



MESSENGER May 2017

Outreach Opportunities

May Chapel will be Tuesday, May 2 for Toddlers & 2-day Twos and Wednesday, May 3 for Threes & PreK in sanctuary and 3-day Twos in class rooms. **We will be accepting donations of healthy snacks for the children of Hope Hill elementary kids.**

OUR HOUSE DIAPER & CLOTHING DRIVE THRU MAY 12

We are collecting much needed supplies and clothing for the children of Our House, sizes 6 weeks – 5 years. Specifically, Our House needs the following: gently used clothing, wipes, diapers and pull-ups (all sizes accepted, but they always have a need for sizes 3T-5T), formula (Good Start and Similac). Our House breaks the chain of homelessness by providing quality early childhood education and comprehensive support services for families facing homelessness. Additionally, in 2014, Our House merged with Genesis Shelter – an 18-family unit, 76 bed shelter program for homeless families with newborns. This is a great outreach project to involve your children. Please drop off your gifts outside the school through Friday, May 12. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Libby or Nicole Cook.

Celebrating Fifteen Years on the 15th!

On Monday, May 15, we will have our final 15th Anniversary event. At 9:15 a.m., we will gather for a school photo. If your child attends on Tuesday/Thursday, you are welcome to bring them by to be in the picture. Everyone is invited to wear their school tshirts. We will have tshirts for sale 2nd wk of May. At dismissal that Monday, May 15, our celebration wraps up with popsicles for the kids. Pick up your child and enjoy a popsicle on the front lawn.

Welcoming new Director of Children's Ministry

The church announces that Dr. Mardee Rightmyer will be the new Director of Children's Ministry to start in June.

Mardee holds degrees from Kennesaw State, Presbyterian School of Education and Columbia Theological Seminary. She brings much experience and energy to the children's programs here at Morningside Presbyterian. Mardee will lead chapel with the preschool children next year and be the church staff liaison to the preschool. We look forward to welcoming her to the MPP family.

Contacting the Office
404-685-8758 calls & voice messages for MPP business

Call or text Director Melinda Sandkam's cell 404-687-0683 for urgent communications

mpp@morningsidepc.org school business and emails regarding children being sick or permission being given for someone else to pick up children
Office Hours
Mondays-Thursdays 8 am - 4:30 pm
Fridays 8 am - 2 pm

WELCOME BABIES ASHBY & CLAIRE

Congratulations to the Henken Family on the arrival of Ashby Louis on April 5. His big brother Henry is in the Older Toddlers with parents Victoria and Eric. And, also congratulations to the Weissglass Family on the arrival of Claire Evelyn on



April 14. Her big brother Ethan is in the Older Twos and big sister Elisabeth starting at MPP this summer, parents Cortney and Joseph.

Calendar Reminders

National Teacher Appreciation Week	May 1-5
In-Class Chapel for Toddlers & Twos	Tues. 5/2
Chapel for Threes & PreK	9:15 Wed. 5/3
In-Class Chapel 3-day Twos	
Musical Trio for Toddlers & 2-day Twos	9:15 Thur. 5/4
Teacher Appreciation "Cafe"	Thur. & Fri. 5/4 & 5
Last Day of Enrichments	Fri. 5/5
Ballet Recital	5 p.m. Mon. 5/8
Mrs. Neff's Birthday	Fri. 5/12
15th Annivesary	Mon. 5/15
School Picture 9:15 a.m.	1 p.m. Popsicles
Summer Camp Final Payment Due	Mon. 5/15
Last Day of School	Thur. 5/25
Teacher Workday	Fri. 5/26
Ms. Deb's Birthday	Sat. 5/27
Final Extended Day Payment Due	Wed. 5/31

Four More Weeks...

These end of school reminders can easily carry over to summer, but please keep in mind these 4 weeks of school!

- Make sure your child has spare clothes at school (warm weather clothes).
- Don't forget water bottles as the heat increases and sunblock and bug spray should be applied before school.
- Please remember that Pick Up time is 12:50-1 p.m.
- And, please keep all our health policies in mind: children must be symptom-free (no fever, no throw up, no diarehea) without medicine for 24 hours before they can return.

STUDENTS & TEACHERS NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

- We expect all staff back in the same roles next year! Very excited to have such a strong team.
- At this point in time, we have only one 3-day Threes and one PreK opening. Please spread the word among your friends and neighbors.

