, "tucked away" in a room in the middle of the church campus, 3- to 5-year-olds participate in a very special worship service.



Worship!



Orchestrated by Preschool Ministry Director Becky Funderburk, the little service begins with the assignment of - what else? - a worship leader! A choir is then chosen, "robes" are donned, and worship begins, with ten-year-old Chloe Nguyen and Shari Halvorson providing guitar accompaniment.

Every element of a worship service is incorporated. There is prayer in abundance, the Jesus candle is lit, and the children acknowledge the meaning of the cross and salvation as they recite, "Jesus died on the cross to forgive us of our sins." As volunteer ushers take up the offering, Becky shares how their gifts will help children in need across the world, and the preschoolers put money or their "love and kisses" in the plate.



Following a Bible story told by Children's Ministries Elders Marty Chapman or Sara Wiggins, the service concludes with the weekly memory verse and a prayer of benediction. Throughout the service, Becky stresses the importance of making good choices and often reminds the children how very much God loves them.

Preschoolers benefit not only from learning the fundamentals of worship, but also from the opportunity to publicly proclaim the truth of God's Word. As our MDPC Kids graduate to The Galaxy and then to MDPC Youth, our prayer is that these foundational principles stay with them throughout their spiritual journeys, encouraging them to live a life of Christian faith, obedience, and service.

The mentorship of a recent graduate of the DoorWay Alcohol and Drug Recovery Program by Dick Ebling and MDPC's Men's Life community illustrate Jesus' call for us to pour into others.

Ugonna Ogonna prefers to be called Austin. For such a young man, a struggle with addiction already has exposed him to much hardship and pain. However, by God's grace and with the support of his friends from MDPC Men's Ministry, he has grown through it and emerged stronger.

Last December, Austin's entire family came to the ceremony for his graduation from the DoorWay Alcohol and Drug Recovery Program at Open Door Mission (ODM). When he took the podium to give remarks about his time at ODM, Austin's heartfelt comments about the pain he had caused his family and his appreciation of their faith commitment to him moved his family to tears. Nina Jones of ODM remarked, "I noticed that this Nigerian family—people known for their great composure and dignity—wept openly as Austin singled each one out for how they encouraged him to seek treatment and stay the course to graduation. He gave the most credit to the prayers of his grandmother...There was not a dry eye in the room!"

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Austin also spoke of how much it meant to have Dick Ebling and the mentors from Men's Life attend his graduation. He had invited everyone to the event who



MEN ON MISSION AT OPEN DOOR

helped him on his journey to sobriety, but he was very surprised that these men actually came to show their support. Ms. Jones commented, "The respect and admiration that Austin has developed for these men was readily evident, as was the sincere affection and encouragement that they have for this young man." Austin was a very popular resident at ODM, and several program alumni attended as well. He has built a solid group of supportive brothers to keep him encouraged in his sober lifestyle.

While living at Open Door, Austin worked as a tutor in ODM's Education & Technology Center, helping other residents achieve their educational goals. This was divinely ordered! Leading up to his graduation, Austin worked part-time as a teacher's aide with a local school, and was accepted by Houston Baptist University to pursue advanced studies toward a teaching degree. He accomplished all of this prior to graduation from the DoorWay program and began his new life in January 2017.

Open Door Mission was so excited for this opportunity to share a success story from the fruitful collaborative partnership with MDPC. Said Ms. Jones, "We are extremely grateful for everything that Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church does for Open Door Mission!"

If you're interested in volunteering with Open Door Mission, or would like more information on its programs, contact:

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 Director of Development & Communications at ODM
 nwilsonjones@opendoorhouston.org, 832-962-4257

Poverty SIMULATION



Walk a Mile in My Shoes...

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to "walk a mile" in someone else's shoes? Last November, over 40 Spring Branch ISD Springboard Mentors gathered together to do just that. For two hours, participants spent a "month" living life on the edge of poverty in a simulation organized by the school district. The exercise was designed to help them understand the harsh realities faced by many of the students they mentor each week.

