

BASEBALL
BBQ
BREWS

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Karbach Brewery - August 1
Bring friends!

Men's Night Out

Come hang out, watch the Astros on the big screen, and enjoy cornhole, BBQ dinner, brewery tours, and fellowship with other Houston men! For men 21 & up.

Register: karbach.mdpc.org

MEN'S LIFE Breakfast

*Men's Life: Man Alive!
Tuesday Mornings in the Fall
September 10–December 3
6:30-7:45 AM

Saturday, August 24
8:30-9:30 AM | Fellowship Hall | \$10

Join MDPC and Houston area men as we kick off Men's Life 2019: Man Alive*! Come hear Pastor Emeritus, Dave Peterson, and experience a hearty man's breakfast and good conversation..

mlkickoff.mdpc.org
ml.mdpc.org

Join Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement for a fun getaway created for both newly-married and longtime married couples. Set in a relaxed atmosphere, the weekend includes excellent food, a one-on-one date night with your spouse, and helpful teaching insights.

September 28-29, 2019
Sugar Land Marriott Town Square

MDPC Marriage Retreat 2019

marriageretreat.mdpc.org

TRUNK or TREAT

Come in costume and be prepared for fun games and excitement. All area families are invited.

Sponsored by **MDPC DADS**

Saturday, October 26
trunkortreat.mdpc.org

Sign up to participate and/or volunteer!

Happy Father's Day!

TO THE MEN IN OUR LIVES:
WE CELEBRATE WHO YOU ARE AND ALL OF THE WAYS YOU SHOW UP TO LEAD, CARE, GUIDE, AND ENCOURAGE. JOIN US FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO GROW, CONNECT, AND HAVE SOME FUN. PLEASE ENJOY THE REFRESHMENTS AND THE PHOTO BOOTH IN THE BREEZEWAY THIS MORNING.

MDPC Men

To learn more about these and other opportunities available through MDPC Men's Ministry, contact Amanda Grace Caldwell at 713-490-0931 or acaldwell@mdpc.org.



HAPPENING AT MDPC

Contemplative Retreat at MFAH

Join us in viewing the Van Gogh exhibit while using the spiritual practice of visio divina to invite God to reveal Himself to us. Led by Beth Case, Martha Moore, and Laura Dobbins. Please register, then purchase a museum ticket ahead of the event. Bring a sack lunch. Coolers provided. Limited to 20 participants.
Monday, June 17 | 9:15 AM-2:00 PM | MFAH
Register (buy MFAH ticket separately): mfah.mdpc.org

Summer Movie Series

Prime Timers' Senior Group proudly hosts another film series for your enjoyment! Beat the heat while enjoying free popcorn and these acclaimed films. All are welcome, free of charge. Closed captioning provided.
Select Wednesdays at 3:00 PM | Amphitheater
June 26 - *Mary Poppins Returns* (PG)
July 17 - *Won't You Be My Neighbor?* (PG-13)
July 31 - *RBG* (PG; documentary)
Not all movies are suitable for all ages. Review movie content at pluggedin.com.

Preschool Playground Play Date

Snow cones and fun provided! Preschoolers must be accompanied by a parent. This is a great opportunity to meet Preschool Ministry's summer interns.
Wednesday, June 19 | 2:30-3:30 PM
Contact Mayra Escamilla: mescamilla@mdpc.org

Summer Celebration Needs

Please consider donating these items for our upcoming VBS: old electronics (no glass), soda-can tabs, individual snack packs (peanut-free), canned sodas.
Drop off in Children's Ministries now through June.

Save the Date: Perspectives Course

Interested in learning more about God's global purpose and how you can be involved in His plan? Perspectives is a 15-week study around four vantage points or "perspectives" on the world Christian movement - Biblical, Historical, Cultural, and Strategic. This class has been held around the nation for over 30 years and will be offered this fall at Bayou City Fellowship.
Mondays, Aug 26-Dec 9 | 6:00-9:00 PM
For more information, contact Kelsi McCormack: kmccormack@mdpc.org

The White Rose is in memory of:

- William (Bill) Rozelle, who passed away May 31, 2019
- Reverend Casey Jones, who passed away June 9, 2019

This week's Ministry Partner prayer focus:

Houston Food Bank is America's largest food bank. In distributing to its network of nearly 600 hunger-relief charities, it provides 74 million nutritious meals to food pantries, soup kitchens, senior centers, and other agencies, feeding 137,000 people each week.
houstonfoodbank.org

Houston International Seafarers Ministry chaplains minister to seafarers from around the world on ships that dock in the Ports of Houston, Barbours Cut, Galveston, Beaumont, Port Arthur, and Bayport. Chaplains minister to the seafarers at these centers and through ship visits. They visited over 8,600 ships in 2017.

