



# Senior Adults

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Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church • Houston, Texas

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Presented by  
Venturers at MDPC



**The Way Forward for MDPC**  
Speaker Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson



**Lunch...In Person!**  
Gather with Friends at MDPC Café

Join us as we meet in person for the very first time in a very long time! Our kickoff speaker is none other than Senior Pastor Alf Halvorson who will share his thoughts about how MDPC is re-opening in the new fall season as well as lessons learned during the pandemic. He also will share insights gained through his summer sabbatical studies and his vision for the way forward for MDPC. We all look forward to hearing from him! Enclosed with this newsletter are two forms: your membership form and your dinner reservation form. It is imperative that you return your dinner reservation form ASAP so that it is received at the church by September 7, the day after Labor Day! Notice that the two forms go to two different people at two different addresses.

## Monday, September 13, 2021

6p Social Hour • 7p Dinner Served  
Fratelli's Ristorante (1330 Wirt Road, 77055, at  
the southwest corner of Wirt/Westview)

Dinner reservation details on the enclosed form  
(color sheet).

After many months of meeting via Zoom, Prime Timers are resuming in person get togethers! MDPC Café is offering Taco Tuesday with a Taco plate or a Taco salad as an entrée, plus grilled options and pizza as well. We expect to have Room 101 reserved for us to sit in and visit as we eat.

We hope to begin our day trips in October, depending on the current state of affairs. Send ideas to Tammy Allyn at [uwphoto.2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uwphoto.2@sbcglobal.net) or 832.816.6254.

Please make a reservation for lunch on September 21 so Tammy will know that you plan to attend and MDPC will know how many tables and chairs to set up. Hope to see you there!

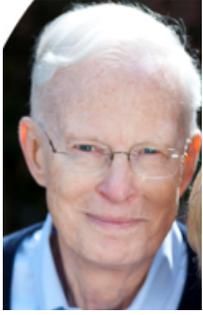
## Tuesday, September 21, 2021

11:30a • Room 101

Contact Tammy at 832.816.6254 or [uwphoto.2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:uwphoto.2@sbcglobal.net).

You can check out the MDPC Café menu in advance: [cafe.mdpc.org](http://cafe.mdpc.org)

## Venturers President's Message



Welcome back to Venturers at MDPC! It has been a long year and a half without face-to-face fellowship, and I miss you! We are moving forward for the 2021-2022 Venturers year with a new set of interesting presentations and the opportunity to fellowship together over great dinners at Fratelli's Ristorante in Spring Branch.

Join us for our kick-off on Monday evening, September 13 at 6:15 for fellowship and cocktails followed by a dinner with three entrée choices at different price points. We believe that the food at Fratelli's will be really good. The separate meeting room at Fratelli's will be just for us with an entry directly from the parking lot to the meeting room. **First-time guests get a \$10 deduction from the cost of their meal.** Just write "First-time guest" on reservation form.

Our kickoff speaker is none other than our great **Senior Pastor Alf Halvorson** who will share his thoughts about how MDPC is reopening in the new fall season as well as lessons learned during the pandemic. As a special highlight he will share with us his insights gained through his summer sabbatical studies and his vision for the way forward for MDPC. Be among the first to hear this special story!

**Please renew your membership** – It is economical and it permits us to move forward with program and fellowship excellence. Your renewal request is in this mailing. Connie Whelchel is our Membership Committee Chair, and she would love to hear from you. You can reach her at 713.785.7701 or [connie2whelchel@gmail.com](mailto:connie2whelchel@gmail.com). Please return the membership form with your annual fee as shown in the materials sent to you.

Many of us have or have had health issues ourselves and in our families this past year and isolation has been difficult for many of us.

Let us make your September a little brighter!

Your 2021-2022 President,

Bart Henson

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## Pastor's Corner: MDPC Executive Pastor Dave Steane



On April 24, 2021, Jenny and I traveled to California to participate in the memorial service for her mother, Barbara Witt. Barb died on February 1st at the age of 90 of natural causes and not Covid-related. She was an amazing woman of faith, whose compass was always pointing to Jesus. The

service was a wonderful celebration of her life and a powerful witness to our hope in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We ended up with about 50 family members at the service, some of whom hadn't seen each other for decades! Some had put on few pounds, some had lost hair, some had lots of gray hair, and most everyone needed reading glasses to follow the bulletin. But there was great joy that day and we all agreed that it was very, very good to be together again.

As more and more people have been vaccinated against Covid-19, and as more and more people are coming back to in-person worship, I've heard countless people say that it's very, very good to be together again. While we're thankful for resources and technology that have allowed us to continue MDPC's ministries, there's nothing like being together, seeing a person's smile, and enjoying strong personal and spiritual connections.

As we prepare to launch into a new program year on Kick-Off Sunday, August 22, I hope you will feel a strong pull to be together with your MDPC family!



Remember to send in your Membership Renewal and Dinner Reservation forms right away!



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