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## October Worship at Morningside

### October 7, 2012

Baron Mullis preaching

“Thinking Theologically About Modern Life” Sermon Series

V. - “The Politics Sermon”

Text: Jeremiah 29:1-7

*The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.*

### October 14, 2012

Baron Mullis preaching

“Thinking Theologically About Modern Life” Sermon Series

VI. - “The Earth Sermon”

Text: Genesis 1:24-31

### October 21, 2012

Drew Stockstill preaching

“We Do What We Are Able”

Text: Mark 10:35-45

### October 28, 2012

Joanna Adams preaching

“The One and Only”

Text: Hebrews 7:23-28

*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*



## Dear Friends,

At a recent gathering of elders, one of our commitment chairs asked the question, “Is it stewardship or commitment? We’re using the words interchangeably.”

It was a good question. I replied that what the session does - managing expenses, making decisions about which ministries to fund, etc. – represents *stewardship*. They are “stewarding” the resources that the congregation gives. Then what the congregation does – giving time and money – that’s *commitment*.

I hadn’t really thought of it that way much before and I have thought a lot about money and the church through the years! And the more I think about it, the more I really like that distinction. Sociologists tell us that we are living in a time of low commitment – culturally, we’re hesitant to put too much weight down in one spot for fear that the rug will be pulled out from under us, if you’ll permit me to mix metaphors. And that makes sense. In 2008 many of us felt a seismic shift as our home values initiated a race for the bottom along with our portfolios. (I promise. I’ll stop using metaphors now.)

And yet each year since, Morningside has been blessed to be able to expand our ministry. That’s commitment! That is the congregation showing up to support the ministry of the church. It makes me very proud to make my commitment alongside you.

This year the session made a commitment on our behalf – we decided that the time has come to expand our ministry by adding another minister to our staff. We received a seed money grant that helped enable us to invite Drew Stockstill to come to Morningside to spend half his time working as our minister for adult education and small groups, especially young adults. (He’ll be doing some other things too, but there is a finite amount of space on the letterhead.) A more cautious approach might have suggested we wait, but everything about our history gave the session the confidence to act.

In the weeks ahead you will hear from your fellow members why they can’t imagine not committing to Morningside. Some will talk about – and ask for – a 10 percent increase in what we commit. I love hearing from our members what makes us give. I’ll preach about giving

and commitment, but right now, I’d rather just tell you why I’ll be making my commitment, plus ten percent: I *want* to be a part of what we’re doing. I want to support this congregation because I believe in what we’re doing together in the name of Jesus Christ, and I *want* to commit to that because this is my family of faith.

Thanks for reading,

## Elder on Call

Brad Odom	October 7-13
Daisy Ottmann	October 14-20
Randy Parrish	October 21-27
Tom Daniel	October 28-November 3

## Deacon on Call

Curt Barrett	October 7-13
Brenda Fishpaw	October 14-20
Duncan Spears	October 21-27
Jill Klotz	October 28-November 3

## Peacemaking Offering, October 7

As congregations celebrate World Communion Sunday and receive the Peacemaking Offering, we are mindful of those in our communities who are in need of God’s healing and reconciling peace. The Peacemaking Offering is one of four special collections that MPC receives each year and is an offering that at least seven denominations support. Twenty-five percent of the offering goes to peacemaking efforts in our community, another 25 percent goes to regional peacemaking efforts and 50 percent enables the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program to be active throughout the world as a peaceful and faithful presence. Please give generously.

## Thank You

In August, the congregation provided strong support for the Thornwell Offering which went to the 100 children at Thornwell Home in South Carolina. MPC’s gift of \$2,115.07 goes toward school supplies, clothing, activity costs and the myriad daily expenses in raising children. Thornwell sent their heartfelt thanks to MPC.

## It's Election Season at Morningside Too

Both the Session and Diaconate at Morningside refresh their ranks this time of year and need your nominations for their 2015 classes. The Officer Nominating Committee will place nomination forms in the bulletin, the Narthex and the Welcome Center on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14.

This is your opportunity to nominate someone to be a candidate for elder or deacon. Please prayerfully consider your nominee(s) and then ask their permission before you

submit their name for consideration by the Officer Nominating Committee. You can turn in nomination forms to the church office, place them in the offering plate or put them in one of the boxes in the Narthex or Welcome Center.

At the end of October, the Officer Nominating Committee will announce the final slate of officers for election by the congregation.

