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February 2014 Worship at Morningside

February 2, 2014

Drew Stockstill preaching
"God Chooses What Is Foolish"
Text: Matthew 5:1-12; I Corinthians 1:18-31
The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.

February 9, 2014

Baron Mullis preaching
"Getting the Right pH Balance"
Text: I Corinthians 2:1-16; Matthew 5:13-20
*Cherub Choir will be singing.
A congregational meeting will follow worship.*

February 16, 2014

Baron Mullis preaching
"That's Going To Be a Challenge"
Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Matthew 5:21-37

February 23, 2014

Baron Mullis preaching
"God's Temple"
Text: I Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23; Psalm 119:33-40



Dear friends,

I learned to ski as an adult. I eventually became a decent skier, but I'm still slow and cautious – and more so as I age. But I remember the first time I managed to progress from the bunny slopes to something just a bit more challenging. I had finally navigated the blue square trail down to the bottom – I was in sight of the flat space at the end of the run – I hadn't fallen once, and I was elated, so I decided to risk going a little faster. And then, East Coast skiing being what it is, I caught the edge of one of my skis on an icy patch and the wipeout was spectacular. My skis popped off and went one direction, my poles flew overhead and as I landed my toboggan came off and I was cheek to snow. And in exactly that moment of humility, a lovely little three-year-old girl skied over, with perfect form, handed me my poles and sweetly asked, "Are you okay, mister?"

Of course I wasn't okay, my ego was bruised six ways from Sunday. And I relearned a lesson that I'd known for years: it is so much easier to learn things when you are a child.

This message really is for the parents in our congregation. The things you learn in childhood are the things that stick with you. That was why when I asked Melinda to dream big and come up with something to highlight mission this winter, I specifically asked that there be a family event included within it. And so there is. Our Season of Service kicks off on Super Bowl Sunday with the Souper Bowl of Caring collection, and the family event is the very next Saturday. We'll begin with a devotion, rotate through four different projects, enjoy lunch and conclude with an outing to the Intown Collaborative Ministries' Food Pantry. I hope you'll be here.

When I was writing my dissertation years ago, I learned that there are very few corollaries that can be gleaned about giving. But the one that stood out was this: those who learned to give as children – whether their parents gave them something to put in the plate on Sunday, or expected them to offer their talents on the piano bench in Sunday School – whatever the expected giving was – they were the most likely to associate spiritual meaning with their acts of faith as adults.

I feel almost guilty when I push parents to make sure their children are at youth group or children's choir, or in this

case, Season of Service, because even though I don't have children myself, I talk to my sister a couple of times a week and generally speaking, some catastrophe occurs that concludes the conversation, "I've got to go, _____ just happened," or, "Hang on, _____ just climbed on top of the cabinet and I think he's going to jump." Trust me, I get it, parenting is so challenging and I know it never ends. So, please don't take this as harping. I just want you to know that your church family is here for you. We want to help you raise your children in the faith and give you the tools to help them learn to give. I hope to see you there.

Thanks for reading,

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: friends and family of Grier Christenbury, Jean Clark, Jackie Cleveland, Karen Cox, Drake family, Tarrance Eastman, Ann Herndon, Finley Holaway, Kaitlin Andry, Ron and Ann Reggio, Peggy Johnson Smith, Warren Johnson, Sr., and Sharon Foote, Gayle Jones, Holly Klotz, Philip Marshall, Jan McMahan, friends and family of Dr. Michael Owren, Anne and Nate Reid, the family of Emil Sanders, John Vytal, and Katrina Weis.

Elder on Call

February 2-8	Jennye Guy
February 9-15	Rob Payne
February 16-22	Caroline Tanner
February 23-March 1	Eleanor Attwood

Deacon on Call

February 2-8	Ken Sharpe
February 9-15	Robin Hackney
February 16-22	Anthony Owens
February 23-March 1	Peter Tuuk

Season of Service Impacts (Almost!) All Aspects of Life at MPC

Here's a round-up of "Not Season of Service" activities this month and early in March:

Open enrollment for Morningside Presbyterian Preschool begins Monday, Feb. 3. Currently enrolled families and church members have had two weeks to pre-enroll. If you've been meaning to sign up your child for our wide-ranging fun and educational program, go to our website and download the application forms right now and get them to Preschool Director Sarah Tomaka. MPP's Summer Camp registration forms will be available online by the end of the month.

