

**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. **Tomorrow! Oct 8 | Bus leaves MDPC at 8:00 AM, or meet at HFB at 9:50 AM | Done by Noon (Also other select Mondays & Saturdays this fall) See times and sign up online: [bpbuddy.mdpc.org](http://bpbuddy.mdpc.org)**

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers**

Has being a caregiver left you feeling drained and frustrated? Come learn some new tools to take better care of yourself. This six-week educational program is designed to equip family caregivers with effective self-care tools to reduce personal stress, communicate more effectively, and deal with difficult caregiving situations. **Space is limited. No professional caregivers, please. Wednesdays, Oct 10-Nov 14 | 3:30-5:00 PM Registration: [caregivers.mdpc.org](http://caregivers.mdpc.org) (\$30 for resources)**

**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 details: [hempeljulie@gmail.com](mailto:hempeljulie@gmail.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](http://pizzatoslowdown.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**

**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](mailto:yggepvincent@gmail.com), 713-816-3311**

**Congregational Meeting**

Motion: to approve a Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2021 and the 2019 Nominating Committee. **Sunday, Oct 21, following 9:45 AM Worship**

**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](http://sports.mdpc.org)**

**Houston Pilgrimage, A Renewal Weekend**

When was the last time you did something to ignite your faith, renew your soul, and fill you with peace? Pilgrimage is for adults (18+) from any Christian denomination. The purpose is to prepare you to help bring about God's Kingdom on earth. **Oct. 25-28 in Palacios, Texas. \$150 all-inclusive. Scholarships available. You only have to register and show up; God will take care of the rest. Contact Bart Henson: [bartshenson@gmail.com](mailto:bartshenson@gmail.com)**

**MDPC Young Adult Fall Retreat**

Join the young adult community on a retreat to the tranquility of the Hill Country. This is for 20s to mid-30s looking 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](http://yaretreat.mdpc.org)**

**The Red Rose is in honor of:**

• Garrett Bergoie, born September 21, 2018 to Jennifer and Andrew Bergoie. He is the grandson of Jan and Stan Simmons.

**This week, please pray for these MDPC Ministry Partners:**

**Pro-Vision** ministers to disadvantaged youth in the Sunnyside neighborhood. Its multipurpose campus includes a farm, basketball court, nature trail, and sports field. It works with students who have fallen behind in school, improving their self-perception with an emphasis on social skills, self-awareness, and developing a solid work ethic. [provisionschool.org](http://provisionschool.org)

**REACH Unlimited** provides support services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. With 22 group homes, an educational/relational day program, nursing care, and supported employment, it fosters growth and independence so every individual has the opportunity to be all they were created to be. [reachunlimited.org](http://reachunlimited.org)

**MDPC Field Partner Rev. Dan McNerney** works with Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to bring the Gospel to unreached people groups all over the world. He has led MDPC members on mission in Egypt and other areas of the Middle East. Dan also leads friendship groups in Chicago, which gather Christians, Muslims, and Jews to dialogue on Kingdom life, reconciliation, and the teachings of Jesus. [newsfromthefrontier.com](http://newsfromthefrontier.com)

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 6,223,075
Actual Income to Date (9/30/18)	\$ 6,731,027
Current Income Surplus	\$ 507,952
<b>Needed to Meet 2018 Budget</b>	<b>\$ 4,868,973</b>

**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

MDPC Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

**Worship as a Life-Style**  
Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Sunday, October 7, 2018

**8:30 AM BLENDED**

**WELCOME** Dave Steane

**\*SONGS OF PRAISE**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE** Brett Hurst

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE**

**MESSAGE** **WORSHIPPING WELL: WORSHIP AS A LIFE-STYLE** Alf Halvorson

**†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

**9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY**

**WORSHIP INVITATION** Meliza Gómez

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*MOMENT OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE**

**GIFTS OF GRATITUDE** Tara Reynolds

**MESSAGE** **WORSHIPPING WELL: WORSHIP AS A LIFE-STYLE** Alf Halvorson

**†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** Dave Steane

**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRANTS**

Jack Brown	Lexie Chapman	Jackson Holz	Mckenzie Sloan
Johnny Brown	Sara Edwards	Kenley Kieschnick	Ava Spence
Lucas Cardoso	Trey Edwards	Sophie Short	Major Tarwater

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

Musicians in these services: Gisele Duque, Meliza Gómez, and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Asher Pudlo, drums

**11:15 AM TRADITIONAL**

**PRELUDE** *French Suite* Gordon Young (1919-1998)

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Dave Steane

**CHORAL INTROIT** *Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. George Lynn (1915-1989)

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *O For a World* #386; Vs. 1, 3, 4, 5 | AZMON

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE** Dan Aikins

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Apostle's Creed

**OFFERTORY** *Let the People Praise Thee, O God* William Mathias (1934-1992)

**MESSAGE** **WORSHIPPING WELL: WORSHIP AS A LIFE-STYLE** Alf Halvorson

**†CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

**FIRST COMMUNION CELEBRANTS**

Elle Anderson	Gwenyth Koss	Caroline Perry
Ginger Koss	Teagan Little	Carter Wallis

**COMMUNION MEDITATIONS** *O Divine Redeemer, Our Sole Hope of Salvation* Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)  
*Elevation* Leon Boellmann (1862-1897)

**POSTLUDE** *La Marche* G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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

\*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 in front of your seating section. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat. Every child is an important part of our faith community. We believe each family decides when its children are ready to participate in communion. Children not taking communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing from the pastors and elders serving.





