



Sunday, January 7, 2018

This morning, we welcome **Beth Case**, MDPC's new Associate Pastor for Caring Ministries.



8:30 AM BLENDED • 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

CCLI # 182374

- WELCOME** Dave Steane (8:30) | Worship Team (9:45)
- *SONGS OF PRAISE**
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE** Dan Aikins (8:30) | Laura Miller (9:45)
- SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**
- GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**
- MESSAGE** **A Leader's Call. A Shepherd's Heart.** (1 Peter 5:1-4) Beth Case
- RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE**

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

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

- PRELUDE** *Meditation for Organ* George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)
- WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Dave Steane
- CHORAL INTROIT** *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw (1875-1958)
- *HYMN OF PRAISE** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* #267; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | ROYAL OAK
- *PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON**
- *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Apostles' Creed
- ANTHEM** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* Mark Hayes (b. 1953)
- SERVICE OF ELDER ORDINATION & INSTALLATION**
- HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Here I Am, Lord* #525; Vs. 1 | Daniel Schutte (B.1947)
- OFFERTORY** *The Call of Wisdom* Will Todd (b. 1970)
- MESSAGE** **A Leader's Call. A Shepherd's Heart.** (1 Peter 5:1-4) Beth Case
- *CLOSING HYMN** *To God Be the Glory* #485; Vs. 1 | TO GOD BE THE GLORY
- POSTLUDE** *Rondeau* Jean-Joseph Mouret (1682-1738)

Musicians in these services: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Kathryn White, organist



Alpha is coming.

January 23, 2018
alpha.mdpc.org

Watch for our video today in worship.

JUSTICE INITIATIVE

Imagine what life would be like if you woke up every day with nothing shielding you from violence.



GARY HAUGEN AT MDPC
CEO, INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE MISSION

THURSDAY, FEB. 22 • 7:00 PM

WATCH HIS TED TALK: HAUGEN.MDPC.ORG

All-Church Lunch

The first ACL of 2018 is brunch! Choose from selections like veggie frittata, bacon, fruit, and pastries.

Today! Served 11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
\$10 adult plate, \$4 per child plate

food.mdpc.org

Sacred Rhythms

We believe that there is an eagerness, a longing, a thirst within each of us to deepen our spiritual journey with God. Join us as we pay attention to the ways God is moving in our lives. Facilitated by Gina Etherton, Jeanmarie Tade, and Martha Moore.

Jan. 7-Feb. 14 | Sundays at 9:45 or Weds at 11:45

More info: sacred.mdpc.org

Kids' Meals Monthly Service Project

In Houston, one in four preschool children goes to bed hungry - you can make sure there is one less empty tummy! Bring four loaves of bread per sandwich-maker, and come make sandwiches for Kids' Meals. That's all it takes to make a difference.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 | 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie with questions: hempeljulie@gmail.com

Young Adults: Bible365

Your challenge: Read the Bible in a year using the Bible app on your phone. Sign up with us to get reminders, and to be notified if/as accountability groups form.

Learn more and sign up: bible365.mdpc.org

B90: Read the Bible

It's not too late to join! This could be the best new year's resolution you'll ever make. Read 12 pages a day, and meet once a week for support and encouragement.

First Meeting Today | 11:15 AM | MC 218

Details: b90.mdpc.org

Romp Through the New Testament

We believe that God invites us to experience the good life through His Word. At the Tuesday Bible Study, gather with others who seek God through study, prayer, and the sharing of life with one another. There's always room for one more!

Tuesdays, Jan. 9-April 3 | 9:00-10:00 AM | MC 122

Facilitators: Rachel Poysky and Martha Moore

Today's Chancel Flowers are given

by Ginger Benfield in celebration of Steve Jarvis' birthday on January 2.

