

TODAY!

TRUNK or TREAT

Sponsored by **MDPC DADS**

Invite your neighbors! All families are welcome.

3:30-4:45 PM | MDPC North Parking Lot
trunkortreat.mdpc.org

Partner in Prayer

Partners In Prayer commit to praying for their fellow MDPC members and a mission partner, each day for one year. Pastor Alf's goal is to have 1,000 or more Pray-ers for 2019. Help make it happen!

Learn more and register at the link below or on Sign-up Sundays, Nov. 4 & 11.
pip.mdpc.org

HUNGER INITIATIVE

Give Thanksgiving in a Bag

Help our neighbors in Spring Branch have a joyful Thanksgiving!

Cloth bags & grocery lists are being handed out today after each service. Please return filled bags by Sunday, November 11 in the grocery carts on campus or at the parking lot drop-off.

THANK YOU for your generous help & hearts!

thanksgiving.mdpc.org

All-Church Worship Night

Thursday, November 15
7:00-8:00 PM | Chapel
6:30 PM: Doors open & snacks

Worship...it's not just for Sundays. Come hungry for music, prayer, Spirit-filled encouragement, and space to listen and respond to our amazing God.

No registration required. Reserve free childcare at childcare@mdpc.org.

Multi-Generational Event!

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.

HONDURAS Tegucigalpa

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

Email Trevor to learn more: tharris@mdpc.org

HAPPENING AT MDPC

All-Church Lunch

Chef Bernie will be cooking up soul food! Choose from smothered pork chop or meatloaf, served with black-eyed peas, collard greens, mac & cheese, mashed potatoes, or white rice. The entrée salad is Tuna Niçoise.
Sunday, Nov 4 | Adults \$10, Kids \$4, Veg Plate \$7
food.mdpc.org

Blood Drive

We never know when or where disaster will strike, which makes regular blood drives so important. Not every story makes national headlines, but for the parents of a hurting child, patients undergoing heart surgery, preemies, sickle cell sufferers, and so many more, their time of crisis and need is just as urgent.
Sunday, Nov 11 | 8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall
Sign up anytime at giveblood.org.

Pie Love You

MDPC Women are teaming up with Jesus Said Love, an organization that shares the revolutionary love of Christ with women in the commercial sex industry. We'll bake pies to be taken into local businesses where workers can be treated to these gifts and spend time with a member of JSL to hear about the love of Jesus. Here's how you can help:
Donate a pie! Just \$10/pie, and easy to give at pies.mdpc.org.
Friday, Nov 16: Help with pie making or assembly. Morning and afternoon shifts to choose from, and free childcare at both!
Learn more and sign up: pies.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

This week, please pray for these MDPC Ministry Partners:


Santa Maria Hostel
The mission of Santa Maria is to empower women with children to become alcohol and drug free. It is Texas' largest multi-site residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment center and one of few that provides a continuum of care for pregnant and parenting women and their children.
santamariahostel.org

Scripture Awakening, The Bible in 90 Days

Scripture Awakening provides resources to encourage people to read, study, and live the Bible and to awaken the world to the power of God's Word.
scriptureawakening.com

MDPC Field Partners Reverends David and Kim

and their team train and coach church leaders and new Christians in Asia, and connect them to resources and curriculum. Pray for Dave and Kim and their two children as they build community and future mission plans. Pray that God would continue to go before them in every way, helping them build new support systems and connections for ministry.



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Advent Silent Retreat

Everyone is welcome. Villa de Matel provides a beautiful, quiet, reverent setting to stop and listen to God.
Monday, Dec 3 | 9:00 AM-2:30 PM
Villa de Matel Convent (6510 Lawndale, 77023)
\$30 (includes lunch and supplies)
Register by Nov. 16: silentretreat.mdpc.org

Volunteer Opportunity!

Children's Ministries is searching for a volunteer for our Wednesday Night Bible Studies! No prep required. Just looking for caring adults to build relationships with great kids.
Time commitment: 5:30-7:30 PM on Wednesdays
Contact Lyndsey Dottavio, Elementary Ministries
Director: ldottavio@mdpc.org, 713-490-9262

BLESS Friday

Giving thanks for all God has blessed us with can be as simple as serving up lunch to moms and their children or filling shoeboxes with small surprises for seafarers far away from home. Be a part of BLESS Friday this year and share God's Love!
Friday, Nov 23
See home projects and/or register for service projects at blessfriday.mdpc.org.

