

Today!

MDPC Concert Series
2013-2014

ALFREDO ROLANDO ORTIZ
MDPC Worship and Music Ministries is pleased to introduce to Houston Cuban-born master of the South American harp, Alfredo Rolando Ortiz. With a multicultural repertoire of folk, classical, and popular music, Alfredo has performed all over the world and recorded over forty albums.

Today at 3:30 PM | Sanctuary
This concert is presented free-of-charge.

↑ concerts.mdpc.org ↓ holy.mdpc.org

Tomorrow

Holy Land Trip Informational Meeting
This no-obligation meeting will provide info about a fantastic opportunity to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

Monday, February 10 | 7:00 PM
Find more information under "MDPC Highlights" in this bulletin.

Sea of Galilee

↓ outreach.mdpc.org

Wednesday

Kids' Meals
Monthly Service Opportunity

Help feed hungry children by making sandwiches for Kids' Meals. Please bring two loaves of white or wheat sandwich bread to the project.

Wednesday, February 12
5:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

↓ adults.mdpc.org

All-Church Movie Night

Matilda
(PG; 1996)

See the world from a kid's-eye view in this modern fairytale that mixes hilarious humor with a magical message of love.

Friday, February 21
6:00 PM | Amphitheater

Free admission, popcorn, and lemonade! Everyone is welcome.

FACES and PLACES AROUND THE CROSS

Eat Pray Lent: A 7-Week Small Group Study
This year's Lenten study will help you comprehend more fully the core event of the Christian faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

There are a variety of groups to join, or start your own, or use the Lenten Study Guide in your existing small group.

Groups meet once weekly, March 9-April 25

Information and registration:
epl.mdpc.org

↑ epl.mdpc.org

↓ women.mdpc.org

Girls' Getaway
Live life • Love life • Speak life

Saturday-Sunday
March 29-30
With Guest Speaker Darla Baerg

Our yearly women's retreat at Camp for All in Burton, Texas. Campfires, horseback riding, zip lines, rock wall, fun crafts, and an engaging speaker make this an unforgettable weekend for women of all ages. Come to meet a friend or make a friend!

Contact Patty Leonard:
pleonard@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

↓ adults.mdpc.org

BURGERS AND COMEDY NIGHT: MDPC SINGLES & FRIENDS
Friday, February 28 | 6:00 PM | Meet at Grub Burger Bar

Join us for a burger, drink, and fun with friends. We'll meet at Grub Burger Bar in CityCentre, then walk over to ComedySportz for its team-competition, "Whose Line Is It Anyway"-style comedy show - clean and appropriate for all audiences. Cost is \$10 plus the price of your Grub.

RSVP to Sarah Stone: ssone@mdpc.org

↓ health.mdpc.org

MDPC Blood Drive

Sunday, February 23
8:00 AM-2:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Pre-register in the Sanctuary Lobby today, or on Sunday, February 16, or at giveblood.org.

Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registering will help the blood center plan for adequate staff.

He shed His blood to save me, I donate mine to serve Him.



Sunday, February 9, 2014

A Faith that Sings

A Sermon Series on the Music of Our Faith

The Trouble With Water
Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*
Matthew 14:22-33
Rachel Poysky Preaching

Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Congregational Meeting

Called by MDPC's Session to approve the Pastors' Terms of Call and to elect a Children's Ministries elder.

Next Sunday, February 16, following 9:45 AM Worship | Sanctuary

Holy Land Trip in October 2014

Following in the footsteps of Jesus is a profound spiritual adventure! We land in Tel Aviv and proceed with visits to Capernaum, Bethlehem, the Mount of Olives, Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and much, much more. Details are available at holy.mdpc.org.

Informational Meeting with Tour Director Barry Weiss:

Monday, February 10 | 7:00 PM | Chapel

Should you not be available that evening, Barry is able to meet earlier in the day, as needed. To set up an additional consultation, contact Gena Kookan at gkookan@mdpc.org or 713-953-2581.

