



# Morningside Messenger

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## NOVEMBER 2016 Worship at Morningside

**November 6, 2016**

Baron Mullis preaching  
"Children of the Resurrection"

Luke 20:27-38

All Saints' Sunday, Communion,  
Choir Performing Duruflé *Requiem*

**November 13, 2016**

"THIS I BELIEVE"

Homilies by

Van Jensen, Michael Lowry & Hillery McNeil

**November 20, 2016**

Baron Mullis preaching  
"Hopes, Dreams and Good News"

Luke 14:1; 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-8

**November 27, 2016**

Baron Mullis preaching  
"The Return of the King"

Isaiah 2:1-5, Mathew 21:36-44

***Members Share Their Faith on 'This I Believe' Sunday***

One of MPC's favorite traditions returns to our worship service Nov. 13 as Van Jensen, Michael Lowery and Hillery McNeill enter the pulpit to share with us "This I Believe."

## From Your Pastor



### *Dear Sisters and Brothers,*

As I have alluded before, some months the deadline to fill this space leaves me wondering what to write. (Some months I could fill it twice.) I could write about gratitude (it is the month for Thanksgiving, after all) but I wrote about that last month. I could write about transition (our Associate Pastor Nominating Committee was just elected and our Director of Children's Ministries search committee has already started) but I am as tired of writing about transition as I imagine you are of reading about it. I could write about worship – that is the heart of our life together, after all – and worship is never out of season, but I know as well that for many members of our congregation, finding the time to make sure they meet their spiritual needs is just as hard as finding time to do anything else.

The list could go on, and frequently does.

The unfolding of our life together is no different than the unfolding of your life at home: it has twists and turns, and scheduling challenges, and highs and lows. I have many times joked that I've thought for some time about putting a banner on Morningside Drive that reads, "Come inside and do just ONE thing for an hour," except that after I did so recently, I was told, "If only. You're just teasing us with that possibility. You'll get us in and then there will be volunteer opportunities, and leadership opportunities, and giving opportunities. It's just 'opportunities everywhere,' and what you're really describing is *work*."

I suppose that's true. But I hope it's good work. I hope it's life-giving work. I hope, above all, that what we do together here is *different* from what we do everywhere else.

If it's not, we're not doing it right.

As we approach Thanksgiving and Advent, I pray for you and me both that something in the midst of the busy-ness of all that we encounter will come to us as *life-giving work*.

Sometimes, the difference between what is a drudge and what is life-giving is perspective. If that's your case, I pray for you to receive *perspective*.

Sometimes, we need to slow down in order to enjoy what we're doing. If that is your case, I pray for you to receive *time*.

Sometimes, we need to share what we're doing with others for it to take on meaning. If that is the case for you, I pray for you to receive *companionship*.

Intellectually, we all know we're about the Lord's work here, but sometimes the discipline comes from finding ways to keep that in our hearts as well as minds. As we come into this busy time, Beth, Jonathan, the Sarahs and I all welcome your invitation to be on this journey with you.

Shalom,

Baron Mullis

### **Chancel Choir Will Sing "Requiem" by Maurice Duruflé Sunday Nov. 6**

As we observe All Saints Sunday, Dr. Boyd Jones will be our guest organist accompanying the choir in this beloved setting of the Requiem Mass. Dr. Jones was Jonathan Crutchfield's organ professor and now teaches at Stetson University in Deland, FL. The composition was completed and premiered in Paris in 1947. Duruflé based his entire Requiem on ancient Gregorian chants. Duruflé's Requiem concentrates on the serene and comforting words of the mass rather than the wrath texts found in other Requiems like those of Berlioz or Verdi. It is a most beautiful and moving piece of music that lifts the soul toward paradise. Join us as we remember the cloud of witness that surrounds us.

## Inside Morningside

### Congregation Chooses Officers, Search Team to Carry MPC Forward

The congregation met after worship on Sunday, Oct. 30, to elect elders, deacons, MPC Corporation officers, members of the 2018 Officer Nominating Committee, and the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee.