Light of Hope Ministry, led by MDPC field worker Urgessa, is bringing the Good News of God's love to Muslim people groups, beginning with the Arssi Oromo people both in Ethiopia and North America. Its holistic approach includes literacy, building village schools, health, church planting, Bible translation, and the vision of establishing a Christian College to train teachers and nurses.
frontierfellowship.com

C-O-L-L-E-G-E Students!

Finals are in the rearview mirror and sunshine is ahead. Stay connected to your faith and your church this summer with MDPC's Summer College Bible Study. We meet for breakfast, coffee, and community every Sunday. Come on upstairs and say hi.
10:45-11:00 AM | Breakfast & Coffee
11:00 AM-12:00 PM | College Bible Study | Rm 217
Questions? Text Trevor Harris: 713-446-8388

Faith for Skeptics

The speakers will be fascinating. These sessions will equip you to answer questions from coworkers, neighbors, family, and friends like, "Does God really exist?" and "Is faith rational or just a crutch?" and more. All are invited! This is for all ages and stages of faith.
Sundays, July 21-August 11
11:00-12:15 PM | Amphitheater
Learn more: skeptical.mdpc.org

Host Homes Needed for Counselors

Please consider hosting college-age Kanakuk Kampout counselors. Provide a place to stay plus breakfast and dinner each day. We need space for 6 more boys.
Host commitment Aug. 3-9, medical vols Aug. 5-9
Contact Alicia Boykin: aboykin@mdpc.org, 713-490-9261

Volunteer with an MDPC Partner

East Spring Branch Food Pantry, an all-volunteer run ministry, provides food to families in urgent need. It served 32,219 individuals in 2018! Please consider volunteering. Only once/month commitment requested.
Varied duties at Pantry (7901 Westview, 77055). They also need pickups and drivers.
AM & Evening opportunities on Mo, Tu, Th, & Fri
Contact Mary White: mlwhite37@comcast.net

Married Life Prep

Couples are invited to join us for this four-week course. This course, taught at MDPC by Brett and Kellie Hurst of Home Encouragement, is open to all engaged couples and those who are in their first 2-3 years of marriage. Married Life Prep combines Biblical teaching with the best current marriage research.
Sundays, July 7-28 | 10:00 AM-12:00 PM | MDPC
Register: mlp.mdpc.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE
at 6/9/19

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| 2019 Annual Budget | \$12,240,000 |
| Actual Income to Date | \$ 4,319,811 |
| Needed to Meet Budget | \$7,920,189 |

Sunday, June 16, 2019

MDPC
Memorial Drive
Presbyterian Church

Count It All **Joy**

Philippians 1:18b-30
Alf Halvorson preaching

I will continue to rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

-Philippians 18b-21

MDPC ONLINE GIVING give.mdpc.org

Did you know that MDPC has online giving? Simply visit give.mdpc.org or follow the link through the MDPC app. We are thankful for all gifts, but if you are able to give in this manner, the Finance Committee encourages you to do so. Thanks for your support!

MORNING WORSHIP AT MDPC

*Please stand if able.

8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

BAPTISM (9:45) Luke Alan Weber, son of Matthew and Nancy Weber

*CONFESSION (prayers.mdpc.org)

MESSAGE

OFFERING

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 *My Spirit Be Joyful from Cantata #146* J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

CHORAL INTROIT *For the Beauty of the Earth* John Rutter (b. 1945)

*HYMN OF PRAISE *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST UNS ERFREUEN #455; Vs. 1, 5 & 6

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Apostles' Creed*

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *The Gloria Patri* Hym #579

ANTHEM *He Never Failed Me Yet* Robert Ray (b. 1946)