# THE ANATOMY OF TRAFFICKING

EDUCATION TO UNDERSTANDING TO PREVENTION

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.

OCTOBER 10:

**How Pornography Fuels Demand**

BEAU ABDULLA, Founder of *Love People Not Pixels*

OCTOBER 17:

**Who's Talking to Your Kids about Porn?**

BEAU ABDULLA

OCTOBER 24:

**Reducing the Demand**

BOB RODGERS, President & CEO of *Street Grace*

MDPC JUSTICE INITIATIVE

justice.mdpc.org

THIS WEDNESDAY

THIS SATURDAY

# SCIENCE & FAITH IS GENESIS HISTORY OR LEGEND?

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

Come explore questions about the universe, our origins, how God created life, humanity, and all that we know and see, as we hear Dr. Craig Story and Christopher Rupe present two views of how to interpret Genesis. As both scientists and Christians, they'll share thoughts on creation, evolution, how men and women were formed, how to understand the known universe with our scientific knowledge, and more. Join us as we learn how scientific discovery bolsters our faith in and love for God.

This will be a lively dialogue with a chance for Q&A from the audience.



**Craig Story:** "One of the most important questions a person can ask themselves is 'How do I interpret the bible?' and 'What role does science play in this?' I hope to provide some helpful ideas on this important issue as a scientist who is a life-long believer in Jesus Christ as my Lord. I look forward to addressing your questions about science and Christian faith!"



**Chris Rupe:** "Theistic evolution asserts that man evolved from apes over millions of years; that Adam and Eve were not our flesh and blood historical ancestors; and that the global flood in the days of Noah was merely an ancient Near East myth. If Jesus accepted Genesis as history, why shouldn't we as followers of Christ?"

Let us know you're coming:

[speakers.mdpc.org](http://speakers.mdpc.org)



TODAY!



ALL ADULTS WELCOME

## PARENT POW-WOWS

What's Influencing Our Kids Now

Select Fall Sundays

11:00 AM-12:15 PM | MDPC Gym

October 7, 14, & 21 • Speaker Beau Abdulla

- Love People Not Pixels
- Who's Talking to Your Kids About Porn?
- Media Literacy & Technology Plans

November 4, 11, & 25

- Critical Conversations

POWWOW.MDPC.ORG

SERVE AS A FAMILY ON COLUMBUS DAY!



houston foodbank

MDPC Backpack Buddy

[bpbuddy.mdpc.org](http://bpbuddy.mdpc.org)

HUNGER INITIATIVE

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.

TODAY!



All-Church Lunch

Today, served 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](http://food.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.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

6:00-8:00 PM • CHAPEL

Learn more and RSVP: [THEWELL.MDPC.ORG](http://THEWELL.MDPC.ORG)





# Worshipping Well

## Worship as a Life-Style

Psalm 150 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the third in a series of messages we are offering on Worshipping Well. Beth gave us valuable insights in week one on the part we can play in preparing for and participating in worship. And through our Thursday emails, we are giving you the Scripture, the hymns, the anthem titles, the Prayer of Confession, etc. so that you can till the soil of your heart before you arrive, and thus be receptive ground when the seed of the Word is sown Sunday morning.

Last week, using Isaiah 6:1-9a as our text, I offered a template for worship, a flow and component parts that help worship to “bring all we are before all God is,” to have God forgive us and then invite us into a purpose with Him in response to the word.

Today, we will look at how worship can be more than on Sunday, but be something we do every day of the week. Did you have to learn the six Journalism Questions for writing class in high school? I remember memorizing Rudyard Kipling’s poem, “I keep six honest serving men; they taught me all I knew; their names are what and why and when; and how and where and who.” Psalm 150 answers the six journalism questions regarding worship.

1. Read Psalm 150 with “who, what, when, where, why, and how” in mind. How does the Psalmist answer each question? Which verses explain or answer each question or questions? *Who*, *what*, *where*, *why*, and *how* are stated explicitly. *When* is stated implicitly.
2. Psalm 150 begins and ends with the phrase in the New Revised Standard Version, “Praise the Lord.” In Hebrew, it is just the word, “Hallelujah.” *Hallelujah* is a combination of *Hallel* = “Praise,” and *Jah* = short for “Yahweh.” The psalm begins and ends with “Hallelujah.” To what extent is your life bracketed by this word? What would have to change for that to be true for you?
3. What if you don’t play an instrument or are a poor singer? What then? I talked about Brother Lawrence, a monk whose job it was to clean the pots and pans in the monastery. How did he make a job full of drudgery into an offering of worship and prayer to God?
4. Are there currently areas in your life where God has been kept at arms-length? How might you make those times and places more worshipful, God-focused, prayerful?
5. What questions and concerns do you still have about Worship? Is there a book to recommend or a class to attend, or a friend/mentor to talk to about this issue?
6. I talked near the end of my sermon about our tendency to want to do things perfectly or not at all. I shared about my sisters and I bringing breakfast in bed to our parents when we were young. The food was barely edible, but my parents received it with tears and joy because we thought of them, we took the time to make something special for them, and we attempted to show our love and gratitude to them through this act of giving. How might that image translate to your offerings of worship to God, even if they are half-baked? Can you see God smiling or happy with the attempt, even if it is not perfect?