Leading the search for our next Associate Pastor will be Kent Balch, Sarah Brownlee, Lauren Fairleigh, Betsy Holland, Jim Martin, Rachel Spears, David Stewart, and Caroline Tanner.

Elders for the Class of 2019 will be Allen Burke, Nancy Collins, Catherine Fleming, Sarah Beth Gehl, Emilie Paille, and Stephen Smith

Elected as Deacons, 2019, are Ibbly Baily, Julie Green, Michael Siedschlag, and Emilee Terry.

Joining the ONC headed by Elder Ellen Landers for next year's elections will be Ellen Behm, Jack Klotz, and Julie Schoen.

Corporate officers will be Chair (*ex officio*) Baron Mullis, President Alex Watts, Vice President David Mogge, Treasurer Bill Humphries and Secretary and Registered Agent Daisy Ottmann. The other members of Session constitute the full board of directors. Our corporation is a legal non-profit entity in the State of Georgia. A committee is working on revising bylaws written when the corporation was formed in 1948. New bylaws will be presented for approval at our 2017 Annual Congregational Meeting.

### *Committee Receives First Funds for Morningside Presbyterian Memorial Garden*

Efforts to create a permanent memorial space for members and their families has borne early fruit as donations for garden walls, plaques and columbarium niches have begun to be received. A separate line-item for contributions to the garden has been set up in the church's financial system.

In October, committee members gathered paperwork and copies of the site plans designed by Mary Chapman to be presented to the city for approval. Building permits are

estimated to take five or six weeks, and construction could begin early in January.

More information about the garden, its uses, rules for scattering ashes and the like will be available at church Nov. 13. Committee members Nancy Hamilton and Art Sweum also will present a minute message on the subject.

### Morningside Milestones

- Congratulations to Steven and Allison Roach on the baptism of their daughter Eleanor on Oct. 16, and to Emily and Jordan Hylton on the baptism of their son Reid, Oct. 30.
- We share our sympathies with Ellen and Jim Landers and family on the death of Jim's mother Carolyn on Oct. 16, and with the family of former Executive Presbyter Penny Hill who entered the Church Triumphant on Oct. 4.
- Tails-a-wag, about 30 of our furry friends participated in the Blessing of the Animals service on our lawn Oct. 2.
- Church Treasurer Bill Humphries suggests that as you think about fulfilling your pledge for this year or for the capital campaign, consider donating appreciated securities (stocks and bonds). Generally, this results in favorable tax treatment. Also, if you have reached age 70½, remember that contributions from a pre-tax 401(k) or IRA are also tax advantaged. Consult your tax adviser for definitive advice. If you choose to contribute in this manner, please contact Bill ([bill48@bellsouth.net](mailto:bill48@bellsouth.net) or 770.565.8490) for transaction instructions.

## Serve!

### Opportunities to Serve Enhance Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving is a season of abundance and gratitude. We encourage you to join the entire church in service events near and far on the weekend of Nov. 12-13:

- ***John Wesley Dobbs Elementary Invites All of Us to 'Saturday School'***

A fun outing for all ages is coming up Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. as we get to know our new outreach partners at John Wesley Dobbs Elementary School.

Dobbs' principal, Dr. Charnita West, came up with "Saturday School" as a place for students to learn and grow beyond the usual school week. MPC's roles on Nov. 12 will include painting a mural drawn by the art teachers at Dobbs, completing a list of small jobs compiled by the teaching staff, leading games and crafts with the kids and enjoying socializing and a snack. Sign up by contacting Leslie Prince ([leslieprince@comcast.net](mailto:leslieprince@comcast.net)) or Tamara Nix ([tamaranix@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:tamaranix@alumni.duke.edu)). There will be team leaders for each activity and a carpool from our church parking lot.

- ***Alternative Opportunity Nov. 12 at Intown Collaborative Ministries***

Also Saturday, Nov. 12, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. it's Morningside's turn to staff the food pantry at Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM), helping distribute food to

the homeless and needy in our own church neighborhood. The pantry's located at Druid Hills Methodist Church (corner of Ponce and Briarcliff).

