

MDPC NEW MEMBERS

Sunday, June 30, 2019

Today we are so happy to introduce these 40 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.



Roberto and Diane Andrade are the parents of Yasmin (15) and Alice (3). Roberto is an engineer with United Airlines and enjoys playing as a musician. Diane is a homemaker and enjoys organizing events, interacting with friends, and being with children.



Matt and Katie Brown are the parents of Savannah (17 months). Matt works in Investor Relations for Superior Energy Services, and enjoys golfing, hunting, and fishing when he's not cheering on the Aggies. An LSU graduate, Katie is an environmental engineer with Ramboll who enjoys traveling and spending time with family and friends.



Bill Carter is an active volunteer at MDPC, and you can often find him welcoming people and answering phones in the front office.



Paul Chen is a student at Houston Community College. Paul enjoys reading books and drinking coffee at Barnes & Noble, as well as playing tennis.



Elisabeth Costa is excited to be joining the Brazilian congregation.



Sean Daly is a Sophomore at The University of Texas at Austin, and he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family.



Erika Dantas is the mother of Rassa (26), Samuel (24), and Felipe (17). She is a Realtor with Keller Williams Memorial and enjoys traveling, outdoor biking, walking, and swimming, especially in the ocean in her hometown in Brazil. Erika is the wife of Pastor Almir Dias of the Brazilian congregation, and they are excited to welcome their first grandchild in September.



Mirian Dias is the mother of Anna (15), Julia (13), and Emily (11). She is an active participant of the Brazilian congregation. Mirian is a hairstylist, as well as an accountant.



Rodrigo and Jana Grassano are the parents of Felipe (9), Lucas (7), and Matheus (3). Rodrigo is the General Manager of Omni Surfaces Corporation, and Jana is a homemaker. They enjoy soccer, barbecue, swimming, and mountain biking.



Pat Gow is the mother of her adult daughter, Nicole, as well as grandmother to her two grandsons, Liam (7) and Lochlan (5). After 35 years of working on the faculty of Houston Community College, Pat retired and now enjoys spending her time on travel, photography, reading, walking her Miniature Schnauzer, and spending time with her grandsons.



Monica Hennessey is the mother of Emily (5). Monica enjoys reading and spending quality time with her daughter.



Adam and Ashley Hunt are expecting their first baby (a girl!) in September. Adam works at Mustang Cat as an Exploration Sales Manager and enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time outdoors, and Ashley is a Marketing Manager at Opportune LLP and enjoys being outdoors and focusing on fitness activities in her spare time.



Russell and Sarah Kilgore are the parents of Wade (1) and, soon to be born, Alice. Russell is a Landman with Russell W. Kilgore, LLC., and he enjoys tennis, golfing, fishing, hunting, traveling, and playing with their son. Sarah is an accountant for Independent Plastic, Inc.



Lucas Lace currently is employed by Megatron, and also pursuing his interest in seminary. He enjoys being active in the Brazilian congregation and serves as the youth leader, and also assists in worship. Lucas loves spending time with friends and family, including the MDPC Young Adult community.



Aristoteles Leonidas and Patricia Paiva are the parents of Maria (6) and are active participants of the Brazilian congregation.



Luciano Maximo and Tereza Reis are the parents of Maria Luiza (13) and Guilherme (6). Luciano works for an oil & gas company and enjoys traveling. Tereza is a homemaker and enjoys arts and crafts, cooking (especially Brazilian sweets), socializing, traveling, and dancing. Before moving to the United States, Tereza worked as a P.E. teacher.



Leigh McLeroy is a self-employed writer/speaker/teacher who loves what she does. Leigh loves writing, teaching, travel, music, art, entertaining, and all things Aggie. She is a self-described "NMNK" (not married/no kids).



Fabio Monteiro and Carla Maciel are the parents of Bryanna (16). Fabio is an Area Manager for Samsonite and enjoys mountain biking and photography. Carla is a Psychologist who practiced previously in Brazil. She enjoys spending time with her daughter and family.



Felipe Matheus enjoys playing instruments and is currently a university student. He is an active member of the Brazilian congregation.



Paul Pereira and Rosymare da Silva are the parents of Gabriel (18) and Melissa (10). Paul is a Production Manager for Southwest Impreglon. Rosymare is a Public Accountant/Sr. Associate with KPMG. She is passionate about children and teaching them the Gospel.



Heidi Simon is the mother of Jack Henry (7) and Harrison (5). She is currently a homemaker and, in her spare time, she loves to serve. Heidi has served with the Junior League of Houston for more than 9 years, along with various other charity organizations. Formerly a speech therapist and volunteer as a victim's advocate, she now enjoys spending time with her children, exercising, and serving others.



Vitor and Janna Soares are active participants of the Brazilian congregation. Vitor is an engineer with Axess North America, and Janna is a housewife who enjoying singing and playing the piano.



