

AUGUST Birthdays

3 Bill Southwood	13 Charlie Irwin	23 Tim Holbrook
4 Greg Wolters	13 Jennye Guy	24 Bryan Busch
5 Shannon Harris	13 Charlie Menefee	26 Doug Selph
5 Nancy Coomes	16 Ted Fleming	27 Debbie Fox
5 Sandy Jones	16 Preston Ladds	27 Michelle Gorman
5 Pete Mounts	17 Katie Davis	29 Cha Holmes
6 Lucy Grant	18 Sandra Ward	29 Randy Parrish
8 Megan Mashburn	18 Nancy Lane	29 Christopher Lewis
8 Amanda Lewis	20 Ed Garrison	30 Jill Klotz
8 John McNeill	20 Caroline Parrish	30 Elizabeth Rice
12 Charlotte Gaare	22 Bill Means	31 Scott Bremer
12 Annie Kimball	22 Jon Bradway	31 Charlsie Woolley
12 Jake Jones	22 Sarah Chatel	31 Dale Ray
	23 Ericson Harris	

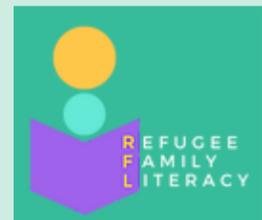
MEMORIAL DRIVE MINISTRY PARTNERS

SOLID FOUNDATION CHRISTIAN ACADEMY is a school that believes in every child's potential for greatness and where individual learning styles are respected. [Solid Foundation Christian Academy](#) supports robust education development in grades K-12 among students not effectively served by other available education options.



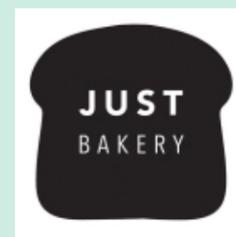
AMANI WOMEN'S CENTER's mission is to educate and empower refugee and immigrant women. A primary way that happens on the Memorial Drive campus is through the [Sewing Academy](#), which offers refugee women a safe place to connect with other women, practice their English, and learn a skill that will help them support their families.

INSPIRE is an After School Initiative that serves mostly refugee middle school students through extended cultural orientation, in-depth mentoring, and intensive college preparation. [Inspire](#) fosters a safe space for kids to grow, academic and social support, and a sense of belonging to Clarkston youth.



REFUGEE FAMILY LITERACY is a Friends of Refugees program that offers English literacy classes to refugee mothers while their pre-kindergarten children receive age appropriate early childhood development classroom learning. At [Refugee Family Literacy](#), the goal is for every woman and child who comes through the doors to know that they have been cared for, seen, and heard.

JUST BAKERY trains, certifies, and hires resettled refugees while producing delicious baked goods! The diverse and compassionate community of [Just Bakery](#) uses the kitchen of the Memorial Drive gym to support livable wages, economic security and the long-term sustainability of our refugee neighbors.



Month at a Glance

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From a Morningside Messenger

Dear sisters and brothers,

In Clarkston, there is a church, Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church (MDPC), that is about 60 years old. Its story is not unusual. It began as a thriving mainline Presbyterian church and at one point had 1,500 members.

But the times changed. The demographics changed. And the church changed.

Today, on a lovely 6.5 acre site, there remains the church serving a congregation of 100 members; on a good Sunday it may have 35 folks in worship. It is not sustainable.

The Presbytery of Atlanta, in conjunction with MDPC, decided to undertake and underwrite a new ministry: Memorial Drive Ministries.

MDM is made up of five worshipping communities: Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church, the Zo Presbyterian Church, the Chin Presbyterian Church, the Mara Mennonite Church, and Shalom International Ministry.

We have just hired our first Director of Ministries, David Roth, who began on June 25th. We will invite him to speak at Morningside this fall.

What can we do at Morningside to help MDM? See the listing and descriptions on the last page of MDM partners to find ways you can support these sisters and brothers. To learn even more, visit www.memorialdriveministries.org. Get involved! Volunteer! Offer your prayers!