Please contact Laura Ulep at [lauraulep@gmail.com](mailto:lauraulep@gmail.com) or Nancy Collins at [ncollins0209@gmail.com](mailto:ncollins0209@gmail.com).

- ***RHINO Trip Slides to November, Offers Third Choice for Second Weekend***

If you've wanted to join one of our 'working vacations' to Louisiana to help clear up from ongoing natural disasters in the area, another opportunity remains. This trip—to work on interior demolition of homes damaged by the August flooding—was postponed from October to Nov. 9-13. If you find you're free those dates and would like to go, contact Roland Behm ([roland.behm@gmail.com](mailto:roland.behm@gmail.com)). The group carpools down on Wednesday and returns home after the early service at St. Charles Presbyterian Church, sponsor of Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans (RHINO). A special Friday-night feature is a dinner for our friends at Belle Reve NOLA.

#### **Pick-a -Pan as You Leave Church on Nov. 6**

To prepare our monthly supper for the men of The Journey Shelter, Shepherd Joe Brady makes it is easy to assemble the meal by leaving a selection of foil pans with a suggested food item on the tables outside the Sanctuary the previous Sunday—Nov. 6. Just take a pan, leave your name on the signup sheet and bring the food back either to the church the following week or directly to the shelter located at Druid Hills Presbyterian. For more information, contact Joe (770.594.9293 or [jp\\_brady@bellsouth.net](mailto:jp_brady@bellsouth.net)).

#### ***If You Can Read, You Can Help Children Learn to Love Reading***

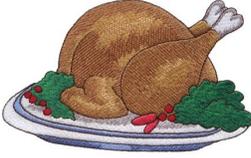
You are invited to read with a child from John Wesley Dobbs Elementary school at 11 a.m. on Nov. 16. This will be the first in a monthly reading events at our partner school. We will meet at the church at 10:30 and carpool to Dobbs and those who wish to will have lunch together afterwards. The principal needs to know how many readers will join Baron, so please reply to [office@morningsidepc.org](mailto:office@morningsidepc.org) if you're in.

Also, Dr West has been pretty clear that the kids need consistency, so we need to make sure that everyone knows that we're planning on making reading a monthly event.

#### **'Out of Darkness Walk' Raises Funds, Awareness, Hope for Combating Suicide**

Led by Roland Behm, Team Perfect Strangers contemplates a world without suicide as they join the Atlanta Out of the Darkness Walk, Sunday, Nov. 6, at Piedmont Park. Roland says, "We are raising awareness and funding to address the tenth leading cause of death in the United States (and the second leading cause of death for the 10-24 age group). Most people who die by suicide are strangers to us personally; however, almost 50 percent of the U.S. population has known someone who has died by suicide." To support Team Perfect Strangers, click 'Support Us' at the website <https://afsp.donordrive.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=register.start&eventID=3797&teamID=112987>.