Please Pray With Us: MDPC Ministry Partners

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

A 2nd Cup is a community coffee shop raising awareness, holding strategic meetings with other anti-trafficking groups, and eventually providing aftercare resources for survivors of human trafficking.

a2ndcup.com

Agape Development Ministries prepares young adults age 18 to 30 for success in life, working to stop the cycle of poverty from continuing to the next generation. Mentors, job training, and transitional housing equip clients to attain financial health and the life skills necessary for success. Agape is committed to bringing positive change and Christian love to the entire community.

agapedevelopment.org

MDPC Field Partners Reverend Andrew & Teri Adair launched The Antioch Partners (TAP), a missionary-sending agency, in 2007 to train and equip Presbyterian cross-cultural servants, and send them into the world to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in tangible ways. TAP's goals are to see people become followers of Jesus and to foster the formation of worshipping communities among the unreached.

theantiochpartners.org

Powerful Tools for Caregivers

Do you care for an older family member or friend? Has it left you feeling drained and frustrated? Come learn tools to take better care of yourself, from reducing stress to communicating effectively and more.

Wednesdays, Jan. 10-Feb. 14 | 3:30-5:00 PM
\$30 registration fee for program resources.

Class size is limited. No professional caregivers, please.

Registration: tools.mdpc.org

Discover MDPC with Alf

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend an Informational Meeting to find out more about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Sunday, Jan. 21 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org, 713-490-9553

Girls Getaway: Spring is Coming!

Join us as we "getaway" for a time of refreshment, laughter, and hope. Enjoy crafts, good food, great company, and an inspiring message about the springs to come in our lives. All adult women welcome!

Friday-Sunday, February 9-11 | \$150

Bishop's Landing in Willis, Texas

Details and registration: getaway.mdpc.org

Prime Timers presents A Peek Behind the Curtain: A Pastor's Life

Many think a pastor's life is dull, tranquil, naive, and hyper-spiritual. The reality is oh so different! Clay Brown, MDPC's new Associate Pastor for Equipping Ministries, shares from more than 35 years in ministry, lessons learned along the way, and ruminations on what it really means to follow Jesus as Lord.

Tuesday, January 16 | 10:30 AM | Parlor

Your check is your lunch reservation: \$10 made out to MDPC Prime Timers. Must be received by January 10!

Five Love Languages

Looking for a marriage tune-up? Want to figure out now what will bring a lifetime of love? Ready to be in a small group together? Young marrieds (20s/30s), join us for a new class on the popular Gary Chapman book.

Sundays, Feb. 11-March 25 | 11:00 AM | MC 116

Contact Amanda Grace: acaldwell@mdpc.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

This week's Financial Update will be shared this morning from the chancel.



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Bill May

Food Service (Class of 2018)

Bill is a life-long Presbyterian, married 30 years to Yong (June), and father to four adult daughters. He's lived in Houston since 2010 when he transferred from Philadelphia to manage his company's local office providing consulting engineering services to the oil and gas industry. Bill worked as a licensed professional engineer for more than 40 years before retiring in 2015. He has been a member of MDPC since 2011 and serves on the Global Outreach committee, teaches 4th/5th-grade Sunday School, mentors a middle school student, tutors two second graders in the HUG program, and has been a Food Service volunteer. Since joining MDPC, Bill's faith walk has grown significantly. The serving, study, and small group opportunities have carried him to a previously unknown personal relationship with Jesus. He is grateful that MDPC has allowed him to apply his gifts in Global Outreach and Children's Ministries, both of which have provided him with some of his greatest "spiritual highs."



Michael McCormack

Connections Team

Michael has been married to Kelsi (Franz) for three years. He is a fourth-generation MDPC member, and was christened, confirmed, and married at the church. Michael graduated from Memorial High in 2004, attended USC in Los Angeles, and ultimately graduated from Texas A&M in 2012. Michael has worked in oil & gas facility design and construction for over five years and feels called to begin his own company in the near future. While God has been present in Michael's life from a young age, it was not until his college years that God's

grace and compassion became abundantly evident. Michael strives to continue maturing in faith and closeness with the Holy Spirit, with the hope it will always guide the direction of his family and his life. His great-grandfather and grandfather were Elders at MDPC, and Michael feels the call to be an Elder is a great honor. He looks forward to helping both the MDPC community and those outside it grow in relationship with Jesus Christ.



