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March 2015 Worship at Morningside

March 1, 2015

Baron Mullis preaching

"Fully Convinced"

Texts: Genesis 17:1-7; 15-16; Romans 4:13-25
The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.

March 8, 2015

Drew Stockstill preaching

"Poured Out and Overturned"

Texts: Exodus 20:1-17; John 2:13-22

March 15, 2015

Baron Mullis preaching

"We Are What He Has Made Us"

Texts: John 3:14-21; Ephesians 2:1-10

Handbells Playing

March 22, 2015

Baron Mullis preaching

"Prophet, Priest, and King"

Texts: Jeremiah 31:5-34; Hebrews 5:5-10

Children's Choirs Sing

March 29, 2015

Palm Sunday

Drew Stockstill preaching

"King of Israel"

Texts: Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29; John 12:12-16

From Your Pastor



Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Once more it is the season of Lent, and I find myself thinking a little bit about Brian Williams.

I will not be joining the pile-on. Clearly that situation has run its course and he and his network are in the process of determining what the future looks like for them, and of course, his viewers will make their own decisions.

But I was thinking of our failings. We all have them.

On a recent episode of “Downton Abbey”, Lady Grantham put a clear ultimatum to Lord Grantham to deal with his own hypocrisy in sitting in judgment of her decisions.

And I was thinking of grudges. We all harbor them.

One of the often-quoted sayings of Jesus is that we should deal with the plank in our own eyes before obsessing over the speck in someone else’s. Jesus knew all too well how easy it is to obfuscate our own failings by fixating on something else – anything else – to avoid dealing with our own issues.

Lent is the season for honesty. It is the season for honesty with ourselves. It is the season for honesty with God.

There is no question, I hope, in any of our minds as to the freeness of grace and forgiveness. God doesn’t hold them as a commodity in reserve waiting for particular behaviors from us – appropriate contrition and penance – as a means of affecting our behavior. But the more I think of grace and forgiveness, the more I realize that they become all the more real for us when we are honest with ourselves about our need for them.

As I said in a sermon not too long ago, God can transform any situation, but it works a lot better when we

give God something to work with. Giving God something to work with means being honest about our failings, our grudges, our hypocrisies – our sin—and then trusting that God is going to love us anyway. And everything about what our faith teaches us leads us to the reality that God’s love is deeper and wider than anything we can throw at God.

So, this Lent, trust that whatever it is, God can do something about it. Risk honesty. Look at your life. Consider where God’s grace might work.

I promise that the good news of the resurrection will be all the sweeter on Easter for it.

Shalom,

Baron

Elder on Call

Beth Baer	March 1-7
Martin Dunlap	March 8-14
Will Barnette	March 15-21
Lisa Jern	March 22-28
Jack Klotz	March 29-April 4

Deacon on Call

Ann Bowers	March 1-7
Cindy Humphries	March 8-14
Nathan Zook	March 15-21
Sarah Chatel	March 22-28
Katherine Johnston	March 29-April 4

Inside Morningside

March Means Spring—Spring Means Food Trucks

Once frosty February is just a memory and the Spring Equinox has rolled around, so will our ever-changing fleet of food trucks. The first food truck event in our parking lot for 2015 will be Thursday, Mar. 26, from 5 until 8 p.m.

The opportunity to enjoy an *al fresco* meal while meeting friends old and new with the kids enjoying our playground has become a popular institution with members, MPP fam-

ilies and the neighborhood. And, learning from experience, this year the fourth-Thursday dinners-on-the-grounds will be scheduled for March, April and May - then avoid the depths of summer, returning August-October.



Have an Opinion on How Morningside Communicates? Come Tell Us!

Morningside's Evangelism/Communications Team is interested in learning how you are using - or not! - our communications vehicles. How can we improve? What more - or less - would you like to receive? And how?

To get at these questions, consider participating in a one-hour focus group to share your thoughts. Because people

at different stages of life express different communications needs and preferences, we've grouped the sessions by age—Monday Mar. 9: 6-7 p.m., age 50+; 7:15-8:15p.m., age 18-49; and for anyone who finds this time more convenient, a final session 8:15-9:15 p.m. is for all ages. To sign-up, please respond to Jeff Peters 404.731.9291 or jeffcpeters@gmail.com).