Other opportunities to watch for include Vacation Bible School and Mission Camp registrations, available Feb. 1 at www.morningsidepc.org. The due date is May 25. Children must be four years old by Sept. 1 to attend *All Aboard the Ark* VBS, 8:45 a.m.-noon, June 16-20. VBS costs \$25. Our sixth year of *It's Not All About Me* Mission Camp is open to rising third through fifth graders. Please note that ALL forms for each participant in Mission Camp must be completed before turning them in. Our Youth have three exciting opportunities this summer. If you missed the recent deadlines for the trip to Montreat (rising ninth and older), Government Street Mission Trip to Mobile, AL (rising eighth and older) or Youth Track Mission Camp (rising sixth graders and older), contact Chris Peters immediately to see if you can still add on.

An important piece of church business happens right after worship Sunday, Feb. 9. Please stay in the pews for our

annual Congregational Meeting. It promises to be short and informative and will include at least one vote that affects our 2014 budget. Our 2013 Annual Report detailing the work of all our ministries will be available for your perusal as well. Child care continues.

Our RHO Readers will meet Feb. 16 in the Session Room to discuss James McBride's prize-winning novel, *The Good Lord Bird*. The group welcomes newcomers! Jill Klotz will lead the conversation beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The LGBT & Friends meeting canceled due to the January ice storm will be held in Fellowship Hall Tuesday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. After dinner, Baron will lead the discussion on "Marriage Equality in the Church." All are welcome--just RSVP to lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org.

Youth Sunday! Morningside Youth will lead worship for the first time in a decade on Mar. 2. Youth will lead worship, including the sermon, using the lectionary. Join us to hear about how our youth are experiencing God in our midst.

Mark your calendars for our annual Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, Mar. 4, 5:30-6:45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to enjoy a delicious breakfast meal while the kids have fun in their pajamas. They are also invited to bring a donation of new pajamas, socks and underwear for the children supported by the Threads outreach. Watch for RSVP details and opportunities to volunteer to help.

Morningside Milestones

- We celebrate with their families as we welcomed Benjamin Riggins Bradway, Elizabeth Belle O'Brien and Lawton Davis Williams to our church family through baptism Jan. 26.
- There's happiness in the McMahan family as Jan and Ted McMahan announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Eryn McMahan to James Bradley. The wedding will be this November. Eryn received infant baptism here. Ted and Jan celebrated 46 years of marriage Dec. 2, 2013.
- We extend our sympathies to Bob and Rosemary Wells on the death of Bob's mother and church member Ruth Wells, on Jan. 17 at the age of 102.
- The Presbyterian Campus Ministry is looking for volunteers to provide meals for their Wednesday night meetings this semester. Let Drew Stockstill know if you can help.



MPC Introduces Season of Service, Honors Our Commitment to Others

Do you know all we do in service and outreach at Morningside? Soon, you can have an MPC t-shirt—and the back displays a wealth of our involvements. But here are some more Good Things to Know:

The portion of our church budget that supports outreach programs is a vital first step in helping these partner programs exist. Non-profits need money as well as volunteers. Some positions require paid staff, supplies must be purchased and in some cases, buildings must be maintained. Our church supports each of our outreaches with annual gifts ranging from \$500 to \$7000. Take the cost of building a Habitat for Humanity home, for example. Up to 40 volunteers are needed each of seven Saturdays to build it, but money to buy the property, pay trained supervisors, hire specialists such as plumbers and electricians and all the supplies from cement for the foundation to shingles for the roof adds up to \$55,000. If you've ever built or renovated a house, you know that this is very inexpensive for a whole home for a family in need—plus with Habitat, this family will work sweat-equity hours and actually buy the house over time. Our financial support also enables workshops for new owners ranging from financial management to basic household repair skills. Another important factor in budgeting regards programs we offer for children to serve. Have you ever watched even five children assemble lunches or health and hygiene kits? Something that has taken \$250 worth of supplies? Done in 15 minutes! We need to provide opportunities for children to learn about giving of their time and talent, but finding age-appropriate activities requires money.

