

Congregational Meeting

Our church family will meet to approve the call of Brazilian Presbyterian Church's Pastor Almir as an MDPC Associate Pastor; review 2018 highlights; present the 2019 budget and pastors' terms of call; and look ahead to our vision for 2019. Join us for lunch (details on the Sunday Supper ad inside) and the meeting. **Today at 12:30 PM | Fellowship Hall**

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

In Houston, 1 in 4 children often go without meals because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank. Last year, MDPC volunteer teams prepared tens of 1,000s of meals that were distributed to after-school programs throughout Harris County. Thank you! Now, we need your help to keep the fight against childhood hunger moving forward! Will you please join us? **Next date: Tomorrow! 8:00 AM-Noon**
Register and more details: bpbuddy.mdpc.org

2019 Global Mission Trips

Interested in going on a mission trip or vision trip in 2019? Come and join fellow MDPC members to visit and serve alongside one of our beloved global outreach partners. Don't miss this opportunity to see and participate in the amazing work God is doing abroad. Trip details are available on the MDPC website and on flyers throughout MDPC... Where is God calling you?
Contact Kelsi McCormack: kmccormack@mdpc.org

Israel Trip Interest Meeting

Come ask questions and get excited to join Pastor Dave and Jenny Steane on a trip to the Holy Land this fall. **Sunday, March 3 | 5:30 PM | Parlor**
Trip details: israeltrip.mdpc.org

ROM 20th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for an evening of celebration and thanksgiving for the first 20 Years of Renewing Our Minds Ministry (ROM). This MDPC partner has transformed and equipped hundreds of young lives across the world for leadership, service, love, and reconciliation. Come hear their impactful history and their vision for the future. **Wednesday, Feb 20 | 6:30 PM | Summit Room**

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus is on:

The Beacon provides hot meals, showers, laundry service, and case management to over 600 clients each day. These essential and next-step services restore hope and help end homelessness in Houston.

beaconhomeless.org

Bo's Place provides grief support to children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. It offers community education, and training to professionals and volunteers who work with children and families in grief. Offsite support groups are offered in Gulfton, East End, and Katy.

bosplace.org

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kristin Huffman serves with Frontier Fellowship, working to mobilize churches in San Antonio, Houston, and beyond, helping people begin to care about the unreached and plan ways to reach them. She is working with Fuller Seminary to offer a discipleship/mission program for young adults that will focus on spiritual formation, vocational discernment and the call to the unreached, both in the U.S. and across the world.

frontierfellowship.com

Theology On Tap: Catholicism

Do you have questions about saints, purgatory, confession, seeing the virgin Mary on a piece of toast, or other Catholic-related musings? Come hear from Catholic and Protestant scholars, and then text in your questions to a panel of pastors, priests, and professors, while drinking craft beer. Open to young adults, 20s & 30s.

Tuesday, Feb 12 | 7:00-9:00 PM | 2515 Waugh Dr.
\$5 gets you craft beer & food

facebook.com/theologyontaphouston

2019 Church in the City

The entire MDPC family will again serve together on a Sunday morning at Houston Food Bank! Opportunities for all ages and mobility levels.

Sunday, Feb 24 | More info on the ad inside

Register today: citc.mdpc.org

Outreach Committees Need You!

When you serve on MDPC local or global subcommittees, you get to see God at work through our ministry partners. You'll learn about, pray with, and participate in annual reviews of the ministry partners. Meet monthly to report, make recommendations for funding, and vote, and these are sent to Session for approval. *If you feel God calling you to serve in Outreach, email Stan Simmons (cssimmons49@gmail.com) for details.*

Youth Summer Mission Trips

Mission trips are planned for students in 6th grade, 7th-8th grade, and high school. Visit the link below to learn more and sign up! Scholarships available.
youthmissions.mdpc.org

Gems & Jewels / Scuba

Bible study for 3rd-5th graders to get to know Jesus! Girls meet at 5:30 PM and Boys at 6:30 PM.

Wednesdays through April 10

Register: children.mdpc.org

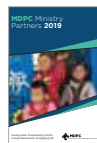
Women's Backpacking Trip * Colorado

For **five days this summer**, we'll carry all our supplies up and over a mountain, sharing life stories, time with God, campfire meals, and majestic views. Led by Beth Case and Christyn Knoop. Just a few spots are left!

Details: wayforwardadventures.com/mdpcwomen

Get to Know and Pray for All the MDPC Ministry Partners!

