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The White Rose is in Memory of

- Jane Wren, who passed away March 29, 2016.
- Ellie Kaptain, who passed away April 7, 2016.
- Emmy Harper, who passed away April 9, 2016.

Ministry Partners 2016

This week, we ask that you please pray for these partners in ministry that MDPC assists with your support:

ESCAPE Family Resource Center works to prevent child abuse and neglect by providing intervention, education, and support programs to families in crisis. It teaches families techniques to prevent violence in the home, especially the emotional, physical, and sexual abuse of children.

learntoparent.org

Faithful Fathering encourages and equips dads to become the true heroes of the next generation by sensitizing men and their families to the impact a father has on his children. Fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, and father figures are encouraged to establish the legacy of rearing a godly generation.

faithfulfathering.org

Faith In Practice works to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short-term medical mission trips and health education. The doctors, nurses, and dentists who volunteer on these missions are called by God to demonstrate the love and compassion that is a sign of His presence among us.

faithinpractice.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Budget	\$ 11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 2,187,445
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,461,029
Current Income Surplus	\$ 273,585

Your giving supports **Faith In Practice**: Doctors, dentists, nurses, and other health care professionals volunteer their time for medical mission trips, ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of the poor in Central America. >



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Sent

By the Savior

Sunday, April 17, 2016

You Will Be My Disciples When...

1 Peter 3:13-17 | Dave Steane Preaching



The Parish

A new Sunday class dedicated to growing together in our understanding of God and His purposes for our lives. Open to all young adults. Starts next week, so everyone will be new!
 Starts next Sunday, April 24 | 11:15 AM | Room 101

Graduation Luncheon

Graduates and their families are invited to join MDPC Youth for a luncheon honoring the class of 2016. This event is open to the class of 2016 and immediate families.

Sunday, May 1 | 12:15 PM | High School Room | \$12/person; Free for graduates

Register by April 24: youth.mdpc.org

Mission: Budapest

We're seeking young adult and college-aged travelers to visit an MDPC partner in Budapest for a week of street outreach and fellowship with young Hungarians interested in hearing about Jesus. The coffeehouse worship service tops off our week in this beautiful city.

Trip Dates: July 23-30, 2016 | Sign-up deadline: Wednesday, June 15

Contact Amy Delgado: adelgado@mdpc.org or 713-490-9565

Building Confident Families

A dynamic program that equips parents to build harmonious families. Learn to encourage kids to succeed, how to deal with family stress, and more. Childcare for infants through teens.

Thursdays through May 19 | 6:00-8:00 PM | Room 213

To register or with questions, contact Nimia Tillmann (nimia.tillmann@pchas.org, 713-490-9570).

Indoor Camping Where You'd Least Expect It

Volunteers are needed this summer! Camp For All 2U hospital camps bring the camp experience indoors and in-town for campers who can't travel easily. Canoeing, archery, s'mores, zips—you name it, it's happening! Volunteers can work mornings, afternoons, or the entire day.

Camps in or near the Medical Center: July 11-15, July 25-29, August 8-12

More details and volunteer requirements are at outreach.mdpc.org.

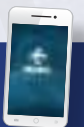
Faith In Practice Women's Luncheon: Fullness of Joy

Proceeds benefit medical mission trips serving the poor of Guatemala. Speakers share personal stories of how patients in Guatemala have changed their lives as FIP volunteers. Ladies, come early to shop the Mercado for authentic Guatemalan handicrafts, including jewelry and art.

Thursday, May 5 | Market at 10:30 AM, Luncheon 11:30 AM-1:00 PM | Hotel ZaZa

To reserve your table or tickets, visit faithinpractice.org/womensluncheon.

PLEASE silence or place your cell phone in airplane mode upon entering worship. Thank you!



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 & 9:45 AM SERVICES

WELCOME	Dave Steane (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)	
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE	Christyn Knoop (8:30), Kyle Collins (9:45)	
SONG OF RESPONSE (8:30)		
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	Christyn Knoop (8:30), Brandon Gaide (9:45)	
MESSAGE	<i>You Will Be My Disciples When...</i>	Dave Steane
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

Musicians in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar; Gracco Contreras and Meliza Gómez, worship leaders; Craig Gysler, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Choral No. 1 in E</i>	César Franck (1822-1890)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP	Dave Steane	
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Let a Joyful Song Arise!</i>	Carl Nygard (b.1947)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing</i>	#356; Vs. 1, 2, 3 NETTLETON
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE	Christyn Knoop	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace</i>	Mary McDonald
OFFERTORY	<i>Go Ye Into All The World</i>	David Stanley York (1920-2010)
MESSAGE	<i>You Will Be My Disciples When...</i>	Dave Steane
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	#385; Vs. 1, 2 OLIVET
POSTLUDE	<i>Finale from Symphonie No. 1</i>	Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, Sanctuary Choir conductor; Kathryn White, organ

11:15 AM SPANISH SERVICE

MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries worships in the Chapel. For more information on Spanish-language and bilingual community events and programs, visit fuente.mdpc.org.

