

Mission Market Christmas Cards
Today's the last Sunday to shop!

Do you have a tough-to-shop-for friend?
 Need a last-minute gift?

Stop by Mission Market today for the perfect relief for all your gifting stress!

missionmarket.mdpc.org

Getting ready for a lifetime commitment...

Married Life Prep

A fun, four-week course for engaged and newly married couples.

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 4-25, 2015
10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Visit mlp.mdpc.org to register!

Sunday, December 21, 2014

MDPC
 Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church

CALL Him BY HIS Name

Prince of Peace
 The Last, Best, Greatest Hope for Humankind
 John 16:25-33

HEROES OF THE FAITH FILM FESTIVAL

Need inspiration? Discover some of the great Christian leaders of the past who changed the course of history! Learn more about the legacy we have inherited from those who dared to take a stand.

Wednesdays in January
6:30 PM | Amphitheater

Pick up a flier for details.

Naughty or Nice?

There's Santa, there's the *real* Santa, and then there's God. Sarah Stone has a take on all three.

Visit blog.mdpc.org, or read it in the mobile app (app.mdpc.org).

B90 READ THE BIBLE

The Challenge:
To read attentively every word of the Bible in 90 days.

Begins January 18

Sunday Mornings
9:45 or 11:15 AM
 or Wednesday Evenings
6:30 PM

Parent Palooza

Free Event!
register.mdpc.org

Dig deeper in breakout sessions on parenting topics.

January 9-10 (Friday PM & Saturday AM)

Childcare available by reservation:
childcare@mdpc.org

Monet and the Seine

Prayer Retreat at Museum of Fine Arts Houston

Friday, January 23
9:30 AM-2:30 PM
 Meet at First Pres. at 9:30 AM.

Admission:
 \$23/Adults; free for members
 \$8/Seniors 65+

Join us as we prayerfully enjoy God's creation of water and light through the MFAH Monet exhibition. The day will include:

- an overview of Visio Divina or "holy seeing"
- free time at the museum for viewing other works;
- lunch on your own (buy or bring), and
- a time of sharing observations and reflections.

retreats.mdpc.org

CBGR COOK-OFF 2015

THE 3RD ANNUAL CHILI, BBQ, GUMBO, ROADKILL COOK-OFF

SPONSORED BY MDPC RELATIONSHIPS MINISTRIES & CITY OF SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31
2:00-6:00 PM | Spring Valley Village City Park on Campbell
 Register at cbgr.mdpc.org (\$35 fee/per team)

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Attention College Students!

This winter break, reconnect with friends and make some new ones. Consider coming to some (or all!) of these events:

Sundays at 11:15 AM – College Bible study in The Garage (Youth area)

Sundays at 5:00 PM – Fifth Service

Monday, December 29 – Serve together at Star of Hope, 4:00-6:30 PM

January 1-3 – Camping Trip to Enchanted Rock

Text Brandon Gaide for details: 832-627-9613

Purely Parenting

Single parents and step-families: Find empowerment, peace, and balance for yourself and your family in the New Year! Speaker Jayna Haney of The Bridge Across is known for her creative speaking style imbued with energy, personal stories, and humor. First married in 1986, a mom in 1993, a single parent in 1998, and a stepmom in 2001, Jayna and her husband, Mike, have four children (ages 18-21) and live in Houston, Texas.

Sunday, January 4 (First Sunday of each month) | 11:15 AM | Amphitheater

Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell: acaldwell@mdpc.org or 713-490-0931

Venturers presents: A Businessman's Perspective on Public Service

Mayor Bill White, businessman and attorney, presents thoughts on the need to encourage public service, and some principal changes in our region and nation.