## "The Book of the Twelve:" The Voices of Israel's Prophets

Join Morningside's Adult Sunday School class this fall as Drew Stockstill leads us on an exploration of the rich texts of Ancient Israel's prophets. There's nothing minor about them. This new series will begin at 9:45 Sunday morning, Sept. 30 in room 201, and conclude Nov. 25.



## Christmas Before Halloween?!

We're not pulling out the Christmas decorations before we see fall colors, but we are beginning our plans for MPC's Christmas pageant. It will take place at 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 16. Children four years old through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Sign-up forms will be available at the church and on the website starting Oct. 4, and are due back no later than Sunday, Nov. 4. You can drop them in the mail, send a scanned copy to [msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org) or put in Melinda's mailbox.

The first week of November, roles will be assigned and rehearsals will begin at 9:45 on Sundays, Nov. 18 through Dec. 16 for elementary age. Two notes about practices: 1. On Thanksgiving weekend, we invite anyone in town to please come, but understand that others will be out of

town for the holiday. 2. On Sunday, Dec. 2, any preschoolers, angels and sheep will practice, but not elementary ages. The dress rehearsal 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, is a must.

We also welcome volunteers who are interested in helping on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16. Contact Melinda if you can help behind the scenes for the performance or ahead of time with costumes or props. Everyone is invited to attend the pageant on Sunday evening, Dec. 16, and then enjoy a chili and soup dinner in the midst of the busy holidays. So, don't pull out your Christmas angels quite yet, but if your child is interested in being an angel (or any other role in this special Christmas story), sign up in October.

## Mulling It with Mullis,

### Moreover

Baron's sermon series *Thinking Theologically About Modern Life* is a big success so far. Also popular are the post-sermon discussions Baron has been hosting at 12:30 in Room 201 each week. Two more remain, on Oct. 7 and Oct. 14. Don't miss these chances for some deep theological introspection with Baron.

## Morningside Milestones

- Morningside is blessed with a bounteous harvest – of new members, that is. On Sept. 16, nine new members joined our church. They are Natalie and David Batchelor; Anne and David Dantzer; Natalie Holler; John Macaulay; and Suzanne Macpherson and Tyler Ryan. You will see their three youngest children around MPC. They are Sophie, 9, Vanessa, 6, and Bridget, 21 months. Also joining was Doug Selph, not to be confused with Doug Self, who has been a member at Morningside for several years.
- Tally Ho! With this latest class of new members, Morningside's membership tallies to 523.

## MPC Laces Up Sneakers, Looks for Traction

As surely as the leaves turn in autumn, Morningside's leadership turns its attention to what the church will need in the future. Every team leader knows that two things will soon be required: an accounting of the current year's activities for the annual report and a budget for the new year.

Key to this planning process is what we call Commitment Season. Our commitment team co-leaders, Tom Daniel and Peter Cobb, have been putting together their committees and ideas to present to the Morningside congregation since early spring. Now we're about to see the results of all their labors.

Drawing inspiration from the Letter to the Hebrews 12:1b, (*"...let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith"*) they envisioned Morningside gearing up to run in a great race to become the church God calls us to be. It's also a race to the finish line of a successful season of pledging resources of money, time and talent to meet our goals.

The "starting gun," so to speak, will be Oct. 7 with the first in a series of Minute Messages during worship that allow some of our members to offer their particular stories of involvement with MPC and why they feel called to support the church generously.

One overarching concern as we look to the next year is to increase both the number of pledges and the amount pledged to support our staff members. Both Chris Peters and Drew Stockstill's compensation for 2013 will come out of our regular budget, rather than the grants and special gifts that have carried us this far. That plus maintaining our levels of education and service adds up to a required 11 percent increase in revenue.

This year's campaign will feature a brand-new video showing how Morningside has worked to "Welcome all. Serve all" throughout 2012. This will be the third in a series of portraits of MPC in action filmed by Bob

Wells that highlights our church and its ministries and reminds us of the significant impact we have on each other and our community.

Often overlooked in the emphasis on turning in pledge cards is the equally important opportunity to find a place in the church that needs your personal gifts. This year, the volunteer form has been completely revised and simplified to help you select areas of interest where you can volunteer your God-given talents. "Everyone - even those who are already volunteering on one or more teams - should fill out the time-and-talent form every year," said Elder Daisy Ottmann. "It's how the team leaders know who is interested in staying in place or finding a new outlet. For instance, our group of lay readers gets renewed every year based solely on who fills out the form."