Keith McNay

Caring | Memorial Service Ushers

Keith McNay and his wife, Darla, have been married for almost 45 years and have been members of MDPC for 42 of those years. Keith has served as a Deacon at MDPC, as well as on two Pastor Nominating Committees for Minister of Music. In addition, he has taught Children's Sunday School, been a part of Men's Life for 10 years, volunteered with Boy Scout Troop 642, served on the Art Committee, is a Stephen Minister, and is actively involved with NewSpring. Keith is grateful to MDPC for giving him spiritual guidance, as well as opportunities to grow and strengthen his faith. Keith and Darla have two married sons and three grandchildren. Although Keith is retired from his career as a graphic designer, he still is involved in creating and producing works of art. Keith is humbled to be selected as an Elder, and he is committed to following God's will while serving Caring Ministries.



Andrew Miller

Relationships Team

Andrew Miller has been married to MDPC member and Director of Youth Ministries Laura (Ashcroft) Miller for nearly three years, and is the father of Gabriel, born in February 2017. Andrew has been an MDPC member for four years and has served on the Denominational Discernment Team as well as a recent Pastor Nominating Committee. Andrew was saved by grace through faith in Jesus as a young child after growing up in his family's home church in Northeast Indiana. Earning a degree from Taylor University, a non-denominational Christian institution in Upland, Indiana focused on the integration of faith and learning, propelled Andrew into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Andrew feels God's call to working with Relationship Ministries as a way to help draw young families into the MDPC fold and

into closer relationship with Jesus. He sees the next decade as a time where God will do HUGE things through the MDPC congregation and is excited to play a small role in God's Kingdom on earth.



Elizabeth Snelling

Youth | Outreach

Elizabeth is married to Troy, and is the mother of Kate (19); Turner (18), currently in college; and Luke (15), a sophomore at Stratford. She works with her dear friend, Starr Zaleski, in design, staging, and renewing area homes, and plays as much tennis as she can at Westside Tennis Club. Elizabeth enjoyed growing up in the neighborhood and is a graduate of The University of Texas. Elizabeth has been a small group leader and lecturer for Bible Study Discussion (BSD) for six years. She was the "Big Story" Teller for the precious Galaxy Elementary

kids until last year when she decided to move to Middle School and High School ministries as a small group leader and lecturer. Elizabeth gave her heart to Christ at an early age and feels called to share those experiences of building a life in Christ in the role of Youth Elder. She feels both humbled and challenged to be led by the Holy Spirit in these next three years.



Susan Starling

Connections | New Members

Susan Starling joined MDPC in 1981. She and her husband, Winton, met and married at MDPC. Their grown children, Rachel and Daniel, and grandchildren were baptized, nurtured, and remain members at MDPC. Professionally, Susan worked for Exxon in management information systems and technology. During two prior terms as an Elder, Susan served as Clerk and as Technology Elder. She has taught Sunday School, led High School Youth, participated in mission trips, served as Women's Ministry Moderator, and on Pastor Nominating Committees. Susan is a founding board member of CanCare, and is a CanCare volunteer. She leads a Bible Study Discussion group, which keeps her grounded in Scripture and deepens her faith. Susan loves the Lord and is honored to serve as the Elder for New Members. She feels God's strong call to this exciting ministry and looks forward to inviting visitors to become new members and helping them get involved in the life of the church.