Ready to Serve MPC? It's Simple on Sundays

If you have a desire to serve this church, but perhaps not a lot of time to volunteer, there's a Sunday opportunity that you can fit in between the benediction and a cup of punch in Fellowship Hall. It's called the Pew Crew.

These helpful individuals patrol the pews after worship, picking up the filled-in sheets from the friendship pads, collecting discarded bulletins and finding "lost" items that go in the "found" box in the office, and on communion Sundays, gathering the used cups.

With enough helpers, you only need to check a section of the Sanctuary. For example, if you normally sit in the balcony, that could be your assignment. And, with enough helpers, no one would have to commit to every Sunday. To learn more and/or join the Crew, contact Faye McKay-Clegg (jclegg2473@aol.com or 404.274.6157).

Morningside Milestones

- And a warm welcome to Finley Logan Watts, daughter of Elder Alex and Katy Watts, who arrived Feb. 12. If you'd like to contribute a meal for the happy family, contact Carrie Branon, who coordinates welcoming meals for all our families with new additions. And we're on the countdown to Baby Stockstill—don't forget the after-worship celebration for Ellen and Drew on Sunday, Mar. 1. And, late breaking! Megan and Mark Mashburn welcomed their son, Emmett Charles Mashburn, on Feb. 20.
- And we also welcome new members of the family of Christ and MPC as on Feb. 22 we baptized Hunter and Lee Anne Sapp's little Dixon, and Emmy Schreiber, daughter of Becky and Fred.
- Souper Bowl Champs! We put the largest total ever in the "soup pots" held by our youth on Feb. 2—raising \$913 and collecting three weeks' work of food for the Intown Collaborative Ministries work toward alleviating hunger in our neighborhood. And we donated enough gift cards for the women at Shearith Israel Shelter to give them each two along with the Valentines made by our youngsters. What love!
- We hope you'll find a chance to meet our new members, who joined Feb. 8. They are Christian Bromley and Christopher Crowder, Beth Hinson, Michelle and Ryan Gorman, Kasey and Stephanie Libby, Chancel Choir member Brandon Odom, and Sandy Ryan.
- A mom said on Shrove Tuesday that her child has misunderstood "pancake supper" to be "cupcake supper". "I'm going to have to put a ton of whipped cream on those hotcakes," she added.

Standing and Serving

Morningside Launches Strategic Capital Campaign

Our church officers and staff faced a dilemma. Our congregation - unlike many - trended young. We happily celebrated more births and baptisms than funerals. Our music program, under an exciting new director, was still cramped for space to rehearse, robe and store music. Fellowship Hall got heavy use as a multipurpose room - and it showed. Feedback from listening sessions about church direction indicated a collective desire for drastic facility expansion and improvement.

Accordingly, Session commissioned an architectural firm to prepare a Facilities Master Plan, looking to see what we could do with our church campus, given our city environment, zoning restrictions, neighborhood character and physical realities, such as a deep ravine on our front doorstep. The plan is long-term, but we looked toward immediate needs we could do in the next year or two as a start.

Then we asked each other how we could finance a bold plan. Conventional wisdom among fund-raising experts is that people won't get behind humdrum, meat-and-potatoes projects. There has to be...excuse the term, fellow Presbyterians...Sex Appeal. A new boiler just doesn't have Sex Appeal.

We - you and I - proved conventional wisdom wrong. Our remarkable congregation at Morningside Presbyterian spoke up for another bold concept: Financial Independence. That sounded to most of us even sexier than a patio play space or a catering kitchen or a memorial garden - not that those wouldn't be nice to have.

When we undertook the *A Time of Promise* capital campaign back in 2006, membership was less than half of what we enjoy today. Yet, the congregation stepped out in faith to pledge \$1.6 million to undertake major renovations and repairs. Unforeseen difficulties with how MPC's building was constructed in the first place led to

cost over-runs, along with some unfulfilled pledges. And that left us with about \$700,000 debt. An elephant in our parlor.

And part of that debt was a balloon payment of \$147,000 due actually on Christmas, 2014. Even assuming we could find the money to pay that part of the bill, we were still committed to spend some \$50,000 per year just to service the remaining 20-year note. Money that could, for example, support a Director of Christian Education to help us raise the 160-plus children in our midst in Christian faith and values. A big building campaign might even saddle us with debt on top of debt. Dilemma!