Diego and Flavia Souza are the parents of Lara (7). Diego serves as the Managing Director of IT for United Airlines, and in his spare time, he loves serving in the community. Flavia is a homemaker and enjoys time with family. They are active members of the Brazilian congregation.



Glennis Tolunay is the mother of two adult children, Fiona and Rory, as well as the grandmother to Cara, Liam, and Cullen. Glennis enjoys her work as a hairstylist at Vanity Salon and, in her spare time, she enjoys gardening, exercising, reading, and singing in the choir.

Rebecca Vazquez is a Sales Supervisor at Megatron, Inc. Rebecca is an active member of the Brazilian congregation and enjoys watching movies and listening to music.



Andre and Regina Verona are the parents of Thiago (10) and Felipe (7). Both Andre and Regina are active with the Brazilian congregation. Andre serves on the church board, and Regina is the leader of the women's ministry. Andre is an Internet Producer at Perceptiv, Inc., and enjoys time with his family, traveling, watersports, music, movies, and technology. Regina enjoys reading, traveling, watching movies, architecture, and history.



Joseph and Josephina Yamada are active members of the Brazilian congregation. Joseph is a Product Development Manager with Laserweld, Inc., and he enjoys woodworking in his spare time. Josephina works as an Office Manager for Laserweld, Inc., and she uses her gifts of teaching to teach Portuguese to others.

New Member Service Day at KIDS' MEALS

New Member Classes end with a Saturday spent serving in the community. This time (photos below), they helped out MDPC ministry partner Kids' Meals, which provides sandwiches to preschoolers who do not have access to school food programs.

At MDPC on the second Wednesday of each month, volunteers make thousands of sandwiches for Kids' Meals. To participate in this service project, bring a ball cap and four loaves of plain white or wheat bread, show up in Fellowship Hall at 4:30 PM, and join the team. You'll make a difference in the lives of Houston preschoolers! Visit kidsmeals.mdpc.org to learn more.



MORNING WORSHIP AT MDPC

8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

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Musicians in these services: Meliza Gómez, worship leader; Daniel Amaya, bass; George Heathco and Laurien Hook, guitar; Asher Pudlo, drums

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

PRELUDES	Two Hymn Preludes	Dale Wood (1934-2003)
CHORAL INTROIT	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	Vaclav Nelhybel (1919-1996)
*HYMN OF PRAISE #138	Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty	Verses 1, 3, 4
ANTHEM	Jacob's Ladder	arr. Kent Newbury (b. 1925)
OFFERTORY	O Light of Life	Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)
*HYMN OF RESPONSE #145	Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart	Verses 1, 2
POSTLUDE	Holy, Holy, Holy	arr. Rhonda Furr (b. 1952)

Musicians in this service:
Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, piano/organ

FAITH FOR SKEPTICS

Does God EXIST? Is God really GOOD? Is faith even RATIONAL?

Sundays, July 21-August 11 • 11:00-12:15 PM

This is for ALL ages and stages of faith. Learn more about our speakers at skeptics.mdpc.org.

The Red Rose is in honor of:

Hudson Carlton Hulings, born June 15, 2019, to Megan and Hayden Hulings. Grandparents are Anne and Terry Adams; great-grandparents are Noel Adams and Jan and Bill Fawley.

WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

IMPACT • A mentoring ministry at Spring Woods Middle School in Spring Branch ISD. MDPC members volunteer for a simple one-year commitment to visit a student weekly, but often end up staying connected with their students from when they enter mentoring in sixth grade, all the way through high school! *Be a mentor in 2019! Contact Sharon Fox at ssfox@icloud.com or Kathryn White at kwhite@mdpc.org.*

Interface-Samaritan Counseling Centers • Provides high-quality, affordable Christian counseling and educational services, serving men, women, and children in the Houston area who might not otherwise have access to quality mental health care. houston.samaritan.org

Lulwanda Children's Home • Addresses the urgent needs of abandoned children and those left orphaned by east Africa's AIDS epidemic by providing a loving home. Over 125 children receive holistic care including housing, meals, health care, and education all within a loving Christian environment. ugandaorphans.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 6/23/19

2019 Annual Budget	\$12,240,000
Actual Income to Date	\$ 4,638,050
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 7,601,950

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Count It All Joy

Philippians 2:12-18
Christyn Knoop preaching

COMING FALL 2019

MDPC will release a powerful new mobile app, with all the features you've enjoyed in the past PLUS expanded features in the area of event info and easy registration, group communication, personalized notifications, check-in, and so much more. Stay tuned for additional details!



