



# Morningside Messenger

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## August 2014 Worship at Morningside

### August 3

Baron Mullis preaching  
*"Nothing But Five Loaves and Two Fish"*  
Texts: Isaiah 55:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21  
*The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.*

### August 10

Baron Mullis preaching  
*"The Minority Report"*  
Texts: Genesis 37:1-4; 12-28  
*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*  
*Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.*

### August 17

*"This I Believe"* Sunday  
*Homilies by three Morningside members:*  
*Betsy Holland, Lisa Jern, and Alex Page*

### August 24

Baron Mullis preaching  
*"Transformed"*  
Texts: Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8  
*Congregational Lunch*

### August 31

Drew Stockstill preaching  
*"Just Tell Us What To Do"*  
Texts: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Romans 12:9-21



## *Dear sisters and brothers,*

Grammarians know that despite common usage, exclamation points are supposed to be reserved for those occasions that call for shouting. Please note the exclamation point at the end of the next sentence.

It is time for Morningside to call a full-time, installed, Associate Pastor! What a spectacular thing to be able to say!

To that end, the Session voted in April to ask the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to allow us to reopen the position of Associate Pastor for Morningside, and they have.

Moreover, we believe that God has already led the right person to be our associate pastor to us.

And so the Session has asked the Presbytery to vote to allow the Session to nominate the Rev. Drew Stockstill to the position of Associate Pastor. Changes to the rules of governance for our denomination (The Book of Order) allow us to make this request.

Only a congregation can elect a pastor, however, so the Session has called a meeting for Aug. 10 for the purpose of allowing the congregation to vote on calling Drew permanently to our staff. The Presbytery then has to ratify our call six days later at their meeting. *A robust response on the part of our congregation will send a clear message to the presbytery about our belief that God has led Drew to us. Please make every effort to be present to vote!*

So, you may be asking, what will Drew do as associate pastor different from what he already does? Well, while we see a lot of Drew, the truth is he has been half-time with us and half-time with Presbyterian Campus Ministry. This call enables us to have Drew full-time and he will assume the duties in youth ministry that have been vacated by Chris Peters' call to be the associate pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fairhope AL.

If you're paying close attention, you'll notice we've combined a half-time position with a quarter-time position to create a full time position... we will have to reach as a congregation to achieve our budget for this year and next, but I know we can do it. If I've learned nothing else about this wonderful congregation in the three and half years I have been your pastor, I have learned this: put a challenge in front of this church, and it will be met.

With anticipation, I remain faithfully,

Your pastor,

Baron

### **Elder on Call**

Martin Dunlap	August 3-9
Beth Baer	August 10-16
Will Barnette	August 17-23
Lisa Jern	August 24-30
Jack Klotz	August 31-Sept 6

### **Deacon on Call**

Ann Bowers	August 3-9
Faye McKay-Clegg	August 10-16
Anthony Owens	August 17-23
Shirley Adair	August 24-30
Sarah Chatel	August 31-Sept 6

## *Chris Peters Gets First Call; MPC Prepares to Name Drew Stockstill Associate Pastor*

We knew it was coming—once Youth Director Chris Peters completed his studies at Columbia Theological Seminary we knew some church would want to call this fine young minister. About the same time, Emory Campus Ministries decided to change their chaplaincy approach. With this piece of elegant timing, Baron and Session immediately began work to offer a call to move Drew Stockstill from a half-time contract position to a full-time called Associate Pastor position at Morningside, directing the youth programs along with his ongoing oversight of small groups, young adults and adult faith development.

**However, it's up to us as members of the congregation to actually elect Drew to fill this role.** Because MPC made such a strong case to the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta that it would benefit everyone involved to avoid having to form a search committee and spend months on a process when we had a perfect candidate right here already, they agreed to an unusual procedure. We need to validate our choice by “turning out the vote” for the congregational meeting to be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, Aug. 10. We're required to count the quorum of members present, to use paper ballots and to count them, too. Assuming we **do** choose to call Drew, a supermajority of attendees at the

Aug. 16 Presbytery meeting must ratify our decision. Our next step would be the joyous service of installation.

Chris and his bride Lauren will leave in early August for his new Associate Pastor position at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Fairhope AL. Purely coincidentally, their new church will be only a few miles from where our youth service trip participants served just a couple of weeks ago. Chris has been with us since his first year at CTS and has built our youth group from scratch, beginning with a handful of middle-schoolers to the point where we have both high- and middle-school tracks. Our kids have participated in mission projects and in denominational conferences; we had our first confirmation class in a decade, and there's been a lot of fun and pizza along the way, too. We'll celebrate and congratulate the Peters on their final Sunday with us Aug. 3 and wish them every success in their new lives and home.

