

WORLD Communion Day

The Light That Changes Everything
Rev. Andrew Adair preaching • John 8:12-20

Coming Up at MDPC

Sunday, October 1, 2017

All-Church Lunch on World Communion Day

Come indulge in the flavors of Brazil! Selections include a *churrasco* of *picanha* & chicken skewer, *dulce de leche* ice cream, salad with hearts of palm, and fun beverage options like Guaraná Antártica and cashew juice.

Today! 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Full menu and more: food.mdpc.org

National Night Out

Meet your Memorial Villages police officers, fire department, and local area government entities. Ask questions, learn about services offered to residents, and get to know your neighbors to help build a stronger, safer community. The festivities will include food and music!

Tuesday, Oct. 3 | 5:00-8:00 PM | MDPC Parking Lot

Join Pastor Alf as a Partner In Prayer

Through MDPC's Partners In Prayer program, thousands of people are prayed for every day. God uses the power of this quiet ministry to bring health, life, and peace to our church family.

Visit our table on Sign-up Sundays, Oct. 15-22!

Online registration opens soon at pip.mdpc.org.

Intergenerational Discipleship Groups

Weekly discipleship small group are forming this fall to study the Bible with the intention of creating disciples of Jesus who subsequently disciple others. This may be just what you need to grow in Christ post-Harvey!

Mondays, 12:30-2:00 PM Couples Group (at MDPC)

Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00 PM Co-ed (meets in Galleria area)

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 PM Men's Group (at MDPC)

Wednesdays, 6:00-8:00 PM Co-ed (at MDPC)

If you are interested, contact Jeanmarie Tade (jtade@mdpc.org) or Bart Henson (bartshenson@gmail.com).

Harvey Debrief Meeting

Tim Mavergeorge, LPC, LMFT, LCDC and Stacey Sadler, LPC will discuss how to deal with grief related to Harvey as well as the impact on our children. Contractors Mike Reily and Harry Tallichet will offer perspective on what to expect and answer questions about the rebuilding process. Stephen Ministers will be available for prayer.

Sunday, Oct. 8 | 11:15 AM-12:30 PM | Amphitheater

Concert Series 2017-2018 Opener

MDPC and AGO's Houston Chapter is pleased to welcome Katelyn Emerson for the season opener. Katelyn is an internationally award-winning organ virtuoso who has won many accolades and prizes in her young career. Open to the community! Admission is free.

Next Sunday, Oct. 8 | 7:00 PM | Sanctuary

Details: concerts.mdpc.org

The Well Women's Speaker Series: "Pursued"

We all long to be pursued...but we don't always feel lovable. We don't always feel worthy. Join us at The Well, our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and faith stages to connect. Hear a panel of real women tell their stories of God's relentless love and pursuit.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Chapel

Join us for refreshments at 6:00 in the Parlor.

RSVP: thewell.mdpc.org

An Evening with Eric Metaxas

Eric Metaxas is the New York Times #1 bestselling author of *Bonhoeffer*, *Miracles*, and *Amazing Grace*. He has been featured as a cultural commentator on cable news outlets, and speaks to thousands around the U.S. and internationally each year. He will discuss his new book on Martin Luther, and his personal faith journey.

Tuesday, Oct. 10 | 7:00-8:00 PM | Sanctuary

Tickets required, but FREE with RSVP: speakers.mdpc.org

Have You Had Your Annual Spiritual?

Come for a day of renewal under the guidance of Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell. You'll experience energizing activities, lively singing, and group exercises to create meaningful connections and dynamic breakthroughs in spirituality.

Saturday, Oct. 21 | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM | Northwoods Pres.

Register: northwoods.org (scroll to "Upcoming Events")

Prime Timers: The Right Book

Valerie Koehler from Blue Willow Books will discuss *The Right Book for the Right Time*, a topic that is sure to pique everyone's interest!

Tuesday, Oct. 17 | 11:00 AM Program; Lunch (\$10) Noon

Reserve lunch by dropping a \$10-check made out to MDPC

Prime Timers at the Front Office by Oct. 11.



Coffee & Kolaches

This morning, 10:45-11:30 AM

Dads, stop by for a cup of coffee and a kolache. Bring your kids and snap a picture in front of our homemade photo booth!



Save the Date
Sunday, October 29 | 3:45-5:00 PM
TRUNK OR TREAT
MDPC Ball Field & Parking Lot



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IF YOU'RE VISITING TODAY, please take a moment to stop by the Connection Center, located in the Lobby of the Sanctuary. The folks there would love to meet you, give you a free gift, and answer any questions you may have.