The simulation spotlighted the many causes of poverty and reasons it is perpetuated from generation to generation. Participants were assigned roles, some contending with unemployment, homelessness, or living on temporary assistance, while others were senior citizens on fixed income, or grandparents raising grandchildren. They experienced the frustrations, walls, discouragement, indifference, and shame that can occur each day for those living on the poverty line. MDPC member and IMPACT Mentoring chair, Robin Helbling, remarked, "I walked away truly identifying with the hurdles and problems my 'family' was facing and how difficult it would be to maneuver through and/or out of the cycle of poverty. It was extremely stressful to determine whether rent, food, or utilities were more important."

The SBISD Poverty Simulation proved to be such a powerful and eye-opening experience that MDPC's IMPACT Mentoring Ministry will repeat the simulation for our congregation. Do not miss this

opportunity to develop empathy and understanding of the hardships faced by those we strive to reach through our various Outreach Ministries.

Space is limited for this opportunity to participate in a truly unique growth experience, so sign up early to ensure your spot!

Tuesday, April 25 | 5:00-7:30 PM
Registration: poverty.mdpc.org

Poverty Simulation is brought to you by Spring Branch ISD and MDPC's IMPACT Mentoring Program.

Newspring Celebrates 10 Years in Spring Branch

We are followers of Christ: professionals, business men and women, artists, teachers, and supporters who believe that helping others to create pathways to career and financial opportunity is an important part of our Christian witness.

Newspring, a Christ-centered organization born at MDPC, is celebrating its tenth anniversary of service in Spring Branch. Over Newspring's history, more than 100 MDPC members have volunteered in its visual arts programs and the annual Business Plan Competition.

Since beginning in 2007, Newspring has focused on economic development, providing opportunity for at-risk populations to earn their way out of poverty and realize a sustainable income.

Newspring's business development activities, most notably seen in the Business Plan Competition, provide training and mentors for would-be entrepreneurs, helping them start and grow businesses. This initiative has seen the formation and growth of over 20 businesses, strengthening the local economy and providing employment.


Jack Barry, who has led training for the Business Plan Competition, said, "It has been extremely fulfilling to be part of these programs that focus on the Christian Commission of helping people to help themselves. The Business Plan Competition has provided [volunteer mentors] with the opportunity to use the skills God has blessed them with to give back to people of all races, ages, and backgrounds."

In a similar way, Newspring's Visual Arts program encourages youth whose artistic talent can lead to careers in interior design, architecture, photography, and other design fields. The program counts over 25 of its graduates pursuing higher education, typically the first in their families to attend college. Over its ten-year history, the annual auction of students' artwork has generated over \$150,000 in income for the young artists.

Joe Warren, a former Newspring board member, commented, "Partnering with Newspring to bring inspiration, encouragement, and hope to at-risk students in Spring Branch is a blessing beyond measure...I am so proud of each piece of Newspring art because I know it represents a 'future with hope' for the young artist; a successful future not imaginable until Newspring connected the student's artistic gift with its dynamic arts program."

MDPC has been a ministry partner since the beginning, and, over Newspring's ten-year history, nearly half of Newspring volunteers have been MDPC members. Without the support of MDPC, talented students would be deprived of significant life-changing education and opportunity, and dozens of entrepreneurs would lack the guidance needed to successfully start and grow their business.

June Is MAM Month at MDPC



MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

When a family turns to MAM for help with rent and utilities, it means the grocery budget is diminished and home care supplies can become a low priority. Help MAM provide Home Care Packs to ease the burden for struggling families.

MDPC is collecting these items during June:

- 40-load Powder Laundry Detergent
- Dishwashing Liquid
- All-Purpose Household Cleaner
- Single-roll Paper Towels
- 4-pack Toilet Paper
- Tissues
- Garbage Bags

Contact Maritza Pujols with questions:
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The Well: Women's Speaker Series

WHY I HOPE

Stuck. Unsure. Hurting. Wondering. Sometimes, life throws us more than we can handle. When we feel overwhelmed, where can we find hope?

This April, let's come together to hear a panel of real, honest women – MDPC's own Sue Harkins, Hattie Noworatzky, Virginia Smith, and Billie Carole McMillan – share their personal stories of hope.

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

Please RSVP: THEWELL.MDPC.ORG

Childcare available by reservation: childcare.mdpc.org

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
6:30-8:00 PM • CHAPEL
SNACKS @ 6:00 PM • PARLOR



Register Now for REACH Summer Camps!