5:00 PM FIFTH SERVICE

MDPC's Fifth Service is a worshipping community that encourages a more casual atmosphere and an intimate worship experience. Join them Sundays in the Chapel. Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more info.

VISITORS: If you are visiting MDPC today, we are delighted that you have come to worship with us! Allow us to welcome you personally at the Connection Center located in the Sanctuary Lobby.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? For inquiries on how to become a member of MDPC, contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.



4th & 5th Grade

This Friday, April 22
6:00-8:30 PM | The Galaxy

Food, fun, more fun, and more food...You don't wanna miss it!

Bring your friends!

THE WELL: WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

WHAT IS THE DESIRE OF YOUR HEART?

Delight yourself in the LORD, and He will give you the desires of your heart. - Psalm 37:4

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27
6:30-8:00 PM • CHAPEL



MDPC Women

Beethoven's 9th Symphony, Choral Movement and Bernstein's MASS

Charles Hausmann, Conductor



Sunday, May 1 | 6:00 PM | Sanctuary

MDPC Concert Series 2015-2016

Two of Ludwig van Beethoven's and Leonard Bernstein's greatest masterworks will be paired in a concert featuring the combined forces of the Sanctuary Choir and Soloists of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church and the Kirkald Upper School Choir, Cindy Harrison, Director, and a professional orchestra.



GLOW FOR GOD

MDPC Summer Celebration 2016

Summer Celebration 2016

MDPC's version of Vacation Bible School

July 11-15 • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Preschool children can attend if a parent volunteers.

Registration is open at sc.mdpc.org!

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REACH Summer Recreation Ministry



MDPC offers lots of great classes and activities for all ages—children, youth, and adults. Pick something and jump in!

Contact REACH at reach@mdpc.org or 713-490-9564, or visit reach.mdpc.org to see all the fun camps and classes offered this summer.

Sent

By the Savior

You Will Be My Disciples When...

1 Peter 3:13-17

Executive Pastor Dave Steane Preaching

Today we continue our sermon series, Sent by the Savior. Following the resurrection of Jesus, the Lord Jesus said to His disciples, “Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you” (John 20:21). Jesus was sent into this world to show humanity what God is really like, and to call people to repentance and faith. Likewise, we have been given that same mission; to engage the world in which we live and point people to the One who forgives, heals, and restores.

Our passage today is from 1 Peter 3:13-17. The Apostle Peter wrote to Christians who were suffering because of their faith in Christ, and because the Christian lifestyle was contrary to the culture of the day. This suffering included insults, slanderous accusations, beatings, and social ostracism. To this, Peter encouraged these suffering Christians to, “be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.”

- In verse 13, Peter asked a question: Who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? What are the things about which you are zealous? How does this zeal get translated into action? How has your zeal gotten you into trouble?
 - Peter added in verse 14: But even if you suffer for righteousness sake, you will be blessed. In what ways can people suffer for righteousness sake? How have you seen or personally experienced this? What does this suffering look like?
 - Christians are encouraged to be prepared to make a defense... for the hope that is in you. What does it mean to you for a Christians to be prepared? What about make a defense? In what ways can you be better prepared to make a defense? What is the hope that Peter mentioned in this text?
 - Peter listed three characteristics that should accompany this defense: gentleness, respect, and a good conscience. How can these come into play when a person makes a defense for something he/she believes to be true? How might the outcome be different if the defense was marked with aggression, disrespect, and a lack of integrity?
 - In verse 16 we read, “...those who revile your good behavior in Christ will be put to shame.” We often hear of Christians being mocked and ridiculed. In what ways might these mockers be put to shame by the good behavior in Christ?
 - Verse 17 seem counterintuitive: “For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than doing what is wrong.” What examples of this come to mind? In what ways have you personally experienced this?
 - Identify one principle from this passage that you intend to apply to your life. What’s the first practical step you’ll take to put it into action?
5. Jesus goes on to say in verse 35, “By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” Why does He use the word “if”? What choices do we have?
 6. Jesus also seems to suggest in verse 35 that the defining characteristic of being His disciple is love. In other words, our love for each other lets the world know that we are disciples of Jesus. What happens when Christians aren’t loving toward each other? How might our witness to Christ suffer?
 7. If people know about Jesus through you, what are they seeing or learning about Jesus from your life and relationships?
 8. As we go through Denominational Discernment, I am not suggesting that people not have strongly held positions. But, according to Jesus, our posture of love might be just as, or even more, important than our positions. Do you agree or disagree? Over the door at the YMCA in Jerusalem is the statement: “In the essential, unity; in the non-essentials, liberty; and in all things, charity [love].” Can you/we commit to that during our time of Discernment?