MPC members also support four annual special offerings to widen our efforts. The Souper Bowl Offering collected by our youth is a grass-roots program to fight hunger nationwide. Our back-to-school collection for Thornwell Home for Children supports this regional Presbyterian organization that provides short and long-term residence for children ranging from infant to high school age. At Easter, we receive the One Great Hour of Sharing which is a PC (USA) offering which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance both here at home and throughout the world. And, in October, we support a second PC (USA) offering, the Peacemaking Offering, which supports self-development programs internationally, nationally and locally to encourage healing and reconciliation. For example, last year we gave our local portion to Georgia Justice Pro-

ject which provides legal services and family support to indigent criminally accused clients, helping them move back into productive lives once they leave the judicial system.

We also serve throughout the year through collections. For many, this is an easy way to give while going about daily tasks such as grocery shopping. It's also a great way to teach children to use their own money to buy items and/or include them in the process of choosing the items. Our community outreach committee works hard to design collections for each of our outreaches. We collect everything from pajamas for kids to cleaning supplies, non-perishable food to umbrellas and rain ponchos.

Some of our support doesn't fit into neat categories. We attend fundraisers and serve on boards. We fill tables at the Interfaith Children's Movement breakfast, New Church Development Commission dinner and Clifton Sanctuary Ministries graduation celebration. Many individuals buy tickets to the annual Our House Event (see Page 7) and the Intown Collaborative Ministries Arts & Eats Gala in May. When we attend these events, we bid on and buy items. Many of our members serve on event planning committees and volunteer at them. But, there are also members of MPC that serve year round on boards of the outreach organizations, including Amy Jarratt and Tara Parrish for Our House, Ellen Brown Landers for Georgia Justice Project and Hands On Atlanta, David Johnston for Clifton Sanctuary Ministries, Baron Mullis, Heather Regnault and Shelley Senterfitt for Intown Collaborative Ministries, Holly Campbell and Sarah Chatel for Six Star Refugee Partnership, Betsy Holland for Fugees Family Board, Lloyd Prince for DOOR.

You may have thought of service as just the familiar hands-on activities: all the cooking, car washing, building, serving food, supporting children in mission, tutoring, painting, delivering and so much more. Pick up and keep your bulletin insert on Feb. 2, pick the flier up later, or find it on our website. It shares personal stories from each of our shepherds about what serving with that specific outreach means to them. There is also contact information for each shepherd. What's a shepherd? Read the BackWords page to learn more.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship/ Communion/Souper Bowl Offering 12 noon Congregational Lunch and Season of Service Kickoff 5 p.m. Youth Group (Attwood's home) 7:30 p.m. Meditation Group Registration deadline for Youth Track Mission Camp	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Theology on Tap 7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning; Troop 455	9 a.m. MPP 9 a.m.-12 noon Tour of Outreaches 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Shearith Israel Shelter volunteers serve dinner to women	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir; MLPA Public Safety Shearith Israel Shelter volunteers serve dinner to women	9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 1 p.m. KidzTennis Shearith Israel Shelter volunteers serve dinner to women	9 a.m. AA Meeting 10 a.m.-2 p.m. MPC Family Service Event Shearith Israel Shelter volunteers serve dinner to women
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No One Is Too Young, Too Small to Give or Need Our Care

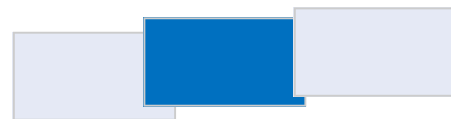
Our Season of Service offers opportunities not only to provide help to children and families, but also for children, youth and families to serve others. We always seek ways for children and teens to do service with their families and on their own. It can be a challenge to find hands-on activities at certain ages. For example, you must be at least eight years old to volunteer at Atlanta Community Food Bank, 12 to volunteer with Decatur MLK Senior Workday, 16 to be on a Habitat for Humanity site. Throughout the year, we offer service projects during the 9:45 hour Sunday mornings and our Mission Camp in July is aimed at rising third graders and older. The preschool also has its own Outreach Committee, organizing collections throughout the year and also having each child bring an item to give at chapel each month.

Kids Serving: We offer four opportunities for children to get involved in outreach. Every Sunday in February, while adults enjoy a special class on how we are called to serve others (Page 8), there will be an outreach focus for children in Room 001. Details on all four projects will be on our website. On Feb. 2, they'll assemble health and hygiene kits for Journey, make Valentine's Day cards for women at Shearith Israel Shelter and create toys for animals at the Atlanta Humane Society. Feb. 9, the children will cook a dish for the men at Journey. The following Sunday, the project will be assembling non-perishable lunches to support the Bread for Journey outreach. Finally, on Feb. 23, our kids will decorate lunch bags with cheerful messages and fill them with snacks for the Brown Bag program of Cure Childhood Cancer.

