

HAPPENING AT MDPC

Columbus Day Backpack Buddy

The Backpack Buddy program feeds kids who might not eat on weekends - days when they don't get school meals. Why not give your "extra" weekend day to help? On Columbus Day, October 8, corral your kids for a morning of service at Houston Food Bank. Serving together is a wonderful way to grow closer as a family. Volunteers age 6+ are encouraged to participate.

Monday, Oct 8 | Bus leaves MDPC at 8:00 AM, or meet at HFB at 9:50 AM | Done by Noon (And select Mondays & Saturdays this Fall)

See times and sign up online: bpbuddy.mdpc.org

Knitting for Missions: Evening Edition

This MDPC group knits preemie caps for Ben Taub, comfort dolls for Guatemalan children awaiting surgery, and so much more. The newly forming Tuesday group is for people who can't make Knitting for Missions' usual Monday-morning meetups at the church.

1st Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 PM | Halvorson Home
Contact Shari Halvorson for the address or with questions: halvorsons4@yahoo.com

MDPC Young Adult Fall Retreat

Join the young adult community on a retreat from the city to enjoy the tranquility of the Hill Country. This is for 20s to mid-30s looking for a chance to relax and experience the glory of the Lord with great friends. We leave Friday after work and return midday Sunday. Food and room provided!

Nov 2-4 | Near Round Top, Texas | \$65

Register today: yaretreat.mdpc.org

Hoop It Up with Youth Basketball!

Boys and girls in PreK to 9th grade are encouraged to participate. Fee of \$150 includes a jersey and a trophy for PreK-5th grade teams.

Practices begin the week of Nov 26. You must register at MDPC if you want to practice at MDPC!

Games: Saturdays, Jan 5-Feb 16 at area churches
Register by Nov 18: sports.mdpc.org

Bible Study for 20s & 30s

All young adults are invited to come out for dinner, conversation, and discussions about Scripture.

Tuesdays at 6:30 PM | The Heights

For more info, text or call Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129

This week, please pray for these

MDPC Ministry Partners:

Presbyterian Children's Homes & Services offers a future with hope to children in need. Through group and foster homes, adoption services, outreach, single-parent family support, and an education/aftercare program, it serves over 4,000 children and families each year.

pchas.org

Prison Entrepreneurship Program connects business executives and prison inmates in a life-transforming program that fosters entrepreneurial passion through education and mentoring. Participants begin the program while still incarcerated, and continue to receive support and encouragement after their release.

pep.org

MDPC Field Partner Dr. M and his family are called to reach the unreached for Jesus Christ. Dr. M practices and teaches dentistry while sharing the Good News of Jesus with tribes living in abject poverty in South Asia. There, the 98% Muslim population has the least amount of dental care in the world. Please pray for their ministry and family's health as they continue working in their community.

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! Give 1 hour of your time, bring 4 loaves of bread per sandwich-maker, and make sandwiches for Kids' Meals. That's all it takes to make a difference.

Wednesday, Oct 10 | 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie for more information: hempeljulie@gmail.com

Mixon's Mixer

Join other single young adults for an evening of food, games, and all manner of frivolity, including a how-to by MDPC's own Chef Bernie!

Friday, October 5

For details, contact Kit Mixon: kitmix@hotmail.com

College Ski Trip

Start 2019 with a memorable few days tearing up the Colorado slopes! Cost includes lodging, meals on non-travel days, lift tickets, and ski/board rentals.

Tuesday-Sunday, January 1-6

\$495 (\$200 deposit due Dec 1, balance by Dec 20)

Learn more: pizzatoslowdown.mdpc.org

The Anatomy of Trafficking

To make progress in the fight to end human trafficking, we've got to talk about pornography and its contributing factors. Productive conversation can be undermined by feelings of shame and judgment, but also by simply not knowing what it is we're up against. So come get educated. These four evenings of learning are part of the ongoing effort of MDPC's Justice Initiative.

Wednesdays, Oct 3-24 | 6:30-8:00 PM

Learn more: justice.mdpc.org

Volunteer Opportunity

MDPC's Medical Center Apartment Ministry is in need of manpower. All you need is a heart for welcoming out-of-towners, compassion for patients experiencing serious health issues, and/or the ability to do simple administrative tasks such as completing forms and using a website. The few hours a week needed are flexible. This is a fantastic opportunity to see the difference Christian outreach can make in a person's life.

Contact Peggy Vincent: yggepvincent@gmail.com, 713-816-3311

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 6,090,715
Actual Income to Date (9/23/18)	\$ 6,580,356
Current Income Surplus	\$ 489,641
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 5,019,644



Worshipping Well

The Flow & Focus of Worship

Isaiah 6:1-9a (NRSV)

Sunday, September 30, 2018

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME

Beth Case

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

SONG OF PREPARATION

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

WORSHIPPING WELL: THE FLOW & FOCUS OF WORSHIP

Alf Halvorson

Isaiah 6:1-9a (NRSV)

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Sarah Stone

SONG OF RESPONSE

MESSAGE

WORSHIPPING WELL: THE FLOW & FOCUS OF WORSHIP

Alf Halvorson

Isaiah 6:1-9a (NRSV)

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Musicians in these services: Giselle Duque and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE

Fantasy in G

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Case

CHORAL INTROIT

I Will Worship the Lord

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

#138; Vs. 1, 2, 3, 4 | NICAEA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Christyn Knoop

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

The Gloria Patri

Hymn #579

ANTHEM

Let Us Sing to the Lord

J. Harold Moyer (1926-2012)

OFFERTORY

I Was Glad

C. Hubert Parry (1848-1919)

MESSAGE

WORSHIPPING WELL: THE FLOW & FOCUS OF WORSHIP

Alf Halvorson

Isaiah 6:1-9a (NRSV)

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Fairest Lord Jesus

#306; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | CRUSADERS' HYMN

POSTLUDE

March

Henry Smart (1813-1879)

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ; Sanctuary Choir

*Please stand if able.

