

# SUMMER 2018

## OUTREACH

DO YOUR SUMMER PLANS INCLUDE MAKING A DIFFERENCE?



Our local ministry partners need volunteers in a variety of ways - especially during the summer. From serving a family dinner to facilitating fun activities at a Christian Camp, there are lots of ways for you to make a difference while making an impact for Christ!

[SUMMEROUTREACH.MDPC.ORG](http://SUMMEROUTREACH.MDPC.ORG)

### The Chancel Flowers are given by

Dale and Nanako Tingleaf, in honor of son Drew Tingleaf for his birthday, and granddaughter Claire Tingleaf for her high school graduation.

### The White Rose is in memory of

Lou Scarborough, who passed away May 17, 2018.

### Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

This week, join us in lifting in prayer these MDPC partners in ministry:

**The Get Together:** At this monthly networking luncheon, business people have the opportunity to build relationships with local ministries. Ministry needs are discussed and attendees work together to find creative solutions. This allows those who are business-minded to use the skills God has gifted them with to further His Kingdom. [thegettogether.org](http://thegettogether.org)

**Gracewood** is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. It exists to strengthen families that are at risk for homelessness, keep the family intact, and help them become independent. [gracewood.org](http://gracewood.org)

**Free Wheelchair Mission (FWM)** takes wheelchairs to places around the world where the impoverished disabled do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that a life would be transformed with each chair given and that communities would see God is good as He meets needs in tangible ways. [freewheelchairmission.org](http://freewheelchairmission.org)

### WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 3,548,026
Actual Income to Date (5/20/18)	\$ 3,793,154
Current Income Surplus	\$ 245,129
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 7,806,846



Sunday, May 27, 2018

# Unity Service

PRAY  
LIKE JESUS

### YOU MAKE THE [PRAYER] TEAM!

Join MDPC's Partner in Prayer Team! A representative from MDPC Caring Ministries is in the Lobby, eager to answer your questions or provide you with prayer partners and prayer resources.

Visit the table in the Sanctuary Lobby this morning between services, or sign up today at [pip.mdpc.org](http://pip.mdpc.org).



### 10:00 AM UNITY SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Love Divine, All Loves Excelling</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg
WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP	Psalm 100	The Magaña Family
WORSHIP SONGS	<i>Forever Glorious Day Jesus Paid it All</i>	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE		Rachel Poysky
SONGS OF RESPONSE	<i>Blessed Assurance Jesus Paid it All</i>	arr. Keith Hampton
PASTORAL PRAYER		Mauricio Chacón
SERMON	<b>...Forever and Ever, Amen</b> 1 Chronicles 29:10-13 & Romans 11:33-36 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Albert Hay Malotte
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Beth Case
OFFERTORY	<i>How Great Is Our God</i>	
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDES		

Musicians in this service: Daniel Amaya, bass; Cassandra Black, soloist; Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Charles Hausmann, choir director; George Heathco, guitar; Asher Pudlo, drums; Kathryn White, pianist/organist; Sanctuary Choir

\*Please stand if able.

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### MUSIC FROM THE ROYAL WEDDING

If you enjoyed the beautiful and diverse music from Harry and Meghan's special day, then you'll enjoy the 11:15 service next Sunday, June 3. The choir, organ, trumpet, and soloists will present processional music, hymns, and choral music from the recent Royal Wedding.



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### Soccer Camp & VBS

Girls and boys age 7 to 11 are invited to the annual Soccer Camp Vacation Bible School, hosted by MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries.

**June 18-22 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM**

**Girls and Boys age 7-12 | \$5 per child**

Contact Maria Castillo (mcastillo@mdpc.org, 832-358-8003) for details.

### Summer Alpha Is Coming...

Explore Christian faith. Alpha is for everyone, but especially for those who are questioning, seeking, or even who would not call themselves Christian.

**Tuesdays, June 5-August 7 | 6:30 PM**

More info and registration: [alpha.mdpc.org](http://alpha.mdpc.org)

### Men's Summer Series: God Is...

Scripture says that *God is love; God is light; God is Spirit; God is fire.* How do we personally see those differing characteristics as we walk with Him? Ken Harris and other teachers will lead men in discovering the amazing attributes of God revealed in His Word.