Pick up a free 2019 Ministry Partner booklet and get to know and pray for MDPC's 150+ local and global ministry partners. You and YOUR prayer are a vital part of their work! Three ministries to pray for are listed each week for the year.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

MDPC's 2019 Operating Budget is pending review and approval by MDPC Session.



Sunday, February 10, 2019



THIS IS US
The Story of Joseph's Family...and Ours

Disappointment and Despair
Genesis 39:19-23; 40:1-8
Alf Halvorson preaching

THIS IS US Caring Contacts & Counseling

Wondering about the "me" in your family? Are you resonating with the sermon topics of sibling rivalry, jealousy, family secrets, disappointment, and revenge? Spend some time with our in-house counselor, Amanda Grace Caldwell (acaldwell@mdpc.org), as God works out reconciliation in your life and family. For more on the family issues Pastor Alf is tackling during this sermon series, check out our newest podcast, *Being Human*.

* Please stand if able.

8:30 AM BLENDED

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WELCOME		Rachel Poysky
*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Phil Warman
MESSAGE	THIS IS US Genesis 39:19-23; 40:1-8 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE		

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WELCOME AND WORSHIP INVITATION		
BAPTISMS		
	Davis Cooper, son of Jason and Maren Cooper	
	Garrett Christian Bergoigne, son of Andrew and Jennifer Bergoigne	
	Elisabeth Faith Malejan, daughter of Brian and Kristin Malejan	
MOMENT OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		
MESSAGE	THIS IS US Genesis 39:19-23; 40:1-8 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Kyle Collins

Musicians in the first two services: Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Uvaldo Callejas, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

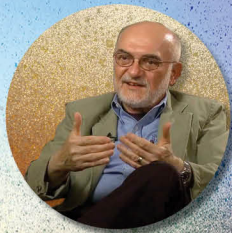
PRELUDE	<i>Come Holy Ghost, Lord and God</i>	Dietrich Buxtehude (1636-1707)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Rachel Poysky
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>God Gave to Us This Glorious Day</i>	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Come, Thou Almighty King</i>	#139; vs. 1, 3, 4 ITALIAN HYMN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Trevor Harris
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Nicene Creed	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	<i>Witness</i>	arr. Jack Halloran (1916-1997)
OFFERTORY	<i>My Shepherd Will Supply My Need</i>	arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
MESSAGE	THIS IS US Genesis 39:19-23; 40:1-8 (NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
CLOSING HYMN	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>	#383; vs. 1, 3 OLIVET
POSTLUDE	<i>Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones</i>	David Schrack (b. 1947)

Musicians in this service: Emily Borling, guest organist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Amanda Menzie and Brian Yeakley, soloists; Sanctuary Choir

HUMAN SEXUALITY

MARRIAGE, FIDELITY, & SEXUAL SIN

SPEAKER DR. HARRY SCHAUMBURG
Wednesday, February 13 • 7:00 PM • MDPC



Harry Schaumburg is a speaker, author, and counselor specializing in the area of sexual sin in the church. He is the director of Stone Gate Resources and the author of *False Intimacy: Understanding the Struggle of Sexual Addiction* and *Undefined: Redemption from Sexual Sin, Restoration for Broken Relationships*.

MDPC welcomes Dr. Schaumburg as part of our Justice Initiative, undertaken as part of the fight to end human trafficking. Gaining an understanding of what fuels demand for sex-for-purchase and pornography can help decrease it, thus decreasing supply.



justice.mdpc.org

SECOND-SUNDAY SUPPER

TODAY IN FELLOWSHIP HALL • 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Adults \$10 • Children \$4 • Vegetable Plate \$7

ENTRÉE: Kung Pao Chicken or Shrimp Fried Rice served with White Rice, Fried Rice, Steamed Bok Choy, Lo Mein with Cabbage

CHILDREN'S ENTRÉE: Child's Portion

ENTRÉE SALAD: Asian Chicken

Cong. Meeting
at 12:30 PM
(See back page)

Valentine Cookies by Chef Bernie

Homemade shortbread cookies with a hint of almond flavor (but nut free), decorated for spreading love to family, friends, or your sweetie!

Order by Monday, February 11:

treats.mdpc.org

Chef Bernie reminds you, "The way to a person's heart is through their stomach..."

FAITHFUL FATHERING



dadness.mdpc.org

Tuesdays

February 12-March 5

6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

Step up your game as a dad! Join other fathers and father-figures for a 4-week "Exploring the Seasons of Fathering" study.