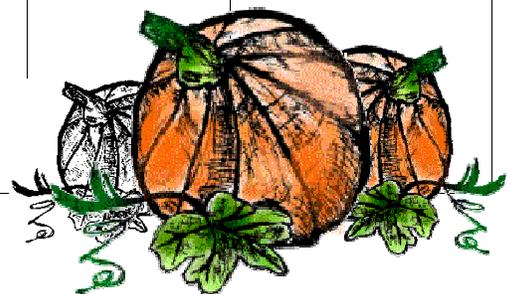
Culmination of the season will be Commitment Sunday, Nov. 11, when everyone in our Sanctuary will be invited to bring forward pledge cards and volunteer forms - always a meaningful moment during worship.



## Welcome to Kirk Louis

We would like to extend a welcome to Kirk Louis as our 4th/5th grade Children's Worship Leader. Kirk lives in Decatur (on the Columbia seminary campus) with his wife Shavon (our very own 2nd-3rd grade leader) and three-year-old daughter Sariah. Kirk has worked with elementary ages in after-school and summer programs and as a youth group leader. He has also been an Operations Specialist in the U.S. Coast Guard. If you have not yet met Kirk, be sure to introduce yourself. He leads the oldest elementary age class each Sunday during worship and attends worship with them on communion Sundays.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>2</b> 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 5 p.m. MPP Dine Out 7 p.m. MLPA Zoning; Theology on Tap	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir 7 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday	<b>4</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety <i>Pageant Signup Begins</i>	<b>5</b> 9 a.m. MPP	<b>6</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacons 12:30 p.m. Post-sermon discussion 2 p.m. Venture Crew 5 p.m. Youth Group  <i>Commitment Season Begins</i>	<b>8</b> 6:30 p.m. Pulse PNC 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. MPP Teacher Workday 11 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers; Preschool Committee	<b>10</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Security	<b>12</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Couples Group	<b>13</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Jungle Jam (Youth Service Project) 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Atlanta Opera Chorus
<b>14</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. Bread for Journey 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 12:30 p.m. Post-sermon discussion 12:45 p.m. RHO Readers 2 p.m. Venture Crew 6 p.m. Journey  <i>ICM Collection</i>	<b>15</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society	<b>16</b> 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. LGBT & Friends	<b>17</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir 7 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>18</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir	<b>19</b> 9 a.m. MPP  <i>Youth Lock-in</i> <i>All Church Retreat</i>	<b>20</b> 9 a.m. AA Meeting  <i>Youth Lock-in</i> <i>All Church Retreat</i>
<b>21</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 1 p.m. AIDS Walk Atlanta 2 p.m. Venture Crew 5 p.m. Youth Group  <i>All Church Retreat</i> <i>ICM Collection</i>	<b>22</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians	<b>23</b> 9 a.m. MPP 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	<b>24</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Treble Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>25</b> 9 a.m. MPP 5:30 p.m. MPP Open House 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir	<b>26</b> 9 a.m. MPP	<b>27</b> 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. New Church Development Playground Build 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>28</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Baptism 12 noon Fellowship and RHO Readers Book Sale 2 p.m. MPC outing to see Macbeth; Venture Crew 5 p.m. Youth Group <i>ICM Collection</i>	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	<b>30</b> 9 a.m. MPP 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	<b>31</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir			



## Retreat Setting Takes Tension Out of “Tenses”

If attending our annual fall retreat has suddenly become possible for you and you'd like to see if any reservations are available, please contact our chairperson Mary Chapman (404.234.0580 or [chapman.maryv@gmail.com](mailto:chapman.maryv@gmail.com)) right now. We'll be off to Montreat, NC, on Oct. 19, and you don't want to miss your chance.

This year's theme, “Living in Three Tenses,” will be presented by the Rev. Doug Oldenburg. Here are the Scriptures supporting Doug's three sessions:

- No 1: "Living **FROM** the Past -- Remembering"  
Deuteronomy 31:30-32:7; Hebrews 12:1-3
- No 2: "Living **IN** the Present -- Awareness"  
Jeremiah 29: 4-13; II Corinthians 4:7-15
- No 3: "Living **TOWARD** the Future -- Anticipation"  
Isaiah 35; Philippians 3:12-16

Each of the presentations will be followed by small group sharing and discussion.

## Macbeth & Carmen

Shakespeare or opera, culture abounds at MPC! We have purchased group tickets for the 2 p.m. performance of Macbeth at Georgia Shakespeare on Sunday, Oct. 28. This production is being presented in conjunction with the National Black Arts Festival. To secure a group ticket at \$30, write a check to MPC and give to Melinda Sandkam by Sunday, Oct. 14. Our seats will be in the orchestra, rows C and D.