**Tuesdays, June 5-26 | 6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater**

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

### Married Life Prep

Are you engaged? Did you get married in the last few years? Then grab your spouse-(to-be) and join us for Married Life Prep! Taught at MDPC by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, it combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research.

**Sundays, July 8-29 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

Register: [mlp.mdpc.org](http://mlp.mdpc.org)

### Summer Movie Series

Prime Timers Senior Group proudly hosts another summer film series! Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and acclaimed films. Everyone is welcome, free of charge. Closed captioning provided.

**Select Wednesdays at 3:00 PM | Amphitheater**

**June 6 - Wonder (PG)**

**Save the Dates: June 20, July 25, August 1**

\*Visit [pluggedin.com](http://pluggedin.com) to review movie content.

### Discover MDPC with Alf

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? This info meeting is about who we are and how we operate, within our walls and out in the world. No commitment required! Learn what it means to be part of our faith community.

**Next Sunday, June 3 | 10:45-11:10 AM | The Nook**

### Next New Member Class

Taught by our Pastors and Elders, this class is for anyone considering MDPC membership. The June session is an "Intensive," condensing the normally four-Sunday course into one evening and one morning.

**June 8, 6:30-9:00 PM & June 9, 9:00 AM-Noon**

Visit [membership.mdpc.org](http://membership.mdpc.org) to register.

### All-Church Lunch

Choose from Smothered Pork Chops or Beef Stroganoff, served with Honey-glazed Carrots, White Rice, Southern-style Green Beans, and Buttered Noodles. Just \$10/adult and \$4/child, and includes beverage, side salad, and dessert!

**Next Sunday, June 3 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

Visit [food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org)

### Make a Difference this Summer!

Our local ministry partners need volunteers all summer long. From serving a family dinner to facilitating fun activities at a Christian camp, these opportunities are a way for you to make a real impact for Christ!

See a variety of ways to serve: [summerserve.mdpc.org](http://summerserve.mdpc.org)

### National Cancer Survivors Day\*

Cancer affects everyone. With more than 15.5 million people living with and beyond cancer in the U.S. today, everyone knows someone whose life has been touched by cancer. National Cancer Survivors Day\* acknowledges cancer survivors, raises awareness of the ongoing challenges cancer presents, and – most importantly – celebrates life. If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, stop by our table next Sunday for recognition and light refreshments.

**Sunday, June 3 | 9:30-11:15 AM | Sanctuary Lobby**



## Please Pray for Our Military

*Please pray for the American armed forces, and these men and women serving abroad.*

*We ask you to continue praying on Memorial Day tomorrow, through the week, and every day our loved ones and countrymen are in harm's way.*

Berklee and David Baay's nephew:  
**Stephen Middlebrook Baay | Marines**

Craig Behm's son-in-law:  
**Jeremy Fleming | Marines**

Dee Zook Bell's grandson:  
**Christopher Zook | Army Special Forces Recruit**

Second Lt. **Mark Bressler | Army Reserves**

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law:  
**Commander Stephen W. Burgher, MD | Navy**

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew:  
**Major Joseph Galvin | Army**

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter:  
**Major Ellen Giles Jones, MD | Army**

Scott Gilley's brother:  
**Captain Stephen R. Gilley | Marines**

**Sergeant Kyle Hinton | Army**

**Captain James Howell | Army**

Bud and Janet Hughes' son:  
**Chase Hughes | Navy**

Brenda and Fred Jackson's grandson:  
**First Lieutenant Charles Smith | Army**

Sharon Johnson's son:  
**Staff Sergeant Richard Johnson III | Army**

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew:  
**Lieutenant Josh Kash | Navy**

Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law:  
**Chaplain Lieutenant Jeffrey Quinn | Marines**

James and Lori Keeter's nephew:  
**Staff Sergeant Tommy Keeter | Army**

Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law:  
**Major General Kevin Kennedy**

