



# SUPPORTING Lesser-Known Heroes of the Bible CHARACTERS

## THE WOMAN WHO TOUCHED JESUS' ROBE

Matt. 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, Luke 8:43-48

Martha Moore preaching

**Coming Attractions at MDPC**

Sunday, August 6, 2017

### All-Church Lunch Is Back!

Stay after services for beef tips or roasted chicken served with yummy sides, or a "Shrimply Delicious" entrée salad.

Today in Fellowship Hall | Served 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Prices, menu, and more: [food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org)

### MDPC Leader Training

If you lead an MDPC class or small group, this is your in-service day. Bring all your group leaders, sit together for lunch and a keynote, then break into ministry teams for prayer, planning, and additional training. Energize your vision, purpose, and classroom for Fall Kickoff (August 20).

Training Date: Next Sunday, August 13 | 12:15-2:30 PM

Lunch provided with your RSVP: [leadershiptraining.mdpc.org](http://leadershiptraining.mdpc.org)

### Theology On Tap: Post-Modern Truth

Is there black and white truth or is everything gray? Come hear a panel of pastors talk about finding and knowing truth in an age of alternative facts. Open to young adults (20s & 30s). Free craft beer and food.

Tuesday, August 15 | 7:00-9:00 PM | Kindred (Montrose)

[facebook.com/theologyontaphouston](https://facebook.com/theologyontaphouston)

### REACH Classes for Kids & Adults

Registration for fall classes is open! Sign up for Abrakadoodle, Art Studio, Ballet, Basketball, Cooking, Strength Training, Dance, Soccer, Mini-Star Sports, Music Together, Piano, Tumbling, Voice, Woodworking, and Yoga

For a complete class list or to register, visit [reach.mdpc.org](http://reach.mdpc.org).

### Sing with the Sanctuary Choir

We have an exciting season planned and you're invited to join us! Sing weekly, or only for concerts. No choral experience needed; childcare available by reservation.

First rehearsal: Wednesday, August 16 | 7:00 PM

Contact Tracy Stidam: [tstidam@mdpc.org](mailto:tstidam@mdpc.org), 713-490-0946

### Stephen Minister Training Starts September 12

Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Contact Beverly Fluke now to apply for the fall training class.

Contact Beverly Fluke: [bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542

### IMPACT Training

Commit for one year to meet with a student during his or her lunch period. Ongoing training and support provided! These kids just need some friendship, encouragement, and guidance from a trusted adult. IMPACT mentoring relationships lead to improved academic performance and self-confidence, and a more positive perception of school.

You need attend only one training session: September 13 at 6:30 PM, or September 24 at 12:20 PM (MDPC Parlor).

Details: [change.mdpc.org](http://change.mdpc.org)

### First Communion Retreat

The retreat is designed for 1st-5th graders and their parents to prepare for First Communion, giving them a clear understanding of the important sacrament. The children will take their First Communion on Sunday, October 8.

Sunday, September 17 | 12:30-4:00 PM | The Galaxy

Registration: [communion.mdpc.org](http://communion.mdpc.org)

**8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY**

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WELCOME

Dave Steane (8:30), Worship Team (9:45)

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Rachel Poysky (8:30), Amy Delgado (9:45)

SONG OF RESPONSE

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Dave Steane

MESSAGE

Supporting Characters: The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Robe

Martha Moore

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Joe Gavito, guitar • Craig Gysler, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums • Dennis Whittaker, bass

**11:15 AM TRADITIONAL**

PRELUDES

Hymn Medley  
Great Is the Lord

arr. Jay Rouse (b. 1965)  
Michael W. Smith/arr. Jay Rouse

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

#210; Vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 | ST. ANNE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Rachel Poysky

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

#138 | NICAEA

HYMN SING

European Hymn: Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty  
Folk Hymn: How Firm a Foundation  
Easter Hymn: Hail Thee, Festival Day!  
Spiritual: Guide My Feet

#482; Vs. 1, 2 | LOBE DEN HERREN  
#361; Vs. 1, 2 | FOUNDATION  
#120 | Congregation sings refrain  
#354; Vs. 1, 2 | GUIDE MY FEET

OFFERTORY

Love Divine, All Love Excelling (from the Daughter of Jairus)

Sir John Stainer(1840-1901)

MESSAGE

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Martha Moore

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Vs. 1,3 | TRUST IN JESUS

POSTLUDE

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

arr. Rhonda Furr (b. 1951)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Amanda Menzie and Avery Rabon, duet • Kathryn White, organist/pianist

# MDPC FEATURES

## Walking the Mourners' Path™

TRANSFORMING GRIEF INTO JOYFUL LIVING

This is a Christ-centered grief program to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. It is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group.

