



SUPPORTING Lesser-Known Heroes of the Bible CHARACTERS

ESTHER

Esther 4:12-17

Rachel Poysky preaching

Coming Attractions at MDPC

Sunday, July 16, 2017

Elder Nominations

Elder Nominations for the 2020 Elder class are now being accepted. Your involvement in this process is essential!

Nominations are due Monday, August 28.

Visit nominations.mdpc.org, or pick up a form and return it to the Front Office, Attn: Gena Kookan.

Colorful T-shirts Needed

Help The Antioch Partners (TAP), a long-term mission organization, by donating T-shirts to make TAPestries (rugs) for its fundraiser dinner at MDPC this fall. God is weaving us together as a missional TAPestry!

Accepting Donations: July 1-August 27

Questions? Email Hope Whitney: admin@theantiochpartners.org

Kanakuk KampOut! Day Camp

This week-long, high-energy Christian day camp experience from Kanakuk is for 5- to 12-year-olds. Kampers will see and hear how God is a loving Father and wonderful Creator who loves them and desires for us to love others.

August 7-11 | 9:30 AM-4:00 PM

More info: kampout.mdpc.org

Heads Up for Soccer Season!

Boys and girls in pre-K through 6th grade are invited to play on West Houston Christian Sports League teams coached by volunteers. Practices begin the week of Sept. 4 at MDPC.

Games at area churches: Saturdays, Sept. 23-Nov.11

\$120 (\$145 after Aug. 27) jersey, socks, picture, trophy

Registration opens today: sports.mdpc.org

Summer Serve: The Beacon

Summer is the perfect time to roll up your sleeves and jump into service! The Beacon at Christ Church Cathedral offers essential basics, transitional housing support with case management, and pro bono legal services to Houston's poor and homeless. MDPC will serve in the Beacon Day Center to prepare and serve lunch and wash, dry, and fold laundry.

Saturday, July 29 | 10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Contact Jan Roe to sign up: jroe@mdpc.org

Can't make it on the 29th? Check out more opportunities to share Christ's love at summerserve.mdpc.org.

#Adulting:

Where am I going? What career do I choose? Who do I marry? Why am I here? If this sounds like you and you're a woman age 22-34, join us for a new processing group.

Wednesdays, July 19-August 23 | 6:30-8:00 PM | MC 116

Group size is limited, so sign up quick! Contact Amanda Grace at acaldwell@mdpc.org.

Summer Movie Series

Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and an acclaimed film. Everyone is welcome, free of charge. Closed caption provided. Stay for a brief guided discussion of the film and its impact on our Christian faith led by Pastor Rick Myers and Jeanmarie Tade, Interim Adult Ministries Director.

Select Wednesdays at 3:00 PM | Amphitheater

July 19 - Chariots of Fire (PG)

August 2 - The Glenn Miller Story (PG)

Visit pluggedin.com to review movie content for your family.

8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Tara Reynolds (8:30), Kyle Collins (9:45)

SONG OF RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

Supporting Characters: Esther

Rachel Poysky

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Gus Alvarado drums • Daniel Amaya bass • George Heathco guitar • Daniel Martinez keys

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDES

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here
Ave Maria

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Bach/Gounod

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Amy Delgado

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

#482; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | LOBE DEN HERREN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Apostles' Creed

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated

Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

OFFERTORY

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

SCRIPTURE READING

Esther 4:12-17

Clarissa Escamilla

MESSAGE

Supporting Characters: Esther

Rachel Poysky

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

#430; Vs. 1, 3 | DARWALL'S 148TH

POSTLUDE

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Janet Linker (b. 1938)

Musicians in this service: Megan Berti, soloist • Alberto Graulau, violin • Kathryn White, organist/pianist

*Please stand if able.

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MDPC FEATURES

MDPC Friends & Family

KIDS' MEALS
4:30 PM

Dinner
5:00 PM

MOVIE
6:00 PM
Cookies, lemonade, and popcorn provided!

MOVIE Night

Wednesday, July 19
Details: movie.mdpc.org



SUFFERING: WHERE IS GOD?

HOW CAN GOD BE GOOD WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH HURT AND EVIL IN THIS WORLD?

SUNDAYS, JULY 23, 30, & AUGUST 6
11:00 AM IN THE AMPHITHEATER

JOIN US AS OUR GUEST SPEAKERS – A PHILOSOPHY PROFESSOR, A PASTOR, AND A COUNSELOR – HELP US WRESTLE WITH THE PROBLEM OF EVIL AND GOD'S SOVEREIGNTY.



MDPC needs your help! Share your summer-fun photos with us using the hashtag #MDPCSummer17 on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Pictures posted to MDPC social media accounts by August 6 will be used in a look-back photo montage to be shown in worship in August.

Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

Kids' Meals: Texas is number one in our nation for food insecurity for children, according to Houston Food Bank. Kids' Meals provides lunches to preschool-aged children living in poverty in Harris County. It home-delivers nutritious meals free of cost, Monday through Friday, year-round. Kids' Meals serves approximately 2,200 children daily.
kidsmealshouston.org

Knitting for Missions at MDPC: Several years ago, a group of women who enjoy knitting decided to knit for others. It began by knitting dolls for child patients in Guatemala (distributed by Faith in Practice) and shawls for MDPC members under the care of Caring Ministries. Now its gifts have been expanded to include preemie caps for babies at Ben Taub Hospital, sweaters for Guatemalan children in mountain villages, and caps and scarves for Houston's homeless.
Contact Sue Phipps: sbhipps@comcast.net

Renewing Our Minds (Croatia): Led by MDPC field partners Tihomir and Christine Kukolja, Renewing Our Minds seeks to reconcile people of different faiths and cultures in the Balkan region by studying the teachings of Jesus. Participants are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.
forumforleadership.blogspot.com

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2017 OPERATING BUDGET	\$11,400,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 4,528,568
Actual Income to Date (July 9, 2017)	\$ 4,403,740
Current Income Deficit	\$ 124,828
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 6,996,260