John and Kay Krebs' son:  
**Lieutenant Kory Krebs | Navy**

Barbara Mourglia's nephew:  
**Staff Sergeant Brandon Macken | Air Force**

Jim and Carol Newlin's son-in-law:  
**Lt. Commander Michael J. Canzone | Navy**

David and Shannon Perry's son:  
**Aircraft Commander Sean Perry | Air Force**

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law:  
**Major Neil McMullin | Marine Surgeon**

Don and Virginia Russell's grandson:  
**Sergeant Joseph Russell | Army**

Joe and Jean Simmons' grandson:  
**Specialist William Bruce Berry | Army**

Jane Ann Smeck's son:  
**BUCA Cameron Freeman | Navy**

Dave and Jenny Steane's son:  
**Specialist Tyler Steane | Army**

Mark and Lisa Susman's son:  
**Lieutenant JG Max Susman | Navy**

Jim and Gladys Taylor's nephew:  
**Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Taylor | Marines**

Danilo Toledo and Zoraya Ávila Tellez's daughter:  
**Private Daniela Toledo | Army**

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son:  
**Sergeant Alan Bejarano | Army**

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family:  
**Major Justin Westmoreland | Air Force**  
**Lt. Commander Andrew Cain | Navy**  
**Lt. Colonel Brian Deas | Air Force**

Pauline Wolcott's grandson:  
**ET3 Robert Leeland | Navy**

We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski Shaw at [eshaw@mdpc.org](mailto:eshaw@mdpc.org). Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.

**THE SECRET INGREDIENT**  
SUMMER CELEBRATION  
2018

**Monday-Friday, July 9-13 • 9:30 AM-12:30 PM**  
[sc.mdpc.org](http://sc.mdpc.org)

**We need your help to make VBS a success! Please consider volunteering, or donating:**

- old adult-size T-shirts (bright colors if possible!)
- electronics (none with glass or screens can be accepted)
- snacks/drinks for volunteers (nut-free, please)

**June Is MAM Month!**

Our ministry partner **Memorial Assistance Ministries** offers items to help families stretch their budgets. Please consider donating needed items. Grab one of the "shopping list" fliers to take on your next grocery trip, then drop donations in the shopping carts around campus.

Thank you for helping out neighborhood families!

**MAM**  
MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

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- Snacks/drinks for volunteers (nut-free, please)

Drop donations in the grocery carts located around MDPC's campus in June.

Contact Nancy Gresham at [nancy@mam.org](mailto:nancy@mam.org) or [mam.org](http://mam.org)

**MDPC**  
Memorial Assistance Ministries



**“For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, Forever and Ever, Amen”**

1 Chron 29:10-13; Romans 11:33-36 • Alf Halvorson Preaching  
Sermon Notes written by Rev. Beth Case

## The Lord's Prayer

1. As we've studied the Lord's Prayer, which petition has stayed with you? Why might that phrase be meaningful to you in this season of life?
2. How has this sermon series explained the concept of "kingdom"? Where have you seen examples of God's Kingdom in the here and now (even before *forever and ever*)?
3. Most New Testament versions do not include this week's petition in the Lord's Prayer. How did Pastor Alf's sermon help us understand this? From where might this phrase have originated? (For further insight, read the prayer of King David in 1 Chron 29:11-13.)
4. The Lord's Prayer opens by rooting us in kinship with our Heavenly Father. The prayer closes by expressing our faith in God's kingship. Agree or disagree: The Lord's Prayer tells us more about God than it does about us.
5. The Lord's Prayer names the dailiness of human need, while also hailing the eternal nature of God's power and glory. How do these two themes relate to each other? What can we learn from the Lord's Prayer about God's perspective on the present? the future? the past?

*During the Pray Like Jesus series, these notes discuss various models of prayer. Following a brief introduction and discussion of the week's prayer practice are suggestions for exercising that method of prayer. Try these as a small group, on your own, or with your friends or family.*

## Praying God's Character

Have you ever wondered whether your prayers are in line with God's will? Or have you found yourself reluctant to pray because you are not sure for what to ask?

