

TODAY'S CONFIRMANDS

These youth, confirmed this morning, have been instructed in the Word of God and in the faith of the Christian church, have affirmed the promises of baptism, and have made public confession of faith in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Mackenzie Arend	Berkley Graham	Mark Navarrete	Holden Taylor
Mary Beck	Zach Green	Damaris Navarrete	Emma Todd
Cooper Buck	Jordan Heath	Christian Navarrete	Abigail Tomaski
Rylie Calhoun	Caroline Holub	Cole Overbergen	Ashley Udden
Megan Candela*	Cooper King	Marshall Owens	Meredith Vajdos
Ava Cofran	Gage Lancaster	Morgan Pattillo*	Elizabeth Vandor*
Cole Coolidge	Prescott Lau	Luke Pitner	Sarah Vandor*
Tucker Copeland	Paysan Lau	Erikson Pittman	Sutton Walsh
Hutch Coward	Erick Lopez	J.J. Robertson	Anderson Walsh
Hailey Crowson	Ashley Mahood	Griffin Ross	Julia Waltz
Ellie Cunningham	Vanessa Marquez	Kelsey Roth	Jacob Waltz
Ava De la Mora	Connor Masraff*	Colten Schick*	Everett Wienert
Haley Devlin	James Masucci	Matthew Seiler	Bella Willmann
Ella Everett*	Riley McCloskey	Logan Smith	
Reagan Farrow	Kyle Miller	Kate Stuyck	
Bella Gebhardt*	Jennifer Navarrete	Warren Swinbank*	

THE
2019

Lenten Study

REFLECT

Take up your cross and follow Me.

The six studies supplement Pastor Alf's REFLECT sermon series. In the week following each sermon, we'll study as groups or individuals. **Groups meet weekly March 10-April 20.**

Sunday-morning small group options include:

9:45 AM

Pastor's Class (Amphitheater)*
Faith Explorations (Room 170)
Pathways Women's Class (Room 116)


11:15 AM

Seeker's Sunday School Class (Room 103)
Life 2.0 Sunday School Class (Room 122)
Pastor's Class (Amphitheater)*

Register and learn more at reflect.mdpc.org.

*Pastor-led class that also meets Wednesdays, 6:30 PM.

Study guides are available at the Connection Center in the Sanctuary Lobby.



GO
TEXAN

Second-Sunday Supper

Next Sunday, March 10

Lunch served 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

We're serving up BBQ to get you in the rodeo spirit! Plates are \$10 per adult, \$4 per child under 12, or \$25 per family (2 adults & 3 kids under 12).

food.mdpc.org

Y'all come!



HAPPENING AT MDPC

Answering Objections to Christianity

The objections are fairly common. "Truth is relative" or "The Bible is irrelevant" or "Science has disproved Christianity." How can we answer these from a position that's warm, kind, but also firm? Pastor Clay Brown leads a Sunday class answering some common objections. All are welcome.

Today, 9:45 or 11:15 AM | Amphitheater
objections.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.

Today at 5:30 PM | Parlor
Trip details: israeltrip.mdpc.org

YA VOLLEYBALL!

Come bump, set, spike, play in the sand, and hang out with other young adults. Bring \$5 to play.

Sunday, March 10 | 3:00 PM | SideOut Volleybar
Text, call, or email Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129, ssstone@mdpc.org

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

Recent studies reveal 1 in 4 children in Houston often go without meals or live daily with hunger because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank (HFB). We need you to keep the fight against childhood hunger moving forward! Will you please join us? Next date: Monday, March 11 | 8:00 AM-Noon
Register and more details: bpbuddy.mdpc.org

All-Gospel Sunday

There is something rejuvenating and affirming about Gospel music. The spirit of God's truth is delivered in a stirring fashion and gets us out of our "frozen chosen" normal style of worship. Join us for a morning of powerful solos, hymns like *The Old Rugged Cross* and *Rock of Ages*, and choral pieces to inspire your soul.