Harry Tallichet

Worship & Music

Henri (Harry) and his wife, Janet, have been members of MDPC for 32 years. They joined for the purpose of raising their children, Carrie, Jules, and Natalie, in the church. MDPC has been a second home for the Tallichets. They have found love, acceptance, support, and encouragement in their faith journey to serve each other and God's kingdom. Harry was led to faith in Jesus Christ by many people, but the true catalyst was his wife. Harry has served in a variety of positions and duties, and Men's Life has been instrumental in Harry's

faith journey. It was there that Harry began to understand God's plan when He created man. It has been a priceless gift in his role as husband, father, and representative of The Church out in the world. Harry is the owner of First Crest Corporation, a small residential contracting company engaged in new home construction and remodeling for the past 28 years. Harry is honored to accept this call to serve on Session, trusting in God's power and providence, and acknowledging his own limitations.



Kyle Wittenbraker

Equipping | Adult Studies

Kyle Wittenbraker and his wife, Katie, joined MDPC shortly after being married here in 2009. Their two children both attend The Little School. Kyle is a graduate of TCU. He served in 1st BN 7th Marines from 2004-2008 before attending South Texas College of Law. He is an attorney with Streit, Peterson, Hall & Keeney, L.L.P. Kyle and Katie are members of the Life 2.0 Sunday School class.

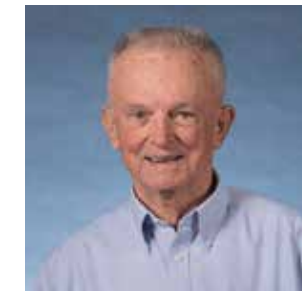


2020 CLASS OF

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New Elder Installation

Elders play a vital role in the ministries and administration of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Today, we install 22 new Elders to our Session. Please pray for energy, wisdom, and discernment as they help guide us through the next three years and beyond.



Oliver Aldrich, III

Caring | Memorial Service Receptions

Oliver and wife Donna joined MDPC in 1996. They have been married for 53 years, and have two daughters, who are the proud parents of Oliver and Donna's four grandchildren. Oliver has previously served twice as treasurer, has served on Finance, Planning & Evaluation, MDPC Foundation, Caring Ministries (Ushers), several ad hoc committees, nominating committee, and will again serve in Caring Ministries, coordinating receptions for memorial services. A graduate of Texas A&M, retired from Weyerhaeuser Company, he is a retired

CPA who volunteers as treasurer for several charitable organizations. Oliver has enjoyed his service in the Caring Ministries area, scheduling ushers for memorial services and volunteering in The Gathering. His love of Jesus Christ began at an early age, and has been strengthened through bible study, worship, and service in the church. Oliver believes that when he serves, he feels God's pleasure.



Bert Baker

Treasurer Elect-elect

Bert Baker is very grateful to be married to Felicia Baker and a father to Austin (25), Dahlgren (23), and Catherine (20). Bert and Felicia have been members of MDPC since moving in 1998 to Houston. Bert's activities have included Scouting, coaching youth sports, Men's Life, a Westside Men's small group, and Texas A&M University endeavors. He has been in the banking industry for 30+ years in New York, Florida, Indonesia, and Texas. Bert has been a believer since his youth and feels life is a continual spiritual journey. His faith has continued to

grow and strengthen at MDPC through his participation in Men's Life, Partners In Prayer, mentoring, and outreach opportunities, and through the insightful messages from its leaders as well as the relationships he has formed here. He feels MDPC is especially unique in its "dollar for dollar" giving, community outreach, generosity, and Partners In Prayer. Bert prayerfully seeks God's guidance and direction to use him to further His will at MDPC.



Jerry Blurton

Clerk Elect-elect

Jerry and his wife of 48 years, Nancy, have been members of MDPC for 20 years. Their three adult children were all active at MDPC before growing up and moving to other parts of the country. Jerry has taught Sunday School at the elementary, middle school, and adult level; participated in mission trips to Guatemala with Faith in Practice and with Transitions; served as an IMPACT mentor; and participated in Bible Study Discussion and Faith Explorations Sunday School. He has previously served on Session as MDPC Treasurer and is currently

on the Generosity Committee. Jerry graduated from The University of Texas at Austin and is a CPA. Before retirement he served in several financial officer roles with Halliburton and KBR and was a partner in the accounting and consulting firm of Deloitte and Touche. Jerry now enjoys spending more time at travel, golf, reading, and enjoying his family, which includes four grandchildren. He sees the call to serve as Clerk as a challenge and an opportunity from God to serve MDPC as it seeks to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ.



