WEDNES

THE WELL: WHAT DO WE FEAR?

Women in all life stages are coming together to hear a panel of real, honest women talk about the things they fear, and how Christ has brought peace in the midst of dark places.

Meet us at The Well, a gathering place for women of all ages to commune and connect.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28 • 6:30-8:00 PM • CHAPEL

Light snacks @ 6:15 PM ● Childcare by reservation: childcare@mdpc.org

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Purely Parenting

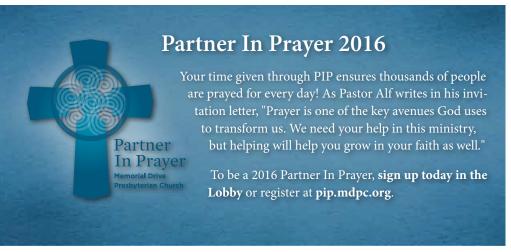
For any adults currently in the parenting trenches! These stand-alone discussions on select Sundays throughout the year are opportunities to exchange new ideas and proven strategies. Open to all!

Sunday, November 1 at 11:15 AM, Summit Room:

How to Emotionally Connect with Your Kids with Jill Gilbert

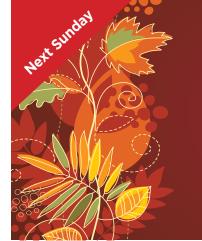


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All-Church Lunch

Sunday, November 1 | 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Entrée Selections (\$10)

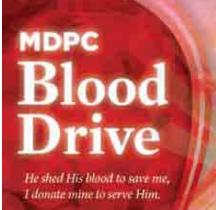
Roasted Turkey *or* Pecan Catfish
Served with Sweet Potato Mash, Squash Casserole,
and Fresh Green Beans

Ethic Salad (\$8.50): Grilled Chicken over Greens with Goat Cheese and Green Apples

Childrui Muu (\$4): Fried Chicken Tenders

Join us! Everyone is welcome.

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Pre-register today in the Lobby or at giveblood.org. This helps the Blood Center schedule enough technicians—but walk-ins on the day of the drive are welcome!

Sunday, November 8 8:00 AM-2:00 PM Fellowship Hall



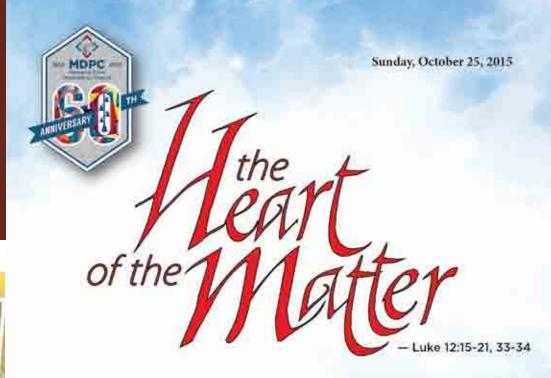


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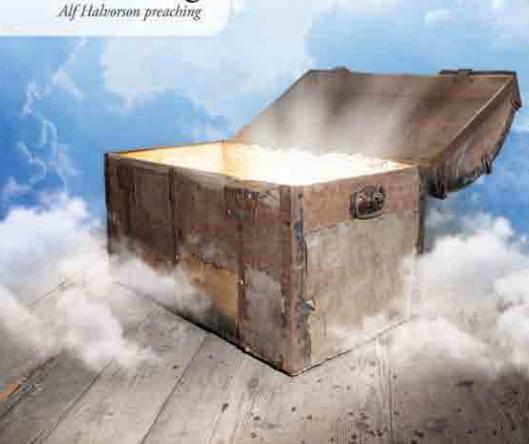
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Hearts Touched, Lives Changed,

Sowing



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

MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Before you go to bed next Saturday, set your clocks back one hour.

Next Sunday, November 1

Session Has Called a Congregational Meeting

For the purpose of electing the Elder Class of 2018 and the 2016 Nominating Committee. Today following 9:45 Worship | Sanctuary

Luke-A-Palooza!

It's Luke Gordon's last Sunday on the MDPC staff! Everyone is invited to a special sendoff. We'll come together in the Gym to affirm Luke for his impact on our church body and to pray over him and his family. At noon, we'll move to the Ball Field for a pizza lunch and fun and games! Parents and students, this is in place of the regular Connection hour. Today, 11:00 AM-1:30 PM | Gym, Ball Field

Elementary Pizza Parties

Come eat pizza & play games at your grade's Pizza Party!