Monday, January 5 | Social Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner/Program 7:00 PM

Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer Road)

RSVP by December 31 to Chuck & Linnie Edwards: 9350 Shady Lane Circle, 77063 (713-785-7115)

Learn How to Create a Prayer Shawl

Fifteen years ago, two women set out to create something soft and warm to help remind those who needed it that God's comfort is always there. Thus was born the Prayer Shawl Ministry, which makes lovely, hand-knitted shawls made of fluffy, warm yarn. Join us to learn the basics of knitting* and participate in this quiet yet powerful ministry.

Sundays, January 11-February 8 | 9:45 AM | Room 217

Questions? Contact MDPC Member Liz Timmer: etimmer@higg.com

To sign up, visit register.mdpc.org or contact Amanda Grace Caldwell (713-490-0931). Spots are limited!

**Shawls also may be crocheted. If you are skilled in crochet, come share your skills!*

The Daniel Plan

Get 2015 started out right by studying what the Bible says about healthy living. Come and explore the groundbreaking healthy lifestyle program that could change your life – inside and out. This fast-paced six-week class is based on Rick Warren's *The Daniel Plan*.

Sundays, January 11-February 15 | 9:45-10:45 AM | Summit Room

Contact Kay Atchison: kamatchison@yahoo.com

Bible Studies for Kids

Gems & Jewels: Finding Treasure in God's Word

Wednesdays, January 14-April 1 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Galaxy

A Bible study for 3rd-5th grade girls seeking to learn more about the Bible and Jesus!

Scuba: Diving Deeper Into Your Faith

Wednesdays, January 14-April 1 | 5:30-6:30 PM | Galaxy

A Bible study for 3rd-5th grade boys who want to get to know Jesus and the Bible better!

Save the Date to Register for Mo-Ranch 2015

Mo-Ranch Weekend has become a highly anticipated annual event for many in the MDPC family, a time to relax and enjoy great fellowship in the Texas Hill Country. Join us at for four days of fun, fellowship, and relaxation, just outside Hunt, Texas.

Retreat Date: Memorial Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, May 22-25

Public registration will be open February 21-28: mo.mdpc.org

Rooms are booked "first come, first served."

MDPC WORSHIP

Christmas Eve

Join us for one of four services:

Family Service 4:00 PM

Candlelight Services 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 PM

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME

Dave Steane

*SONGS OF PRAISE

O Come, All Ye Faithful

ADESTE FIDELES

The First Noel

arr. Gómez

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Myers

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

O Holy Night

Adam/Cappeau

MESSAGE Prince of Peace: The Last, Best, Greatest Hope for Humankind Howard Edington

SONG OF RESPONSE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christyn Knoop

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rachel Poysky

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

Dave Steane

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SONG OF RESPONSE

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDES *Away in a Manger and Greensleeves* arr. Moore/Henklemann
Miriam Belyatsky, Rasa Kalesnykaite, violin; Kathryn White, piano

WELCOME Dave Steane

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*CHORAL INTROIT *For Unto Us a Child Is Born (from Messiah)* G. F. Handel (1685-1959)

*HYMN OF PRAISE *Hark! the Herald Angels Sing* #31; Vs. 1-2 | MENDELSSOHN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Rachel Poysky

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

ANTHEM *Mary, Did You Know?* arr. Bruce Greer

OFFERTORY *In the Beginning (from The Incarnation)* K. Lee Scott (b. 1950)
Bryan DePan, soloist

MESSAGE Prince of Peace: The Last, Best, Greatest Hope for Humankind Howard Edington

*HYMN OF PRAISE *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* #38; Vs. 1 & 3 | CAROL

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata on Once in Royal David's City* Robert Hobby

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE 11:15 AM | Chapel fuente.mdpc.org

FIFTH SERVICE 5:00 PM | Chapel fifthservice.mdpc.org

MDPC INFO

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente

Howard Edington | Interim Senior Pastor

Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen

Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir.

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Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach

Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister

Victoria Jones | Associate Pastor for Equipping

Gena Kooken | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coord.

Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring

Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.

Becky Riggs | Business Administrator

Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff

Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.

Karen Winship | Human Resources Dir.