David Bradley

Relationships | Men's Ministry

David Bradley was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Florida. David "got to Texas as fast as he could" and attended Trinity University in San Antonio where he was president of his fraternity and an editor of the school newspaper. He then attended Texas Tech University School of Law where he met his wife of 23 years, Mindy. They have three children: William attends UT at Austin, Caroline is a senior at Houston Christian, and Henry is in second grade at Frostwood. David heads the Houston office of Walters, Balido & Crain law firm. David was

baptized at Highland Park United Methodist in 1995. He came to know Christ because of Mindy. At MDPC, David is deeply involved in Men's Ministry and coordination of married Life Groups, and he led a youth boy's Life Group for five years. As Men's Elder, David hopes to equip and encourage men to be the spiritual heads of their households. "Grateful" has been David's personal motto for 2017 and he is grateful to serve MDPC in this capacity.



Courtney Cadwell

Children's | Preschool

Courtney Cadwell has been married to Kevin for 23 years, and is the proud mother of Addison Ruth (5). Since relocating to Houston four years ago, Courtney spends her time as a homemaker, serving in leadership with Community Bible Study, and volunteering with MDPC's Preschool and Alpha ministries. She accepted Christ as a child, and her relationship with the Lord grew while she was studying at The University of Texas. She began her career as an educator in Highland Park ISD and at the Hockaday School of Dallas. Courtney

then worked as a Science Program Director, STEM Instructional Coach, and a principal in the Los Altos School District in Silicon Valley. In addition to a B.A. in Molecular Biology from UT, she holds an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Dallas Theological Seminary and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instructional Leadership from Vanderbilt University. Courtney is grateful for and humbled by the opportunity to serve as a Preschool Elder and knows God will supply all her needs as she serves preschoolers, families, and the church.



Tom Caver

Personnel Elect-elect

Tom Caver has been married for over 22 years to Amber, with whom he is blessed to have two wonderful children, Alyssa (17) and Drew (14). Tom is originally from Ft. Worth, Texas, but spent his formative years in Vicksburg, Mississippi before attending The University of Texas at Austin, from which he graduated with a business degree majoring in Finance and Real Estate Development. Tom moved to Houston to work for First Interstate Bank of Texas (now Wells Fargo), where he

remains as a Senior Vice President. A member of MDPC since 1992, Tom has served on Session twice previously, in the Treasurers chain and in the Clerk chain. He is a member of the Daily Bread Sunday School class. Although raised and confirmed in the Presbyterian Church, a fully mature acceptance of Christ as his personal Lord and Savior is really tied to his time at MDPC. He feels blessed to have this opportunity to help MDPC with its mission to *Love God, Proclaim Christ, and Live Generously while Engaging All.*



Miah Collins

Young Adults

Miah is the husband of Michelle and dad to Coralyn (4) and Joel (2). The Collins family joined MDPC in 2011 when Miah took a position as the Director of High School Outreach. Since 2015, Miah has worked for Living Water International in fundraising as the Director of Team Living Water. He helps lead The Parish, a young adult Sunday School class here at MDPC. Miah grew up in the surf town of Durban, South Africa and started following Christ in his teenage years. He is ready to serve MDPC as we seek to follow Christ, especially in the area

of Young Adults. Miah is convicted that MDPC will only reach our goals if we trust in the Holy Spirit to work powerfully in our congregation and community.