Every journey begins with a step of faith. At MDM, we are taking that step. We invite you to walk beside us.

Peter Cobb

Morningside Happenings

MPC Fall Montreat Registration Opens August 1st

Registration forms for Morningside's Annual Retreat at Montreat Conference Center will be available both online and in hardcopy form on Wednesday, August 1st. Register before September 1st and receive \$25 off! This year's retreat begins Friday, October 19th and goes through Sunday, October 21st. James Klotz will be our speaker. In our sessions at the retreat, we will explore Isaiah's texts related to God's call on our lives, hope for the future in uncertain times, the wide embrace of all people in the community of faith, and the vision of justice, peace, and flourishing for all creation.

"Hebrew Songs for Christian Seasons"

On August 5th, our worship service will present the Reformation-era tradition of singing the Psalms in worship in a new context, entitled "Hebrew Songs for Christian Seasons." Using Psalm-hymns from Michael Morgan's collection, *Psalter for Christian Worship*, we will celebrate the New Testament church year from Advent to Christ's Ascension and explore how these Old Testament songs speak to us on this side of the Cross. To add a visual dimension, there will be a display of early English Psalters which formed the basis of our congregational singing in the 21st Century.

Blessing of the Backpacks and Dobbs Supply Drive

During worship on August 5th, all children and teens are invited to bring their backpacks to worship as we ask God's blessing on the new school year. Also, as you shop for your own student, please consider purchasing new backpacks and additional supplies to be donated to Dobbs Elementary. A blue bin has been placed in the Welcome Center to drop the donations. All donated backpacks will be included in the blessing on August 5th.

August 11, ICM Food Pantry Volunteer Day

We are looking for 12 MPC volunteers to help at the InTown Collaborative Ministries food pantry on Saturday, August 11th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families are welcome; please come serve our needy neighbors at Druid Hills Presbyterian Church's McIver Hall (1026 Ponce De Leon Ave., N.E.). Email Nancy Collins (ncollins0209@gmail.com) or Laura Ulep (lauraulep@gmail.com) to volunteer.

Men's Breakfast , August 15

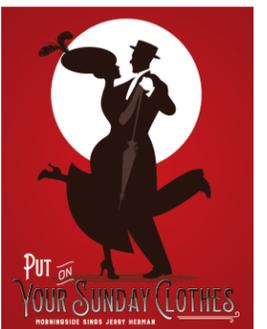
All men are invited to join the Morningside group of men at American Roadhouse (842 N. Highland Avenue) for breakfast and conversation, Wednesday, August 15th, at 7 a.m. Contact Alex Page (alxpage@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

Put on Your Sunday Clothes:

Morningside Sings Jerry Herman

Please join us for our fifth annual Gala Benefit on Saturday, August 18th at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 19th at 3 p.m. Donations collected at the performances will benefit our music programs and the greater community which Morningside serves.

The Morningside Gala Benefit has become a much anticipated event in the community, (continued on next page)



REMEMBER – every Sunday we have two opportunities for Fellowship both in the Welcome Center. At 9:30 a.m., meet for **Coffee & Conversation**. After the 10 a.m. worship service, join members and guests for **Fellowship** including light refreshments and the chance to get to know one another better.

AUGUST 2018

Organ Concert - August 21st at 7 p.m. - Stefan Donner

It's your chance to hear internationally renowned concert organist, Stefan Donner, who serves as organist to St. Peter's Church of Vienna, which will host our Chancel Choir during the 2019 Europe Choir Tour. MPC is just one stop on Stefan's busy U.S. concert tour of almost daily recitals, beginning on August 19th at Washington D.C.'s Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and ending at the Cathedral of Saint John Divine in New York City.

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool - El Taco Dine Out

Support the Preschool by enjoying dinner (take-out or dine in) at El Taco (1186 N. Highland Ave., N.E.) on Tuesday, August 28th from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tell them you are with MPP for 25% of the proceeds to come to programs for students. El Taco takes reservations for parties of all sizes.

