

Summer Ushering Opportunity

Summer is here and we need you! Join the Ushering Ministry at MDPC. Only one Sunday a month, or as often as you'd like - you set your ushering schedule!
For more info, contact Tracy Curtis-Stidam: tstidam@mdpc.org or 713-490-0946

Host Homes for Kanakuk Counselors

Families are needed to host college-age counselors for Kanakuk Kampout, providing a place to stay plus breakfast and dinner each day. We also need medical volunteers for the week (CPR and First Aid trained).
August 5-10 (Camp info: kampout.mdpc.org)
Please contact Alicia if you can be a medical volunteer or host family (aboykin@mdpc.org, 713-490-9261).

Men's Life 2018: Core Training

The all-new ML curriculum is about the foundational principles that strengthen the core of what makes us men. Invite a buddy to this 12-week series and rebuild the inner workings of your life. No matter where a guy is in his walk with Christ, Men's Life is for everyone!
Tuesday Mornings, September 11-December 4
New Time! 6:30-7:45 AM (Breakfast at 6:00 AM)
Details and registration: ml.mdpc.org

Hymn Sing Every Sunday in July at 11:15

In July, come to the 11:15 service ready to sing the great hymns of the faith! Each Sunday's Hymn Sing will have a different theme, like Christmas, Easter, and Patriotic.

The Outreach Foundation Trip to Cuba

September 6-14, 2018 (approx.)
MDPC Global Partner, the Outreach Foundation, is hosting a trip to Cuba to visit Matanzas' Evangelical Theological Seminary and meet with church leaders and congregations in Havana and Santa Clara. See God at work through the church in Cuba, absorb the history and culture that shape the ministry context, and learn how changes in relations between our nations affect them. Space is limited and on a first-come basis.
The registration deadline is tomorrow!
Contact Kelsi McCormack: kmccormack@mdpc.org

Please Pray for MDPC Ministry Partners

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

Houston International Seafarers Ministry chaplains minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock in the Ports of Houston, Barbours Cut, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bayport.
houstonseafarers.com

Houston Presbyterian Pilgrimage exists to grow and renew faith in Jesus Christ. It presents three-day weekends that are purposefully designed for growing and renewing the faith of individuals and, through the individuals, the environments in which they live, work, and worship.
houstonpilgrimage.org

Lulwanda Children's Home is a Grace International Children's Foundation (GICF) orphanage in Mbale, Uganda, where 120 children receive love, housing, and Christian education. It addresses the urgent needs of abandoned children and those left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic. MDPC teams have served at Lulwanda Children's Home, where many neighborhood children join the orphans for school.
ugandaorphans.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 4,208,063
Actual Income to Date (6/17/18)	\$ 4,303,789
Current Income Surplus	\$ 95,727
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 7,296,211

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

Mentoring at Spring Woods Middle School

Are you an empty nester who misses one-on-one time with a young person? Do you want to help shape a student's future? Consider being mentor to a 6th grader at Spring Woods MS. It involves 40 minutes a week for 8 months of the school year - and it will bless your life!
Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org, 713-490-9552

Save the Date: Marriage Retreat

Get away for a fun and intentional weekend together focused around your married life. This special experience includes a comfortable atmosphere, excellent food, a one-on-one date night with your spouse, and expert teaching from Brett and Kellie Hurst, longtime marriage educators.
Sept. 29-30 | Woodlands Waterway Marriott
Register (\$220/couple): marriageretreat.mdpc.org

Needs for Summer Celebration

We'd love donations of old electronics and small appliances like toasters, vacuums, mixers, radios (no glass or screens, please), as well as old adult-size T-shirts (preferably in bright colors for use in weaving projects).
Teen and adult volunteers are needed, too!
Sign up to volunteer: sc.mdpc.org

Perspectives

This 15-week experience is designed around four vantage points or "perspectives." Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic. Each one highlights different aspects of God's global purpose.
Mondays, Aug. 20-Dec. 10 | Grace Bible Church
Details: class.perspectives.org (Search zip code 77008)



Sunday, June 24, 2018

WRESTLING WITH SCRIPTURE

Following Christ: A Cross or a Cushion? Matthew 11:28-30 and Luke 9:23-24

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Clay Brown
NEW MEMBERS
OFFERTORY
MESSAGE Following Christ: A Cross or a Cushion? Beth Case
Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV & The Message); Luke 9:23-24 (NRSV)
†INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER
COMMUNION MEDITATION

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME Dave Steane
NEW MEMBERS
SONGS OF PRAISE
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Hillary McMullin
OFFERTORY Laura Miller
MESSAGE Following Christ: A Cross or a Cushion? Beth Case
Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV & The Message); Luke 9:23-24 (NRSV)
†INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS
Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders • Daniel Amaya, bass • George Heathco, guitar • Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE *This Is My Father's World/He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* Brant Adams (b.1944)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT *I Surrender All* arr. Moses Hogan (1957-2003)
*HYMN OF PRAISE *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* #482; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | LOBE DEN HERREN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE Clay Brown
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Apostles' Creed
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* #466; Vs. 1, 2 | AZMON
OFFERTORY *Light of the World (from "Every Purpose Under the Heaven")* Goodall (b. 1958)/arr. White
MESSAGE Following Christ: A Cross or a Cushion? Beth Case
Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV & The Message); Luke 9:23-24 (NRSV)
†INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER
COMMUNION *The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation* John Rutter (b. 1945)
POSTLUDE *Grand March* Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)
Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor • Chris Schubert, clarinet • Kathryn White, organ/piano • Brian Yeakley, soloist

*Please stand if able.

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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. 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.



MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Today we are so happy to introduce these 11 new members of the MDPC family! Learn a little more about each in the brief bios below, and join us in warmly welcoming them to MDPC.



