

Global Missions: Vision Trip to Peru

Free Wheelchair Mission provides wheelchairs to the impoverished disabled around the world and shares the Gospel with each recipient. You will have the opportunity to serve on a wheelchair distribution team and witness as lives are transformed by providing dignity, independence, and hope through the gift of mobility.

Trip dates: September 8-14, 2019 (Approx.)

Registration deadline is May 15.

Contact Kelsi McCormack: kmccormack@mdpc.org

MDPC Theology On Tap

A chance to ask anonymous questions about life, faith, God, the Bible, weird Christians...whatever! Enjoy lively discussion of opinions/answers over happy hour. Open to young adults (20s & 30s) from any worldview.
Mon, April 29 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Heights Bier Garten
Questions? Text or call Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129

Visit Our Community Art Gallery

The World Through Our Eyes is a unique and inspirational book containing 75 of Sam Gainer's photos and Dave Peterson's reflections. Several samples of their beautiful work from the book are now on display.
Located between Room 122 and The Nook
Books are available for purchase at the Front Office.

Women's Dinner & Discussion Bible Study

Join other women in their 20s & 30s for a home-cooked meal and glass of wine as we dig into the Bible. Any stage of faith (including skeptics) welcome!

Alternate Tuesday Evenings | The Heights

Upcoming Dates: April 30, May 14, 28, June 18

Contact Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129 (text or call)

Savvy Caregiver Course

Are you caring for someone with memory issues? Are you concerned about what lies ahead and how to manage? Come learn more about dementia/Alzheimer's and how to have a better quality of life with your loved one. Taught by our friends from Amazing Place.

Weds, May 22-June 26 | 9:30-11:30 AM | MDPC

Contact Sharon Cantrell for details and to register: scantrell@amazingplacehouston.org, 713-440-8177

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus:

Faithwalking is a ministry that serves Christians seeking to live a fully integrated, missional life, building missional communities where they live and work. There are now 50 such communities across Texas, in corporations, public schools, impoverished neighborhoods, and prisons.

faithwalking.us

Family Point Resources empowers children and families in the Nottingham Park area of West Houston to overcome the cycle of poverty. Its programs include a community library; after-school educational enrichment; art, theater, and dance classes; and a full schedule of summer activities and camps.
familypointresources.com

Berea Bible Institute in Monterrey educates young leaders in Scripture and prepares future ministers to serve God in areas of great need in Mexico. Students are ingrained with a love for serving their communities and for teaching others to reach out in service to their neighbors. Graduates lead churches in remote parts of Mexico, teaching the sacrificial love of Christ through the way they live.

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Why MDPC Dads?

Hey MDPC Dads, this event's for you! Join us for a morning of laughs and discussion as we talk about all the fun, messiness, and spiritual details of #dadlife. Breakfast and coffee provided. Invite your friends!

Next Sunday, May 5 | 8:30-9:30 AM | Room 122

The #MeToo Movement and the Church

Fuller Texas presents Dr. Mimi Haddad discussing how the #MeToo movement demonstrates global power imbalances between men and women in culture, and in the church. It will consider how we can prevent harassment and abuse, and learn from Christians throughout history who advanced the Gospel, justice, and the dignity of women and men created in God's image.

Tuesday, May 7 | 7:00-8:30 PM | Amphitheater

Please register: metoo.mdpc.org

Host Homes Needed for Counselors

Families are needed to host college-age counselors for Kanakuk Kampout, providing a place to stay plus breakfast and dinner each day. We also need medical volunteers for the week (CPR and First Aid trained).

Host commitment Aug. 3-9, medical vols Aug. 5-9

Contact Alicia Boykin: aboykin@mdpc.org, 713-490-9261

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

Recent studies reveal 1 in 4 children in Houston go without meals and live daily with hunger because their families cannot afford to buy food. A simple way you can help is preparing meals at Houston Food Bank. We need you to keep the fight against childhood hunger moving forward! Join our MDPC team in April:

Next date: Monday, May 13 | 8:00 AM-Noon

Registration and details: bpbuddy.mdpc.org

Married Life Prep

Couples! Plan to join us this summer for a fun, free, marriage prep course taught by Brett and Kellie Hurst. It combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research and is open to all engaged couples and those who are in their first 2-3 years of marriage.

