#### HAPPENING AT MDPC

Soccer Camp and VBS

Kids meet Jesus while having fun on the soccer pitch!

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 May:

Have you ever struggled with the "God of Wrath" in

the Bible? Come learn how to read and navigate ques-

tions about the war and violence in the Old Testament,

and then text in your questions to a panel of pastors,

Tuesday, June 11 | 7:00-9:00 PM | Kindred Montrose

School is letting out, but the needs of Houston's

food-insecure preschoolers continue throughout the

summer. To fight childhood hunger, simply show up

with a hat or hairnet and 4 loaves of bread (plain white

or wheat, nothing fancy needed) per sandwich-maker.

All engaged couples and those in their first few years of

marriage are invited to join us this summer for a fun,

free, marriage prep course taught by Brett and Kellie

Hurst of Home Encouragement. It combines Biblical

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

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

teaching with the best current marriage research.

Wednesday, June 12 | 4:30 PM | Fellowship Hall

priests, and professors, while drinking craft beer.

Open to Young Adults (20s & 30s)

facebook.com/theologyontaphouston

**Kids' Meals Service Project** 

\$5 gets you craft beer & food

kidsmeals.mdpc.org

Married Life Prep

Next date: Monday, June 10 | 8:00 AM-Noon

Registration and details: bpbuddy.mdpc.org

Theology On Tap: The Bloody Bible

Hosted by MDPC's Multicultural Ministries.

June 10-14 | 9:00 AM-2:00 PM | MDPC

Girls and Boy ages 7-11 | \$5 per child

*Register today! soccercamp.mdpc.org* 

Help Fight Childhood Hunger

#### **National Cancer Survivors Day**

Cancer affects everyone. With more than 15.5 million people living with and beyond cancer in the U.S. today, everyone knows someone whose life has been touched by cancer. National Cancer Survivors Day<sup>®</sup> is held in June each year to acknowledge cancer survivors, to raise awareness of the ongoing challenges cancer presents, and – most importantly – to celebrate life. If you or someone you love has been affected by cancer, please stop by the table this morning for recognition and light refreshments.

#### This morning, 9:30-11:15 AM | Lobby

#### Discover MDPC

Want to know more about MDPC? Thinking about membership? Attend this brief informational meeting led by Pastor Dave. No commitment required! Learn what it means to be part of our faith community. This morning, 10:45-11:15 AM | The Nook

#### **New Member Class Summer Intensive**

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. This session is an "intensive," condensing the normally four-Sunday course into two sessions.

June 7-8 | Parlor (Friday eve & Saturday morn.) Register: membership.mdpc.org

#### Ladies' Summer to Connect

Come learn something new, eat something good, work out your stresses, or just make new friends! We've put together a bunch of fun activities, so no matter your age, whether you're new to MDPC or have been here "forever," we're sure you'll find something you'll enjoy. *Pick up a bright yellow Summer to Connect brochure on campus or visit stc.mdpc.org.* 

#### **Summer Celebration Needs**

Please consider donating the following to help out with our upcoming VBS: old electronics (no glass), soda can tabs, individual snack packs (no peanut products), canned sodas.

Drop off in Children's Ministries now through June.

#### This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus:

**Home Encouragement** strengthens marriages and encourages strong families in the Greater Houston area. They offer a monthly dinner for married couples, a premarital training class, and other enrichment opportunities. *homeencouragement.org* 

**Hope and Healing Center & Institute** is an outreach ministry of St. Martin's Episcopal Church, a comprehensive mental health resource offering education and awareness programs. It seeks to build and restore lives by providing free mental health support and coaching to clients, and continuing education for clergy and medical professionals. *hopeandhealingcenter.org* 

**Free Wheelchair Mission** (FWM) takes wheelchairs to places around the world where the impoverished disabled do not have access to mobility. FWM ministers to each recipient and shares the good news of Christ's call - that we are free in Him! Pray that lives would be transformed with each chair given as God meets needs in tangible ways. *freewheelchairmission.org* 

The White Rose is in memory of MDPC	
members	

• Jim Riopelle, who passed away May 15, 2019.

Martha M. Fluker, who passed away May 23, 2019.
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WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE			
	at §	5/26/19	
2019 Annual Budget	\$12,24	40,000	
Actual Income to Date	\$4,0	057,331	
Needed to Meet Budget	\$8,1	82,669	





#### 8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

**\*PRAISE & WORSHIP** 

\*CONFESSION (prayers.mdpc.org)

MESSAGE

#### **GIFTS OF GRATITUDE+**

+ In the 8:30 Service, *Gifts of Gratitude* precedes the message. 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	Variations on Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Edwin Childs (b. 1945)		
CHORAL INTROIT	The Tree of Life	K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	#281; vs. 1, 2, 3   CWM Rhondda		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE				
*AFEIDMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed				