Kids camps include art, basketball, CR8, Camp Barbie & Fashion Design, cheer, Coder Kids, cooking, Creative Expressions, dance, drama, gymnastics, Hot Wheels/Play-Doh, Idea Lab & Mad Science camps, LEGOs, piano, soccer, survival tactics, voice, and woodworking. Adults can sign up for strength training, yoga, voice, and piano.

For a complete list or to register, visit reach.mdpc.org or call the REACH office at 713-490-9564.



Married Life Prep

Sundays, July 9-30

10:00 AM-12:00 PM | CLC 171-172 | No cost
Register at mlp.mdpc.org

Recently engaged? Perhaps newly married? Join us for Married Life Prep, which combines Biblical teaching with real-life stories and the best current marriage research. The course, taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, is based on The Couple Checkup, a research-based online relationship inventory developed by Dr. David Olson and Dr. Peter Larson. Most MLP graduates will be able to waive the marriage license fee through the Twogether in Texas initiative.

Research has shown that learning good premarital insights through focused training can improve the likelihood of a long-lasting marriage by 50% or more! We hope you join us for this free series.

Questions? Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell:
acaldwell@mdpc.org, 713-490-0931

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

Rear Admiral Margaret Grun Kibben

Thursday, April 27 | 7:00 PM

Rear Adm. Margaret Kibben has served her country in the Marine Corps and Navy since 1986. She holds masters and doctorate degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, and a masters in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College, and currently serves as Chief of Chaplains of the Navy, the first woman to hold that position.

kibben.mdpc.org



Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-29

Led this year by Pastor Alf and Shari, Mo-Ranch promises to be one of the most memorable weekends of the year! Come enjoy time with the MDPC family in the Texas Hill Country. From campfires to canoeing, worship to water slides, expect fun, relaxation, and re-connecting with God in the beauty of His creation.

Men's Summer Series: Men in Partnership and Discipleship

Tuesdays, June 6-27
6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

This short summer series is a must for men! Relationships Pastor Brett Hurst will lead sessions encouraging you in your walk with Christ, and Ken Harris and Clint Harrington also will speak. Engage in conversations with other godly men about discipleship and growing closer to God, and get practical tools for building your relationship with Christ.

Contact Brett Hurst with questions: bhurst@mdpc.org



SAVE THE DATE

SUMMER CELEBRATION 2017 • JULY 10-14

Register your kiddos today!

Adults and teens, please consider volunteering—
Summer Celebration can't happen without you.

Plus you get a free T-shirt!

SC.MDPC.ORG

MDPC Counseling Services



"Someone I loved once gave me a box full of darkness. It took me years to understand that this, too, was a gift."

Life is a journey with ups, downs, and many crossroads. We want to walk with you no matter the heights or depths you may be facing. If you are looking for a path through grief, or for hope and healing, contact us for a session today.

MDPC Counseling Ministries offers up to six free sessions for adults. For minors, a free one-time family session is available.

To book an appointment, contact Amanda Grace Caldwell at acaldwell@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931.

Stephen Ministry

Sponsored by Caring Ministries



Lunch & Learn

MDPC's Stephen Ministry is looking for members who feel called to a caring and confidential one-on-one ministry. Instruction and practice in listening, Christian caregiving, and other areas of caring ministry are provided during the initial training, as well as in ongoing continuing education sessions. Join us for lunch and to learn more about this exciting ministry!

Sunday, April 30 | 12:30-1:30 PM

Contact Beverly Fluke (bfluke@mdpc.org, 713-490-9542) to get more information and RSVP.



Pilgrimage Stories



I had run out of excuses for turning Bart Henson down, and I reluctantly agreed to attend Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage (HPP) 75 about three years ago. Initially, I was not a willing participant. I was out of my comfort zone. There were strangers, my roommates snored, and we met beyond my bedtime. It took me a while to feel Jesus' presence—but, when I did, He changed my life. I since have learned that most people in the Bible only developed their relationships with God after leaving the security of their homes and the lives they knew. That was the case with me.

