

Sunday, August 20, 2017



### MEET MDPC CARING MINISTRIES

Our Caring staff and volunteers are gifted pastoral servants of Christ, offering many opportunities for you to both receive and give support.

Learn more at Caring Ministries!  
Watermelon Lemonade  
Stand by the Parlor.



### SUNDAY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT



### ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES START TODAY

God's Word is sweeter than honey – come taste and see that the Lord is good and discover the invigorating power of studying God's Word.

Join a class today!

Visit Equipping's  
Honey Bee  
Lemonade Stand in  
the Sanctuary Lobby  
to find your new class.



### MEET MDPC OUTREACH!

The relationships with the partners listed at right are carefully cultivated by MDPC Outreach staff and - even more important - volunteers! Is God calling you to be part of MDPC's mission?

Learn more at  
Outreach's Rasp-  
berry Lemonade  
Stand in The  
Nook.



### Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

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

**Mo-Ranch Camp & Conference Center** hosts individuals, groups, and churches for church retreats and Mo-sponsored programs. It's a safe place for renewal, reflection, and discernment, leading people to deeper faith and strong discipleship.  
[moranch.org](http://moranch.org)

**Newspring** nurtures Spring Branch businesses to help create jobs and income, thus stabilizing families otherwise subject to transiency. Newspring's Visual Arts program encourages SBISD students to work hard, stay in school, and turn their gift of art into a career.  
[newspringcenter.org](http://newspringcenter.org)

**MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney** works with Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world.  
[newsfromthefrontier.com](http://newsfromthefrontier.com)

**Today's Chancel Flowers are given** by Wray Parnell and Ward Parnell, in memory of wife and mother, **Kay L. Parnell**, and in memory of son and brother, **Randolph W. Parnell**.

**The White Rose is in memory of Leonard Martin**, who passed away July 22, 2017.

**The Red Rose is in honor of Charles Phineas Stanley**, born August 8, 2017, to Mollie and Taylor Stanley. "Finn" is the grandson of Martha and Leigh Moore.

<b>2017 OPERATING BUDGET</b>	\$ 11,400,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 5,205,639
Actual Income to Date (Aug. 13, 2017)	\$ 5,041,501
<b>Current Income Deficit</b>	<b>\$ 164,138</b>
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 6,358,499

# THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Lessons from the Master  
Luke 5:1-11 **PETER**

### Coming Up at MDPC

#### Team Living Water - Run With Us!

Learn more about joining TLW to run the Houston full or half marathon on behalf of those around the world who don't have access to safe water.

**Info Meeting today after 9:45 Service | West Gallery**  
*Can't make it to today's meeting? Email Miah Collins at [tlw@water.cc](mailto:tlw@water.cc) for info, or visit [run.mdpc.org](http://run.mdpc.org).*

#### Parents of 6-12th Graders: You're Invited!

Come to Youth Ministries' Open House to meet staff and volunteers, and hear about fall programs.

**Today! 10:45-11:10 AM | Youth Loft (upstairs CLC)**

#### First Communion Retreat

A retreat designed for 1st-5th graders and their parents to gain a clear understanding of this important sacrament. First Communion is on Oct. 1.

**Sunday, Sept. 17 | 12:30-4:00 PM | The Galaxy**  
*Registration: [communion.mdpc.org](http://communion.mdpc.org)*

#### Elder Nominations

Elder Nominations for the class of 2020 are open, and your involvement in this process is essential!

**Nominations are due Monday, Aug. 28.**

*Visit [nominations.mdpc.org](http://nominations.mdpc.org), or pick up a form and return it to the Front Office, Attn: Gena Kookan.*

#### MDPC Goes to the Movies: Luther

500 years ago, one man changed the world. Martin Luther's faith launched the greatest revolution ever. There will be a lively and engaging discussion after each screening. Stay after the 3:30 showing (or come before the 6:30) for Wednesday Night Dinner!

**Wednesday, Sept. 6 | 3:00 PM or 6:30 PM**

**Free movie; see dinner pricing at [food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org).**

*\*Luther the Movie is rated PG-13 for images of violence. Parents, visit [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com) to review content.*

#### Stop "The Crazy Cycle"!

Couples in your 20s and 30s: This four-week small group is for you! Through videos and conversation, discover the unique, God-designed needs of both men and women and how we can cherish each other in marriage.

