

Sunday, July 7, 2019



Count
It All

Joy

Philippians 2:19-30
Clay Brown preaching

HAPPENING AT MDPC

Summer Cel Needs BREAD!

A loaf of regular sandwich bread makes 12 sandwiches. Our goal is 16,000 sandwiches for the week of Summer Celebration (same as last year) - that means we will need roughly 1,400 loaves of plain, store brand sandwich bread. Please help!

We're collecting bread through this Thurs, July 11.

REACH Fall Classes

Children's classes include cooking, coding, sports, art, dance, voice, piano, and more! Adults can take art, bridge, core strength training, piano, voice, and yoga. Go to reach.mdpc.org to see the complete list and register, or call the REACH office at 713-490-9564.

Host Homes Needed for Counselors

Please consider hosting college-age male Kanakuk Kampout counselors. Provide place to sleep and simple breakfast & dinner each day. We need 2 more homes! 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 July: Next date: Monday, July 15 | 8:00 AM-Noon Registration and details: bpbuddy.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: karbach.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.

Young Adult Swim & Volleyball Cookout

Sit by the pool, cool off in the water, and play some volleyball (or just jump around in the sand). All skill levels welcome! Bring whatever food you'd like to have for dinner (outdoor grills available) and drinks (no glass). Saturday, July 13 | 1:00 PM | 10440 Deerwood, 77042 Contact Sarah Stone for details on accessing the pool area: 832-605-8129 (text or call), sstone@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

Millennials Do Church

Meet other 20s & 30s who worship at MDPC by coming upstairs for a taco, cup of coffee, and small groups. We're single and married, we are students and professionals. We don't bite, but we can't promise we are never awkward. We'd love to meet you! 10:45-11:00 AM: Tacos & Coffee 11:00 AM-12:00 PM: Bible study/discussion time Upstairs above Sanctuary Courtyard, Room 219 Questions? Text Christyn Knoop: 281-734-0914



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.

MORNING WORSHIP AT MDPC

8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

PRAISE & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • 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 MUSIC

PRELUDE	<i>A Patriotic Suite</i>	arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Lift Every Voice and Sing</i>	#563; Vs. 1 & 3
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	<i>The Gloria Patri</i>	Hymn #579
HYMN SING	<i>O Beautiful for Spacious Skies</i>	#564; Vs. 1, 3
	<i>Eternal Father, Strong to Save</i>	#562; Vs. 1, 2
	<i>Battle Hymn of the Republic</i>	Vs. 1, 4
OFFERTORY	<i>The Lord Is My Light</i>	Frances Allitsen (1848-1912)
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i>	#316; Vs. 1, 2
POSTLUDE	<i>Hymn to the Fallen</i>	John Williams (b. 1932)

Musicians in this service:

Dr. Cassandra Black, offertory soloist; Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor; Kathryn White, organ

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!



Today's Chancel Flowers are given:

in honor of Dylan June Guenther, born June 11, 2019 to Eric and Ally Guenther. Dylan's proud grandparents are Suzanne and Kurt Guenther.

WEEKLY MINISTRY PARTNER PRAYER FOCUS

Meals on Wheels • This program from Interfaith Ministries serves meals to homebound seniors, five days a week. It provides much-needed nutrition and assistance to help clients remain healthy and independent. imgh.org/meals-on-wheels

Interfaith Care Partners • Provides free support to individuals with chronic health conditions. It offers respite to caregivers through their Care Teams: AIDS Care Team, Alzheimer's Care Team (MDPC's The Gathering), Second Family, and Kids' Pals. carepartnerstexas.org

The Micah Project • Ministers to youths who have spent anguished childhoods in impoverished homes or on the streets of Tegucigalpa, Honduras. The "Micah boys" are provided a loving home and learn to become Christian leaders through discipleship, education, and service to others. The Micah Project supports these young men as they learn to "act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God" (Micah 6:8). micahprojecthonduras.org

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

at 6/30/19

2019 Annual Budget \$12,240,000

Actual Income to Date \$ 4,773,138

Needed to Meet Budget \$ 7,466,862

MDPC ONLINE GIVING

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Consider switching to online giving this summer! Visit give.mdpc.org or follow the link through the MDPC app. We are thankful for all gifts, but this method, because of processing fees, is the most economical for the church. It allows us to use your dollars most efficiently.



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A Summer Series on the Book of Philippians

Philippians 2:19-30

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At first glance, our sermon passage seems awfully bland. We've spent all of chapter 2 on marvelous teaching about Jesus and the application of this teaching in human lives (Philippians 2:1-18), and now we get a travelogue. Paul wants to visit but he can't yet since he's under arrest. Timothy will visit soon. Epaphroditus will visit sooner, returning home to Philippi immediately. Ho hum.

Yet Paul is sneaking in the sort of passage he normally puts at the end of his letters to churches because he has something significant to say about what he previously stated. "You know the great doctrine you just read? Here are two people I'm sending to you as living examples its application. Pay attention!" Why? Because we all need role models, people from whom we can learn by both their words and their deeds.

1. Name someone who influenced you significantly when you were young. Describe this person in detail. What about him/her was so meaningful to you?
2. What jumps out at you about Timothy as Paul mentions him in verses 19-24? Why?
3. Paul's comment about Timothy in verse 20, "I have no one like him," is so much stronger than it comes across in our English translations. In the earliest manuscripts, Paul is saying he and Timothy are "of equal soul." What does such a phrase say about Timothy's connection and importance to Paul?
4. A key statement in this passage is found in verse 22: "But Timothy's worth you know, how like a son with a father he has served with me in the work of the gospel." How would the Philippians know Timothy's worth? How has Timothy's worth been proven? What are the advantages of having a colleague whose ability, personality, and steadfastness are known factors? How might these advantages help Paul, Timothy, and the Philippians share the gospel?
5. What characteristics of Timothy should we seek to imitate? What are sub-Christian or moralistic motivations for doing so? What are truly Christian motivations instead?
6. As you read about Epaphroditus in verses 25-30, what stands out in your mind? What makes it so noticeable?
7. What four glowing terms of endearment does Paul use about Epaphroditus in verse 25? What is significant about each one?
8. Why would Paul send Epaphroditus back to Philippi now? What had happened to Epaphroditus? Why do both Paul and Epaphroditus want Epaphroditus to return home? (Note particularly Epaphroditus' motivation.)
9. How does Paul want the Philippians to receive Epaphroditus? Why? How does this preferred reception tie in with Paul's desire to equip the Philippians for their work?
10. The word "risk" in verse 30 has its roots in a gambling term of the first century. We could say that Epaphroditus "took a chance" or "rolled the dice" when he went to Rome to help Paul. Some say that faith-based risk is an essential part of the Christian journey. Do you agree? Why or why not? Name one risk, in the name of faith, you perceive God is leading you to pursue.

