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Ministry Partners 2016

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

The Forge for Families is a Christ-centered ministry that works to rebuild and strengthen distressed families in Houston's Third Ward. Its programs include Bible study, discipleship, mentoring, and tutoring.
forgeforfamilies.org

Freedom Place is a safe house for girls age 10 to 18 who are rescued from the sex trafficking trade. These young victims enter treatment that addresses their educational, developmental, psychological, and spiritual needs. When they are ready to move out of the treatment program to independent living, onsite housing is provided.
freedomplaceus.org

Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) communicates the Good News among the nations through various media methods to inspire people to follow Jesus Christ. It broadcasts in more than 160 languages in 46 countries. FEBC focuses on meeting the spiritual needs of its listeners and seeks to reach the least reached people of the world for the Kingdom.
feb.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Budget	\$ 11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 2,490,212
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,873,734
Current Income Surplus	\$ 383,522

In the tightly-knit communities of Indonesia, listening to the radio is a communal act. You gather together as a village and listen. There are no pastors, no churches, and very few, if any, local believers to teach you about Jesus. The one tool you have is this radio. It's why Far East Broadcasting Company hears story after story of entire villages being saved by the Gospel because of one radio, and why many villagers in remote areas treasure their radios, wrapping them in cloth and storing them in a safe place until they need to tune in again. Your giving helps our ministry partner FEBC distribute those radios. >



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Youth Sunday, May 1, 2016



Youth Sunday 2016
 A Celebration & Commissioning



Happening at MDPC

Concert Tonight: Bernstein & Beethoven

Special guests the Kinkaid Upper School Choir and director Cindy Harrison join the MDPC Sanctuary Choir, organist Kathryn White, conductor Charles Hausmann, and a professional orchestra in a spring concert of Leonard Bernstein's MASS and Ludwig van Beethoven's Symphony 9, "Choral" Movement 4. Join us for an evening of joyous, familiar music!

Tonight at 6:00 PM | Sanctuary | Free admission

concerts.mdpc.org

HS Lean In and MS Tuesday Night Fellowship

I'll go out on a limb and say this summer will be hot. Students, y'all will dig the A/C, Bible study, and fellowship here at MDPC on Tuesday nights.

Tuesdays this Summer, HS starts June 7, MS starts June 14 | The Youth Loft

Contact Mandi Barrett: mbarrett@mdpc.org

MS Bible Brunch and Free Time

The middle school population should join us this summer for good food served up with some Scripture. Boys and girls meet separately.

Thursdays this Summer, 10:00-11:30 AM | The Youth Loft | \$5 for food
 Stay after Bible Brunch to hang out with your friends, Youth staff, and interns.

Thursdays | Pick-up at 2:00 PM

Contact Dan Aikins: daikins@mdpc.org, 713-490-9292

HS Serve Thursdays

They are what they say they are: Serve on Thursdays. For high schoolers this summer.

Thursdays at Galveston Urban Ministries

Contact Kyle Collins: kcollins@mdpc.org, 713-490

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

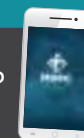
Contact Amy Delgado: adelgado@mdpc.org or 713-490-9565

May is MAM Month

Memorial Assistance Ministries provides Home Care Packs to ease the burden for struggling families. Pick up a flyer at the Connection Center for a list of requested donations.

Drop donations in the shopping carts you'll see around campus this month!

PLEASE place your cell phone in airplane mode upon entering worship so that the sound system will not experience interference. Thank you!



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome to Youth Sunday

Thank you for joining us for our annual celebration of what God is doing in our youth. This year, for Youth Sunday, God laid the theme, “Full Circle,” on the heart of the Youth staff. We wanted today to be more than a celebration of what is happening in our adolescents; we wanted it to be a celebration of the role that the whole church has played in shaping the lives of these students.

At Baptism and Confirmation, you as the congregation made commitments to our beloved students. You committed to shepherd them, walk with them in the faith, and show them Jesus Christ. Many of you have done so in a direct manner and many of you have faithfully loved our students behind the scenes through various avenues. We hope that today you will celebrate those commitments coming “Full Circle” as our seniors are ready to go out into the world, sharing the love of Jesus Christ to those around them.

Thank you for playing a part in their lives, for your prayers, and for your continued love toward the next generation!