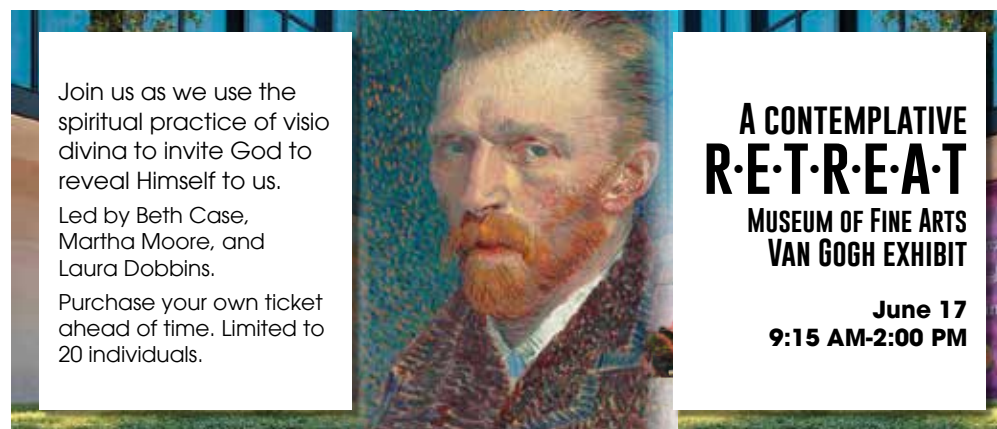
OFFERTORY *Arise, My Soul, Arise* Dan Forrest/arr. White

MESSAGE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Seek Ye First* #333; Vs. 1,2 | LAFERTY

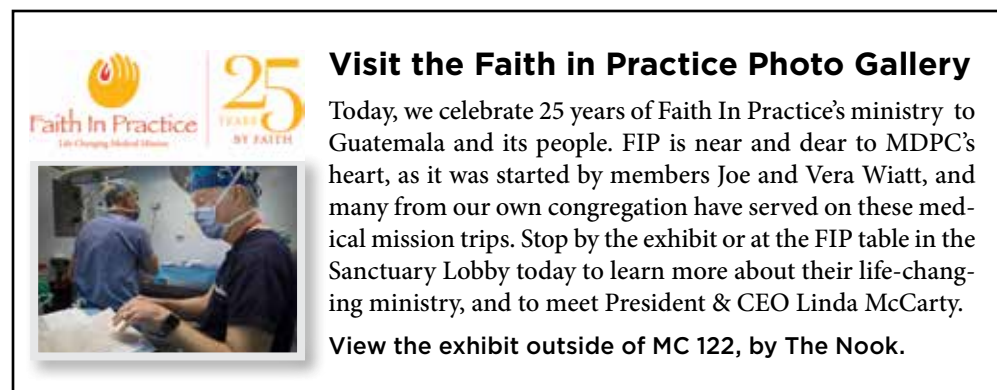
*POSTLUDE *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* Benedetto Marcello (1686-1739)

Musicians in these services: Dr. Cassandra Black and Monica Isomura, Anthem soloists; Bill Lundgren and Alberto Graulau, violin; Dr. Charles Haussman, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ; Women's Chorus



Join us as we use the spiritual practice of visio divina to invite God to reveal Himself to us. Led by Beth Case, Martha Moore, and Laura Dobbins. Purchase your own ticket ahead of time. Limited to 20 individuals.

A CONTEMPLATIVE R·E·T·R·E·A·T
MUSEUM OF FINE ARTS
VAN GOGH EXHIBIT
June 17
9:15 AM-2:00 PM



Visit the Faith in Practice Photo Gallery
Today, we celebrate 25 years of Faith In Practice's ministry to Guatemala and its people. FIP is near and dear to MDPC's heart, as it was started by members Joe and Vera Wiatt, and many from our own congregation have served on these medical mission trips. Stop by the exhibit or at the FIP table in the Sanctuary Lobby today to learn more about their life-changing ministry, and to meet President & CEO Linda McCarty.
View the exhibit outside of MC 122, by The Nook.



Twenty-five years ago, MDPC members Joe and Vera Wiatt started Faith In Practice with nine volunteers. This year, Faith In Practice will have 2,500 volunteers, 1,500 from the United States, and 1,000 from Guatemala.

These volunteers will provide a network of healthcare, finding those living in the shadows in the most remote parts of Guatemala. They will provide medical and dental care in highly organized and efficient temporary medical clinics. They will provide complex and staged surgical care, including follow-up. They will distribute more than 1,500 individually tailored wheelchairs. More than 26,000 bed-nights in patient guesthouses will be filled with patients Faith In Practice Guatemalan volunteers accompany from remote villages to one of two partner hospitals, hospitals renovated and supported by Faith In Practice.