Walt Denny

Generosity

Walt Denny is married to Jennifer; they are the proud parents of two sons, McKennon (16) and Jack (14). Walt and his family have been members of MDPC since 2001. Since joining, his faith has grown through participation in Alpha, Men's Life, and the Sunday School classes Java with Jesus and Daily Bread. He is also a proud member of "The 13," a small group of men who meet weekly to study the Word and share their faith as they walk together in Christ. Walt has worked in the oil and gas industry for over 25 years as a geophysicist, working for

small and large exploration companies, and currently owns his own oil and gas geoscience consulting firm. He volunteers as an assistant Scout Master, an IMPACT mentor in Spring Branch ISD, and an adult leader for the 10th grade boy's Life Group. He enjoys golf, hunting, and watching his sons' activities. He is excited to work with Generosity and is continually amazed at how God's bountifulness works through this congregation. Walt is enthusiastic about MDPC's future and knows God will take us places we never dreamed possible.



Mark Dobbins

Outreach | Local

Mark Dobbins is grateful to be celebrating 30 years of marriage to his wife, Laura, next spring, a marriage performed at First Presbyterian in Corpus Christi. They are parents to Marisa (26), an ICU RN, and Kyle (24), a mechanical engineer; the kids' strong faith is an inspiration to their family. Mark is a retired Commodity Trading executive and spent his last 15 years in leadership roles with Koch Supply & Trading. Mark has been active as an officer and board member with Arms Wide Adoption Services (formerly Spaulding for Children)

for over 20 years and has been an active volunteer with Prison Entrepreneurship Program; both of these are MDPC ministry partners. He was a member of the HSN Outreach committee and will serve as chair in 2018. The MDPC group trip to Israel last spring marked a high point in both Mark and Laura's faith journey and helped weave an even tighter bond to this church. Mark is grateful to receive this calling to insure the responsible stewardship of the precious funds which our church dedicates to its outreach partners.



David Eyre

Legacy Giving

David is blessed to be an MDPC member since 1985. He has been married to Susan Myers for 37 years and they have three grown children and nine grandchildren. He has served in number of capacities at MDPC including as a Deacon; Elder on the Stewardship Committee; on the Denominational Issues Task Force; and on the Pastor Nominating Committees that called Kristin Huffman, David Carpenter, and Alf Halvorson. Currently, he serves on the Legacy Giving Committee and has been a part of the team restructuring MDPC's legacy giving

program to enhance its ministries. David's professional career was in sales and marketing in the commercial and industrial HVAC market for 20 years, and then 20 years in the industrial lubrication market calling on refineries and chemical plants. He retired in 2008, but worked part time as a marketing consultant for a marketing services company and website design company before retiring full time in 2013. The opportunities to serve in MDPC ministries and be part of Bible study classes at MDPC has greatly enhanced his faith journey and will continue to bless his life as he again serves as an Elder on Session.



Carrie Goolsby

Outreach | Local

Carrie Goolsby is married to MDPC member Jim Goolsby, and is the proud mother of two sons: William, a freshman at TCU, and Michael, a sophomore at Stratford. Carrie and Jim have been members of MDPC since 1995. She graduated from Baylor University and worked as a CPA for PricewaterhouseCoopers and Cooper Industries before becoming a stay-at-home mom. Carrie has served MDPC in Children's Ministries on the Yellow School Board, as a Sunday School teacher, and on the leadership team for Summer Celebration. Carrie

also has been involved as a tutor at Housman Elementary through MDPC's HUG program. She has spent the previous three years working with the Discipleship & Education committee, part of MDPC's Local Outreach. Carrie is excited to be called to serve in Local Outreach and is passionate about the ministries and organizations that MDPC supports.



Julie Hempel

Food Service

A member since 1987, Julie has been active in several areas of the church: Class of 2008 Elder for Connections Ministry; Preschool Sunday School teacher (with husband Milt); on two search committees (Rachel Poysky and Jim Vining); small group and shepherd leader for Bible Study Discussion (BSD); member of Personnel Committee; and active in Food Service area. She also is the thankful volunteer coordinator of the monthly Kids' Meals service project, which meets the second Wednesday and is now in its 7th year at MDPC. Professionally, Julie worked at American Capital Funds in human resources. Prior to that she taught kindergarten for 10 years. She has an undergraduate and master's degree in Child Development/Family Relations. She is married to Milt and has one son, Peter, and a daughter-in-law, Emily Conner Hempel.