# November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
		9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Mini Monet 2:15 Parkinson's Tai Chi 4:30 Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Theology on Tap 7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning	8:15 Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MPP Music 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Fun with Weights 1 p.m. Playball 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	8:30 p.m. MLPA 9 a.m. MPP 10 Creative Movement 1 p.m. Karate	9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 10 a.m. Choir/Organ Dress Rehearsal
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 9:45 a.m. Faith Development 11 a.m. Worship/Communion/All Saints Sunday/Children's Sunday School (PreK/K) 12 noon. Fellowship 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS</b>	9 a.m. MPP 12 noon. Arts & Crafts Guild 1 p.m. Ballet 7 p.m. Mandolin Society/ Children's Ministry	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Mini Monet 2:15 Parkinson's Tai Chi 4:30 Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Preschool Committee 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	8:15 Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 12 p.m. One Gray Hair 1 p.m. MPP Music 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal <b>RHINO RETREAT</b>	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Fun with Weights 12:30 p.m. Poetry Group 1 p.m. Playball 7 p.m. MLPA Street Captains <b>RHINO RETREAT</b>	9 a.m. MPP 10 Creative Movement 1 p.m. Karate 7 p.m. MPP Fundraiser (Druid Hills Country Club)/Couples Group (off-site) <b>RHINO RETREAT</b>	9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting 10 a.m. Saturday School at Dobbs/ICM Pantry at Druid Hills <b>RHINO RETREAT</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 11 a.m. Worship/Children's Sunday School (PreK-5th) 12p.m. Congregational Lunch 12:30 p.m. Deacons 12:40 Faith Development 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal <b>RHINO RETREAT</b>	8:30 a.m. MLPA 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet 7 p.m. Mandolin Society/Session 7:30 p.m. MLPA	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Mini Monet 2:15 Parkinson's Tai Chi 4:30 Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	8:15 a.m. Children's Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Reading at Dobbs 12 p.m. ICM Board Meeting 1 p.m. MPP Music 5:45 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal Group 5:30 p.m. Youth	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Fun with Weights 12:30 p.m. Third Thursday Theology 1 p.m. Playball 7 p.m. Girl Scouts 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	9 a.m. MPP 10 Creative Movement 1 p.m. Karate	9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
9:30 a.m. Coffee and Conversation 9:45 a.m. Faith Development 11 a.m. Worship/Children's Sunday School (PreK-3rd) 12 p.m. Fellowship 12:30 p.m. RHO Readers/Young Adult Luncheon 2 p.m. Girl Scouts 4:30 p.m. Youth Choir Rehearsal	9 a.m. MPP Thanksgiving Break 12 p.m. Arts & Crafts Guild 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	9 a.m. MPP Thanksgiving Break 11 a.m. Yoga 2:15 Parkinson's Tai Chi 4:30 Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	9 a.m. MPP Thanksgiving Break 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal	9 a.m. MPP Thanksgiving Break	9 a.m. MPP Thanksgiving Break	9 a.m. Women's AA Meeting
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>FYI</b> All our children's classes need more volunteers on Sunday mornings. Please email our interim DCM, Sarah Tomaka ( <a href="mailto:sarah.tomaka@gmail.com">sarah.tomaka@gmail.com</a> ) for more information about volunteering.		
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## Connect!

### Celebrate Our Preschool's Anniversary by Coming Out to Raise FUN

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool's fifteenth-anniversary celebration continues with its annual FUN-Raiser, this year being held at Druid Hills Country Club on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased with a check to MPP given to Melinda Sandkam or by going to <https://www.biddingforgood/MPP/2016>.

The website is also the location to see all the wonderful items being offered for auction. You can even bid on items even if you can't make it that evening. Bidding will end at 9 p.m. when the live auction begins. There is something for everyone—many generous businesses have donated items from dining, spa, children, events, services and so much more.

Preschool Director Melinda Sandkam notes, "Be sure to thank your local businesses for their support of early childhood education in their neighborhood. Start bidding

today to support the preschool."

MPP's annual FUN-Raiser supports the budget of the preschool which offers exciting programs and dynamic teachers for 102 students. Melinda adds, "An area that we hope to raise funds for this year is continuing education for the staff. The NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children) conference will be in Atlanta NEXT November and we hope to be able to send all 18 staff members. We then hope to thereafter be able to offer two staff members the opportunity to attend the conference each year wherever it is held.

"Last year's auction was able to finance such improvements as new floors in two upstairs classrooms, a new computer for the teachers/library, the lower sinks in the downstairs bathroom and in years past, many improvements to the playground. Thank you for your support!"

### *Families' Thanksgiving Outreach Supports Thornwell—You Can, Too!*

Our church families will collect money for Thornwell, a Presbyterian group home providing a loving and nurturing place to live for children in need. Each day throughout November, MPC families are asked to contribute a coin to a cardboard turkey coin holder. At the end of the month, families will return the cardboard turkeys and we will send the money to Thornwell.