**Tuesdays, Sept. 12-Oct. 3 | 7:00-8:30 PM | Heights**  
*Register: [crazycycle.mdpc.org](http://crazycycle.mdpc.org)*

#### Discover MDPC with Alf

Learn about MDPC, its ministries, and what it means to be a member of our faith community at this informal meeting. No commitment required!

**Sunday, Sept. 10 | 10:45-11:10 AM | The Nook**  
*[membership.mdpc.org](http://membership.mdpc.org)*

#### New Member Class

Learn about membership from associate pastors and elders, or simply what it means to be Presbyterian.

**Sundays, Sept. 17-Oct. 8 | 9:45-11:00 AM | MC 122**  
*To learn more, visit [membership.mdpc.org](http://membership.mdpc.org).*

#### Cheeseburger in Paradise

Join MDPC Men to celebrate the beginning of Men's Life with cheeseburgers, pie, and a visit from Alf!

**Tuesday, Aug. 29 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Parlor**  
*Please RSVP: [men.mdpc.org](http://men.mdpc.org).*

#### GREECE: A Walk in the Footsteps of Paul

Hosted by Dr. Alf and Shari Halvorson, the group will visit Kavala, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Meteora, Athens, Corinth, Mars Hill, and more.

**Travel Dates: June 11-23, 2018**

**With Rome Extension: \$7532 (land & airfare)**

**Without Rome Extension: \$6207 (land & airfare)**

*Register Early! Space is limited - first come, first served: [greece.mdpc.org](http://greece.mdpc.org)*



# MORNING WORSHIP

\*Please stand if able.

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## 8:30 AM BLENDED - 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME	Dave Steane (8:30), Worship Team (9:45)	
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Christyn Knoop (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)	
SONG OF RESPONSE		
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (9:45)	Amanda Grace Caldwell	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	Trevor Harris (9:45)	
MESSAGE	The First Disciples: Peter (Luke 5:1-11) Alf Halvorson	
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Uvaldo Callejas, bass • George Heathco, guitar • Daniel Martinez, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums

## 11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	Hymn Medley	arr. K. White
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP	Dave Steane	
CHORAL INTROIT	The Lord Is Great (from The Creation)	F. J. Haydn (1732-1809)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken	#446; Vs. 1, 3   AUSTRIAN HYMN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Dan Aikins	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from Romans 8	
ANTHEM	Ye Followers of the Lamb	arr. Edwin Earle Ferguson (b.1910)
OFFERTORY	I Am the Light of the World (from Every Purpose Under the Heaven)	Howard Goodall (b. 1958)
MESSAGE	The First Disciples: Peter (Luke 5:1-11) Alf Halvorson	
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	#387; Vs. 1, 2   BRADBURY
POSTLUDE	Festive March	Henry Smart (1813-1879)

Musicians in this service: Miriam Belyatsky, violinist • Cassandra Black, soprano • Charles Hausmann, conductor • Ivan Ley, baritone • Kathryn White, pianist/organist • Brian Yeakley, tenor

## Walking the Mourner's Path™

### TRANSFORMING GRIEF INTO JOYFUL LIVING

This Christ-centered grief program is for those dealing with the loss of a loved one. It is limited to 10 participants, creating a safe place to share feelings with each other and with God. Trained facilitators guide the group. \$30 registration fee for program materials.

Wednesdays, September 6-October 25 | 6:30-8:00 PM

Register at [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org) or with Beverly Fluke ([bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org), 713-490-9542).

Class Teaching  
Small Group Discussion  
Individual Journaling  
Class Projects

## LIVE JUSTLY

How to go on a mission trip - no passport or suitcase required!

Sundays, September 17-November 5  
11:00 AM | Room 218

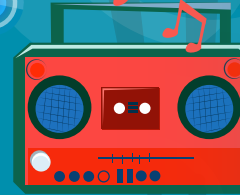
An 8-week in-depth Scriptural and Practical study to help all of us LIVE JUSTLY in 6 essential areas of life:

ADVOCACY PRAYER CONSUMPTION GENEROSITY RELATIONSHIPS CREATION CARE

# THE MUSIC BOX KIDS' CHOIR

Learn about music and choral singing in a fun, worshipful environment!  
All kids grades K-5 are welcome. Sign up at [themusicbox.mdpc.org](http://themusicbox.mdpc.org).