HAPPENING AT MDPC

Summer Camps & Classes

This summer's REACH camps and classes are as diverse as ever. Kids and adults can sign up now for fun including art, sports, coding, cooking, dance, science, music, and more! Really! Go online for a complete list. *Details and registration: reach.mdpc.org*

Visit Our Community Art Gallery

Take time to stop by MDPC's Community Gallery to view the newest display celebrating 25 years of ministry by Faith In Practice. Its volunteers provide health-care in the most remote parts of Guatemala, including medical and dental care and needed surgeries. **See beautiful photography from the mission field in the Gallery (between Room 122 and The Nook).**

The Very Best of John Denver

Join other senior adults at The George Theatre to hear Mike Eldred, renowned Broadway tenor, as he presents the beloved works of John Denver. All ages welcome. **Tuesday, July 9 | 7:30 PM | 5420 Westheimer Rd. \$36/ticket | Limited seating** *Must RSVP today! betsychalmersfarver@gmail.com*

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 July: **Next date: Monday, July 15 | 8:00 AM-Noon** *Registration and details: bpbuddy.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**
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.

Being Human Podcast

"You're fine. I'm fine. Everything's fine."
Are emotions bad? Is counseling wrong? What does God think of us when we're anxious or depressed? How do the Bible and mental health intersect? Laurien Hook and Amanda Caldwell, LPC, host a podcast seeking answers to these questions. Special guests Alf Halvorson, Brett and Kellie Hurst, and Rachel Poysky. beinghuman.mdpc.org

Summer Celebration Needs

Please consider donating these items for our upcoming VBS: old PCs (no laptops, no monitors), soda-can tabs, individual snack packs (peanut-free), canned sodas. **Drop off in Children's Ministries now through July 7.**

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) Returns!

Are you a mom of young children? Would you like a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then MOPS is for you! Come for coffee, solid content, and adult conversations. We will learn how to live life fully and abundantly - how God intended us to live! Childcare is free, so come join us - we'll save a seat for you. **Every other Thursday beginning August 29 9:30-11:15 AM | MDPC Parlor** *Register today: mops.mdpc.org*

Men's Night Out @ Karbach Brewery

Come hang out, watch the Astros on the big screen, and enjoy cornhole, BBQ dinner, brewery tours, and fellowship with other Houston men! Ages 21 and up. **Thursday, Aug 1 | 5:30 PM (6:00 BBQ, 6:05 first pitch) \$20/ticket or \$15 each for 4+! Cash bar** *Register: mensnightout.mdpc.org*

You Can Change the Life of a Child

Help out children at local schools. Caring adults are needed for roles that range from mentoring to tutoring kids, helping in the library, at the science fair, or serving at teacher appreciation events, and more. There's something for every type of servant spirit! **Sign-ups on Sunday mornings in Aug and Sept** *For more information: change.mdpc.org*

IS IT TIME FOR YOU TO JOIN MDPC?

DISCOVER MDPC

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.

September 8 & November 3 | 10:45-11:10 AM | The Nook (near the Front Office)

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, September 15 - October 6 | 9:45 AM-11:00 AM | Room 122

Visit membership.mdpc.org to register for the next New Member Class. Contact Diann Turet with questions: dturet@mdpc.org, 713-490-9553



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Count
It All

A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Philippians 2:12-18 NLT

Christyn Knoop preaching

In this week's passage we are reminded of an astonishing reality: we have the Spirit of the Living God, the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, at work in our own bodies! When we submit to God's Spirit within us, we can't help but reflect God's love and light to the world around us. This takes grace, discipline, and courage. Are you willing to walk this road, to become the one your family and community can look to in order to see the light of Christ?

1. What is something you (or someone you know) had to work hard for in life? What did that involve, and how did you overcome obstacles to keep pursuing your goal?
2. Read the Scripture aloud, from two different versions if possible. What do you observe? What stands out to you? What do you like or not like? What questions do you have?
3. Do you think we "work hard" in the same way for a satisfying spiritual life? What might that look like, and how is it similar or different from working towards a different kind of goal? What Scripture comes to mind to underscore your perspective?
4. A big idea from the sermon is that "God's Way is life and peace." What is meant by "God's Way"? What do you think about this claim? Have you ever personally experienced following God's Way and the corresponding fruit of life and peace?
5. Christyn shared how people have a way of becoming surprised by the real Jesus. What has surprised you about Jesus? How has your understanding of God changed over time?
6. What do you find yourself grumbling about right now? How might you view the situation differently so as to see your loving Father at work in the details of your life?
7. Do you find it easy or challenging to "come to Jesus"? What practices or perspectives are helping you come to Jesus in your life right now?
8. Have you found a friend or group of friends with whom you can grow and be encouraged in the faith? What do you gain from that? Are there any drawbacks? How could it be even more significant for you?
9. Christyn shared a quote: "Gratitude turns everything we have into enough." Who might you reach out to this week to share your gratitude for what they've done for you?
10. Have you answered the question definitively, *who is Jesus*? Whether you're still seeking or "all in," if Jesus is who He says He is, what is the next step in that journey for you?
11. How do you think God has been speaking to you through this conversation? How do you want to respond to what God is saying?