Discover MDPC with Alf

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? Plan to attend this brief informational meeting led by Pastor Alf. No commitment required! Learn what it means to be part of our faith community.
Sunday, Nov 4 | 10:45-11:10 AM | Gathering Room

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.
Sunday mornings, Nov 11-Dec 9 (No class Nov 25)
Visit membership.mdpc.org to register, or contact Diann Turet (dturet@mdpc.org, 713-490-9553).

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by

• Billie Carole and Joe McMillan, in celebration of the month of their 60th wedding anniversary.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE	
2018 Operating Budget	\$ 11,600,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 6,879,836
Actual Income to Date (10/21/18)	\$ 7,176,357
Current Income Surplus	\$ 296,521
Needed to Meet 2018 Budget	\$ 4,423,643

Sunday, October 28, 2018 Daylight Saving ends next Sunday, Nov 4. Set your clocks back!

Passion Into Action

— Acts 20:35

8:30 AM BLENDED

WELCOME Dave Steane

***SONGS OF PRAISE**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Beth Case

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

MESSAGE **PASSION INTO ACTION: THE MOTIVATION** Alf Halvorson
Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NRSV)

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Hillary McMullen

MESSAGE **PASSION INTO ACTION: THE MOTIVATION** Alf Halvorson
Acts 20:35; 2 Corinthians 8:9 (NRSV)

TIME OF GRATEFUL REMEMBRANCE

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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 *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* arr. Lani Smith

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT *Lift Thine Eyes (from Elijah)* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *For All the Saints* #526; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | SINE NOMINE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE** Beth Case

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from Romans 8

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** *The Gloria Patri* Hymn #579

ANTHEM *Rise, My Soul* arr. Susan Labarr (b. 1981)

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OFFERTORY *Laudate Pueri* Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *I Surrender All* Vs. 1, 4 | SURRENDER

POSTLUDE *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* arr. K. White

Musicians in this service: Charles Hausmann, conductor; Meredith Vajdos, piano; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Women's Chorus

*Please stand if able.



Commit



Connect



Affect

All Saints Day



A TIME TO REMEMBER. A TIME TO HONOR.

A TIME TO COMMEMORATE THOSE WE HAVE LOST.



Clifford Walker
Rackley
January 28, 2018



Jack Allyn
January 29, 2018



Moscelene "Mosie"
Poutra Myers
January 30, 2018



Helen Hedley Cates
February 2, 2018



George Edwin
Nilsson
July 29, 2018



Laurie P. "L.P." Jones
August 8, 2018



Capt. Carter B.
Conlin, Sr.
August 19, 2018



Eleanor W.
Willett Prillaman
August 25, 2018



Thomas Vivion
Sutherland
February 3, 2018



Donalee Edith
Adams
February 8, 2018



Mildred Marie
Kemper
March 11, 2018



Steve Tacconelly
March 17, 2018



Billie Ann Evans
October 3, 2018



Cara Coe
October 9, 2018



R. Paul Kors
October 15, 2017



Patsy Mae
Thompson Stone
October 29, 2017



Jack Steele Anderson
November 1, 2017



Janice J. Burg
November 12, 2017



Richard Michael
McCauley
April 13, 2018



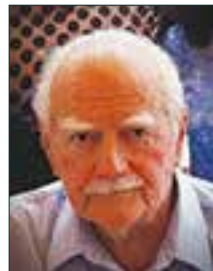
Norman Michael
"Mike" Gaetz
April 17, 2018



Thomas W. Campbell
April 18, 2018



Jim Houston Zike
April 29, 2018



Benjamin Franklin
Bullock, Jr.
November 17, 2017



Kenneth Carl Gruber
November 17, 2017



George G. Carnahan
December 1, 2017



Janice Dorothy Lee
December 12, 2017



Betty J. Shaw
May 9, 2018



J. William "Bill"
Paisley
May 13, 2018



Bessie Louise
Scarborough
May 17, 2018



Margaret Ann
Mitchell Dwyer
May 23, 2018



Helena Frances
Hargrove
January 3, 2018



Flo Lain Hannah
January 10, 2018



Margaret Custis
Green
January 19, 2018



Vicki Carol Sims
January 24, 2018



Virginia Higgins
Upchurch
May 28, 2018



Hector Chavez
June 12, 2018



Thomas W.
Masterson, III
July 12, 2018



Sally A. Folger
July 2018

Caring Ministries also assisted in the memorial services of these non-members:

Rex McKeever
William "Bill" E. Mallia
William "Bill" Lauver
Georgia Spiker
Doug M. Stabler
Sharon Salathiel (Lyn Flynt's daughter)
Edward "Rusty" Rivers
Larry Earl Vaughn
Judge Frank C. Price
Alan Bean
Larry Burke

December 5, 2017
January 1, 2018
January 19, 2018
February 15, 2018
February 21, 2018
February 28, 2018
March 2, 2018
April 24, 2018
May 19, 2018
May 26, 2018
July 14, 2018

ALL SAINTS DAY RECEPTION

This morning we are honoring and remembering members who passed away this past year. Following each worship service, you are invited to a reception in honor of your loved one and other Christian brothers and sisters who have departed to their heavenly home.

Drop by anytime, 9:30 AM-12:45 PM, for light refreshments. You will be welcomed by a team of caring staff, lay persons, and pastors. We hope to have the opportunity to connect with you on this important day.

This morning, 9:30 AM-12:45 PM
Caring Ministries Office (CLC by the Amphitheater)



Passion Into Action

CONNECT: The Motivation

Acts 20:35 & 2 Cor. 8:9

Pastor Alf preaching

This is the second in a series of messages on Generosity. How are we to be stewards of the gifts of time, talent, *and treasure* that God gives us? Last week we looked at Jesus' amazing encounter with the religious scholar in Luke 10, where Jesus teaches him and us how we can gain eternal life through being like the Good Samaritan—through *neighboring*. I contended that, "In every life, we excel (in the end) either at giving or taking. Our legacy will be one or the other. What will your legacy be? Which will mine

be?" Today we look at how the early church, and especially the Apostle Paul, took Jesus' idea of giving and sought to keep it alive in and through the Body of Christ, the Church.

1. Acts 20:35 is one passage in the middle of a wider context. Paul is saying goodbye to his friends from the Church in Ephesus, where he stayed for nearly 3 years. He is going to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested, imprisoned, and eventually beheaded in Rome. Paul suggests that he has given the community an example of serving and sacrificing and giving. Read Acts 20:17-38.
 - a. In what ways did Paul give to the people and the mission at Ephesus?
 - b. How did he model a Christ-like life? (See esp. verses 31-35)
 - c. Why does the community, connecting with others, matter regarding giving?
2. Verse 35 ends with the phrase, "remembering the words of the Lord Jesus Christ, for He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" Most people don't take those words of Jesus seriously, do they? What is their alternative vision of life? Isn't it something like, "More is always better; or, no matter what you have, it is never enough"? Add additional quotes that are common in society. How do you take Jesus' words here seriously?
3. In 2 Cor. 8, Paul is talking to the members of the Corinthian Church about how generous the poorer Macedonian Church had been regarding giving to the collection for the Church in Jerusalem. The Church in Jerusalem had experienced intense persecution and there was a famine there. Paul, as part of his preaching, challenged the Corinthian Church to excel in not only faith, and speech, and knowledge, and eagerness, but also in *giving* (vs. 7). Read 2 Cor. 8:1-14. Imagine you are members of the Church at Corinth. Is Paul's argument compelling? Why or why not?
4. His motivation (his "why") behind this collection is verse 9. What is his contention here? How does Jesus' life and sacrifice speak to their possible sacrifice? Do you think he convinced them? Has Paul convinced you? Why should one Christian Community care about another Christian Community or the world? I shared about two plane flights and the impact of giving. Discuss.
5. How do these two verses, Acts 20:35 & 2 Cor. 8:9, provide additional motivation for you to pledge this year and to continue to grow in giving? Are there any questions you still have about this idea of radical generosity? Share them with the group and discuss together. *Covenant Sunday is Nov. 4th. Have you been praying about what God might want you to pledge based on what you have received from Him?*