The following month, an MPC group is off to the Cobb Performing Arts Center for Atlanta Opera's “Carmen” at 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 16. Our seats will be on the floor in the orchestra, section D. The price will be \$40.80 per ticket. Make your checks payable to MPC and give them to Sarah Brownlee as soon as possible.

Doug, a native of Michigan, is a graduate of Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, and Yale Divinity School. He served as president of Columbia Theological Seminary from 1987 to 1993, and also as moderator of our denomination's General Assembly. Now retired, he directs a program called “Advocates for Ministry,” which encourages outstanding students to consider the ministry among their vocational options. His wife, Claudia, will also be our guest at the retreat.

Morningside's retreats have built a reputation for spiritual renewal as well as good companionship, good food, good shopping and great scenery enjoyed by singles, couples, families and their kids. You don't want to miss out on the square dancing Saturday night. Kids will be part of the Treehouse Club for the weekend.

Meanwhile, back in Atlanta, those who attend worship will have the opportunity to hear Drew Stockstill, Minister of Young Adults and Adult Education, preach at Morningside for the first time.

### October Birthdays

1 Charlotte Spears  
1 Whitney Maloy  
1 Shelley Senterfitt  
2 Carson Myers  
2 Duncan Walker  
2 Frances Bresnahan  
2 Alan Godfrey  
3 Jeannette McClure  
4 Tia Bartis  
5 Miranda Brownlee  
5 David Wingert

7 Jo Faddis  
8 Duncan Spears  
9 Jane Simpson  
10 Megan Nelson  
11 Daniel Sommerfeld  
14 Lily Woolley  
13 Ali Bradway  
13 Amy Jarratt  
13 David Yntema  
15 Joseph Brady  
15 Sanda Means  
15 Alex Regnault  
16 Addison Berreth

16 Ann Brady  
16 Philip Hawkins  
18 William Grigley  
18 Donna Scalf  
20 Jessica Adams  
21 Rich Powell  
21 Sadie Irwin  
21 Betty Blaine  
22 Julie Green  
24 Jeff Harris  
24 Cate Branon  
25 Riley Ruby  
26 Finley Holaway

26 Pam Sharpe  
27 Robin Hackney  
28 Merwin Peake  
29 Rob Payne  
29 Jason Loring  
29 Terry Lawson  
30 Pat Antenucci  
30 James Beasley  
31 Don Grant  
31 Brian Johnson  
31 Jeff Peters

## A Healthy Snack for Kids; Check it Out Oct. 14

MPC's 2nd through 5th graders will assemble non-perishable snack bags for those in need, at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 14. Meet in Room 001 to decorate bags with hopeful messages and artwork before filling them with snack food that provides good protein and nourishment. Called Bread for the Journey, with this mission opportunity, Morningside helps feed the homeless on the streets of

## Work Hard, Play Hard

On Saturday, Oct. 27, MPC will join Peachtree, Northwest, and Shallowford Presbyterian Churches to help El Nazareno Presbyterian build a playground for the community in Hapeville. El Nazareno is a vital new church supported by the Tri-Presbytery New Church Development Committee, or NCD. MPC partners with NCD year-round and is pleased to be a part of this outreach. El Nazareno has realized the need for a playground in Hape-

## 'Buy the Book' Benefits Refugee Schools

For the second year, Fellowship Hall will become a book fair as members of RHO Readers offer their used books for sale during fellowship hour on Sunday, Oct. 28. The sale will offer a wide variety of hardback, paperback, audio and kids books at rock-bottom prices.

"Last year our sale raised several hundred dollars for the Global Village School for refugee girls and the newly founded Fugees Academy in Clarkston," said Daisy Ott-

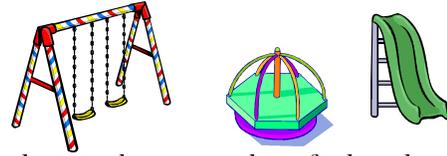
## Rebuilding Takes Years

When natural disasters devastate a community, it takes years to rebuild. MPC has a history of working with organizations, such as Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, that plan for the long haul of rebuilding, which can take as long as seven years on average. MPC has previously taken three trips to Pearlington, MS, to rebuild from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

This fall, a group of MPC adults will be traveling to New Orleans to work with RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans), which was founded by St. Charles Presbyterian Church following Hurricane Katrina. Please keep our

Atlanta and those staying at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, who leave the shelter for the day to go on their "journey."