I learned that there is a lot more to being a Christian than sitting in the back row during Sunday worship and just watching. I learned about the Love of Jesus, and He put Love in my heart. During Pilgrimage, I learned to say "yes" to God's call, not to ignore it. Since HPP 75, I have said "yes" to serving on Session, to mentoring at Spring Woods Middle School and Open Door Mission, to making sandwiches for Kids' Meals, and to serving on the Board of Amazing Place. Most of all, I learned to get out of my chair and get in the game.

— Charles Chaffin, MDPC Elder

Christian Community! That's what I think of Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage. Back in February 2004, I attended HPP 29—and I am unafraid to proclaim that I was overwhelmed and made anew by the love and grace of Jesus Christ through my Christian community.

It all began in the fall of 2003 when I attended an Alpha Course at MDPC and felt a renewed sense of what it meant to be a follower of Christ. Although I had been a Christian all my life, Alpha reacquainted me with the basics of the Christian faith. It gave me an opportunity to explore the meaning of life as God intended it to be lived.

As I approached the Pilgrimage weekend, I was hesitant to spend a weekend away from my husband and young daughter, but I was on fire to explore this Christian faith that I was rediscovering. I went with my best friend to the retreat location. It was a cold and rainy evening and we got lost on the way. What a way to start! Jesus did not abandon us, however, because He had great plans for us! He eventually guided us safely to the retreat and set me on a path of adventure, fellowship, and pure joy.

I was introduced to the most amazing group of Christ followers that are dear friends to this day, 13 years later.

This Pilgrimage Christian Community strives to simply love Jesus and live in fellowship with one another. We have shared joys and sorrows, laughter and tears, prayers and fears. We have danced and sung in loud voices to our Lord. And our Lord is mightily pleased!

Shortly after HPP 29, I said "yes" to being an Elder in MDPC's Elementary Children's Ministry. I shared my gifts of administration, exhortation, and discernment as a Sunday School teacher, and again agreed to serve as an Elder two years ago. Through His children and in my church, I have been showered with Jesus' love and mercy. I have thrived in this Christian Community, as God has commanded.

Is God calling you to grow in your faith and become part of a Christian Community? Say "yes" to attending a Pilgrimage!

— Lori Keeter, MDPC Elder

Join the Next Pilgrimage on April 27-30 at Camp Tejas!

Pilgrimage is for adults of all ages. Participants need to plan to arrive by 5:00 PM Thursday and stay through 3:00 PM Sunday. The total cost for the weekend is \$150/person. Scholarship are available. Space is limited, so register today: houstonpilgrimage.org

Questions? Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553



Milestones

THE 2017 NATIONAL GATHERING

of A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterian Churches (ECO) was held at First Presbyterian Church, Greenville, SC on January 24-26. MDPC Pastors Alf Halvorson, Dave Steane, and Rachel Poysky, and about 1,200 others from ECO churches, came together for an inspiring time of worship, teaching, and fellowship. Keynote speakers called the Church to a more courageous vision of developing and deploying the next generation of Christian leaders.



THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

elected last fall continues its search to fill the Equipping, Outreach, and Caring pastor/director positions. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and resume to pnc@mdpc.org.

God has led us to an amazing person to become our new Young Adult Ministries Director: **CHRISTYN KNOOP**. She has been on staff for six years, serving as Adult Ministries Director and coordinating Adult Sunday School classes, small groups, and other important related ministries. Even as she was serving in this role, Christyn had a growing passion for young adults, along with a commitment to helping MDPC become a

church where the next generation of Christians can worship, grow, and serve. Christyn has the calling and giftedness to provide excellent leadership in this vital ministry area.

On January 31, about 400 people gathered to hear football great **BRUCE MATTHEWS** at MDPC. The night began with tailgate-style snacks, then Bruce spoke about faith and football, signed books, and took pictures with fans.



MDPC's Sewing for Missions group held its annual **COOKIES FOR TROOPS** event on February 2, and it again was a huge success: 38 care packages containing 4,984 cookies (all prayed over by Pastor Alf and the MDPC staff!) were mailed to U.S. military serving abroad.



Beginning April 2, the **BRAZILIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** will be renting space here at MDPC. Approximately 100 adults and children will worship in the Chapel at 6:00 PM on Sunday evenings.

BIRTHS

Harris William Prochaska was born January 30, 2017, to Drew and Courtney Prochaska. Harris is the great-grandson of Carrietta Gentry.