2nd & 3rd Graders party today! 12:30-2:30 PM | The Galaxy 4th & 5th Grade: Friday, November 13 | 6:00-8:30 PM

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

Discover MDPC with Alf, then Join!

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend Discover MDPC with Alf, an informational meeting to learn about who we are and how we operate. Sunday, November 1 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners. Sundays, November 8-December 13 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Help Struggling Families Have a Happy Thanksgiving

MDPC has been supporting East Spring Branch Food Pantry for years, and it recently was named "Best Food Pantry in Houston" by the Houston Food Bank! It urgently needs ablebodied men to help unload the trucks on Thursday mornings (about 1 hour of work).

Thursdays | 8:00 AM | Holy Cross Lutheran (7901 Westview, 77055)

Contact Mary White for information: 281-799-6752

Help Wanted: Special Blessings and Safe Haven

Special Blessings (Special Needs Ministry) and Safe Haven (Foster Care & Adoption Ministry) are in need of adults and teens to volunteer on Sunday mornings, as well as for monthly Parents' Night Out events. No experience is necessary and no prep work is required. We just need people to show up and love on some really neat kids! Please contact Keri Mosk for more information: kmosk@mdpc.org or 713-490-9265

Use Your Business Skills: Newspring Business Plan Competition

Over the past eight years, over 100 MDPC members have participated as advisers to community college students, helping them draft business plans. It's a great opportunity to witness to your Christian faith in a secular world. Advisers work in pairs, mentoring their contestants throughout this annual competition.

Begins January 2016

For details, please contact Robert Westheimer at rwestheimer1@comcast.net.

Refugee Crisis Update: Meeting Jesus on the Refugee Trail

MDPC Global Partner Tihomir Kukolja, Director of Renewing Our Minds, recently traveled to Serbia to mobilize his ministry to meet thousands of Syrian refugees on their journey to central Europe. Tihomir will share stories and photos of encounters along the Hungarian and Croatian borders where his team served, giving food and water, as well as hugs, kind words, and empathy. See how the love of Christ can transform lives.

Wednesday, November 4 | 6:30 PM | Parlor

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able. CCLI # 182374

8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME Dave Steane

*SONGS OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SONG OF PREPARATION

NEW MEMBERS

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE The Heart of the Matter: Sowing Alf Halvorson

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION Michael Middleton, Tara Reynolds

*WORSHIP MUSIC

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE Brandon Gaide

NEW MEMBERS Dave Steane

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MESSAGE The Heart of the Matter: Sowing Alf Halvorson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE Adagio for Strings Samuel Barber (1910-1981)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Dave Steane

CHORAL INTROIT Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Rene Clausen (b. 1953)

*HYMN OF PRAISE Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #281; Vs. 1, 2, 3 | CWM RHONDAA *PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON Brandon Gaide

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from the United Church of Canada

CHORAL ANTHEM Blessed Be the Name of the Lord Dale Grotenhuis (1931-2012)

NEW MEMBERS

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

OFFERTORY The Servant Song David Schwoebel (b.1957)

The Heart of the Matter: Sowing Alf Halvorson MESSAGE

This Is My Father's World

POSTLUDE Celebration March Gordon Young (1919-1998)

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 Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir. Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Dir. Luke Gordon | Youth Ministries Dir. Alf Halvorson | Senior Pastor Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Dir. Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister Gena Kooken | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coor. 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.



In 2015, we celebrate 60 years of faith and ministry!

Our Sanctuary Choir has been blessing this church with music for 60 years! Choir members Linda Weinmann, Tattin Harvin, and Tamara Ham in the Sanctuary Courtyard at a 2013 choir photo shoot.

Do you have classic MDPC photos? Email scans to Eva Kaminski (ekaminski@mdpc.org) or drop prints at the Front Office. Originals will be returned.