KIDS' MEALS

Wednesday, February 13
4:30-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Visit kidsmeals.mdpc.org for more upcoming dates.

Help feed little ones living in poverty by making sandwiches here at MDPC for Kids' Meals. Please bring 4 loaves of sandwich bread and wear a baseball cap. A great project for families!



Being Human

YOU'RE FINE. I'M FINE. EVERYTHING'S FINE.

If you're finding Pastor Alf's sermons on **jealousy, family issues,** and a **longing to connect** relatable, check out new special episodes of the *Being Human* podcast. Hosted by seminarian Laurien Hook and Amanda Grace Caldwell, MA, LPC. In episode 6, guest Rachel Poysky talks about **Family Systems, Secrets, & Rules.**



Listen now: beinghuman.mdpc.org



Donate Blood

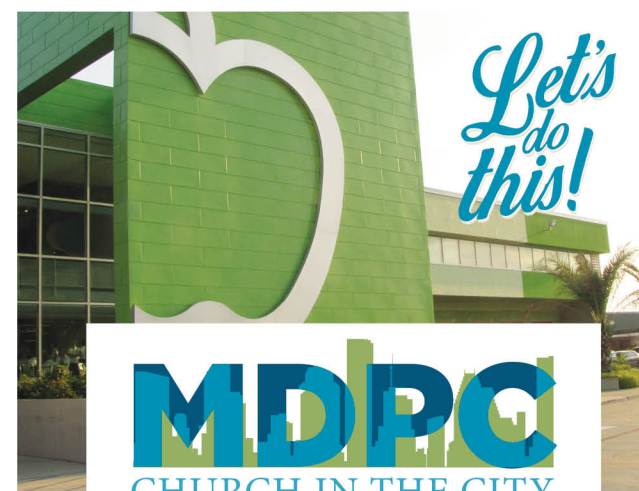
Save Lives

Blood Drive Sunday: February 17

8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registering helps the Blood Center send enough techs to keep waits short: giveblood.org

Donors
get a free
T-shirt!



Let's do this!

02.24.19

Serve shoulder-to-shoulder with your MDPC family at our annual Sunday morning of service! Meet here at 8:00 AM, bus to Houston Food Bank with some mobile worship, serve at HFB, and return to MDPC around noon for lunch.

There's still time to sign up! Visit CITC.mdpc.org.

T-SHIRTS NOW AVAILABLE

If you've already registered for Church in the City, stop by the Sanctuary Lobby this morning to pick up your T-shirt(s). You'll be given the size(s) that you ordered when you signed up.

This is the fourth in our series on Joseph from Genesis 37-50. You'd think that God would have saved Joseph since he had been faithful in Potiphar's house regarding not giving up and also avoiding the temptations of Potiphar's wife. But Potiphar's wife lies about Joseph, and Potiphar has him thrown into prison...

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Disappointment & Despair

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1. Have you ever been lied about and found yourself in some pit because of that betrayal? Share with your group. Have bad breaks ever come in waves, and you wondered if you'd ever get out of the mess you found yourself in at that time? Explain.
2. Read Gen. 39:13-23. What did Potiphar's wife do when Joseph ran? What groups did she tell? What did Potiphar do? As a slave, Potiphar could have had Joseph killed. Why do you think he had Joseph put into prison? Was it because he did believe his wife or because he didn't believe his wife?
3. Where is God in these initial verses (21-23)? What are the various "ways" that God is with Joseph here? Which of the ways do you think was most important to Joseph? Which would be most important to you?
4. Read Gen. 40:1-8. What does Joseph do for the cupbearer and the baker of the King (Pharaoh)? Separate out the various actions of Joseph: verse 4, verse 6, verse 7, verse 8. Is there a progression? Which is most significant and why? Or are all equally important?
5. I mentioned in weeks one and two of this series that, if you wore "the robe" in your family, one of the ways you could grow is to practice serving others. How does Joseph learn to live without the robe here? If you were the cupbearer or the baker, how do you think you would have reacted to Joseph's attention, empathy, and aid?
6. Servanthood is often a learned discipline—we would rather be served than serve. But Jesus taught the disciples in Matt. 20:20-28 that servanthood was not optional, but rather a necessary part of following Jesus. What is the example Jesus invites us to follow (vs. 28)?
7. Who has God placed in your family or neighborhood or workplace or orbit with whom you could practice care and compassion because of Joseph's and Christ's example?