Sundays, July 7-28 | 10:00 AM-Noon | CLC 171-172

For more information and to register: mlp.mdpc.org

The Chancel Flowers are given by

Ginger Benfield and Steve Jarvis with congratulations to May and Andy Kean on their 70th wedding anniversary!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 4/21/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$3,154,241

Needed to Meet Budget \$9,085,759



Youth Sunday 2019
Celebrating Our Students



MDPC YOUTH WANTS YOU!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Just showing up and handing out donuts can make a difference.
Learn more & get involved:
YOUTH.MDPC.ORG

- MISSION TRIP CHAPERONE
- SODA BAR WELCOMER
- CONFIRMATION LEADER
- VAN DRIVER
- DONUT PICKER UPPER
- & LOTS MORE!

Questions? Contact Laura Miller: lmiller@mdpc.org

CELEBRATE CINCO DE MAYO

With All-Church Lunch!


NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 5
11:00 AM-1:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

ENTRÉE (\$10): Chicken Taquitos or Beef Enchiladas with Mexican Rice, Grilled Peppers & Onions, Charro Beans

ENTRÉE SALAD (\$10): Waldorf Astoria Salad

CHILDREN'S MENU (\$4):
Child's Portion of Entrée

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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Presented by Fuller Texas

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Learn more* and register: metoo.mdpc.org

*Also see announcement inside this bulletin.

Dr. Mimi Haddad

FREE ADMISSION • OVER 100 CHORAL VOICES!

MDPC Concert Series




2018-2019

MENDELSSOHN

St. Paul Oratorio

Sunday, May 5 • 6:30 PM • Sanctuary • concerts.mdpc.org

Come admire this work's classical elegance, its romantic lyricism, and its superb orchestration in a wonderfully dramatic account of the life of the great apostle, Paul.

Temptation, Tragedy, and Triumph

C.S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters*

Wednesdays through May 15 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Summit Room

Lewis scholar Dr. Clay Brown unpacks this timeless classic. As a senior demon mentors a junior demon in the best ways to lead his "patient" into the clutches of Hell, our own struggles, challenges, and joys receive fresh light and wisdom. *Purchase and read the book outside of class.*

Learn more: lewis.mdpc.org

Welcome to Youth Sunday

Thank you for joining us for our annual celebration of what God is doing in our youth. The theme "Full Circle" acknowledges the role the whole church has played in shaping their lives. At Baptism and Confirmation, you as the congregation made commitments to our beloved students. You committed to shepherd them, walk with them in the faith, and show them Jesus Christ. Many of you have done so in a direct manner and many of you have faithfully prayer for and encouraged our students behind the scenes. We hope that today you will celebrate those commitments coming *Full Circle* as our seniors are ready to go out into the world, sharing the love of Jesus Christ to those around them.

Today isn't only a celebration - it also is a commissioning of our seniors who are taking the next step in their lives. In one sense of the word, we are releasing them to live out their faith in the world. In another sense, we are part of a "co-mission." They are not walking alone toward careers and college, we are walking with them and supporting them as their church family. Our commitment to them lives on! Please don't forget these young people as they move forward. Continue to support, nurture, and pray for them in their journey, offering a warm welcome every time they return.

Thank you for playing a part in their lives and for your continued love toward the next generation!