Because we anticipated Chris' leaving this summer, we designed our 2014 budget to reflect having a full-time associate pastor during the fourth quarter. Of course, there will be compensation implications for next year's budget. It's been obvious for quite some time, however, that having one full-time pastor for a church of 550 members was becoming unworkable.

## Morningside Milestones

- ❑ When our youth group went off to Alabama to work with Government Street Mission projects none of them expected to become local celebrities. But that's what happened when a news crew covered their morning cleaning up of Three Mile Creek. Watch and hear them on these local channel links: <http://www.local15tv/shared/news/features/top-stories/stories/wpml atlanta-group-cleans-up-three-mile-creek-12970.shtml> and <http://www.youtube/watch?v=ymlRqnbxyQI>. A nice little extra for a job well done!
- ❑ We offer our Christian sympathies to our intern, Landon Dillard and her family, upon the death of her grandmother, and to member JoAnn Bertrand and family on the death of her sister-in-law.
- ❑ “This I Believe” Sunday will bring Morningside members to the pulpit to share their always-moving and frequently humorous faith stories on Aug. 17. Don't miss this great opportunity to hear and learn more about those with whom we share the pews.
- ❑ Food trucks are baaaaaack! That will be Thursday, Aug. 28, in our parking lot beginning at 5 p.m. Come on over for an after-school, after-work dinner with your MPC friends and neighbors.
- ❑ We congratulate Catherine and Johan Segring on the baptism of little Alexander John on July 27.

## Kickoff Event Celebrates New Term of FUNday School Classes

New rooms, new leaders, new programs, new friends—that doesn't just happen in "real" school, it happens for the youngsters in our Sunday morning classes as well. Our year of fun and learning starts Aug. 10 at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with a light breakfast and activities for parents and kids alike.

Animal dress-up to play on Noah's Ark, face painting, games, singing favorite songs from VBS with Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley and "crossing the bridge" to "graduate" to new classes add to the excitement. Kids move up to new age groups during children's worship. They get to check out all the changes to their rooms, programs and leaders. Lots of work is taking place on curriculum, children's worship dynamics, sprucing up of rooms, development of music on Sunday morn-

ings and more. Kids will even play a part in worship as they come forward for the baptism of one of our little ones - Hugh Garrison.

Volunteers helped prep the rooms in late July along with Melinda, Landon and Victor - and we still need helpers. Classroom volunteers will receive training in mid to late August. Listen out for dates and times from shepherds: Kelly Garrison (Infants & Toddlers), Amy Millard and Lisa Harris (Twos), Kim Nuckols (Preschool), Robin Hackney (Kindergarten-First Grade), Lele Ruby (Second-Third Grades), Joanna Irwin (Fourth-Fifth Grades). New Children's Education Chair Liz Sommerfeld will lead us in strengthening our programs including some story and music time for two-year-olds and a quarterly "pre-youth" outing for our fourth-fifth graders.

## Young Singers Wanted—MPC Children's Choirs Begin Rehearsals Aug. 27

Children who have sung with our choirs before as well as those who are brand-new to our choir programs can look forward to a wonderful experience as they make new church friends, have musical fun and participate in our worship music.

Cherub Choir is for our younger elementary-age singers. Boys and girls will explore their musical environment through instrument play, creative movement and group musical games. Half-hour practices are structured to allow children to become familiar with other choir members and learn the basics of how to sing in a church choir. Through specific vocal games designed for the young voice, children enjoy learning how they can sing high and low, loud and soft, fast and slow. With songs specifically chosen for this age group, they will be taught how to start and stop together as a choir and make a glorious sound. During the year they will have many opportunities to sing in church and in our community.



The Treble Choir is for older elementary boys and girls. During their 45-minute rehearsal period, this age group will concentrate on anthems for their upcoming Sunday. This is an opportunity for older singers to further

explore their singing voices while also learning how to read music and work together on a cohesive choral sound. This choir will often work on two-part anthems allowing them to harmonize together. Weekly practices will include fun musical games and opportunities to sing alone or in small groups in a supportive musical environment.

This is a wonderful opportunity for older singers to participate in the church community by singing in a choir, make new friends, have fun, and begin a life-long musical journey. No previous choir experience is required.