8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME	Dave Steane (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)	
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON	Christyn Knoop (8:30), Hillary McMullen (9:45)	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	Dave Steane (8:30), Laura Miller (9:45)	
MESSAGE	The Light That Changes Everything	Andrew Adair
†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER		
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS		

Musicians in these services: Gisele Duque, Meliza Gómez, Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Joe Gavito, guitar • Craig Gysler, keys • Asher Pudlo, drums • Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE	Meditation à Sainte Clotilde	Philip James (1890-1975)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP	Dave Steane	
CHORAL INTROIT	Let Us Break Bread Together	arr. George Lynn (1915-1989)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!	#144; Vs. 1, 2, 4 HYFRYDOL
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE	Dan Aikins	
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed		
OFFERTORY	Lift Every Voice and Sing	arr. Roland M. Carter
MESSAGE	The Light That Changes Everything	Andrew Adair
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COMMUNION MEDITATIONS	Ubi Caritas (Where Charity and Love are Found) His Eye Is On the Sparrow	Ola Gjeilo (b.1978) arr. Jay Rouse (b.1956)
POSTLUDE	Lift Every Voice and Sing	arr. K. White

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, pianist/organist
*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

†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. Gluten-free bread is available. If you are celiac or severely gluten-intolerant, please note that it may have come into contact with gluten-containing bread during preparation of the sacrament.

PRAY FOR MDPC MINISTRY PARTNERS

This week, please pray for these partners MDPC assists with your support:

REACH Unlimited provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment. reachunlimited.org

Rebuilding Together Houston works to preserve affordable home-ownership and revitalize neighborhoods. It provides home repair services at no cost to the elderly, disabled, veterans, and victims of natural disasters. rebuildingtogetherhouston.org

Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo has graduated almost all of the leaders of the Evangelical Church in Egypt. Pray for the Body of Christ in Egypt, and for Dr. Atef Gendy and his team as they share the love of Jesus. etsc.org

HURRICANE HARVEY RELIEF EFFORTS

Affected Families & Individuals: If you need a hand with clean up, reach out to Beverly Fluke (bfluke@mdpc.org).

Relief Fund: Donations have become more important than ever as homes and lives are rebuilt. To give a designated Harvey Relief gift, visit give.mdpc.org.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN BY

Terri and Erin Higgins, in loving memory of Joseph Faulkner, courageous father and grandfather.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
2017 Operating Budget	\$ 11,400,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 6,176,838
Actual Income to Date (Sept. 24, 2017)	\$ 5,875,377
Current Income Deficit	\$ 301,461
Needed to Meet 2017 Budget	\$ 5,524,623
Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund	\$ 658,547



MARRIAGE RETREAT 2017

A weekend to relax and reconnect with your spouse! Enjoy fabulous amenities, a one-on-one date night, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement.

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 21-22
The beautiful Woodlands Waterway Marriott • \$215/couple

Space is limited, so register today!
marriageretreat.mdpc.org

The Light That Changes Everything

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1. Jesus boldly claimed, "I am the light of the world." This has many implications; one being that the darkness here on this earth is real. When we fail to recognize, or take seriously, the darkness around us, we put ourselves at risk. What aspects of the darkness (i.e. evil, sin) around us are you particularly aware of at this point in your life? What aspects of the darkness cause the most struggles for you?
2. The Pharisees believed they were the ones walking in the light of God's revelation, but Jesus made it clear they were the ones in darkness. This should give us pause, because just as the Pharisees got God wrong, so can we. For example, the Pharisees had lost sight of why God had chosen Israel...God had chosen Israel to be His instrument for blessing the world, for blessing all the peoples of the earth. God hadn't blessed them just so they could enjoy His blessing for themselves. Are we at risk in this arena, as well?
3. John Stott, one of the great Christian leaders of the 20th Century said, "We must be global Christians with a global vision, because our God is a global God." How might a global vision change the way we pray? How might a global vision change the way we relate to specific groups of people, such as refugees and immigrants? How might a global vision impact the way we choose to invest our time and money?
4. In 1979 it's estimated there were only about 500 Muslim background followers of Jesus in the entire country of Iran. Today, there are hundreds of thousands of followers of Jesus in Iran; some say more than 1 million. How might knowing what God is doing today in Iran change the way we view the country and its people?
5. God intends the light of Jesus to shine in the dark places of our lives in order to bring forgiveness, healing, freedom, and hope. Are there specific areas of darkness in your life now that you believe God is wanting to bathe in His light?
6. Not only does God intend His light to shine in the dark places of our lives, God also intends the light of Jesus to shine through us into the dark places of this world. What are some ways you are allowing the light of Jesus to shine through you? Are there any new places, or situations, where you believe God wants to shine the light of Jesus through you? Or, maybe God wants to shine the light of Jesus through you in new ways in places/situations where you already are engaged?