Ministry Partners

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

Spring Branch Family Development Center enhances the well being of local families through health, educational, recreational, and social services. More than 6,000 residents live in 1,500 apartment units within walking distance of the Center. sbfdc.org

Spring Spirit Baseball focuses on the personal development of at-risk youth through baseball, softball, and educational programs. It provides a safe and healthy outdoor environment to enrich the lives of youth through sports and mentoring relationships. springspiritbaseball.org

Faith In Practice works to improve the physical, spiritual, and economic conditions of the poor in Guatemala through short-term medical mission trips and health education. Doctors, nurses, and dentists volunteer on these missions. faithinpractice.org

Please Pray...

Today's Chancel Flowers are given

- in honor of Virginia Upchurch's 93rd birthday, with love and admiration from daughters Martha Blecher and Molly Tipton and their families.
- by Gale Kot, in loving memory of Mike Kot, who passed away on October 30, 2014.

The White Rose is in memory of

- · Bob Gee, who passed away on September 29, 2015.
- Pat Fortney, who passed away on October 8, 2015.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

#293; Vs. 1, 2 | TERRA BEATA

2015 Budget Expected Income to date

Actual Income to date Current Income Deficit

Pictured: Supported by your giving, Spring Spirit Baseball brings positiv role models into the lives of at-risk kids - and gives them a place to play!





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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: Captain Ellen Giles Jones, MD | 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

James and Lori Keeter's nephew: Staff Sergeant **Tommy Keeter** | Army

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' grandson: Specialist William Bruce Berry | Army

Jane Ann Smeck's son:

BUCA Cameron Freeman | Navy

Dave and Jenny Steane's son: Specialist **Tyler Steane** | Army

Jim and Gladys Taylor's nephew:

Gunnery Sergeant Christopher Taylor | Marines

Danilo Toledo and Zoraya Ávila Tellez's daughter:

Private **Daniela Toledo** | 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: Specialist **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

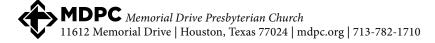
David Word's son:

Captain Andrew N. Word | Army

Cari Wilson's husband:

Staff Sergeant $\bf Andrew\ Wilson\ |\ Air\ Force$

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.





Sunday, October 25, 2015

Motion One: To elect the presented slate of nominees for the position of Elder, Class of 2018

ADMINISTRATION

Clerk Elect-Elect | Buz Jochetz
Personnel Elect-Elect | David Baay
Treasurer Elect-Elect | Joe Warren
Food Service | Debra Cordell
Generosity | Charlie Chaffin

CARING

Memorial Services Receptions | Fran Gantt

Visitation | Jody Jordan

EQUIPPING

Curriculum & Resources | Jim Armstrong Leadership Development | Ginny Trevino

FUENTE

John Hartman (1-year term, class of 2016)

OUTREACH

Global | Rick Owen
Local | Jen Harold
Local | Robin Sturgis

WORSHIP & MUSIC

First Year | Debbi Nager

YOUTH

Middle School | Bryan Fleener

Motion Two: To elect the following Elders to the position of Trustee, 2016

Ray McLaughlin | Personnel Elder
Buz Jochetz | Clerk Elect-Elect
Joe Warren | Treasurer Elect-Elect

Motion Three: To elect the presented slate of nominees for the 2016 Nominating Committee

Martha Moore | Clerk Elect, Moderator
David Thomas | Immediate Past Clerk

Oliver Aldrich | At-Large
Charlotte Crawford | At-Large
Laura Guthrie | At-Large
David Harkins | At-Large
Don Leever | At-Large

Buz Jochetz | Clerk Elect-Elect, Ex Officio Dave Steane | Executive Pastor, Ex Officio



Sunday, October 25, 2015

Today, we warmly welcome 15 new members to our church family! We look forward to helping them get connected into the **MDPC** community.





Reagan and Claudia Burch – Reagan is retired and enjoys reading and travel. Claudia is a retired attorney, and enjoys traveling, reading golfing, and Bible study. She volunteers as a Houston Ground Angel, an organization that provides complementary transportation between airports and the medical center for patients arriving in Houston.



Sue Dorsey has three adult children. She is a retired banker who is new to Houston, and she is committed to organizations that serve the less fortunate, such as Memorial Assistance Ministries, where she currently volunteers. Sue is glad to have found MDPC and its inviting atmosphere, and a comfortable environment for Christian growth.





David and Nicole Durham are the parents to Zachery (2) and anxiously awaiting the birth of their second child! David is a Natural Gas Liquids market analyst and enjoys running. Nicole is a stay-at-home mom and enjoys, cooking, baking, and taking walks with Zachery. David and Nicole both enjoy spending time with family and friends.