Both choirs will begin their musical year Wednesday, Aug. 27, and rehearse on Wednesdays after school. To sign your child up for either choir, contact Rebecca Shipley [rebeccashipley@mindspring.com](mailto:rebeccashipley@mindspring.com).

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>August 2014</i>					<b>1</b> 9 a.m. MPP Summer Camp	<b>2</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>3</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. Celebrate Sally Home 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Goodbye Reception for Chris Peters	<b>4</b> 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	<b>5</b> 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7:30 p.m. MLPA	<b>6</b> 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>7</b> 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. MLPA	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>10</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School Kickoff 11 a.m. Worship with Baptism followed by Congregational Meeting/ Thornwell Offering 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacons 6 p.m. Journey	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. MPP Ballet Camp; MPP Teacher Meeting 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA	<b>12</b> 9 a.m. MPP Ballet Camp 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Preschool committee	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. MPP Ballet Camp	<b>14</b> 9 a.m. MPP Ballet Camp 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. MPP Ballet Camp	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>17</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship "This I Believe" 12 noon Fellowship 12:30 p.m. RHO Readers	<b>18</b> 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Session	<b>19</b> 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	<b>20</b> 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Committee 12 noon MPP Teacher and MPC Staff Luncheon 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>21</b> 12:30 p.m. 3rd Thursday Theology 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group; MPP Meet and Greet	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. CPR training	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>24</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Congregational Lunch  <b>31</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Discipleship/ Small Group Workshop 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. MPP 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	<b>27</b> 9 a.m. MPP Cherub and Treble Choir Rehearsals Begin 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>28</b> 9 a.m. MPP 5 p.m. Food Trucks 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. MPP	<b>30</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting

## Spotlight on Mission Camp

### Campers So Sure It's NOT All About Them MPC Now Offers Youth Track, Too

Whether you wore a black t-shirt our first year in 2009 or red, purple, blue, green or orange in subsequent years, our young Mission Campers have continued to embrace the theme that "It's NOT All About Me" while serving others in our community. After our first year, we expanded the day from 9-3 to 9-5 because we had so much to do. In 2011, we changed the location of our overnight adventure to the Len Foote Hike Inn. As our attendees grew up, we continued to welcome them and grew in attendance to two groups each day.

This year, we were pleased to add a Youth Track - they got tie-dye shirts! - in response to the needs of a mission experience for our younger youth and the desire of the youth to continue in this program. Seventeen youth participated - both embracing their role as leaders for the 17 elementary age attendees and also enjoying their own components such as staying a second night at Len Foote for a special youth retreat. As leaders, the youth guided the hands-on activity to understand what it is like to live in poverty, they ran the car wash to benefit Atlanta Humane Society and they were group leaders for each team hiking in on Thursday.

All attendees enjoyed some activities, such as taking food to Intown Collaborative Ministries food pantry, running Bingo at Calvin Court Senior Community and sorting food at the Atlanta Community Food Bank. As the elementary-agers headed back down the trail on Friday morning, our youth stayed on for a second night at Len Foote, led by staff members Chris Peters and Drew Stockstill, which gave our teens an opportunity to go deeper with journaling and sunset worship after a day of exploring the mountains and hanging out together in the Sunrise Game Room and around the lodge.



"It's NOT All About Me!"



## Congregational Lunch This Month Invites All to Chat, Chew, Revisit Summer

Please respond by Monday, Aug. 18, if you plan to attend the congregational lunch after worship on Sunday, Aug. 24. Expect a fun, casual, end-of-year theme, as well as a report from our youth about their summer trips. Use the response card found in bulletins on Sundays or RSVP to [office@morningsidepc.org](mailto:office@morningsidepc.org).

We ALWAYS allow for some visitors and last-minute decisions on the day of our lunches, so never hesitate to invite your pew neighbor to come down to lunch. RSVPs help us to not have an overabundance of food. Suggested donations are \$10 adults, \$5 children.

## Adult Learners Announce Next Two Study Topics

Hmm...what a choice! Upstairs or down? There will be plenty to consider, discuss and learn whichever Sunday morning option you decide to explore this fall, beginning Aug. 17 and running through September. Both groups meet from 9:45-10:45 a.m.

In Room 201, Dr. Carol Senf will lead a discussion of *The Psalms*, while in Room 107 the topic will be *The First Christians*, using Paul's letters to look at the issues the earliest Christians wrestled with and conversation will be about how we wrestle with many of the same issues today.