Our campaign committee - led by Hillery McNeill, Tara Parrish and Doug Self - revisited the whole idea and the result is the campaign we've now launched as *Standing & Serving for Generations*. Through advance gifts, we were able to 'burn the mortgage' - the note for the balloon payment - at our February congregational lunch among cheers and laughter. Early pledges from officers and other church leaders to show our commitment has us on our way to the \$1.5 million campaign goal, which will not only retire the rest of the debt, but allow crucial repairs, boost our mission programs and perhaps seed a fund for future building emergencies. And free up those operating dollars for the next phase in our continued service to our congregation and community.

If you haven't taken time to read the *Standing & Serving* brochure or to carefully consider how you can support this effort over the next three years, we urge you to do so. Dedication of the pledges will be Mar. 15 - we're not asking for payment then, just your pledge. Get ready for cheers and grateful tears and yet another turning point in the life of Morningside Presbyterian.

STANDING
&
SERVING
FOR
GENERATIONS

THE CAMPAIGN FOR
MORNINGSIDE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Faith Development & Confirmation Class 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Stockstill Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Gala Benefit Rehearsal 5 p.m. Youth Group	8:15 a.m. MPP Creative Movement 9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement 1 p.m. MPP Ballet/ Tap 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Playball; Mini-Monets 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Theology on Tap 7:30 p.m. Scout Troop;MLPA Zoning	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MusicCanopy; Bricks4Kidz 4:15 p.m. Treble Choir 5 p.m. Cherub Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir <i>RHINO Mission Trip</i>	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies 1 p.m. Playball 7 p.m. Love and Logic Parenting Class 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. KidzTennis	8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 4 p.m. Organ Concert
<i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i> 8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Faith Development & Confirmation Class 10:30 a.m. Capital Campaign Information Session 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacons; Gala Benefit Rehearsal 5 p.m. Youth Group 5:30 p.m. Meditation Grp 6 p.m. Journey <i>RHINO Trip</i>	8:15 a.m. MPP Creative Movement 9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. MPP Creative Movement 1 p.m. MPP Ballet/ Tap 6-9 p.m. Communications Focus Groups 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Playball; Mini-Monets 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Preschool Committee 7:30 p.m. Scout Troop 455	9 a.m. MPP 12 noon One Gray Hair Luncheon 1 p.m. MusicCanopy; Bricks4Kidz 4:15 p.m. Treble Choir 5 p.m. Cherub Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies 12:30 p.m. Poetry Discussion 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Six Star Meeting 7 p.m. Lydia Circle 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. KidzTennis 7 p.m. Couples Group	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Build 8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Faith Development & Confirmation Class 11 a.m. Worship with Handbells 12 noon Fellowship; Youth Group participate in Hunger Walk 12:15 p.m. Gala Benefit Rehearsal 12:30 RHO Readers; Young Adult Brunch	<i>MPP Closed for Continuing Education</i> 7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 12 noon Playball; Mini-Monets 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. LGBT & Friends 7:30 Scout Troop 455	7 a.m. Men's Breakfast 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MusicCanopy; Bricks4Kidz 4:15 p.m. Treble Choir 5 p.m. Cherub Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Weights to the Oldies 12:30 p.m. Thursday Theology 1 p.m. Playball 7:30 p.m. Handbells Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. KidzTennis	8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Habitat for Humanity Build 8:30 a.m. Weight Watchers 9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting
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29	30	31	<p style="color: red; font-size: 1.2em;">Our House Collection of Spring and Summer Clothing for Infants through 5 Years through March 27.</p> <p style="color: blue; font-size: 1.2em;">Children Exploring Lent March 1, 8, 15 at 9:45 a.m.</p>			
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Connect!

Find Spiritual Connection During This Season of Preparation Before Easter

The season we call Lent spans 40 days, observed as a time of prayer and preparation before Easter. A 40-day time span is connected to many Biblical events but this Lenten span most specifically recalls the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for his ministry.

Once rejected as being too “high church” Lent is being reclaimed as part of a larger tradition as a means to refocus on spirituality in a culture that has become more secular. Traditionally, Lent has been marked by penitential prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the observation of a rigid schedule of fasting—specifically giving up meats, alcohol, and sweets.

More recently less emphasis has been placed on fasting and greater focus has been on adding a service or charitable deeds— helping those with disabilities, providing physical comforts of food and clothing or simply giving financial assistance to charities. Most Christian churches that observe Lent emphasize our individual need for God’s grace.