Chair Liz Sommerfeld explains, "It is a fun way to get excited about the Thanksgiving holiday while thinking about the importance of safe and loving homes for all children." Our kids will receive their turkeys in Sunday School Nov. 6, but more will be available in the Welcome Center throughout the month of November. We all can take part in this family project—even if we don't have children. Take a turkey for Thornwell! All should be returned to the church by Nov. 27.

### November Calendar Gives Reasons to Be Thankful for Our Lively Groups

Morningsiders congregate at other times besides Sunday mornings and invite participation. Come check out an interest group. Here are a few November highlights:

**Nov. 1** – Theology on Tap invites the men in our community to gather at the home of John Watson (1397 Harvard Rd., 30306) at 7 p.m. for dinner and discussion. Baron's 'Tough Text' is Luke 21:5-19, which warns "You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

**Nov. 9** – One Gray Hair's lunchtime program at noon in Fellowship Hall will be pretty *cheesy*. MPC's own Julie Schoen will talk about cheesemaking. She and husband Mark craft delicious and distinctive cheeses at their farm in Elberton. Their business is called Southern Aged. Check out their website at <http://www.southernaged.com>. RSVP to the Brownlees ([rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net)).

**Nov. 15**—Specifically speaking to concerns of the LGBT community but also with good tips for anyone, the topic for this month's 7 p.m. dinner meeting of LGBT & Friends will feature Meredith Moore of Moore Financial Planning to discuss LGBT Estate and Financial Planning. To attend at the home of Christian Bromley and Christopher Crowder (1870 Wellbourne Dr. NE 30324) RSVP to [b.walkulski@gmail.com](mailto:b.walkulski@gmail.com) by Nov. 11.

**Nov. 20**—If you like books with "strong female characters, survival fiction and breathtaking natural settings" the RHO Readers invite you to their conversation about *Breaking Wild*, the first adult novel by Diane Les Becquets. Carol Senf will lead the discussion in the Session Room on Sunday at 12:30.

## Session News

# Your Session at Work: October 17 Meeting

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

- All the ministry team chairs are working on their budget requests for 2017. Of course, final budgets cannot be set until the results are in from Commitment Season. As usual, church officers are the first asked and the first to respond with their financial-support pledges each year. A gentle hint to everyone else: don't wait to turn in your pledge and/or get your pledge for this year up-to-date, so our staff and Session members can relax a bit going in to the holidays.
- The Children and Families team along with the preschool and Facilities teams are looking into better ways to respond to facility emergencies such as occurred with our plumbing in October. Facilities also received an offer of 'volunteer help' from Jason Holland to upgrade our audio system.
- Session voted to rename Events Ministries to Fellowship Ministries.
- Children and Families Ministries also continues to need volunteers for the nursery and for elementary classes. If you can help, reach out to Sarah Tomaka, who is acting Director of Children's Ministries while the search for a permanent replacement is underway.
- Our Youth and Family Ministries have started planning for the beginning of our next Confirmation Class, Jan. 8. We currently have 17 seventh- and eighth-graders eligible to attend—of course the class is open to all middle- and high-schoolers who have not previously been confirmed. Each confirmand will need his or her own mentor—an opportunity to get to know, love and help a young person grow in faith. Speak to Lisa Jern or interim Youth Director Sarah Are if you have a heart for this service.
- Mission Ministries is moving forward with reassessing our financial and service arrangements with all our outreach partners, as well as working to improve coordination with other groups within MPC who have outreach projects to better coordinate what we're all asked to do and to avoid confusing the congregation—for example, to create a single master calendar for all MPC collection-drives. John Blevins, our Global Concerns chair, has offered some ideas for supporting programs in Kenya that are being considered by the team.