Preston and Nancy Bornman are the parents of three daughters, Eliza Ann (24), Katherine (23), and Clayton (18). Preston is chairman of the board for Light Data Labs, LLC, a U.S. military technology provider. He enjoys the outdoors and projects around the home. Preston also loves making his family laugh! Nancy is a stay-at-home mom. She is a native Houstonian and enjoys tennis, pickleball, walking, and running. Nancy loves the outdoors and spending time with family and friends.



Nick Dickerson is the husband of MDPC member Rachel Dickerson. They have two sons, Mason (4) and Carter (1). Nick is an attorney with Locke Lord, LLP. He enjoys cycling, hiking, and live music.



Jared Durst and Emily Threet – Jared is an account manager at C&J Energy Services. He enjoys outdoor activities, especially sports, hunting, fishing, camping, and hiking, and he loves exploring new restaurants. Emily is a Speech Language Pathologist with Rehab Without Walls. She enjoys volunteering and is actively involved in The Junior League of Houston. They both love traveling.



Scott Gilley is the husband of MDPC member Lindsey Gilley. They are the parents of three children, Jackson (5), Ryan (4), and Maddie (2). Scott is the CFO of Abrado, Inc. He enjoys reading, tennis, and basketball.



Natasha Hansen is a realtor with Keller Williams. She enjoys reading, running, and spending time with her dogs.



Vicki Jones is the mother of an adult child, Stephanie. Vicki has had the excitement of rafting on the Colorado river in the Grand Canyon, and she has had the blessing of praying with mothers while in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Vicki enjoys designing and assisting in unique creative projects.



Nick Mueller is the operations manager for Nalco Champion Ecolab. He enjoys golfing, hunting, mentoring, and spending quality time with family and friends.



Gene Reynolds is a proud dad to two great daughters, Kimberly and Susan. He is a certified public accountant for Reynolds & Associates, PLLC, and enjoys backpacking, hiking, hunting, and furniture refinishing. Gene is a fightin' Texas Aggie, class of 1974, and a native Houstonian who grew up in the Spring Branch community.



Kristin Sullivan is the mother of one son, Owen (2). She is in HR and credentialing at Senior Psychcare. She enjoys playing the violin and singing.

New Member Service Day: **SPRING BRANCH FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

New Member Classes spend a Saturday serving the community together at one of MDPC's local ministry partners. Spring Branch Family Development Center enhances the wellbeing of local families through a multi-agency collaboration that provides health, educational, recreational, and social services.



IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN **MDPC**?

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.

Sunday, September 9 | 10:45-11:10 AM | The Nook

NEXT **NEW MEMBER CLASS**

If you are interested in membership, or in becoming a Christian, any of our pastors would love to meet you and discuss your questions! Taught by our Pastors and Elders, the class includes an outreach service project.

Sundays, September 16-October 14 | 9:45-11:00 AM | MC 122

Visit membership.mdpc.org to register for the next New Member Class.

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

FINAL WEEK TO GIVE!



MAM

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES

June Is MAM Month at MDPC

SHOPPING LIST

Memorial Assistance Ministries stocks a Home Care Closet for its clients, filled with toiletry and home care items. Offering these basics goes a long way toward stretching a family's grocery budget. Items of greatest need we're collecting this month are:

- Deodorant
- Shampoo (full-size *and* sample)
- Disposable Razors
- Toothbrushes
- Diapers (size 4, 5, & 6)

Consider taking this list on your afternoon shopping trip and picking up one or more of these products to donate!

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

*Contact Jan Roe with questions:
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WRESTLING WITH SCRIPTURE



Following Christ: A Cross or a Cushion?

Matthew 11:28-30 (NRSV & The Message); Luke 9:23-24 (NRSV) | Beth Case preaching

This is the fourth in our summer series on the tough texts and topics of Scripture with which we wrestle. Jesus said, *take up your cross daily, and follow Me* (Lk 9:23). Jesus also said, *Come to Me...and you will find rest for your souls* (Mt 11:28-29). What did Jesus have in mind when He called us to follow Him? And what are we to do when two ideas, both spoken by our Lord, seem contradictory?

1. Many people employ the phrase, “this is the cross I must bear” when referring to a troublesome relationship, a thankless job, a physical illness, or a disability. Is this an accurate understanding of the phrase? Before Jesus died, what did people think when they heard about a cross?
2. In addition to a cross, the sermon names another object common to the people of Jesus’ day. What did the image of a yoke bring to the minds of 1st-century people?
3. Read Matthew 11:20-12:8. To whom is Jesus speaking in Matthew 11:28-30? Why did Jesus choose this particular setting to speak of rest for the soul? (Extra Credit: Read Hebrews 4:1-13 and note what it says about rest for the soul.)
4. Read Luke 9:18-26. Put this story in your own words. What language does Jesus use to talk about His own life? How does Jesus speak about the lives of those who follow Him?
5. Is there danger in ordering your walk with Jesus by only one of these statements:
1) *take up your cross*; OR 2) *My yoke is easy*?
6. Billy Graham once said, “I’m counting totally and completely on the Lord Jesus Christ, and not on Billy Graham. I’m not going to Heaven because I’ve read the Bible, nor because I’ve preached to a lot of people. I’m going to Heaven because of what Christ did.” How might Graham’s words be “taking up one’s cross,” while also being “yoked” with Jesus?
7. Presbyterian pastor, Eugene Peterson, wrote *The Message*, in hope of connecting readers to the meaning of words and the relevance of God’s Word. How does his paraphrase of Matthew 11:28-30 meet that goal? *Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won’t lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you’ll learn to live freely and lightly.*
8. In what seasons of life has your faith called you to deny your self? In what seasons has your faith leaned toward legalism? In what seasons of life have you experienced the rest of relationship with God?