Dave Peterson | Pastor Emeritus

Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus

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:

Yellowstone Academy is a high quality Christian private school exclusively serving children from low-income families in Houston's Third Ward. It is founded on the premise that, through education and intensive intervention, children living in poverty can transcend their circumstances and grow up to become responsible, productive adults.

yellowstoneacademy.org

New Life Missions is a Christ-centered school in Guatemala that provides education for disabled students through the sixth grade. Judy Kerschner, MDPC's partner in ministry, designed this school to give dignity and education to students who would otherwise be forgotten.

newlifeguatemala.com

The Outreach Foundation (TOF) is privileged to serve God's mission in the world by connecting Presbyterians to the work of proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ for the salvation of humankind. MDPC partnered with TOF for relief efforts in Haiti.

theoutreachfoundation.org



Please Pray...

For families of those mourning these members:

- Allan Horn, who passed away December 5, 2014.
- Geneva Quigley, who passed away December 5, 2014.

For members recently released from the hospital:

Ron Lenser

For the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee:

Please pray for the committee, for our congregation, and for the new pastor that God is calling to our church.

Visit pnc.mdpc.org for updates.

What Lies Ahead

As we reflect on our denominational alignment, please pray for peace in the hearts of your fellow MDPC family members, and sage discernment for our leadership.

Visit denom-issues.mdpc.org for information.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

as of December 15, 2014

OPERATING INCOME

2014 Budget	\$ 10,550,000
Actual Income to Date	\$ 7,772,873
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 2,777,127



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Prince of Peace

John 16:25-33

Advent is the season when we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ, God's Son, and Savior to those who believe. The coming of Jesus Christ was one of the most anticipated and prophesied events in human history. Most notably, the prophet Isaiah foretold of Jesus when he said in Isaiah 9:6:

*For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government
will be on His shoulders. And He will be called*

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The Gospel of John captures brilliantly these majestic names of our Messiah and Savior, Jesus Christ. During Advent, we will look at a different passage from John's Gospel, and unpack the glory of the Name of Jesus. Today, we focus on Jesus's encounter with His disciples in John 16:25-33.

- Jesus was the Master Teacher. He gave His disciples just enough about Himself to pique their curiosity, but then they had to cogitate on Him in order to fit the pieces together and truly understand Jesus. Jesus alluded to this in verse 25 when He said, *"Though I have been speaking figuratively..."* In what ways has your curiosity been piqued by something Jesus said, and you had to work hard to grasp it? What are some advantages of having to work out understanding on your own?
- Notice the cause and effect relationship in verse 27. Jesus said, *"the Father Himself loves you because you have loved Me..."* In what ways have you experienced God's love as a result of your loving Jesus Christ? How does this affect the way you related to Jesus? What are the practical implications of God's love in your life?
- The disciples expressed their appreciation for Jesus' clarity and simplicity in verse 29, and this made them believe that Jesus came from God. What convincing proofs can you think of that make you believe in Jesus? What do you think is the most compelling proof that Jesus is the Son of God and Savior of those who believe?
- In verses 31 and 32, Jesus foretold that the disciples would scatter and leave Him all alone. This, of course, happened as He was arrested and crucified. Have you ever scattered from Jesus? What things can make us want to leave Him alone?
- In verse 33, Jesus said, *"I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace."* Peace is best understood as much more than just the absence of conflict. It is a state of the soul, which affirms that there's confidence and hope because of God's sovereign will. How would you assess the level of peace in your life? Jesus said, *"But take heart! I have overcome the world."* Where in your life do you need to *take heart*? What difference does it make to you that Jesus has overcome the world?

Digging Deeper is written by Executive Pastor, Dave Steane. It explores Dr. Edington's weekly Scripture passage selection, but not necessarily his sermon message.

No Sunday School next Sunday, December 28

There will be no Children's or Youth Sunday School next week. Childcare will be available for children preschool-age and younger.