You can learn more about how to engage with the Lenten Season through the Faith Development Class in Room 201 at 9:45 a.m. on Sundays in Lent, facilitated by Jim Martin. The group won’t meet Easter Sunday but will wind up with a final session Apr. 12.

Helping’ Least of These’ Perfect Expression of Lenten Outreach

Little children should all have warm, safe homes, right? Unfortunately in Atlanta some don’t. That’s why MPC and MPP partner to support Our House, the preschool in Decatur and shelter in Atlanta that serves families facing homelessness.

Throughout this month, up to Mar. 27, there will be baskets in the Welcome Center and preschool hallway to collect gently used spring and summer clothing for infants up to age 5, as well as diapers (all sizes) and baby wipes. These items are so necessary for these little ones and their caregivers.

‘Painless’ Spending at Kroger Helps Journey Residents on Road to Self-Sufficiency

Long a mission of our church, Journey Men’s Shelter is an established, proven organization that works with homeless men to help them make the journey from homelessness to self-sufficiency. Journey provides shelter, meals, transportation and the casework support needed for its residents to succeed. At any given time, about two dozen homeless men benefit from Journey’s services, with 30 or more making the transition to more permanent housing each year.

teers that prepare and serve food, teach classes and provide financial assistance to keep the lights running and support its dedicated, hard-working staff.

The newest opportunity to support Journey is to register your Kroger shopping card with the Journey Men’s Shelter (organization #17268) at www.kroger.com/communityrewards. The grocery chain will donate to Journey based on your purchases - and it won’t cost you a cent extra.

With a monthly meal service and other forms of outreach, Morningside is part of a network of churches and volun-

March	6 Betty Ray	14 Jan Strickland	23 Hillery McNeill
Birthdays	8 Joan Starks	14 Mary Leight	26 Greg Brow
1 Cade Lawson	10 Sawyer Barnette	17 Nan Payne	27 Piper Burgess
2 Melinda Sandkam	10 Brian Bartis	17 Bryan Rogers	27 Carolyn Wingfield
2 Sandy Ryan	11 Ava Arepally	18 Ibbby Bailey	29 Hunter Sapp
3 Alex Watts	11 Austin Smith	18 Gail Kitchens	
3 Linda Jenkins	11 Emilie Paille	20 Aaron Bertrand	
4 Phyllis Grimes	12 Kelly Goldsmith	20 JoAnn Bertrand	
5 Ann Watson	12 Lindsey Howell	22 Kate Durden	
6 Sarah Brownlee	12 Drew Kimball	22 Brenda Fishpaw	
	13 Carolyn Corr	22 Jamie Jones	

Session News

Your Session at Work: February 16 Meeting

(Find a complete list of our church officers and staff at <http://www.morningsidepc.org/leaders>. Session minutes, once approved, are on file and available for review in the church office.)

- Generous end-of-year gifts to the church and pledge catch-ups left MPC with a modest budget surplus which Session voted to use to expand the Mission Ministries budget for the first time in a few years, give Children and Youth Ministries a budget increase, pay three months' worth of debt payments on our capital loan while waiting for pledges to come in for **Standing and Serving for Generations**, thus protecting our cash flow for regular church operations. And leaving a bit unallocated for possible emergencies.
- Listening and visioning are an on-going story at MPC and one of the reasons our church has an amazing denomination-wide reputation. Recent endeavors found parents meeting to express their desires for the future of our Youth program; Kathy Bremer volunteering to lead listening sessions for what our members want and expect from a Director of Christian Education and Jeff Peters looking for participants in an evening of focus groups about MPC communications (see Page 3 story).
- For Human Resources, chair Rob Payne announced that our sexton, Victor Carballosa, now formally works a 40-hour week. Victor had been scheduled for 35 weekly hours, but in reality was easily working 40 thanks to the growth and demands of our congregation, so this change really only reflects Victor's true time spent at the church and doesn't affect the budget.
- Because for the first time, an MPC male staff member and his wife are expecting a baby, HR addressed the need for a paternity-leave policy. Session voted to grant new dads three weeks of paid leave and also to send the question back to HR for further study.
- Outreach Chair Jack Klotz reported that Alyssa Durden has agreed to shepherd our relationship with the Our House (now including Genesis) service to families facing homelessness, and that Anne Barnette and Julie Schoen became regular drivers for Meals on Wheels, plus Sarah Brownlee recruited some new substitutes. Eight people will be leaving Mar. 4 for New Orleans to serve with RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) as the Crescent City continues to recover from hurricane devastation.
- For Evangelism, chair Jeff Peters moved - and Session agreed - that we collect a voluntary offering ("passing the top hat") at our spring musical gala, "Morningside Sings Jule Styne," donations being shared between outreach programs and our music ministry. More to come on the gala, but save the night of May 9 for an evening filled with song.
- Clerk Daisy Ottmann asked Session's approval of two 2014 reports required by PC(USA): the Annual Statistical Church Report and the Annual Clerk's Questionnaire. These detailed reports not only provide a church snapshot but also respond to questions from various denominational committees to help them assess their effectiveness. For the record, though moves and deaths caused us to end the year with two fewer members than in 2013 (statistically, that's insignificant), with nine members joining in February and our upcoming class of 15 confirmands, MPC continues to be strong.