Children will continue monthly mission projects in November and December with the creation of Christmas greeting cards for those who may be lonely during the holidays.



ville and welcomes the partnership of other churches to create this gathering place for the community. Mark your calendar for Oct. 27, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., to join forces to complete projects, including the playground build and sprucing up Sunday school rooms. MPC members Jack Klotz and Lloyd Prince will coordinate our efforts.

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mann, who chairs the co-ed reading club. "Of course, last year we really cleaned out our shelves--but being dedicated readers, we've built up our stock of pass-alongs again."

Everyone is also welcome at the group's next discussion, at 12:45 p.m. on Oct. 21 in the Session Room. Jill Klotz will lead the exploration of *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English* by Natasha Solomon, the story of a refugee's attempts to assimilate.

mission workers in your prayers as they travel and work Nov. 1 through 4 to continue rebuilding in New Orleans. If you have last-minute availability to participate, contact Roland Behm at [roland.behm@gmail.com](mailto:roland.behm@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

## Keeping Up with Keith

Keith Blount is leading MPC's team for AIDS Walk Atlanta at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 21, in Piedmont Park. For more information about this opportunity, contact Keith at [bkeithblount@gmail.com](mailto:bkeithblount@gmail.com) or visit [www.aidswalkatlanta.com](http://www.aidswalkatlanta.com) to donate to the team's efforts.

## Theology on Tap Offers Men's Fellowship and Lively Discussion

Did you know that Morningside has established an ongoing tradition of social gathering and lively conversation for men in the congregation and community? Each month, Theology on Tap attendees enjoy dinner and discussion around a contemporary issue seen from a Christian perspective.

Theology on Tap meets at a member's home, and provides an opportunity to spend time with Morningside friends to discuss topics related to living our faith in the real world. The group was started five years ago and has grown into a large gathering for learning, thoughtful debate and service opportunities. Group discussions are led by Baron Mullis. On Oct. 2, the program is "How is Presbyterianism Relevant Today?"

Peter Cobb said, "Theology on Tap is the only opportunity I have to meet with a men's group. I am grateful to talk with other men, both gay and straight, about social and ethical issues from a theological and faith-based perspective. It is good to think out loud in a context and way I don't have in any other setting with any other group. It is a distinctive and connecting experience.

"We not only have a particular identity; we virtually create a new one each time we meet around things that matter to us and to the world. I enter each meeting eager to learn, and I leave each meeting grateful to those who make the learning real, honest, and hospitable. The 'on tap' doesn't hurt either."

Upcoming topics for this fall include: "What is the Relationship of the Church and the State?" and "The Ethics of End of Life Issues – from Elder-Care to Right-to-Die."

"What I like about Theology on Tap is the chance to spend time to really get to know my fellow Morningside Presbyterian friends," said Jack Klotz. "Baron leads lively, thought-provoking dialogue. We have a diverse group and that leads to great open discussion. I look forward to attending each month."

John Watson commented, "In the church where I grew up, I was told that God was responsible for all the good things in the world. If I had asked 'is He also responsible for the bad things?' I would have been told that 'God works in mysterious ways' after being assured that I was going to hell for asking. By then I'm thinking that if God really works in mysterious ways, then maybe I wouldn't go to hell for asking. It is a wondrous and glorious thing that at Theology on Tap, not only am I not condemned to hell for asking questions or being theologically incorrect, I'm offered another beer. That, plus great fellowship and food, what more could you ask for?"

Ken Sharpe is the shepherd for Theology on Tap and works closely with Baron to select the subject for each month and coordinates host volunteers. Some previous group discussions include: "Prayer for Busy Men," "Christian Perspectives on War," "The Rise of Atheism in America," and "Faith and Politics."

"It is rewarding to be a part of a group that discusses faith in men's lives," said Richard Brownlee. "The tap-socializing and keeping up with the guys is important, but more important is the discussion topic: how to live the Christian faith when it is not 11 a.m. to noon on Sunday morning."

Theology on Tap meets the first Tuesday evening of the month, Sept. through May, from 7 to 9 p.m. On Oct. 2, the group will meet at the home of Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag, 1812 Meadowdale Ave., NE, Atlanta 30306. Contact Ken Sharpe for more information or to RSVP: [kensharpe@bellsouth.net](mailto:kensharpe@bellsouth.net).