Families Serving Together: Saturday, Feb. 8, elementary-age families are invited to join a very hands-on day from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., ending at Intown Collaborative Ministries Food Pantry. We will also encourage children to bring gently used clothing to donate to Threads, gently used toys and books for Our House, newspapers for Atlanta Humane Society and plastic bags for ICM. We hope that this will help to further the process of how and when children can give (No purchases required. We chose items that anyone may already have in their homes). And, on Monday, Feb. 17, we will have an outing to Calvin Court Senior community (11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.) to sing songs and to lead bingo for the residents. We will start at Morningside, then drive to Calvin Court where pick-up will take place. Chaperone/drivers will be needed, but as long as we have enough, your child can come along also. (Preschoolers accompanied by their parents are welcome and youth are welcome, too).

Youth Serving: Morningside Youth programs have always involved service throughout the school year and also with summer mission trips. Be sure to attend adult Sunday school on Feb. 23 to hear them share about those experiences. Our Season of Service kicks off with our youth greeting us with empty soup pots at the end of worship as we leave the Sanctuary Sunday, Feb. 2. They invite us to give \$2 each towards the Souper Bowl of Caring. This nationwide effort encourages us to join forces to fight hunger on the big game day by donating to a local organization which works to end food insecurity. Our donations will go to the Atlanta Community Food Bank. Then head downstairs to Fellowship Hall for our congregational lunch with hearty soups and sandwiches (to go with our "Souper" Bowl theme) and choose a table to learn more about our outreach partners. And, be sure to pick up a brand new MPC outreach t-shirt – adult, youth and children sizes, regular, ladies fit and long-sleeve to choose from.

Melinda welcomes youth volunteers to help with the Feb. 8 family event as well.





Adults Work Service Themes Into Social Activities, Group Programs

Though the Season of Service is indeed a month of focusing on outreach at Morningside, giving of ourselves to those in need can never be limited to only one month. We had great participation in our *pre*-Season of Service events and we hope that an introduction to or renewed interest in a MPC outreach partner will inspire you to continue to serve throughout 2014. Watch for "marshmallows" to pile up in the "outreach mugs" around the church. As members participate with each partner, its "mug" will pile high with names. We hope that you will join in the effort—whether this month or by serving in the near future.

In light of the Season of Service, Theology on Tap is going to talk mission at their meeting, Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. Following dinner at the home of David Wingert (1366 Harvard Rd., 30306), the discussion will ask about outreach: What is it? Why do we do it? What's the history? What ought we to be doing? RSVP to the church office.

Young Adults plan to participate in a service project each month in 2014, so they've chosen to prepare and serve the meal at Journey on Sunday, Feb. 9. Contact coordinators Sterling Ivey and Katie Watts at MPCserviceextravaganza@gmail.com for information or to be added to communications.

Time to work off that Valentine's candy....right in the middle of our Season of Service is an opportunity to help elderly folks stay in their homes by doing minor repairs and yard work. On Saturday, Feb. 15 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m., we'll work with the HOMES organization and we need your help. Sign up on the Mission board at church or contact Lloyd Prince or Jack Klotz. Experience is not necessary—your tasks will be assigned according to your skill level and tools will be provided. Just bring work gloves and a water bottle.

Through Feb. 12, you can help fill the wish list for Gigi's Playhouse, a place in Amsterdam Walk dedicated to nurturing and helping children with Down Syndrome. MPP kids are bringing donations to their weekly chapel service. We've agreed to help by contributing cleaning supplies (hand soap, baby wipes, hand sanitizer, tissues, dish soap, tall kitchen garbage bags). There's a collection basket in the Welcome Center.

On Sunday, Feb. 16, we begin collecting new pajamas,

socks and underwear for children from infants up through fifth grade—sizes for older children are needed! These go to Threads, a ministry of All Saints Episcopal Church. Every child that comes to "shop" at this "store" for gently used clothes also gets a bag with new pajamas, and a week's worth of new socks and underwear. This collection ends at our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (Mar. 4) when kids are invited to wear their own pajamas for the evening's festivities. Place donations in the basket in our Welcome Center Feb. 16-Mar. 4.