**Wednesdays, September 6-October 25 | 6:30-8:00 PM**

Register at [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org) or with Beverly Fluke ([bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542).

### MOMS UNITE!

MOPS  
Mothers of Preschoolers



**MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)** is for moms of young kids. Come for connection, solid content, and fun. **We'll save a seat for you!**

**1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS STARTING SEPT. 7  
9:30-11:15 AM | FELLOWSHIP HALL**

**Free childcare!**  
Details and registration:  
[mops.mdpc.org](http://mops.mdpc.org)

## ERIC METAXAS

#1 *New York Times* **BESTSELLING AUTHOR**

**Tuesday, October 10**

[speakers.mdpc.org](http://speakers.mdpc.org)



**Coming to MDPC this Fall**



Share your summer-fun photos with us using the hashtag **#MDPCSummer17** on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. Pictures posted to MDPC social media accounts **by the end of the day today, August 6**, will be used in a look-back photo montage to be shown in worship on Kickoff Sunday. See you in cyberspace, MDPC!

**The White Rose is in memory of MDPC member Ken Robertson**, who passed away July 19, 2017.

### Outreach Ministry Partners 2017

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

**Mission Centers Houston** ministers to all ages in under-resourced neighborhoods in the inner city by providing Christ-centered community programs and neighborhood outreach.  
[missioncenters.org](http://missioncenters.org)

**Mission Greenspoint** is an outreach ministry presenting the Gospel through both word and deed. Its programs include a food pantry, clothes closet, pregnancy assistance center, ESL classes, and Biblical counseling for individuals and families.  
[missiongreenspoint.org](http://missiongreenspoint.org)

MDPC Field Partners **Tihomir and Christine Kukulja** direct **Renewing Our Minds (ROM)**, a reconciliation program in Croatia that brings together different faiths, ethnicities, and cultures in the Balkan region by sharing how following the teachings of Jesus transforms lives. Participants in the ROM program are chosen based on leadership potential, with the hope that they will return to their home countries and impact their spheres of influence.  
[forumforleadership.blogspot.com](http://forumforleadership.blogspot.com)



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2017 OPERATING BUDGET	\$11,400,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 4,928,061
Actual Income to Date (July 30, 2017)	\$ 4,777,378
<b>Current Income Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 150,683</b>
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 6,622,622

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### The Woman Who Touched Jesus' Robe

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Message by Martha Moore

This Sunday's *Supporting Character* is the woman who has been bleeding for 12 years. By order of Levitical law (see Leviticus 15), she is considered unclean and not allowed to touch or be touched by anyone. She is desperate and sees the opportunity to be healed when Jesus, along with a large crowd, walks through her town as He is on His way to heal Jairus' daughter. Please read all three accounts to get the whole story.

1. Read aloud Matthew 9:20-22, Mark 5:25-34, and Luke 8:43-48. Have someone in the group retell the story using everyday language.
2. What are some of the repeated words used throughout all the accounts. What powerful images do they convey?
3. Has there been a time in your life when you felt misunderstood and cut off from the community? What was that experience like for you?
4. In the sermon we learned that perhaps the woman had reached out and touched the fringe of Jesus' garment because she had faith in a promise made in Malachi 4:2 and because perhaps she remembered some powerful Old Testament stories involving the fringe of someone's garment (see 1 Samuel 24, Ruth 3, 1 Kings 19:19-21, 2 Kings 2:12-14). Share with the group a promise or a Bible story that God has given you. Has that promise been fulfilled or are you still waiting in faith for God's provision? How do you stay faithful for what you have not yet experienced?
5. What if she hadn't been healed, do you think she would have continued to pursue Jesus, to be faithful to Him?
6. Will we stay faithful in our love for God even if we don't receive what we want? What would staying faithful look like?
7. In this account, Jesus listened to the woman as she told the "whole truth" about how she had been healed. What are ways you sense that God hears you when you share your life with Him?
8. David Ausberger says, "Being heard is so close to being loved that, for the average person, they are almost indistinguishable." Talk about a time when you felt truly heard.
9. In the sermon, we were encouraged to discern those who need us to hear their stories. What names came to mind? When will you reach out to those people who need to be heard?