Sunday, March 17 | 11:15 AM service | Sanctuary

The Music Box

The Music Box is for kids K-7 who love to sing. We learn about the fundamentals of music and choral singing in a fun and worshipful environment. The group is led and directed by Meliza Gómez, MDPC worship leader and Contemporary Music Director. Wednesdays, March 20-April 24 | 4:45-5:30 PM
Register: themusicbox.mdpc.org

Today's Sanctuary Flowers have been gifted by Holly and Tom Forney in celebration of the marriage of their daughter Muriel Forney to Allen Reid.

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus is on:

Camp For All is a unique, barrier-free camp serving children, youth, and adults with serious illnesses and special needs. The facility works in partnership with 64 non-profits to enrich the lives of campers and their families. campforall.org

CanCare provides one-on-one, long-term emotional support to cancer patients and their families. Cancer survivors volunteer to work with newly diagnosed patients, listening to and encouraging them. Volunteers also visit cancer patients and family members in hospitals and treatment centers.

cancare.org

MDPC Field Partners Tihomir and Christine Kukolja direct Renewing Our Minds (ROM), a reconciliation program in Croatia that brings together different faiths, ethnicities, and cultures in the Balkan region by sharing how following the teachings of Jesus transforms lives. Pray the leadership potential of ROM participants is realized and impact spheres of influence in their home countries.

forumforleadership.blogspot.com



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Ash Wednesday

Enter the Lenten season with us. Pastor Alf will give a message, *Slipping and Sliding, Despite Our Best Efforts*, on Romans 3:23-26. Both service times include communion and imposition of ashes.

March 6 | Noon, Chapel and 6:30 PM, Sanctuary
Free childcare by reservation: lent.mdpc.org

The Well: "Even If"

Can God still part the Red Sea or turn water into wine? He can, and He does. This spring, we have the honor of hearing from Nancy Mavergeorge and how her family is living proof that God can meet us in our deepest sorrow and bring joy into our sad hearts. The Well is a place for women of all ages to commune and connect. Wednesday, March 27 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Chapel
Refreshments in the Parlor at 6:00 PM
We hope to see you! Please RSVP at thewell.mdpc.org.

Outreach Committee Openings

Just one or two more volunteers would really help us serve our ministry partners well! It is a 7-month commitment and flexible for a person's schedule. If you feel God calling you to serve in Outreach, email Stan Simmons (cssimmons49@gmail.com) for details.

Summer Camps/Classes Open!

Register now for fun and educational camps. Kids can learn anything from arts to cooking to dance to science to sports - and MORE! Classes for adults, too, for art, music, and fitness. For a complete list of REACH classes and to register visit reach.mdpc.org or call 713-490-9564.

Men's Retreat 2019: Trust or Rust

Save the Date! Saturday-Sunday, April 13-14
Cost: TBD | Lazy A Ranch
Details and registration: mensretreat.mdpc.org

Prayer & Worship for Jesus Said Love

Join MDPC Women in an evening of worship and prayer to send out the Jesus Said Love team into the city's men's clubs. JSL shares the revolutionary love of Christ with women in the commercial sex industry. We look forward to interceding alongside of you for the sake of these exploited women! Friday, March 22 | 8:30-9:30 PM | Amphitheater
With questions, or to join the prayer chain covering 9:30 PM-2:30 AM when the team is out ministering, email Amanda Grace Caldwell at acaldwell@mdpc.org.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

2019 Operating Budget	\$12,240,000
Actual Income to Date (2/24/19)	\$1,489,999
Needed to Meet 2019 Budget	\$10,750,001



Sunday, March 3, 2019

THIS IS US

The Story of Joseph's Family...and Ours

God Behind the Scenes

Genesis 50:19-21

Alf Halvorson preaching

* Please stand if able.