On Feb. 22, MPC begins our fifteenth Habitat for Humanity house. We'll working with a team of in-town churches to make affordable homeownership a reality for a hardworking Atlanta family. This year's build is for the Phillips family. The home site is in SW Atlanta (1253 Eastridge Rd., 30311). Building continues Saturdays through Apr. 5 or sign up to help provide lunch on Saturday, Mar. 29. This is a perfect Lenten service project and we welcome all volunteers—no experience necessary. Really! Contact Lynsley Tyler (Lynsley@bellsouth.net) for more information.

Also on Saturday, Feb. 22, you can have fun while participating in outreach. The 2014 Our House Fundraiser at Piedmont Estate and Gardens, 6:30 p.m., includes dinner, drinks, and entertainment along with a silent and live auction and wine and whisky tasting. Our House is a preschool in Decatur serving children facing homelessness. Go to www.ourhousega.org to purchase tickets. MPC Young Adults are invited to volunteer at event as a service activity. Contact Katie Watts (katyemae@gmail.com).

Our Women's Roundtable welcomes members and friends for dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, and to hear Anne Sayre, president of CEDEPCA (Evangelical Center for Pastoral Studies of Central America) USA speak on international mission. She works with Guatemala in the areas of Women's Ministry, Intercultural Encounters, Biblical and Theological Interpretation and Disaster Ministry. We'll meet at Lynn Young's (277 The Prado, 30309). Reserve through Sarah Brownlee (rsbrownlee1046@att.net).



Adult Sunday Classes Will Meet Together for Focus on Service

Our two adult Sunday school classes will join together this month in Room 201. Meanwhile, downstairs in Room 001, elementary age children will be doing hands-on service (See details on Page 6).



Feb. 2

Dr. John Azumah

Engaging the Global Church in God's Mission

Dr. Azumah, an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, is the Associate Professor of World Christianity and Islam at Co-

lumbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Azumah has specialized in Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations and is interested in Islamics, Christian Theology of Religions, Missions and Missiology. He will lead the class in exploring important questions for the Western Church seeking to engage the Global Church in mission. What does "mission" mean in the 21st Century? Can mission be more than service? What might God be trying to show us through mutual partnerships with people of faith around the world?

Feb. 9

John Blevins

Faith & Public Health in East Africa

John Blevins is the Associate Research Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University. A member of Morningside and our choir, John's current research and practice examines the intersections between religion and public health and development in domestic and international contexts, particularly in Kenya. John leads groups of Emory students to Kenya every year. John will share about his work and experiences, as well as give us new ways to think about God's mission in the world through faith and public health.



Feb. 16

Drew Stockstill

MPC and the Mission of God in the World

Drew Stockstill serves as Minister for Young Adults and Adult Education at Morningside and Presbyterian Campus Minister at Emory and Agnes Scott. Before coming to Morningside, Drew served in Kenya with the Outreach Foundation and the Presbyterian Church of East Africa. Drew's own call to ministry was nurtured and sharpened by his engagement with the church in East Africa and its pastors, elders, evangelists and leaders. Drew will lead the class in synthesizing what we have learned so far and asking questions that will help us discern how the Holy Spirit is already at work at Morningside, calling us to engage the global church in God's mission in the world. We will examine new models for global missions and see if we might reclaim the word "Missions" for what God is doing in and through us today.

Feb. 23

Morningside Presbyterian Church Youth Group

"Why do we send our youth away for mission?"

Morningside Youth and Chris Peters will help lead our class by discussing their experience in Mission Immersion last summer in Asheville. Chris will preview the 2014 mission trip to work with Government Street Presbyterian in Mobile, AL, and talk about why sending youth (and adults) "out" in mission really matters!

Another Safari to RHINO Starts Mar. 12

Our continued relationship with RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans), a strong outreach founded after Hurricane Katrina by St. Charles Avenue Presbyterian, reflects MPC's desire to support recovery work that takes years. The cost is \$225 for lodging at the Brent House Hotel, most lunches and some dinners. Make checks payable to MPC and give them directly to trip leader Roland Behm by Feb. 2 in order to join us Mar. 12-16. Contact Roland with questions.