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Apostles' Creed

OFFERTORY	I Am With You Always	John Rutter (b. 1945)
MESSAGE		

#### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER

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	Agnus Dei (from Eternal Light)	Howard Goodall (b. 1958)
	Elegia (organ solo)	C. Adolfo Bossi (1876-1953)
POSTLUDE	In Thee Is Gladness	J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Musicians in this service: Jason Amos, soloist; Charles Hausmann, conductor; Susan Terry, guest organist; Sanctuary Choir





**Reception Today, June 2** 9:30-11:15 AM • Sanctuary Lobby

# Summer is a great time to try Online Giving.



## Visit giving.mdpc.org

MDPC, we want to give you a friendly reminder about summertime giving. Donations often fall off during this time of year as you and your families are traveling and spending time with friends and relatives. Keep in mind that the expenses here at our campus do not stop or even lessen during the summer months, so

we ask that you consider giving ahead for the summer, or perhaps setting up automatic recurring giving so, whether or not you are in town, our ministries and partners can continue their Kingdom work uninterrupted.

Many of you make donations through the Sunday offering plate, but, if you've never used MDPC online giving, this may be a great time to check out the easier-to-use alternative of recurring online giving.

So WHY is online giving is a good option? Well...

### • It's Convenient.

Get started by visiting giving.mdpc.org, which takes you directly to the giving portal. If you've never created a log-in you can do so there. Elect to stay logged in and your next online giving experience will be even faster!

• It's Easy.

No more envelopes and no more checks! Today's world is going paperless, thanks to how easy (and green!) it is to use online bill paying. Just for credit cards and other bills, you can make recurring or one-time gifts to MDPC online. FYI: Using MDPC's giving portal or your bank's bill-pay feature is the most economical method for MDPC to process.

• It's Customizable.

Set up recurring donations to occur either monthly or weekly, and you have the option of using credit card, debit card, or online check.

• It's Beneficial.

Predictable donations, evenly distributed throughout the fiscal year, help MDPC match income with expenses. This enables us to plan our annual budget accurately and use your gifts most effectively.

• It's Practical.

Making regular payments helps you fulfill your annual pledge without any year-end surprises. Even over the summer months when many are traveling, MDPC's expenses and partner commitments continue without interruption. We are grateful for those who continue regular giving throughout the summer.

Should you have questions, or need help with online giving, contact Ava Caliendo at acaliendo@mdpc.org or 713-953-2574.

# June Canned Food Drive

to benefit East Spring Branch Food Pantry



Summer donations are critical for Spring Branch

## Canned Items Needed:

- Soup
- Fruit
- Diced Tomatoes
- Tomato Sauce
- Chicken
- Tuna

students who are without the benefit of school food programs. Help our neighborhood kids enjoy their summer break hunger-free!

Collection dates: Sundays, June 2, 9, & 16 Drop off donations at the tables located at MDPC's main entrances. Thank you for your generosity!

Questions? Contact Jan Roe at jroe@mdpc.org or 713-490-9552.

Count It All

## A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians Philippians 1:1-11 Beth Case preaching

Today begins our summer sermon series in which we will look closely at Paul's heartfelt letter to the church in Philippi. Paul had planted that church and carried a deep affection for the people. But this letter comes to them from prison. What might he say to the ones he loves

about the cause for which he will die? Come along as we learn a little more about Paul, a little more about this beloved church, and a lot more about the source of Joy! In fact, our series is entitled "Count It All Joy!"

- 1. I talked about a concept shared by David Brooks in his recently released book, *The Second Mountain*. Brooks says the climb of the first mountain is one of earning degrees, seeking successes, associating with the right circles, and establishing one's career and/ or family. Ascending the second mountain means we increasingly realize we are called to live not for ourselves, but for the others; in living for others, there is deep joy. Brooks also says that between those two mountains, there may be a valley of disappointment, failure, or suffering. How might you describe your own life using this image?
- 2. When Paul wrote this letter, he was in prison, and was likely nearing the end of his earthly life. Adding this to any other details of Paul's life with which you are familiar, how do you understand Brooks' two-mountain image? (For more on Paul, originally "Saul", see Acts 9:1-31.)
- 3. How would you describe the difference between *happiness* and *joy*?
- 4. Of what kind of "work" is the Apostle Paul speaking in verse 6?
- 5. In Philippians 1:1-11, the word "you" can be properly translated in the plural: "y'all." Why is this significant?
- 6. What makes it hard work to live in community with others? What do you find most delightful about sharing life, work, and faith in community?
- 7. How does the image of the desert dwellers and a waterfall help you understand Philippians 1:1-11?
- 8. Jesuit priest Pierre Teilhard de Chardin says there are times when we feel the suspense, as if something in our stories is not yet resolved. To what extent can you relate to this? Are there times when your life's purpose has seemed incomplete? How might God be calling you to "trust in the slow work of God"?