Shari Halvorson is the wife of our new senior pastor, Alf Halvorson. They have two adult children, Matt and Kristen. Shari is a registered nurse and has worked in community health with mom and baby programs. She enjoys reading, knitting, crocheting, and playing the guitar.



Gale Kot is the mother of two adult children, David and Dennis. She is a legal secretary and enjoys oil painting and golfing.





Josh and Megan McCrimmon – Josh is a senior maintenance engineer and enjoys reading and golfing. Megan is a banker. She enjoys do-it-yourself projects and thrifting.





Bob and Janet Menzie are the parents of Amanda; Heather, who passed away in May 2015; and MDPC new member, Morgan. Bob is a senior manager in oil and gas working with the environment, health, and safety. He enjoys singing and the outdoors. Janet is the choir director at Clements High School in Sugar Land. She enjoys singing with the Houston Symphony Choir and the Houston Camerata.



Morgan Menzie is the daughter of new members Bob and Janet Menzie. She is a veterinarian, who earned her undergraduate degree from Ohio State University and her veterinary medicine degree from Texas A&M. She enjoys reading, writing short stories, singing in the choir, training for triathlons, and hanging out with her cat, Dalhery's. She also loves football and tailgating.



Chris Morgan is the husband of MDPC member, Kelly Morgan. They are the parents of baby boy Hudson (7 weeks). Chris is a regional sales manager with Climax Portable Machine Tools. He enjoys playing golf and spending time with family and friends.



Kuruvilla Parackalkoshy is a missionary.



Irene Sumolang is a compliance analyst. She was born and raised in Indonesia. She moved halfway across the globe to become an Aggie! Irene became a Houstonian seven years ago and is now working in oil and gas equipment. In her free time, she loves to cook.





Zulma Juarez is married to **Rigoberto Antonio Vasquez**. They have three children: Rigoberto (20), Malachi (9), and Abigail (7). She works in word processing and enjoys working out and crafting. He works in remodeling and enjoys going to the gym and playing soccer

New Member Classes participate in a service project at one of our local ministry partners, such as the East Spring Branch Food Pantry.



Is it Time for You to Join MDPC?

Visit membership.mdpc.org for more information and to register for upcoming classes, or contact Diann Turet, Membership Director: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553



Sowing

Genesis 12:1-4a and 2 Corinthians 9:6-12 (NRSV) Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the second in a series of messages ▲ and studies on Generosity, preparing us for Covenant Sunday on November 8, when we offer our pledges to God in worship. Last week, I said that the man in Jesus' parable in Luke 12 missed

the boat because he only cared about himself and about this life. Today, we look at Sowing seeds: sowing sparingly or bountifully. In 2 Corinthians 9:6, Paul says, "The point is this: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

- 1. What factors in the world right now make you worry about your finances and your security? For example, the rising costs of goods and services, low barrel prices for oil, etc.
- 2. Where do you see scarcity in your life, in our community, and in our world?
- 3. Genesis 12:1-4a comes after The Fall by Adam and Eve, Cain killing Abel, The Flood, The Tower of Babel story, and, finally, a genealogy ending with the information that Sarah is barren and has no child. The writer is piling up examples of significant problems in the wider world at that time, and also that there is no heir for Abraham and Sarah in that particular family. If you were they, how would you have heard the words from God in Genesis 12:1-4a? What would you have thought? How might you have responded?
- 4. Abraham and Sarah's story after Genesis 12 includes the couple going down to Egypt and Sarah almost being stolen, having Hagar supply a child for Abraham, and then the near sacrifice of Isaac. Where do you see fear displayed and where do you see faith offered?
- 5. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-12, Paul compares faith to sowing seeds, and that we reap what we sow. If we sow sparingly, we will reap sparingly; if we sow abundantly, we will reap abundantly. Do you agree or disagree with the image? Share examples from work, home, and your faith life to explain your position.
- 6. Paul goes on to suggest in verses 7-12 that we have all been given blessings, resources, gifts, treasure, and seeds, and we are blessed to be a blessing. God will enrich us if and when we sow our seeds and that the result will not only be needs met, but also an overflowing of thanksgiving to God. What might that look like in your life and in our community? How will that influence your pledge to God this year?