We can pray confidently when we pray according to God's character. The Lord's Prayer gives us one template for this; first and foremost it recognizes Who God is. When we prayerfully appeal to God's character, we seek both His glory and our good. Prayer then, is not simply self-centered and self-serving. Prayer is God-honoring; we ask God to be true to Who He is, and to reveal more of Himself to us.

Elijah prayed this way: "O Lord, ...let it be known this day that You are God in Israel, ... Answer me, O Lord, answer me, so that this people may know that You, O Lord, are God..." (1 Kings 18:36-37a). And the prophet Micah uttered a plea based on God's mercy: "Who is a God like You, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of His inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us..." (Micah 7:18-19).

Scripture has much to say regarding what God is like, and what God is not like. The Lord's Prayer reminds us that God is King, that He is Powerful, that He is glory, that He is Abba! William Barclay writes: "We end the prayer by thinking of the God in whom there is both the love to listen and the power to act... We end our prayer in the confidence that in his love God has heard, and that in his dynamic power he will answer."

Listed below are some of God's attributes. Feel free to add to the list as you recall words or images used in Scripture to describe God:

King	Grace	Protector	Omniscient
Almighty	Wisdom	Comfort	(all-knowing)
Glory	Faithful	Almighty	Omnipresent
Creator	Just	Everlasting	(all-present)
Holy	Mercy	Infinite	Sovereign
Love	Strength	Omnipotent	Shepherd
Truth	Provider	(all-power)	

*"What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us."*

- A. W. Tozer

## Put It Into Practice

(Choose one to practice with your small group, and one to practice on your own.)

1. Respond to this quote: “To pray is not only to be truly godly; it is also to be truly human....Men and women are at their noblest and best when they are on their knees before God in prayer.” - John Stott
2. Weave prayer into everyday occurrences and decisions by walking through the following exercise. Try doing this each evening, or each weekend. As you do this with increasing frequency, you will likely find yourself increasingly aware of God in the nitty-gritty moments of ordinary days:
  - a. Gather the day – write down 6-8 memorable events of the day (week) including significant conversations, meetings, meals, prayer times, exercise, work, etc.
  - b. Reflect on the day – as you remember each event, what emotions come to mind? (The following questions are often used in the Prayer of Examen\*.)
    - For which happening am I grateful?
    - Where did I give and receive the most love today? Where did I give and receive the least love today?
    - What tasks and relationships were life-sapping? life-giving?
    - In what activity did I sense the most/least connection with God?
  - c. Notice God in the day – what attributes of God were on display today, expressed through a person, evident in Creation, or displayed in circumstances. Next to each event, write an attribute of God that you noticed.
    - Was there a characteristic of God that you saw in someone else?
    - Was there a characteristic of God that you showed to someone else?
    - What characteristic of God guided or helped you today?
  - d. More of God in the day – Which characteristic of God, if more was revealed, would have made a positive difference in the day?
    - Ask God to show this attribute to you and to others. Examples:  
“Heavenly Father, I am in need of your \_\_\_\_\_ (strength, mercy, etc...)”  
“God of all Comfort, please comfort...”
    - Keep a journal of this exercise in order that you might remember your requests, and celebrate God’s provisions.
3. Look at a list of those for whom you pray (Partners in Prayer, family, friends, mission partners, teammates, colleagues...). What attribute of God might they need in their life? As you pray, appeal to God based on that attribute:
  - “All-Wise God, please give your wisdom to \_\_\_\_\_.”
  - “Jesus, you promise to be Emmanuel, God-with-us. \_\_\_ is hurting and alone. Would you affirm your presence to him/her?”
4. Children can learn to notice God in their daily lives by playing “I spy God.” Be intentional about eating together. At the dinner table, invite your kids to tell the family where they “spied God” that day. (Idea courtesy of Adele Calhoun)

\* The practice of daily Examen has been utilized by Christians throughout the ages. Examen questions help us pay attention to God’s interior movements amid the external activities of one’s day. Examen is useful in deepening one’s pray life, and in navigating seasons of discernment.

*“You pay God a compliment by asking great things of Him.” - Teresa of Avila*