Sunday School Spotlight: Seekers

Single or married, we'd love to meet you! We're a community of "boomers" currently doing a series called Signs and Markers about the concrete ways people in the Bible created altars, lists, and festivals to mark life-changing events and God's faithfulness. This is a chance for you to create your own markers through various art, journaling, and song.

Sundays at 11:15 AM | Room 103

Contact Christyn Knoop, Adult Ministries Director: cknoop@mdpc.org or 713-490-0940

Prime Timers presents Fiddlin' Faron Evans

Come be serenaded with many of your favorite songs! Faron comes from a musical Texas family and has shared the stage with country music greats like Mickey Gilley, Conway Twitty, and Willie Nelson.

Tuesday, February 18 | Fellowship Hall | Free Program 10:30 AM, Lunch (\$9.50) Noon

Your check (\$9.50) is your lunch reservation. Checks made out to MDPC must be received at the Front Office by Wednesday, February 12.

Mo-Ranch 2014: Press On Toward the Goal

Mo-Ranch has become a highly-anticipated annual event; a time to relax and enjoy great fellowship in the Texas Hill Country. The weekend is built around Philippians 3:14 (I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus). Over the weekend, we'll look at its meaning and our personal "goals."

Memorial Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, May 23-26

Registration opens Saturday, February 22 at 8:00 AM: mo.mdpc.org

Rooms are booked "first come, first served." Contact Vicki Levins with questions: vlevins@mdpc.org

Renovaré: A Conference for Spiritual Renewal

You'll grow in your understanding of Christian identity, community, and mission and be encouraged in your walk with God.

Thursday-Saturday, April 3-5 | First Presbyterian-Houston

Register: renovar.org (Use code HOST1413 to receive 15% off registration!)

2nd & 3rd Grade Pizza Party

Second and third graders: come eat pizza and play games with your friends! Look for information in upcoming bulletins for the fourth and fifth grade party in April.

Sunday, February 23 | 12:30-2:00 PM | The Galaxy (2nd Floor, Main Building)

Contact Mallory Moore: mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262

Prayer Retreat at Museum of Fine Arts

Come spend a day at the museum finding God in beautiful works of art. The occasion is to visit the acclaimed international tour of The Age of Impressionism, featuring works of art that includes pieces by Degas, Pissarro, Renoir, and Sisley. This is not an art tour! We will meet in the morning for an overview of the practice of Visio Divina, or "holy seeing," a method of viewing art through prayer and meditation, then spend two to three hours prayerfully considering works of art.

Friday, March 7 | 9:30 AM-3:00 PM | MFAH | Registration deadline: February 27

Contact Mary Fuller for information: fullers1@swbell.net or 713-647-0390

MDPC WORSHIP

Dr. Edington is vacationing this week in Beaver Creek, Colorado. He will return to the pulpit next Sunday, February 16.

* Please stand if able.

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8:30 SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	O for a Thousand Tongues Blessed Assurance	arr. Crowder/Wesley/Parker arr. West
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
SONG OF PREPARATION	Jesus Paid It All	Hall/Grape/Nifong
OFFERTORY	Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)	Crocker/Houston/Ligtheim
MESSAGE	The Trouble With Water	Rachel Poysky
SONG OF RESPONSE	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	arr. Crowder

9:45 SERVICE

SONG OF PRAISE	This Is the Day	P.Wickham/E.Wickham
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Christyn Knoop
*SONGS OF RESPONSE	Song of Hope (Heaven Come Down) Jesus Paid It All	arr. Seay Hall/Grape/Nifong
WELCOME		Dave Steane
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11:15 SERVICE

PRELUDE	Prelude on 'He Who Would Valiant Be' (St. Dunstan's) Emily Borling, guest organist	Leo Sowerby
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	God of Grace and God of Glory	Paul Langston
*HYMN OF PRAISE	How Firm a Foundation	#361; Vs. 1, 3, 5 FOUNDATION
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from Romans 8	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	The Gloria Patri	Hymn #579
ANTHEM	Like As the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks	Herbert Howells
OFFERTORY	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Lloyd Pfautsch
MESSAGE	The Trouble With Water	Rachel Poysky
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	#356; Vs. 1-3 NETTLETON
POSTLUDE	Prelude in C Major	J. S. Bach

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM Chapel	fuentes.mdpc.org
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM Chapel	fifthservice.mdpc.org

ABOUT MDPC

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente

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MDPC Foundation

For information, contact Business Administrator
Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.

Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

Through compassionate healthcare and social services, **Bering Omega** strives to meet the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of the most vulnerable low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS. Omega House is their loving residential hospice home for clients in the final stages of life.

beringomega.org

Bo's Place provides grief support services to children who have experienced the death of a parent or sibling, and their families. They offer community education and training to professionals and volunteers who work with children and families in grief. Bo's Place now has offsite support groups in Gulfton, East End, and Katy.

bosplace.org

MDPC mission partners **Tihomir and Christine Kukolja** direct Renewing Our Minds (ROM) in Croatia. They seek to reconcile people of different faiths, ethnicities, and cultures in the Balkan region by sharing how following the principles and teachings of Jesus transforms lives.

romjourney.blogspot.com



Please Pray

Today's Chancel Flowers are given:

in honor of the life, love, and memory of Eloise Randall, by her family.

The White Rose is in memory of MDPC members who recently passed away:

Jan Peine, January 31, 2014

Recently released from the hospital:

Shannon Bennett, Foster McArthur, Ray Young

Births, Deaths, and Hospitalizations

Please notify Kakki Thompson in Caring Ministries of births to parents who are members, of member deaths, and of hospitalizations: kthompson@mdpc.org or 713-490-9541

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2014 Budget	\$10,550,000
Expected Income to Date	\$ 0
Actual Income to Date	\$ 629,658



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Sunday, February 9, 2014



The Trouble With Water

Hymn: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Matthew 14:22-33

Rachel Poysky Preaching

Today we continue *A Faith That Sings*, a sermon series exploring some of the great hymns and songs of our faith. German Protestant Reformer Martin Luther once said, “I have no use for cranks who despise music, because it is a gift of God. Next after theology, I give to music the highest place and the greatest honor.” The power of music in Christian worship is both soul stirring and spirit lifting. God speaks personally and powerfully to His people through the singing of songs, which reaffirms His love and strengthens our faith.

Prior to today’s passage, Jesus feeds the crowd of 5,000 and then retreats to the mountain to pray. While He is there, a storm arises at sea. So He leaves behind the chaos of the crowd to pray, but when He comes down from the mountain, He encounters the chaos of the storm. Jesus quickly restores peace by being Lord of the storm and rescuing Savior to the disciples. This passage gives us insight into the fear of Peter, the power of staying focused on Jesus, and the glory of God revealed through Jesus Christ.

- **Matthew 14:22-23** – Jesus retreats to the mountain. In the passages that follow, we see several times that Jesus retreated to pray. It is an example for us to set aside times to retreat and pray. When do you find you need to retreat and spend time with God?
- **Matthew 14:24-27** – The disciples call out in fear to Jesus and He comforts them with His voice. How do you see Him bringing comfort into your life when you face tough times? How does He speak to you in the storms?
- **Matthew 14:28-30** – Peter loses his focus and starts to sink. What distracts us and causes us to take our eyes off of Jesus?
Fear can paralyze us or move us closer to trusting God. Share a time in your life when your fear drew you closer to God and you relied on Him.
- **Matthew 14:33** – “Truly You are the Son of God!” -When they saw what Jesus had done, it helped them to see Him more clearly. Take a moment to think about other times during the earthly ministry of Jesus when He showed Himself to others in a way that revealed His glory. Read through the following Scriptures to see times when Jesus revealed more of who He is to His people: Matthew 17:1-13, John 2:1-12, John 11:1-44, Acts 1:6-11.

The hymn *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* reminds us that we are “Prone to wander” and “Prone to leave the God we love.” It is a prayer to God which acknowledges our wandering and asks for help to stay intimately tied to our Savior. Read the words below as a prayer to God for this week.

O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!

Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.

Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it. Prone to leave the God I love;

Here’s my heart, O take and seal it. Seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.