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Tricia Koehler

Children's | Elementary

Tricia has called MDPC home for many years, having joined with her beloved late husband, Fritz Koehler. She has a grown son, Christian (Leah), and daughter, Kimberly (Wes), and three wonderful grandchildren: Cash, Kyler, and Holden. She helped build a church and conducted VBS in Cambodia, served as a Child Advocate, Literacy Council tutor, and Junior League member. Tricia currently serves Memorial Community Bible Study Leadership in the children's program and assists with MDPC's Wednesday night Bible Studies for elementary

children, and with VBS each summer. Professionally, Tricia is a CPA and has served as CFO of a multi-state newspaper group and financial executive in the hospitality and oil and gas industries. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve as Elder with God's guidance and light. Tricia firmly believes if you place a Bible in a child's hands, and help them read His Word, Jesus Christ will take care of the rest.



Drew Limbacher

Outreach | Local

Drew Limbacher is married to Madison and a new father to Ella (12 months). Drew was baptized at a small church in Farmington, New Mexico when he was eight years old, but began a journey to seek and follow God more earnestly in the last several years due to influence from friends, life circumstances, and God's mercy. Drew is active in the Life 2.0 Sunday School class and has served on the CFH Local Outreach Committee for the last two years. Drew is an engineer in the upstream oil and gas industry and currently works for a private-equity-

backed startup. The dollar-for-dollar giving is one of the principles that pulled Drew to join MDPC. He is excited to serve as Elder on the CFH Local Outreach Committee that gets to put that generosity into action and help so many people.

A Leader's Call. A Shepherd's Heart.

1 Peter 5:1-4

God is at work in and through MDPC! We celebrate this today by installing our Elders elected in October 2017. These leaders have been learning, sharing, and praying together. By God's grace, they vow before God and before you to serve Christ's Body, the Church, as the Holy Spirit equips and enables them.



These newly-installed leaders will join other faithful Elders on Session. Together they are called to shepherd the flock of God...and to be Shepherded by the Good Shepherd.

1. What qualities/credentials do you look for in a leader? How are these similar to, or different than, the qualifications for leadership listed in 1 Peter 5:1-4? *Extra Credit:* ask the same questions as you read 1 Peter 5:5-11.

2. Read Matthew 16:13-23 and John 21:15-19. Why do you think Jesus chose Peter as a disciple and church leader? How do you think Peter's interactions with Jesus affected Peter's thoughts on discipleship, leadership, and the church?

3. Our ECO Presbyterian polity says:

"Before the foundation of the world, God set a plan of mission to reconcile the world to Himself and chose to use the Church as His instrument of reconciliation. It is incumbent upon all members of the body of Christ to participate in the work of building one another up in Christ and be deployed for His work in the world. To that end, excellent leadership is critical in the Church today, and that is not limited to ordained leaders. God calls some individuals to exercise specific formal leadership, which is modeled after the mind of Christ. The Church should strive to develop strong leaders in every area of life and ministry who lead in the way of Jesus."

In what ways has God's Church-through-the-ages been effective in this type of leadership? How does the "mind of Christ" affect your leadership and service?

4. Leadership can take many forms. What are you leading? Who are you leading? And who is leading you? Whom are you following?

5. What brings joy and enthusiasm to your leadership or service? Do you ever have the tendency to serve merely to receive a "paycheck" of affirmation or influence?

6. What makes it hard or easy to accept the "shepherding care" of God?

7. It has been suggested that Philippians 2:1-11 is a parallel passage to 1 Peter 5:1-11. Why might this be the case?