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MDPC ONLINE GIVING

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BEGINS WEDNESDAY

THE ANATOMY OF TRAFFICKING

WEDNESDAYS, OCTOBER 3 - 24 | 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Learn about the often overlooked impact of pornography on human trafficking. Each speaker will contribute to better understanding. The goal is to pull the problem out of the shadows, enable conversation, and move toward finding a solution.

JUSTICE INITIATIVE
justice.mdpc.org

Worshipping Well

During this series, prepare your heart for worship by exploring the resources at preparing.mdpc.org prior to arriving each Sunday.

SERVE AS A FAMILY ON COLUMBUS DAY!

MDPC Backpack Buddy

bpbuddy.mdpc.org

In just a few morning hours of service at Houston Food Bank, you help provide healthy food to students who otherwise would go hungry on weekends.

See the back of this bulletin to learn more about the Columbus Day service project!

< Visit the webpage for details about the program and to sign up.

houston foodbank | HUNGER INITIATIVE

SCIENCE & FAITH

IS GENESIS HISTORY OR LEGEND?

SATURDAY, OCT. 13, 5:00-8:00 PM at MDPC

More information on the back of this bulletin and at speakers.mdpc.org.

Stephen Ministry Lunch & Learn

Sunday, October 7 | 12:30-1:30 PM

In times of trouble, those who are hurting look to caring Christian friends to walk beside them. A Stephen Minister is just such a friend. Come learn more about this special ministry and how to potentially become a Stephen Minister. Contact Beverly Fluke with questions and to RSVP (bfluke@mdpc.org).

POWERFUL TOOLS FOR CAREGIVERS

Family caregivers: Has being a caregiver left you feeling drained and frustrated? Learn self-care tools to reduce personal stress, communicate more effectively, and deal with difficult caregiving situations.

Wednesdays, Oct. 10-Nov. 14 3:30-5:00 PM

Register: caregivers.mdpc.org
\$30 fee for program resources. Class size is limited. No professional caregivers, please.

PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER

Change the World One Child at a Time...

Help young students succeed through mentoring, tutoring, or volunteering. The one-session trainings are offered on multiple days, and there are multiple ways to give your time. See how you can make a difference in a local kid's life:

mentoring.mdpc.org

THE WELL: A WOMEN'S SPEAKER SERIES

AGES 17+ ARE WELCOME

"CONNECTED"

At this semi-annual gathering, a panel of real, honest MDPC women bravely share their personal stories, showing us that we are not alone in our life experiences.

WEDS, OCTOBER 24 6:00-8:00 PM • CHAPEL

Learn more and RSVP: THEWELL.MDPC.ORG

All-Church Lunch

Next Sunday • 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
Adults \$10, Children \$4

Entrée: Blackened Catfish or Shrimp Étouffée
Served with Dirty Rice, Jambalaya, Green Beans, and Smothered Okra
Kid's Meal: Chicken Tenders
Entrée Salad: Muffuletta

food.mdpc.org

MDPC Young Adults on Mission 2019

We're traveling to serve with MDPC's amazing mission partner, The Micah Project. Come see the love of Christ while experiencing the beauty that is Honduras.

Wednesday-Sunday, March 20-24, 2019
\$600 out of pocket/\$600 fundraising

Email Trevor to learn more: tharris@mdpc.org

Worshipping Well

The Flow & Focus of Worship

Isaiah 6:1-9a (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson preaching

There can be exceptions to the rule, but there are worthy reasons for the regular pattern. You might be surprised to learn that this template comes largely from Isaiah 6:1-9a.

This is the second in a series of messages on *Worshipping Well*. Last week, Beth helped us see *our part* in worship; how we might prepare for and participate in worship. Can we cultivate the soil of our heart in the days before the service so that when the seed of the Word is planted there on Sunday, it might find a receptive environment?

This week we concentrate on a tried and true flow of worship, which those in the Reformed Tradition have adopted as their normal pattern. Of course

1. Which worship service do you usually attend? What do you like about the service? Are there things that you do not like? (For ex., time, location, style of music, the various component parts, length of service, etc.)

2. Read Isaiah 6:1-9a. Why start with the phrase, “In the year that King Uzziah died...”? What did I say in the sermon about the need for us to bring what is going on in the world and our lives to worship?

3. Verses 1-4 reveal a picture of God’s power and majesty and glory. When, if ever, have you been in a worship service when you felt this kind of awe and grandeur? What did it produce in you?

4. In verse 5, when humans are in the presence of God, what does this text suggest is our typical need? Where, in *our* service, do we have time and space to do what Isaiah did?

5. Verses 6 and 7 reveal what God does for us when we confess our sin. What does this visual image portray for you? Read 1 John 1:5-9. How does this text complement or fulfill what used to happen in the Jewish Temple?

6. Verse 8 says, “Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’” How is that similar and dissimilar to the reading of the Word and the preaching of the Word in our services? Should good preaching always have a call to the congregation to respond in some way? Discuss.

7. The second part of verse 8 says, “And I said, ‘Here am I; send me.’” What parts after the sermon in our services allow us to say “Yes” or “Here am I; send me”? In the 9:45 service, we have moved the *offering* and *communion* to after the sermon to reflect this response emphasis. Should we consider that in the other services we have? What are other ways we can “Go” (vs. 9a) and apply the message of the day to our life out in the world? And what role in this “going” is the Charge/Benediction supposed to play?