Adults: Sunday School is cancelled unless you've been told otherwise by your class leader.



Prayers for Our Military

Please pray for these men and women serving in the Armed Forces, at home and abroad.

Candice Alexander's nephew:
Lt. Commander **Brian P. Alexander** | Navy

Craig Behm's son-in-law:
Jeremy Fleming | Marines

Dick Berry's grandson:
Corporal **John Hird** | Marines

Naomi Black's son:
Chaplain Lt. Commander **Peter W. Dietz** | Navy

Second Lt. **Mark Bressler** | Army Reserves

Betsy Clark's grandson:
Christopher Lenze | Marines

Tom and M.A. Dunscombe's son-in-law:
Commander **Stephen W. Burgher, MD** | Navy

Paul and Susan Galvin's nephew:
Major **Joseph Galvin** | Army

Bob and Carol Giles' daughter and son-in-law:
Captain **Ellen Giles Jones** | Army
Captain **Robert Willard Jones** | Army

Scott Gilley's brother:
Captain **Stephen R. Gilley** | Marines

Sergeant **Kyle Hinton** | Army

Alice Horn's nephew:
First Lieutenant **Paul Early** | Marines

Captain **James Howell** | Army

Bud and Janet Hughes' son:
Chase Hughes | Navy

Brenda and Fred Jackson's grandson:
Second Lieutenant **Charles Smith** | Army

Sharon Johnson's son:
Staff Sergeant **Richard Johnson III** | Army

Willie and Jody Jordan's grandnephew:
Lieutenant **Josh Kash** | Navy

Carolyn and Grant Judge, Jr.'s son-in-law:
Chaplain Lieutenant **Jeffrey Quinn** | Marines

Larry and Margaret Kelminson's son-in-law:
Major General **Kevin Kennedy**

Ken and Joe Ann Kingdon's son:
Lt. Commander **Kenneth M. Kingdon** | Navy

John and Kay Krebs' son:
Lieutenant **Kory Krebs** | Navy

Barbara Mourglia's nephew:
Staff Sergeant **Brandon Macken** | Air Force

Maryann Munroe's grandnephew:
Private **Perry Connor** | Marines

David and Shannon Perry's son:
Air Craft Commander **Sean Perry** | Air Force

Deborah Pruitt's son-in-law:
Major **Neil McMullin** | Marine Surgeon

Don and Virginia Russell's grandson:
Sergeant **Joseph Russell** | Army

Brian and Tanya Schneider's nephew:
Holden Jenkins | Army

Joe and Jean Simmons' grandsons:
Specialist **William Bruce Berry** | Army
PFC **Joseph Thomas Turner** | Marines

Jane Ann Smeck's son:
BUCA **Cameron Freeman** | Navy

Dave and Jenny Steane's son and daughter-in-law:
PFC **Tyler Steane** | Army
PFC **Kate Steane** | Army

Harvey Trammell's nephew:
Shawn Blake | Marines

George and Dot Uthlaut's grandnephews:
Major **David Uthlaut** | Army
Captain **Chris Uthlaut** | Army

Alejandro and Raquel Vasquez's son:
Private **Alan Bejarano** | Army

Bart and Barbara Westmoreland's family:
Major **Justin Westmoreland** | Air Force
Lt. Commander **Andrew Cain** | Navy
Lt. Colonel **Brian Deas** | Air Force

Ralph and Mary Wheeler's nephews:
Philip Newman | Army
Andrew Wheeler | National Guard

Pauline Wolcott's grandson:
ET3 **Robert Leeland** | Navy

David Word's son:
Captain **Andrew N. Word** | Army

Cari Wilson's husband:
Staff Sergeant **Andrew Wilson** | Air Force

An up-to-date list always is available at military.mdpc.org. We strive for accuracy and sincerely regret any errors. Edits and additions may be sent to Eva Kaminski at ekaminski@mdpc.org. Please notify us when you are blessed with the return home of your loved one.



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