Laura Miller, Youth Ministries Director

8:30, 9:45, & 11:15 AM Services

CCLI # 182374

WELCOME		Laura Miller
OPENING SONG	<i>My Lighthouse</i>	Rend Collective
PRAISE SONG	<i>Who You Say I Am</i>	arr. Hillsong
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Maddie Eyre (8:30) Collins Arnett (9:45) Patrick Elliott (11:15)
SONG OF RESPONSE	<i>Who You Say I Am reprise</i>	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Laura Miller
SENIOR SERMONS	Stephanie Muschalik, Maddie Gentil, Andrew Walker (8:30) Emily McCown, Georgia Harper, Rachel Harkins (9:45) Ellie Antstenis, Connor Elliott, Charlotte Benes, Allison Delgado (11:15)	
MESSAGE	The Antidote to Anxiety: Guided (Psalm 23:1 NRSV)	Alf Halvorson
INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER		Rachel Poysky
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 at the front of the section where you are seated. Dip the bread in the cup and eat, before returning to your seat.		
COMMUNION MEDITATIONS	<i>Reckless Love</i> <i>Ever Be</i>	C. Asbury Bethel
PRAYER FOR SENIORS / CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		

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YOUTH MUSICIANS	WORSHIP BAND MUSICIANS
Andrew Walker, vocals	Daniel Martinez, keys
Allison Delgado, vocals	George Heathco, guitar
Ellie Antstenis, vocals	Daniel Amaya, bass
Ashley Udden, vocals	Asher Pudlo, drums
Audrey Crawford, vocals and guitar	
Isabella Waltz, guitar	
Grayson Mosk, electric guitar	

MDPC Youth CONNECTION

Meet us in The Loft (Upstairs CLC)

CONNECTION is our weekly program for middle and high school students. We come together for fellowship, teaching, and worship. Join us Sunday mornings!

10:45-11:15 AM • Donuts, games, hangout time

11:15 AM-12:15 PM • Dive into Scripture and worship

THE Antidote FOR Anxiety

PSALM 23

GUIDED • Psalm 23:1

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the first in our post-Easter series using Psalm 23 to get at the ever-present issues of anxiety and fear that seem to be dominating much of our public and private lives. This Psalm was written by David during a time when he was fleeing from King Saul. He was in exile from his people and constantly living among strangers—even enemies—and the

land often was inhospitable, too. His life was being threatened, but, in the midst of this upheaval, he turns to God and finds a prescription for his worry.

1. When you look at the paper or watch TV or go through your day, what things, real or imagined, cause you to fear or to worry? Are they mostly focused on the past, present, or future (or all three)? Are they about people or projects or other matters?
2. Read Ps. 23:1-6, but focus on verse 1; and read John 10:1-18. From what part of David's life does this psalm come (see 1 Samuel 16:10-12)? How does Jesus take this shepherd-image on for Himself? And what does that make us?
3. From Psalm 23 and John 10:1-18, what are some of the key attributes listed of a "good shepherd"? How do the qualities and character of God potentially help us to abandon our fear and anxiety?
Note: It is important for us to have a correct view of God. If our view is skewed, we have a very hard time trusting; but if our view is accurate, then we can with great confidence put our hope in the Good Shepherd.
4. It is one thing to say, "The Lord is a shepherd" and quite another to say, "The Lord is *my* shepherd." Martin Luther believed that faith is a matter of personal pronouns. Based on the answers to #3, what might it mean for you to say, "The Lord is *my* shepherd"?
5. In Psalm 23:1, the key word is the last one: "want." The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not *want*. Another way to say it is "I shall live *without lack*." The only other time that word is used in the Old Testament is in Nehemiah 9:21, which says, "Forty years you sustained them in the wilderness so that they *lacked nothing*; their clothes did not wear out and their feet did not swell." Think back on the Exodus from Egypt. How did God provide for the Israelites during that time? Did that mean that God provided all their desires? Is there a difference in your mind between needs and "greeds"?
6. If you had to summarize the first antidote to anxiety from Ps. 23:1, what would you say? And more importantly, how are you challenged to think or act differently in response to that antidote? Is there something of which you can give up control so the Lord could function more fully as Shepherd in your life?