Laura Miller, Youth Ministries Director

8:30, 9:45, & 11:15 AM SERVICES

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Set a Fire/Open Up the Heavens</i>	arr. Gómez
CALL TO WORSHIP		Rebecca Fleener, Lauren Chaffin (8:30) Elizabeth Bounds, Sonnie Kimani (9:45) Drew Arend (11:15)
PRAISE SONG	<i>Cannons</i>	arr. Wickham
PRAYER OF CONFESSION (composed by Katie Curtis)		Pedro Escobedo (8:30) Rebecca Biestek (9:45) Paul Glenn (11:15)
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	<i>10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)</i>	arr. Myrin/Redman
SENIOR SERMONS		Laura Miller Jacob Seiler, Mary Dawson Johns (8:30) Melissa Brill, Carter Lehman, Samuel Kuhn (9:45) Isaac Asch, MaKenzie Kookan, Clay Collins (11:15)
MESSAGE	<i>To Corinth</i>	Alf Halvorson
CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER		
FIRST COMMUNION (9:45)		Rachel Poysky
Caitlyn Barcenas	Ryan Khatiblou	Holley Russell
John Garliss	James Masucci	Ashley Varady
Layla Khatiblou	Anna Masucci	Gavin Bender (11:15)
COMMUNION MEDITATION	<i>O Come to the Altar</i>	arr. Elevation Worship
PRAYER FOR SENIORS		Dave Steane
*Please stand if able.		CCLI # 182374

The Youth Band

Vocals: Allison Delgado, Lauren Dodds,
Stephanie Muschalik
Keys: Hannah Pruitt
Acoustic Guitar: Kyle Goodson
Electric Guitar: Luke Fleener

Trumpet: John Eyre
Worship Leaders: Meliza Gómez and
Michael Middleton
Bass Guitar: Uvaldo Callejas
Drums: Asher Pudlo

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Communion at MDPC is shared by intinction. All who confess their faith in Christ are welcome to the table. As directed by the ushers, come forward to the communion stations at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat.

Every child is an important part of our community of faith. We believe that each family decides when its child is ready to participate in communion. Children not taking communion are invited to come forward during the Lord’s Supper to receive a blessing from the pastors and elders who are serving.

CELEBRATE



All-Church Lunch Today! Fellowship Hall | 11:00 AM-1:15 PM

Entrée (\$10):
Beef or Chicken Fajitas served with Refried Beans,
Mexican Rice, Flour Tortillas, Chips & Salsa

Entrée Salad (\$8.50):
Grilled Shrimp Caesar

Children’s Menu (\$4): Hamburgers
Everyone is welcome!



HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NIGHT

SUNDAY NIGHTS THIS SUMMER
KICKS OFF JUNE 5 • 6-8 PM • BALL FIELD



TUBESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:00 AM-8:00 PM
Road trippin’ to New Braunfels
youth.mdpc.org

ALL-YOUTH TUBING TRIP



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.

We need teen volunteers!

sc.mdpc.org

Donate
Blood



Save
Lives



Blood Drive Next Sunday!

May 8 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall

Pre-register today in the Sanctuary Lobby
or at **giveblood.org**. This helps the Blood
Center schedule enough technicians—but
walk-ins on the day of the drive (May 8)
are welcome!



VOLUNTEER WITH MDPC YOUTH!

We are always looking for more people to shape the souls of the next generation. We hope you will join us! If you are interested in joining our team, please fill out your contact information and place in the offering plate.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

If you have questions, please contact
Laura Miller at lmiller@mdpc.org.



The MDPC Discernment Process

The Event Calendar

This Discernment Team has developed a schedule of events designed to inform the congregation regarding key issues, give members and various groups the opportunity to share information from differing viewpoints, and deliver feedback to the MDPC Session.

Prayer Sessions

- Open to All
- No Registration Needed
- Childcare Provided
- Attend as Many as Possible

» **Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18, & 25** | 6:45-7:30 PM | Chapel
Prayer Sessions are times to seek God's voice and will, using selected Scripture and guided personal prayer.

Round Table Talks - Register Today!

- Members Only
- Registration Required
- Childcare Provided by Res.
- Choose **ONE** of the Two

» **Tuesday, May 3** | 7:00-9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
» **Saturday, May 7** | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

This Week

This next set of Round Table Talks will be more dialogical in nature than the first two Talks. Members should register for the event and childcare at roundtables.mdpc.org. Please note:

- Event registration closes 24 hours prior to each Talk;
- Childcare registration closes 48 hours prior; and
- Check-in will open 30 minutes before the event

Informational Meetings

- Open to All
- No Registration Needed
- Childcare Provided

On Tuesday, May 26, and Saturday, April 30, speakers from both the PC(USA) and ECO perspectives addressed questions provided to them in advance by the Discernment Team.

The May informational meeting will create a forum for dialogue, and an opportunity for MDPC's leadership, lay and pastoral, to offer comments relative to our options. There will be time for Q&A.