Through it all, through each encounter, Jesus' presence shall be felt. Tangibly felt. Bringing healing and life. Just as He was present 25 years ago when it all began. Just as He shall be as we follow him into the next 25 years. For He is creating a new community among us. A new heaven and earth, through this mission, the blessing of which we shall be forever be grateful. All to His honor, glory, and praise.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. -Hebrews 11:1



Armando with a medical clinic team

Armando, one of Faith In Practice's committed Guatemalan volunteers, has been responsible for thousands of patients receiving care. Armando uniquely understands what it is to suffer, for he himself was a patient. Armando has dedicated the last 12 years of his life to serving God through Faith In Practice in gratitude to God for his healing, for his life. For us, Armando is a witness. Armando is family.

Celia is one of Armando's patients. Celia, 43, had fallen into a fire when she was nine months old. The skin of her calf and thigh fused together. She never dreamed that a surgery would allow her to walk. To even sit.

Armando brought Celia to the Faith In Practice medical clinic that Armando organizes each year. There, Faith In Practice physicians referred Celia for a surgical consult. Armando accompanied her to her appointment in Antigua. Her family did not support her decision; they thought she believed she would die in surgery. After review and consultation, Faith In Practice surgeons amputated Celia's leg and performed extensive grafts. Through the healing process, Armando accompanied Celia back and forth to Antigua from her home in Jalapa. As Celia healed, she was fitted for a new leg provided for by Faith In Practice. She is now walking for the first time in her life.

Celia believes that Armando, the U.S. volunteers, and Faith In Practice are an answer to her prayers. We know that Celia, her faith, strength, and perseverance are a witness of God's love to us.

Faith In Practice's integrated programs allow us to journey beside our patients, providing the kind of continuity of care needed for their complex and advanced health challenges, even as Jesus journeys beside each of us. Even as He works healing in each of our volunteers' hearts as they seek to bring healing in His name.

Many MDPC members have participated in FIP mission trips (pictured clockwise): Susan Eyre, Nancy Blurton, Mary Card, Bob Holloway, and Dick Harris



For more information and how you might get involved, visit www.faithinpractice.org.

Charity Navigator ★★★★★ 14 Consecutive Years Top 1%



Joe and Vera Wiatt in Guatemala in the early days



A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Philippians 1:18b-30

Alf Halvorson preaching

It is hard to believe that we are at week three in our summer preaching series on Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Beth and Martha did a fabulous job on the first eighteen verses in week one and two. Today we look at a section that is often avoided and rarely if ever preached. People are eager to get to chapter two, which is the theological center of the Book. But what about Paul's words in Philippians 1:18b-30?

1. Start with Philippians 1:18b-19. Why does Paul say that he "will continue to rejoice?" What are the two things that he knows? Talk about this combination, especially in response to how I talked about it in my sermon regarding the word choreography.
2. Read verses 20-26. What does Paul hope won't happen (being put to _____) and what does Paul hope will happen through his speaking? Where does he believe Christ will be exalted or defaced? Discuss how Christ could be exalted in our bodies.
3. I talked in my sermon about the different translations of the NIV and the NRSV regarding the phrase in verse 23 "torn" or "hard pressed." Which do you like and why? Do you think Paul is emotionally distraught here, or, is he reasonably working through each option in his mind in the light of Christ's presence and provisions?
4. Verse 27 is especially poignant right now in the light of how people are behaving in their roles as citizens or politicians. What advice does Paul give the Philippians and us? What three things in verses 27 and 28 should distinguish the Christian from the non-Christian in their public life? How do your attitudes and behavior stack up to these criteria? Where are you intimidated right now? Why, according to Paul, don't we need to be intimidated or fearful? How does this argument by Paul mimic or supplement David's argument in Psalm 23 in our recent study?
5. In verse 29-30, what does Paul say that God has graciously granted? Do both or either of those things seem like privileges to you? How does Philippians 3:10-11 help us with this idea? What suffering have you been trying to avoid that God might want you to accept or even embrace? Is it suffering "for Him?" What does that mean and why does that motivation matter?
6. Paul is autobiographical in verses 18b-26; then he becomes pastoral and directive to his readers in verses 27-30. What is your take-away from both sections? How might the group pray for each other? End in prayer to walk this section of Scripture out day to day.