WEDNESDAYS, SEPTEMBER 13-NOVEMBER 29  
4:45-5:30 PM | CHAPEL



On Sunday, **September 3**, MDPC is collecting the following items for ESB Food Pantry:

- Canned Corn
- Canned Diced Tomatoes
- Canned Fruit
- Canned Soup
- Canned Meals (Chili, Chef Boyardee, etc.)
- Plastic Jars of Peanut Butter and Jelly

NO open, homemade, or expired items.  
NO glass containers!

## HUNGER INITIATIVE

FIGHTING CHILDHOOD HUNGER IN HOUSTON

Please bring items in a brown paper bag!



For more information: [hunger.mdpc.org](http://hunger.mdpc.org)



Visit our table this morning to learn more and register.

## Conversations that Matter

Tuesdays  
September 12-December 5

An all-new 12-week Men's Life to help men live the full life God intended.

Details and registration: [ml.mdpc.org](http://ml.mdpc.org)



## MOMS UNITE!

Visit our table this morning to learn more and sign up!

MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers) is for moms of young kids. Come for connection, solid content, and fun. **We'll save a seat for you!**

1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS STARTING SEPT. 7  
9:30-11:15 AM | FREE CHILDCARE!

Details & registration:  
[mops.mdpc.org](http://mops.mdpc.org)



## 2

Opportunities to Support Local Kids and Schools!

### MAM Back to School Drive

Providing uniforms or school-appropriate clothing is critical for giving children the basics and the confidence they need to succeed! **Visit our table in the Breezeway TODAY** to give kids a great "Back to School."

- \$20 Supply a belt, socks, shoes, and underwear
- \$50 Purchase a new uniform and a pair of shoes
- \$100 Outfit two children from head to toe
- \$\_\_\_ Your gift of any amount helps!



### Help Students & Schools Grow and Succeed

Encourage a teacher, read to a second grader, become a mentor to a 6th grader. MDPC has three ministries inside public schools that tutor, mentor, and support and encourage teachers. We need more volunteers to help with all three of the schools.

See today's bulletin insert, and then stop by our table in the Breezeway TODAY to learn how you can get involved!

Visit [change.mdpc.org](http://change.mdpc.org) for more info.



# Change the World One Child at a time...

Help young students succeed! Here are ways you can change the life of a child through mentoring, tutoring, or volunteering.

## PANTHER PALS at Piney Point Elementary School

**Read to, Mentor, or Tutor a Child**  
October-May (Training in mid-Sept.)  
Tuesday or Thursday,  
8:00-9:00 or 9:00-10:00 AM

**School Volunteers:** Other opportunities to serve arise throughout the year, like staff appreciation events, campus projects, and seasonal school activities.

**Weekly Teachers' Workshop:** Mondays, 1:00-5:00 PM  
All are welcome. Come when you can and stay only as long as you can!

Contact Judyehart: [judyehart@gmail.com](mailto:judyehart@gmail.com), 832-563-7244  
or Chris Gehrman: [chrisgehrman@gmail.com](mailto:chrisgehrman@gmail.com), 713-410-9872



## IMPACT at Spring Woods Middle School

**Mentor Sixth Graders:** October-May, Monday-Friday  
30 minutes/week (Day is flexible), 11:00-11:30 AM

**Training at MDPC (choose one):**  
Wednesday, September 13 • 6:00-7:30 PM (Dinner included)  
Sunday, September 24 • 12:20-1:45 PM (Lunch included)

**Volunteer for an Event:** Various dates and projects throughout the year. Contact Robin to learn more.

Contact Robin Helbling: [robin.helbling@gmail.com](mailto:robin.helbling@gmail.com), 713-253-3858