MPC Gala (continued) which allows MPC to open up our church home to all. It has become a wonderful occasion for cast and crew to enjoy one another's fellowship as they create a performance of truly beautiful harmony. This inter-generational production includes more than 30 musicians from our congregation and community, including veteran principal singers Alex Masten, Nan Nowell, Brandon Odom, Shannan O'Dowd, and Michael Siedschlag. The production's design team is also made up of Morningside church and community members blending their numerous talents to help the music come alive. When planning this year's program, the creative team selected some of Broadway's most memorable melodies from Jerry Herman's repertoire: "Hello, Dolly!," "Before the Parade Passes By," "It Only Takes a Moment," "Mame," and "The Best of Times."

This year we continue our tradition of asking members to consider becoming part of our **2018 Morningside Sings Patrons Circle** to ensure that production expenses are covered and that we reach our goal of making significant donations to our music programs. If you are planning to contribute \$100 or more to the 2018 Morningside Sings Patrons Circle, please let the church office know by August 8th to ensure your name is listed in the Gala Benefit bulletin being distributed at the two performances. Mark your calendars, "put on your Sunday clothes," and bring your friends to enjoy this annual Morningside tradition!

Click [here](#) for a fun promo of the Gala!



(left): Derek Matthews

(below): Nan Nowell, Shannan O'Dowd, Alex Masten



(above): Bill Humphries, Jack Klotz, Daniel Easton, Brandon Odom, Chris Hawkins

Session Notes

- Beth Fain led devotions on Esther 4 reminding us that God has placed us in Morningside for "such a time as this." Regardless of what the future may hold for our congregation, we trust that God will continue to guide us and hold us steady.
- Strategic Planning is moving forward as we "Journey Together." Expect to see exciting new media pieces soon from your staff and some members of the congregation. Stay tuned!
- Both the IPNC and the Transition Committees gave reports to your Session about their continued work in the search for an interim pastor and the preparations for beginning our pastoral search.
- Your session voted to add Bill Means as a member of the Transitions Committee.
- The Youth Committee is gearing up for youth programming to begin soon - preparing for a new year of Sunday School, launching weekly youth group meetings, and getting excited for a big kick-off! Keep your eyes open for volunteer opportunities!
- Your Worship Committee, in conjunction with Facilities, reported that the organ chamber repairs are slated to be completed by August 15th. Just in time for a concert from our guest organist, Stefan Donner. Stefan, all the way from Vienna, will be joining us on August 21!



Pastoral Search Update

The Interim Pastor Nominating Committee (IPNC) has already met multiple times. They are currently in the process of reviewing resumes. The group will continue to meet frequently and supply weekly updates. The IPNC members are: Greg Wolters, Martin Dunlap, Nancy Collins, Laura Ulep and Jane Stack (above, L to R). The Transition Team has put up progressive Transition Timeline posters in the Narthex and Welcome Center to show where we are in the whole process. The Transition Team Members are: Sarah Brownlee, Mark Gilbreath, Jill Klotz, Bill Means, and Emilie Paille. Please feel free to direct questions to your Session members.

Looking Ahead...

- ◇ September 9 - Sunday School Kickoff
- ◇ September 29 - Morningside Mingle
- ◇ October 14 - "Morningside Sings Mozart" Concert
- ◇ October 19-21 - MPC Retreat in Montreat

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
			Atlanta Public Schools Return; MPP Teachers Return 1 p.m., Mom & Me Yoga 6:45 p.m., Gala Chorus			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
9:20 a.m., Adult Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Coffee & Conversation 10 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Fellowship	12 p.m., Arts & Crafts Guild 7 p.m., Children's Ministry	2:15 p.m., Parkinson's Tai Chi	9 a.m., MPP Summer Camp 1 p.m., Mom & Me Yoga 7:30 p.m., Chancel Choir	6:30 p.m. MPP Parent Meet & Greet		10 a.m., ICM Food Pantry (Offsite)
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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