Daisy Ottmann, Clerk of Session

Prayer Concerns

Members of our community have asked for individual prayer. To be on the prayer list—public or private—use prayer cards found in the pew racks or speak with Baron. *Morningside Messenger* will carry the list from the most recent weekly *Life@* insert: Grace Bittick, The Rev. Canon Domenic Ciannella, Sandra Crawford, Connie Crowley, Mary Ann Embleton, John Garner, Hamilton Family, Karen Hancock and family, Ann Herndon, Penny Hill, Finley Holaway, Kaitlin Andry, Melanie Donnelly, Ellen Hardeman, Ron and Ann Reggio, Peggy Johnson Smith, Warren Johnson, Sr., Vicky Langford, Rhett Laurens, Philip Marshall, Jan McMahan, Marilyn Neforas, Betty Ray, Anne and Nate Reid, Linda and Mike Robinson, Greg and Mary Ann Smith and family, Kent Smith, Stewart Family, Jennifer and Jason Swafford, Grady Ulep, John Vytal.

BackWords

Holy Week Comes Early in April this Year—Mark These Dates

Palm Sunday with our annual celebration with branches falls on Mar. 29, so be reminded that we'll be serving a Mediterranean-style dinner with worship, music and communion Maundy Thursday evening, Apr. 2, in Fellowship Hall.

And our Easter Egg Hunt - the glorious and hilarious "Running of the Eggs," also known as "Atlanta's Fastest Three-Minutes" - will follow on Apr. 4 beginning with

activities at 10:45 a.m. and the mad dash for eggs at 11. Bring your kids, your neighbor's kids, your nieces, nephews, grandkids—and have them all bring their own collection baskets.

Once again, we will observe the Resurrection of the Lord with two full services on Easter Sunday, Apr. 5, at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Please plan to be with our church family for these meaningful dates on the Christian calendar.

MPC Sanctuary Scene for Second Free Organ Recital, Set for March 7

Another up-and-coming young professional organist will demonstrate both his range and versatility and that of our Wicks-Coulter pipe organ Saturday, Mar. 7, at 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome at this free concert.

Patrick Pope is Organist and Director of Music at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Comforter in Charlotte, NC; as well as University Organist at Queens University of Charlotte, where he also teaches in the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance. He is a candidate for the Doctor of Music degree in Organ Performance and Literature at the Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, from which he also earned his Master's degree.

His selections for the MPC recital range from Bach to a trio of American composers. He'll also play works by Johann Walther, Cesar Franck and Charles-Marie Widor.



Pope's professional engagements include the American Guild of Organists and the Anglican Association of Musicians. He has served as dean of the Indiana University/Bloomington Chapter, AGO, and on the executive board of the Charlotte Chapter, AGO. He has participated extensively in the AGO's "Pipe Organ Encounter" initiative in a variety of capacities, including coordinator of the 2008 Charlotte POE and a faculty member at the 2010 Bloomington POE. Currently he serves as accompanist for the semi-professional choral ensemble, Singers of Renaissance, based in Charlotte.

A native of Statesville, NC, Pope has had the good fortune to perform at esteemed venues throughout the eastern United States, including engagements in Princeton, New York, Cambridge, Boston, and Atlanta. Later this spring, he will make a return appearance on the Piccolo Spoleto *L'Organo* Recital Series in Charleston, SC.


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