Class Pictures

Pictures are 5x7 and \$10 each, cash or check (to Denise Varnadoe). Denise will be at MPP both Monday, May 8 and Tuesday, May 9 both before and after school (both pick up times). If someone is going to be absent, they can give payment to Melinda to pass on to Denise.



What a fabulous Spring Fling! Many thanks to co-chairs Kelli Hadfield, Kimberly Williams and Sarah Zampell, their awesome Spring Fling team, ALL the volunteers, bake sale contributors, everyone who



bought prize drawing tickets, all who attended, and a special thank you also to our sponsors. Thank you to the Bertozzi family and Two Urban Licks for donating the food for MPP Eats. We also thank The Center for Puppetry Arts for donating a Family Four Pass as Prize Drawing incentive and DBA Barbecue for providing tea and lemonade for Grill Off, gift certificates as prizes for our Grill Masters and, also the judges! The Grill Off was great fun as part of our 15th Anniversary celebration and everything was delicious. Thank you Matt Eberhart, Jamie Hadfield, Will Hudson, Daisy Ottmann, Ken Williams and Jack Zampell. We raised just over \$6500 net to support our annual budget. Fundraising is an important part of our annual fund that provides everything from sand and toys for the playground to classroom supplies and teacher salaries. Our most sincere thanks!



We join in celebrating our teachers during National Teacher Appreciation Week May 1-5. We are grateful for the dedication, creativity and love our seventeen teachers bring to the MPP community!



SUMMER UPDATES

- Summer Camp info to come out each week by the previous Friday.
- Preschool Office is closed the week of Vacation Bible School June 11-15 and on the Memorial Day and Fourth of July holidays.
- In late June, be on the lookout for information about the 2017-18 school year. ALL student paperwork is due back by July 14 with August's half tuition.
- Be sure to get updated immunization forms if your child's expiration date in top right corner changes at summer doctor appointments.
- September tuition due August 1. (Payments due the 1st of any month are always covering tuition for the following month.)
- Meet & Greet is Thursday evening, August 10. First days of school are Monday & Tuesday, August 14 & 15.

Remaining Summer Camp Openings - Don't Miss Out

Eight weeks of summer camp begins Tuesday, May 30 after Memorial Day. Contact Melinda today if you are interested in remaining openings. Tell your friends and neighbors. The first week of camp May 30 has ONE opening in each age group. Start off summer at MPP!

- Completed Toddlers: Weeks 2-4 and 6-8 have 1 opening each. Grab the spot today.
- Completed Twos: Weeks 2-4 and 6-7 have a few openings each. Join in the fun!
- Completed Threes: Weeks 2, 6 & 7 have a few openings each. Weeks 3 & 4: June 19 & 26 have ONE opening each!
- Completed PreK: Weeks 3 & 4 have a few openings still. Weeks 6-8 are the countdown to beginning next year in Kindergarten. Come join us at MPP one last time with your friends. A few spots available each of these weeks.

Who is in town for Fourth of July and would love camp the other 4 days of week? Come join in the 'Happy Birthday America' adventure at MPP Camp. **And, do NOT miss a Sports Fitness Special on Friday, June 9 led by Atlanta Kick.** Is your child signed up for Week 2 of Camp?

Summer Camp Payment Due May 15

Final invoices for summer camp will go out in early May. Don't forget to update your immunization forms as you have doctor appointments in the summer.



Staffing Summer Camp

We are pleased to share that all lead positions and quite a few of our assistant positions for summer camp have been filled: regular substitute Jen Torry returns to lead the completed Toddlers camp again this year; Erin Enright will lead one of our completed Twos camps this summer with Marjorie Gibson assisting and Kristin Rutland who has been with us for two previous summers will

lead the other completed Twos camp. Deena Riley will lead our completed Threes camp with Debbi Loomis as her assistant and Courtney Jerome will lead completed PreK camp with Kay Monroe as her assistant. We have a number of our regular subs and teachers covering 1-3 weeks as assistants, but we still need to fill a number of 3 day Toddler assistant weeks and a second 5 day Twos assistant. Even if you can help for one week, we welcome parents,

nannies and those known to us. And, please help us spread the word to anyone in the community who is at least 18 years old and great with kids! Working 3 days a week as a Floater, 3 days a week as a Toddler assistant or 5 days a week as a Twos assistant for half days 6-8 weeks in June and July can be a great summer job! If First Aid/CPR training is not current, we will assist in finding a course to take in May.