8:30 AM BLENDED

CCLI # 182374

WELCOME

Dave Steane

*SONGS OF PRAISE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE

Clay Brown

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the Statements of Faith of the 2019 Confirmation Class

Taken from Statements of Faith written by Mark Beck, Haley Devlon, Reagan Farrow, Luke Pitner, Kelsey Roth, and Abigail Tomaski.

SONG

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

THIS IS US | Genesis 50:19-21 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

WORSHIP INVITATION AND CALL TO WORSHIP

MESSAGE

THIS IS US | Genesis 50:19-21 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Laura Miller

NEW MEMBERS

Dave Steane

CONFIRMATION

Confirmand names are listed inside this bulletin.

CONFIRMAND BAPTISMS

Megan Candela
Connor Masraff

Morgan Patillo
Colten Schick

Warren Swinbank
Elizabeth Vandor

Sarah Vandor

Musicians in the first two services: Gisele Duque and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco, guitar; Daniel Martinez, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL

PRELUDE

Reverie

B.C. Fauconier (1816-1877)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

INTROIT

God of Grace and God of Glory

Paul Langston (1928-2013)

*HYMN OF PRAISE

For the Beauty of the Earth

#473; Vs. 1, 2, 4 | Dix

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

Amy Delgado

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ANTHEM

Nearer, My God to Thee

arr. Dan Forrest (b.1978)

NEW MEMBERS

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid (from Elijah)

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

MESSAGE

THIS IS US | Genesis 50:19-21 (NRSV)

Alf Halvorson

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

#282; Vs. 1, 2 | WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

POSTLUDE

There Is a Longing in Our Hearts

arr. K. White

Musicians in this service: Alberto Graulau, violin; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Sanctuary Choir

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Today we are so happy to introduce these 24 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.



Brad and Kelsey Beasley are the parents of Parker (1). Brad works in real estate for Colvill Office Properties. He enjoys sports, golf, and travel. Kelsey is a part-time teacher of three-year-olds at The Yellow School. She enjoys teaching, traveling, running, and spending time with her family.



Stella Chen is a Clinical Laboratory Supervisor at Baylor Genetics Laboratories. She enjoys visiting friends in different places around the world. She likes experiencing different cultures, and is not afraid of eating unconventional cuisine.



Jimmy and Kristen Debenport are the parents of James (9) and Vivi (6). Jimmy is President of Risk Solutions. Kristen is Sales Director for Sagis Diagnostics. They enjoy participating in marriage classes and parenting groups, exercising, and Bible study.



Eric and Fran Gebhardt are the parents of Jacob (20), Parker (18), and Isabella (13). Eric is an Engineer. He enjoys reading and sports. Fran enjoys, traveling, reading, photography, decorating, and spending time with friends and family.



Parker Gebhardt is the son of MDPC new members, Eric and Fran Gebhardt. He is a student at Memorial High School. He enjoys sports and played football for Memorial.



Laurien Hook is the Equipping Ministries Coordinator at MDPC. She enjoys reading, movies, and spending time with her friends. She loves being part of the MDPC staff!



Ron and Rani Huffaker are the parents of Reese (19). Ron is in sales for NetApp. He enjoys shooting, home theater, and video games. Rani is in sales for State Sign. She enjoys cooking, traveling, shopping, decorating, and designing.



Ray and Nancy Kerr are the parents of three adult children and four grandchildren. Ray is a semi-retired lawyer, arbitrator, and mediator. He enjoys tennis, reading, music, playing bridge, and Oklahoma football. Nancy is a retired registered nurse, formerly at UT Medical School. She enjoys needlepoint, bridge, and reading.



Tom and Kathy Pattillo are the parents of one daughter, Morgan (13). Tom is owner of Pattillo Interests. He enjoys sports, billfishing, and boats. Kathy is a partner with Boxley Group, a consulting firm in the energy industry. She enjoys kids' ministry activities, service projects, and boating.



Barrett and Lesley Schick are the parents of three daughters: Taylor (7), Riley (5), and Peyton (3). Barrett is the CFO of TRP Energy, an oil and gas company. Barrett and Lesley love the outdoors, hiking, sports, and being in nature. They both are active with their kids' sports, soccer, basketball, and running. They have a house divided, as Barrett went to UT and Lesley went to A&M.