## HUG at Housman Elementary School

**Tutor Second Graders in Basic Math & Reading**

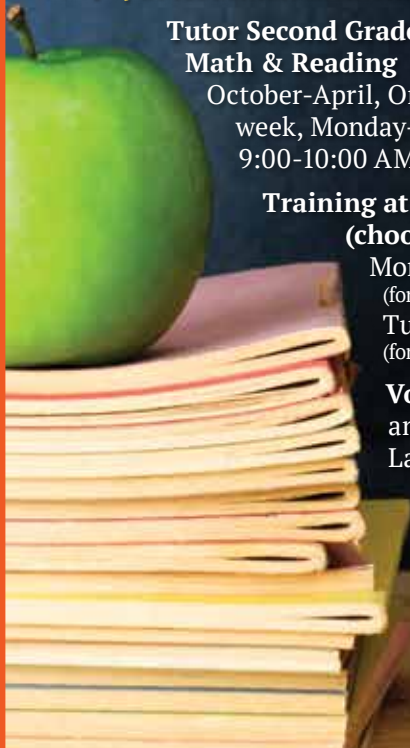
October-April, One morning a week, Monday-Thursday,  
9:00-10:00 AM

**Training at Housman (choose one):**

Monday, September 25 • 9:00-11:00 AM  
(for Monday and Wednesday tutors)  
Tuesday, September 26 • 9:00-11:00 AM  
(for Tuesday and Thursday tutors)

**Volunteer for an Event:** Various dates and projects throughout the year. Contact Laura to learn more.

Contact Laura Bushong:  
[lrbushong@att.net](mailto:lrbushong@att.net), 281-455-2780



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Memorial Drive  
Presbyterian Church  
[change.mdpc.org](http://change.mdpc.org)

## THE FIRST DISCIPLES

Lessons from the Master

Peter | Luke 5:1-11

Alf Halvorson preaching

We begin a new series on this Kickoff Sunday about “Why Christians Aren’t More Like Christ?” In the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus says, “Go and make disciples.” The Bible refers to disciples around 270 times, but to Christians only three times. What does it mean to be and to make disciples?

Much research shows that many Christians in the church are not becoming Christ-like. Their attitudes, habits, and behaviors are surprisingly similar to their non-Christian friends and neighbors in the world. But disciples are not merely converts to Christ who stay the same as they were, but also doers, leaders, students, Christ-followers, or, better yet, *apprentices* of Jesus. To be conformed to Jesus’ likeness is the exciting and challenging goal (Romans 8:29). What would it look like for you and me to be mature in Christ (Colossians 1:28)? Let’s learn to be disciples by seeing how Jesus called and challenged and inspired the first disciples, starting today with Peter...

1. Read Luke 5:1-11. What are your personal experiences with fishing? Do you like to fish? Who do you know who loves it?
2. In verses 1-5, walk through the encounter of Jesus with Peter. What does Jesus ask Simon for in verse 3? What does He tell Simon to do in verse 4? What are Simon’s responses to each request?
3. In verses 6-11, what are the responses of Simon? First talk about verse 8 and 9. Why do you think Simon Peter fell down on his knees and said what he said? Have you ever done that, fallen down on your knees before Christ? If you are able, share some of the details of your petition before God. This is holy ground, so be gentle with each other.
4. In my sermon, I said that Jesus out-fished Simon. Jesus “won him over” because He knew things about the matters that mattered most to Simon. As Dallas Willard suggested in his book, *The Divine Conspiracy*, “Jesus has the best information on the things that matter most to us.” Do you believe that? That Jesus knows about more than just Sunday morning, but also about what we face at work and home and with friends during the week?
5. If that is so – that Jesus is wiser than us – is there something you believe Jesus is asking you to do (or stop doing or take on) that, up until now, you have resisted or ignored? This may be your verse-4 moment. You will never know if you can trust God until you obey. As I quoted in the sermon, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote, “Only he who believes is obedient; and only he who is obedient believes.” Do you believe that is true?
6. Matthew 4:19 (ESV) says of our verse 10, “Follow Me and I will make you fishers of people.” This is a pretty good definition of discipleship I found in the book *DiscipleShift*. “Follow me” means we recognize and accept who Jesus is as Lord, leader, and master of our lives. “And I will make you” speaks of transformation. Jesus wants to mold our hearts and lives to be more like His. And “fishers of people” connotes action, what we will live for and do. We have a purpose: A disciple makes other disciples. We join Jesus on His mission to love and reach a hurting world. So, according to Jesus, discipleship is following Christ, being changed by Christ, and committed to the mission of Christ. From that definition, would you say you are a disciple or not? Is today the day you commit to being a disciple of Christ, like Peter in verse 11? Where are you strong as a disciple? And where are you weak? What is your growing edge? How can the group support and pray for you?