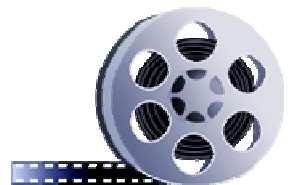
Your Session at Work: January 21 Meeting

- After the opening prayers and devotional, Session welcomed a special guest, deacon **Tim Gargis**, who described the Season of Service as a way to build new energy around helping others. He shared that the deacons had already pledged 100 percent participation in this project and challenged the elders to do the same.
- Facilities team leader **Duncan Spears** reported that water damage in the Session Room would require replacing the carpet in both that room and the children's library. This reminds us our building requires constant and sometimes un-anticipated maintenance and repair.
- Finance Co-chair **Caroline Tanner** said that despite best efforts and good response by the congregation, our final budget is about \$11,000 short of our goal and she will be meeting with team leaders to find ways to cut our budget. It is expected most of the cuts will come from Human Resources, Mission and Worship and the Arts. The Children and Youth budget has already been substantially pared. Cuts will be restored if receipts are higher than expected during the year.
- HR Chair **Rob Payne** said our search for a new organist/choirmaster is almost complete. Our two top candidates will audition during evening worship services and once the search committee makes a recommendation, HR will develop the details of a job offer. We expect to welcome the new musician this summer.
- For the Mission Committee, Outreach Chair **Jack Klotz** emphasized the success of our late January service projects and the need for each of us to invite a new or non-participating member of the congregation to join us for one of the Season of Service commitments.
- Session voted to hold traditional Easter services at 9 and 11 a.m., rather than holding a sunrise service, in order to accommodate more worshippers in our Sanctuary on this special day.

Daisy Ottmann
Clerk of Session

Celebrate Season of Service by Going Casual at the 'Movies'!

We'll wind up our participation in the Season of Service during worship Feb. 23, and then "go to the movies" to see all the ways that we served. Don't miss the popcorn – and be sure to wear your MPC outreach t-shirt that day. Yes, to worship too! We'll go casual to support our focus on serving others.



February Birthdays

2 Shanon Burgess	9 Mike Gay	22 John Adams
2 Lee Kean	9 Nancy Collins	23 Elsie Adams
2 Tom Daniel	9 Leslie Grant	23 Brady Bartis
2 Karen Churchill-Hairston	10 Andrew Brady	23 Bill Smith
3 Helen Schroder	10 Martha Krenson	24 Ellie Spears
5 Gary Hurd	11 Heather Regnault	24 Georgia Marshall
5 Alex Page	12 Gwyndolyn Brady	25 David Mogge
6 Kerri Markovic	12 Domenick Treschitta	25 Barbara Ray
6 Will Barnette	12 Jim Clegg	27 Jim Armstrong
6 Gene Turner	15 John Turner	27 Curt Barrett
7 Julie Zook	16 Kayte Pellerito	27 William Lee
7 William Kitchens	18 Todd Jones	28 Beth Baer
	20 Becky Schreiber	29 Nancy Cunningham
	22 Lib Boggs	



MPC's 'Shepherds' Show Up All Year, Not Just at Christmas

So you've looked through the whole newsletter and checked out the opportunities on our website. Now you have questions. Where do you turn? Every outreach MPC supports has a leader—we call them 'shepherds'. This person champions the needs of his or her outreach and coordinates all our work there, whether it is a workday or collection or event. To find a shepherd at the Feb. 2 kick-off lunch, check the floor plan. Each outreach is represented at a table. Look for the "Ask Me" buttons that the shepherds will be wearing. This is simply an opportunity to chat while you enjoy a delicious lunch. We DO hope that you will ASK questions that day, throughout the Season of Service and moving forward.

One-hundred percent of our leadership—elders and deacons—have signed up to participate during this specific month and already do serve throughout the year. You also can ask any of them about programs or ask to do one with them. Support the **Plus 1** Challenge! It is always easier to do an outreach for the first time with someone else: easier to find the location when riding with someone who has been before, easier to know what to expect, what to wear, what tools to bring, etc. if you go with someone else. Don't ever hesitate to ask a shepherd or staff or officer of the church for someone to be paired with—and not just this month.

We've arranged visits to some of our outreaches, too. Meet in Room 107 at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5 and/or Tuesday, Feb. 11 to hear about a few programs that we won't get to tour, then we will carpool to two locations, returning to MPC before noon. On Feb. 5, we'll visit Shearith Israel Shelter for women and Journey and on Feb. 11 Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and Threads. Directors of the programs will speak to us and show us around their facilities. RSVP to Melinda Sandkam (msandkam@morningsidepc.org) so we know how many to expect.


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