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## Your Session at Work: September 17 Meeting

- Program Director **Melinda Sandkam** reminded everyone that the preschool has moved the date of its “Spring Fling” to Oct. 13 and renamed it “Jungle Jam.” All the fun and the benefits for MPP remain the same. Volunteers are needed. Contact Melinda at [msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org) if you can help. See below.
- Jennye Guy**, Discipleship Ministries team leader, reported that **Drew Stockstill**, Minister of Young Adults and Adult Education, is actively engaged in his new work at Morningside. See page 3 for more information.
- Mission Ministries Team Leader **Tony Fishpaw** said that shepherds for some of MPC’s missions are stepping down to take on new responsibilities at church and at

home. He said that anyone who feels called to shepherd one of MPC’s missions should contact him at [tony@firstfidelityatl.com](mailto:tony@firstfidelityatl.com).

- Mary Chapman** and **Bonnie Daneker**, Congregational Nurture Ministries team co-leaders, plan to post a large-sized sign-up sheet for fellowship hour down in Fellowship Hall. It takes four people to host fellowship hour, according to Mary. Please consider joining with three of your friends to host our time of fellowship one Sunday after worship.

Ruthlyn Newell  
Clerk of Session

### Have Your Calendar Handy

Intown Collaborative Ministries has set a new date for its fundraiser, Arts & Eats. Instead of Oct. 14, the event to benefit homeless and hungry families and children is set for Sunday, May 5, 2013. The evening, which will include a silent auction, live auction, wall of wine, door prizes and live music, will still take place at the Miller-Ward Alumni House at Emory University. Go to [www.intowncm.org](http://www.intowncm.org) for more information.

### LGBT & Friends

All are invited to join LGBT & Friends on Tuesday, Oct. 16 as Rob Payne facilitates this month’s discussion: “The Complexities of Voting Gay and Christian in the 2012 Election.” LGBT & Friends welcomes all who wish to grow and be energized through Christian fellowship and service. The meeting, including dinner, will be from 7 to 9 p.m. at the home of Rob Payne, 1095 Balmoral Rd., Atlanta 30319. RSVP to Michael Siedschlag ([michaelspnyc@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelspnyc@yahoo.com) or 404.254.0706.)



### It’s Time for Tacos – to Help Preschool

Morningsiders, preschool families and friends are invited to El Taco for dinner on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The Fifth Group Restaurants will donate 10 percent of the night’s proceeds to Morningside Preschool.

“Bring your family for some simple, fresh Mexican food, or get a babysitter and enjoy an adult evening out,” said Preschool Director Sarah Tomaka. Dinner is served from 5 to 10 p.m. El Taco is at 1186 N. Highland Ave. If you’re putting together a group of seven or more, call ahead at 404.873.4656. Be sure to tell the hostess you’re there to support Morningside Preschool.

### Come Jam in the Jungle Oct. 13 for our Preschool

Morningside Presbyterian Preschool is moving its family fun fundraiser to the fall. Although you might have attended MPP’s Jungle Jam last spring, the decision to move it to fall gives you two opportunities to participate this year. You can support the preschool by volunteering and/or bringing the children in your life to Jam in the Jungle, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 13. There will be a petting zoo, obstacle course, bouncy castle, ride-on train, great food and much, much more.



## MPC Youth Growing in More Ways Than One

Morningside Youth are off and running for the 2012-2013 school year. The number of MPC youth has doubled – almost tripled – over last year.

This year our youth have set a new devotional direction that is guided by their 2012-2013 covenant. “It is important for our youth to consider how they interact with others and how their faith might guide those interactions,” said Chris Peters, youth director. “For youth group, we (youth and adults) will aim to interact by the guidelines in our covenant, our set of promises to each other.” These guidelines were created by our youth themselves and will be re-visited throughout the year, Chris noted.



On Sunday, Sept. 9, this year’s youth program kicked off. Our youth, their parents, and our youth advisors enjoyed a fun evening of games (for youth) and a 2012-2013 pre-

view meeting (for parents). Upcoming events include helping out at the Jungle Jam Oct. 13 and a youth lock-in on Oct. 19.

Part of the youth culture at MPC is to enjoy dinner together Sunday evenings most weeks. If you are interested in providing a meal, please contact our meal coordinator, Tish Woolley at [woolleyt@gmail.com](mailto:woolleyt@gmail.com).

If you have a youth in 6<sup>th</sup> grade or up and would like to learn more about MPC Youth or join our email list, contact Chris at [chrispeters@morningsidepc.org](mailto:chrispeters@morningsidepc.org).