Connor and Alex Schrotel – Connor is a banker with Citibank. He enjoys golf, history, Baylor sports, and spending time with family. Alex is a teacher with Spring ISD. She loves to read, arrange flowers, and snorkel.



Brian and Emily Smith have a dog named Autumn. Brian works for Audubon Engineering as manager of in-plant services. Emily is the Assistant Director and pre-K teacher at The Ellen Boniuk Early Childhood School. They both love to travel and spend time with friends and family.



Jake and Julia Soltis were recently married. Jake is an Assistant Superintendent for Vaughn Construction. He enjoys traveling, hunting, and spending time with friends. Julia is a registered nurse at Houston Methodist Hospital. She enjoys traveling; cooking; taking her dog, Pete, for walks; and spending time with friends and family.



Lindsey Ward is a Senior Consultant for Quorum Software. She is from Massachusetts and moved to Houston two years ago. She enjoys dancing, ice skating, and skiing.

IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN MDPC?

DISCOVER MDPC WITH ALF

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? Discover MDPC is a brief informational meeting 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, March 31 | 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 a Saturday service project at one of the organizations supported by MDPC.

Sundays, April 7-May 5 (No class April 21) | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM | Parlor

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

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

PLEASE JOIN US THIS WEEK...

Refresh WEDNESDAY
SERVICES *at* MDPC

NOON AND 6:30 PM

Details on the back of this bulletin.

New Member Service Day at EAST SPRING BRANCH FOOD PANTRY

New Member Classes end with a Saturday spent serving in the community. This time, they helped out a long-time MDPC ministry partner, East Spring Branch Food Pantry, serving food -insecure families in nearby Spring Branch. Last Thanksgiving, the Pantry provided turkeys and groceries to over 1,000 families, and YOUR generous bag donations played a huge part in making that outreach possible!



Legacy Giving

WHY WE GAVE

To Our Fellow MDPC Members,

My husband and I made a gift to the Legacy Campaign to support the Youth Department at MDPC. We are making this gift in honor of the wonderful Youth Staff. We would also like to honor Trevor Harris, who has poured into our sons over several years as a Life Group Leader.

We firmly believe that our sons would not be the people they are today without the love, ministry, and support of the amazing folks in the Youth Department. We are forever grateful to them and to everyone at MDPC!

*In Him,
Anonymous Donors*

WE HOPE OUR GIFT WILL INSPIRE OTHERS TO GIVE.



Today, we are celebrating Confirmation, a special time in the life of our church when MDPC eighth graders confirm their personal faith in Jesus. They have recently completed an 8-week series of classes that include Christian education and discipleship and an opportunity for students to write their own Statements of Faith. What better indication of the importance and effectiveness of our Youth Ministries than what we are witnessing this morning.

The MDPC parents whose letter is shown above were blessed by this ministry and saw the positive effects that the Youth Staff had in the lives of their sons. For that reason, they chose to make a legacy gift to MDPC.

Because of MDPC's abundant generosity in the area of outreach, we spend our money differently than other churches. Often facility and maintenance projects are delayed in favor of meeting our outreach and ministry goals. Many of our new members list this as their number one reason for joining MDPC! The Legacy Giving Capital Fund was established to help fund needed **annual** capital projects efficiently and effectively without negatively impacting our ministry objectives.

On the reverse side of this page, you'll see the top six critical capital projects for 2019 to be funded through our Legacy Giving Capital Fund. The full list includes 30 projects and may be viewed at **legacy.mdpc.org**. The goal is to raise \$1 million to fund key deferred maintenance projects and needed improvements and upgrades.

More broadly, the Legacy Giving Program was established to enhance all of our ministries and new initiatives. The program includes the General Fund, Evangelism & Worship Fund, Speaker Series Fund, and the Scholarship Fund, as well as the Capital Fund.