Hudson Milo Timby was born January 24, 2017, to Robert Timby and Jennifer Spiva. Hudson is the grandson of Marsha Timby.

Gabriel W. Miller was born February 8, 2017, to Andrew and Laura Miller. Gabriel is the grandson of Susan and Rick Ashcroft.

DEATHS

Steven Howard, Randy and Jo Howard's son

Zachary Barker Chittick, December 13, 2016

Jerry Walston, December 21, 2016

Ron Harlan, December 22, 2016

Esther Parks, December 26, 2016

Patsy Brister, December 30, 2016

Nancy Burnett, January 1, 2017

Mary Keating, January 2, 2017

Fran Lenser, January 3, 2017

Teresa Nye, Warren Bright's sister, January 4, 2017

Bob Evans, Cindy Jochetz's father, January 8, 2017

Hart Peebles, Ann Green and Elizabeth Snelling's father, January 15, 2017

Harry Chambers, John Chambers father, January 24, 2017

Michelle Lynn Villareal, January 28, 2017

Earle Alexander, February 11, 2017

Iris Tyndall, Ryan Taylor's mother, February 25, 2017

Jacko Hargrove, Helena Hargrove's husband, February 28, 2017

Gloria Russell, February 28, 2017

Anita McCollum, March 5, 2017

William Sharkey, March 5, 2017

Peggy Dykes, Shannon Perry's mother, March 6, 2017

Jim Black, March 7, 2017

Sally Daniel, March 12, 2017

Faces and Places

First Quarter 2017

The Winners!



The Runner-ups!

Two teams of MDPC staffers faced off on International Tug-of-war Day



Alf Halvorson interviewing Bruce Matthews



New Elder Installation and Ordination on January 8



MDPC Courtyard after the January 18 rain



Four youth receive Believer's Baptism following Confirmation



MDPC Women at the Girls' Getaway in February



Lauren Dodds and Kyle Goodson leading 9:45 worship



Kathryn White and the MDPC Choir with soloist Jason Amos



Kids' Meals volunteers make sandwiches for preschoolers



The struggle was real



Staff packing Cookies for the Troops



Confirmation Sunday (68 youth were confirmed!)



A few of the ladies from the Tuesday Bible Study

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón

Latino Ministries Pastor

Amy Delgado

Interim Outreach Director

Ginny Glass

Communications & Media Director

Meliza Gómez

Contemporary Music Director

Alf Halvorson

Senior Pastor

Charles Hausmann

Traditional Music Director

Brett Hurst

Relationships Pastor

Christyn Knoop

Young Adults Director

Gena Kooken

Senior Leadership Ministry Coordinator

Laura Miller

Youth Director

Rick Myers

Caring Ministries Pastor

Rachel Poysky

Children's Pastor

Becky Riggs

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Dave Steane

Executive Pastor

Kathryn White

Coordinating Music Director/Organist

Karen Winship

Human Resources Director

Pastors Emeritus

Dave Peterson • Gary Bowker

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Looking Ahead

APRIL

- 2** All-Church Lunch
- 9** Palm Sunday
- 9** Concert Series: MDPC Choir presents Brahms' Requiem
- 11** Theology On Tap: What's the Difference?
- 12** Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project
- 10-13** The Spoken Word: *Come to read, come to listen...*
- 13** Maundy Thursday Seder Meal
- 14** Good Friday service at noon; MDPC offices closed
- 16** Easter!
- 18** Prime Timers Program & Luncheon
- 19** The Well: Why I Hope
- 23** Fuente 10th Anniversary Celebration
- 25** Poverty Simulation
- 27** Special Guest Speaker: Rear Admiral Margaret Kibben

MAY

- 1** Venturers Dinner & Program
- 7** All-Church Lunch
- 10** Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project
- 26-29** Mo-Ranch Weekend
- 28** ONE 10:00 AM SERVICE
- 29** Memorial Day: MDPC closed

JUNE

- 4** All-Church Lunch
- 6** Men's 4-week Summer Series begins
- 7** Special Guest Speaker: Adam Winn
- 9-10** New Member Class Summer Intensive
- 14** Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project

JULY

- 4** Independence Day: MDPC closed
- 10-14** Summer Celebration
- 19** Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project

Let's Get Social!

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