## Atlanta Opera Celebrates 25 Years with Walter Huff in Special Chorus Concert

Many MPC choir members will sing in celebration of Chorus Master Walter Huff's 25 years with The Atlanta Opera in a special Silver Anniversary Concert. Lynnette Anderson, Keith Blount, Michael Gaare, Jennye Guy, Chris Hawkins, Lara Longworth Gaare, Megan Mashburn, Brandon Odom, Nadeen Paul, Rebecca Shipley, Trenton Tunnel, Lenna Turner and John Young participate in three special concerts to open the opera season in September.

3 p.m., as well as at Kennesaw State University's School of Music on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Tickets at \$40 on sale now at Emory box office (404 727.5050 or [tickets.arts.emory.edu/single/eventDetail.aspx?p=78780](http://tickets.arts.emory.edu/single/eventDetail.aspx?p=78780)). Kennesaw tickets and pricing will be available Aug. 18 at the opera's website.

Spanning 300 years of operatic choral repertoire, a performance including well-known masterpieces by Verdi, Mozart, Puccini, Wagner, Bizet, Britten, and Glass, among others. Concerts will be performed at Emory University's Schwartz Center for Performing Arts Emerson Concert Hall Friday, Sept. 12, at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 14, at

Walter's tenure at the opera has been as lauded as his tenure here at MPC. One chorus member puts it best: "Using voices to tell stories is what opera is all about. By expecting precision, artistry and vocal storytelling, Maestro Huff allows the Atlanta Opera Chorus to function simultaneously both as one large musical unit and as individual voices and characters."

### August Birthdays

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3 Bill Southwood  
4 Greg Wolters  
Julia Jarratt  
5 Shannon Harris  
Nancy Coomes  
Sandy Jones  
Pete Mounts  
6 Greg Cornwell  
Lucy Grant  
8 Megan Mashburn  
Amanda Lewis

John McNeill  
12 Charlotte Gaare  
Annie Kimball  
Jake Jones  
13 Charlie Irwin  
Jennye Guy  
Charlie Menefee  
Robert Gray  
15 Emma Lawson  
16 Jackie Cleveland  
Ted Fleming  
Preston Ladds  
17 Katie Davis  
18 Sandra Ward

Nancy Lane  
19 Nick Lazzaro  
20 Ed Garrison  
Caroline Parrish  
21 Sheila Williams  
22 Patrick Gilbert  
Shawn Holaway  
Bill Means  
Jon Bradway  
Sarah Chatel  
23 Ericson Harris  
Tim Holbrook  
24 Bryan Busch  
25 Bonnie Daneker

26 Nowell Berreth  
Doug Selph  
27 Debbie Fox  
28 Rob Cromwell  
29 Cha Holmes  
Randy Parrish  
Christopher Lewis  
30 Jill Klotz  
Kit Griffin  
Elizabeth Rice  
31 Scott Bremer  
Charlsie Woolley  
Dale Ray

## Ministries Serving Children Address Back-to-School Needs

In August as we think about getting our own youngsters back into the classroom, consider these two service partners who have specific needs for less-fortunate kids:

During Mission Camp, we were pleased to welcome a staff member from Thornwell to share with our attendees what happens at this Presbyterian Home for Children in South Carolina that serves children in need throughout the Southeast. Each year, children from infants through 18 years old become short- or long-term residents of one of the family cottages at Thornwell. A loving home is provided to more than 100 children annually. As you buy school clothes, shoes, backpacks, school supplies, sports equipment and sign your child up for activities this August, keep in mind what it takes to provide all these items and opportunities

for each child at Thornwell and decide what you can give for our special offering collected on Sunday, Aug. 10 during worship. Put your gift in an envelope specially designed by the Mission Camp attendees.

Also, as new school outfits fill your closets and you wonder what to do with the still-good but outgrown clothes from last year, we have our own gently used clothing closet in the elevator hallway leading to Fellowship Hall. This is our collection point for clothing for children served by Threads, an outreach of All Saints Episcopal Church, which we support year-round. They provide a no-cost “shopping” experience for families in need to clothe their infants through fifth graders.

### *A Special Date!*

Don't miss being in church on Sunday, Aug. 10, as we take a congregational vote to call Rev. Drew Stockstill to become our full-time Associate Pastor. It's a special day in other ways, too, as we start the morning with Sunday School Kickoff in Fellowship Hall and celebrate an infant baptism. If you haven't attended recently, this would be a great time to come back to see what's going on at Morningside.



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