» **Monday, May 9** | 7:00-9:00 PM | Sanctuary

Disaster Relief

How You Can Help

flood.mdpc.org

*Please **pray** for all the individuals and families affected by the recent floods.*

Help Flooded-Out Homeowners

Adult volunteers, 18 years and older, are needed to cut sheetrock, pull out wet insulation and carpet, and help homeowners clean out their flooded homes. Volunteers must complete Safe Sanctuary training (for a link to the training and other requirements, visit **flood.mdpc.org**). Contact Kim Kennedy at Memorial Drive United Methodist at **kimkennedy@mdumc.org**, or 713-206-2370.

Volunteer at the Houston Food Bank (HFB)

Help Houstonians get back on their feet by joining an MDPC group going to volunteer at HFB's Portwall location. You'll work on a variety of indoor tasks like sorting donated food items, packing disaster relief food boxes, and more. Must be age six or older. Space is limited, so sign up today! Contact Jan Roe at **jroe@mdpc.org**.

Friday, May 6 | 8:30 AM–12:00 Noon

Make Home-Care Kits for MAM

Purchase the following specific items, place in a paper grocery bag, and bring to the church office anytime during the month of May.

Laundry Detergent
Dish Detergent
Household Cleaner
Bar of Soap

Roll of Paper Towels
4-pack of Toilet Paper
Tissues
Garbage Bags

Give Online to MAM's Special Fund for Flood Victims

All donations will go directly to families affected by recent floods. Visit **flood.mdpc.org** for a direct link to donate, or call 713-574-7535. To mail a check: Memorial Assistance Ministries, Office of Resource Development, 1625 Blalock Road, Houston, Texas 77080.

For more information or additional ways to help, contact Jan Roe in Outreach Ministries at **jroe@mpdc.org** or 713-490-9552.



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Sent

By the Savior

Sent: To Corinth

1 Corinthians 12:12-22, 26

Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the fifth in a series of messages called “Sent by the Savior.” Paul founded a church in Corinth. In some respects, it makes perfect sense. Corinth was the commercial center of Greece. It was located at the critical north/south juncture between the mainland of Greece to the north and the Peloponnese to the south. It also was strategic east/west because ships portaged near Corinth, and then were moved by slaves from the Ionic and the Sardonian Seas, thus avoiding the more dangerous southern edge of Greece where there were many shipwrecks by the Mediterranean Sea. So, this was a vibrant city of trade and commerce, a place that business men and women passed through as well as sailors and soldiers.

But Corinth also had a reputation as a corrupt place, a place of excess. The philosopher Diogenes moved to Corinth because he said, “You have to go where the fools are thickest, and that’s Corinth.” There was a Temple to Aphrodite (the goddess of love) that towered over the city and as many as 1,000 temple prostitutes would come down into the city to ply their trade. There also were “over the top” festivals: Aristophanes coined the Greek word *Corintheanize*, meaning to drink too much and do bizarre and inappropriate things. Strabo the historian wrote, “Not for every man is a voyage to Corinth.” You might get caught there in its web and never get back out.

1. In the sermon, I briefly talked about the other main temple in Corinth, the Temple to Asclepius, the god of healing. This site was the MD Anderson, Memorial Hermann, or Methodist Hospital of its day. Imagine being a person with his or her family going to Corinth to be treated. What might it have been like?
2. I shared that, if a person was healed, the family often would offer a “Thank Offering” to Asclepius in the shape of the anatomical part that had been cured. Ears, feet, hands, eyeballs, male and female private body parts, etc. were displayed on shelf after shelf. These offerings were made of ceramic or metal, and sometimes, if the people were wealthy, silver and gold. In the Museum of Corinth, it is amazing and troubling to see all these disconnected parts on display. Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-22, 26. How did Paul use the context in Corinth to talk about the Body of Christ?
3. What points do you think he was trying to make to the Christians living in Corinth? Use the text to explain and defend your case.
4. I used the image of a bicycle wheel to show how the hub (Christ), the spokes (you and I), and the rim (the actual church building and ministries) all must work together. Can you come up with another image of and for the Body of Christ? What is it and why?
5. Right now, do you see yourself as a lone unconnected “spoke” or would you say you are tied into the hub and the rim of MDPC or another church body? Explain how you fit. If you do not fit yet, how and where will you find your place in the Body of Christ?
6. As we continue through Discernment, how can you remind yourself and remind others that our first commitment must be to Christ (the hub) and rim (the actual church ministries and outreach)? What place should PC(USA) or another Presbyterian Denomination hold? Second? First? Third? None at all? Explain your thoughts.