Daisy Ottmann  
Clerk of Session

## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays

1 Barbara Brooks	10 Maria Ragland	21 Nell Roberts
3 Ginny Fergus	10 Mac Young	22 Cash Hackney
3 Ann Benson	12 Charlotte Sommerfeld	22 Clint Holmes
4 Will James	12 Julie Loring	24 Michael Morgan
4 Tara Parrish	12 Amelia Weltner	26 Jack Perez
6 Mac Frampton	15 Joseph Cochran	26 Kasey Libby
6 Samuel Wingert	15 Rhonda McIntosh	27 Lauren King
6 Lindy Menefee	15 Keira Cobb	27 Loretta Pinkston
8 Kelly Anderson	17 Art Sweum	28 Allen Burke
8 Christian Bromley	17 Cameron Cobb	28 Tony Fishpaw
	18 Gillian Budd	28 Richard Brownlee
	19 Will Lee	29 William Hackney
	20 Robert McIntosh	29 Leslie Prince
	20 Anna Palmer	

## BackWords

### Advent Begins This Month, Offers Service Opportunities Throughout Season

You know what's on the horizon when our kids start rehearsing for the Christmas pageant, but we also have much to consider during the season of hope and anticipation that is Advent, which begins this year on Sunday, Nov. 27. Here are some special Advent programs for you to add to your plans:

Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, our children and their families will celebrate the season with giving. From Nov. 27 to Dec. 4, kids will collect toiletry items for the homeless served by Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM) as they read a daily message about Jesus coming as the Light of the World. The toiletry kits become available for pick-up in the Sunday School rooms or from Sarah Tomaka ([sarah.tomaka@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.tomaka@gmail.com)) starting on Nov. 6.

On the second Sunday of Advent, Dec. 4, everyone is encouraged to bring canned goods for the (food pantry at ICM) forward as we come up to receive communion by intinction. We will dedicate these items as we serve the Lord's Supper. Updates on high-need items will be listed in the enews and *Life@Morningside* in late November. Please contact Laura Ulep ([lauraulep@gmail.com](mailto:lauraulep@gmail.com)) or Nancy Collins ([ncollins0209@gmail.com](mailto:ncollins0209@gmail.com)) with questions.

Music is always a major part of our Advent celebration, with the choir's Special Music Sunday during worship and this year a four-part series, "People Look East! The

Songs of Advent and Christmas" led by Michael Morgan, Sundays beginning Nov. 27 in room 201 at 9:45 a.m. Each week, Michael will present music from a different century, from the Nineteenth to the present day, ending with an exploration of Handel's "Messiah."

But don't miss the other adult studies happening this month. On Nov. 6, Van Jensen will complete his fascinating discussion on "Seeking God in the Comic Books" and on the following two Sundays Ken Sharpe will present two topics on "Imagery in the Spiritual Life." Nov. 13 will focus on the symbology of Anton Gaudi's Barcelona masterwork, The Expiatory Temple of the Sagrada Familia, and the following week will discuss "Judaism: A Way of Being."



*Young participants at MPC's all-church retreat share a poem they wrote while at Montreat during the Sunday Worship service.*

### 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: Elizabeth Hope Amis (RoseMary Wells' sister), Friends and relatives of Hugh Bell: Connie Crowley, Sandra Fortson, Timothy Johnson, Marilyn Neforas, Kent Smith, and Robin and Charles Wilkins, Victor Carballosa, Walter Gilbert (Patrick Gilbert's father), Ann Herndon (Will's mother), Family of Penny Hill, Charlotte Hudson (Jeff Adams' mother), Ellen and Jim Landers, Friends and relatives of Linda Johnson, Jan McMahan, Lin Parker (friend of Nancy Coomes), Marilyn Pentelovich (friend of Shari Tant), Karen Peterson and family (friend of Daisy Ottmann), Betty Ray, Peter Regnault (Phil Regnault's father), Sandy Ryan, Carlene Sauer (Kasey and Stephanie Libby's family), Beth Klotz Von Seggern (Jack Klotz's sister), Helen Schroder, Richard and Robert Stack (Jane Stacks' family), Shannon Miller and Doug Strain (family of Bill Smith), Katie, Alex and Finley Watts, Marty Wender (Phil Regnault's friend), Evelyn Wimberly (Nancy Frampton's ex-mother-in-law), Rick and Lorelee Wolters (Greg Wolter's parents), John Young