To learn more about our Legacy Giving Program, visit **legacy.mdpc.org**. You also may contact David Eyre (dweyre57@gmail.com) at 281-797-6916, or Jody Harrington (jharrington@mdpc.org) at 713-953-2570.

It's possible to see your dollars at work in your lifetime! What MDPC ministry, initiative, or capital project will inspire you?

2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS

To view the full Capital Project List, visit legacy.mdpc.org.

PARTIAL LIST

The master list of capital projects is organized by its priority designation indicated by the number in the left column. This list enables prospective donors to the Legacy Giving Capital Fund to know how their gifts will be spent. The list of projects and their prioritization were established by the MDPC staff and approved by the Legacy Giving Committee and MDPC Session. Legacy gifts to the Capital Fund will be used for these projects, and spent in the established order of priorities.



PRIORITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	REASONING	COST
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace all three heating boilers• Remove HW bypass valve• Add variable frequency drive controllers to water pups	Boilers are 26 years old and at high risk of failure, which would mean no heat to campus. New boilers would improve operating efficiency.	\$240K
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace chilled water coil in air handler RTU-1	The coil has failed prematurely and is leaking. It is more cost effective to replace the coil than the entire unit.	\$16K
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace obsolete fire alarm system in main building and CLC• Install fire alarm system in Scout House	Repair parts are costly and difficult to find. An up-to-date fire alarm system is essential to protect our property, as is adding a fire alarm system to the Scout House.	\$81K
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace obsolete control hardware for Building Automation System	Critical parts need to be replaced to keep our buildings operating efficiently and cost effectively.	\$28K
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Replace millwork, flooring, and plumbing fixtures in (12) of The Little School childcare classrooms	Classrooms are 26 years old and require frequent and costly plumbing repairs. The flooring and the millwork are shabby and dated in appearance. This is our fastest growing demographic, so improvements that continue to attract and serve this key constituency benefit both MDPC and our children.	\$146K
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modernization of Elevator #1 (by Grand Staircase) and Elevator #3 (by The Little School office)	The elevators are 18 years old and are at risk of failure, limiting second-floor access for many of our mobility-challenged congregants.	\$88K

This is the sixth and final installment of our series on Joseph's life and faith, and how it reflects our own. It has covered many years, several crossroads or crucibles, and chances for Joseph to grow, mature, and serve. Our hearts are revealed and our character forged when life doesn't turn out the way we planned. But we don't always see God's work behind the scenes (or even up front) unless we are carefully attuned to the present, or look back for signs of it in hindsight.

THIS IS US

The Story of Joseph's Family...and Ours

God Behind the Scenes
Genesis 50:19-21 (NRSV)
Alf Halvorson preaching

1. As you look back on your life, are there instances you see now where God was at work that you didn't see back then? Share examples.
2. Read Gen. 45:1-8 and 50:15-21. What strikes you? How does Joseph say God has been at work in his life?
3. How has God worked for *good* in and through other people's *bad* intentions or actions?
4. I shared a quote American soldiers found at the close of WWII, scribbled on the wall of a basement in a concentration camp: "I believe in the sun, even when it is cloudy; I believe in love, even when I cannot feel it; and I believe in God, even when God seems silent." What do you affirm from that quote? Is there anything that troubles you or with which you disagree regarding its sentiment?
5. At the end of my sermon, I told you of an African king and his close friend and their habit of saying, "This is good," about whatever happened to them in life. There came times when they disagreed with the concept; but at other times it seemed to prove true. How did you react to the story? Does it ring true or false to you? If false, how would you tell your version of the story?
6. As you look back over Joseph's life and this whole series, what is the takeaway for you at this point in your life? Is there something you need to believe, or repent of, or do? Is there an action of God you need to "be thankful for" or recognize?
7. What crossroad that Joseph faced are you (or someone you love) facing? How might Joseph's good or bad example inform or inspire your next steps?

