

Coordinating Team

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MDPC Foundation

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



The Chancel Flowers are given
 in loving memory of their daughter, Heather
 Michelle Menzie, by Robert and Janet Menzie.

Ministry Partners 2016

This week, we ask that you please pray for these partners in ministry that MDPC assists with your support:

The Get Together

At this monthly networking luncheon, business people have the opportunity to build relationships with local ministries. At the luncheons, ministry needs are discussed and attendees work together to find creative solutions. This allows those who are business-minded to use the skills God has gifted them with to further His Kingdom.
thegettogether.org

Gracewood is a transitional housing and family care program for single mothers in crisis and their children. It exists to strengthen families that are at risk for homelessness, keep the family intact, and help them become independent.
gracewood.org

Living Water International (LWI)
 In the places LWI works, 1 in 2 people lack access to clean drinking water. Great progress is being made globally, but whole people groups are being overlooked. The poorest people with the least political power are the ones that continue to suffer, and these are the people LWI is called to serve. Pray for LWI teams as they drill water wells in these communities. Contact MDPC to join an LWI mission team.
water.cc | adelgado@mdpc.org

The White Rose is in memory of

- Scott Kelso, who passed away March 29, 2016.
- Bill Kimmey, who passed away May 2, 2016.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2016 Budget	\$	11,050,000
Expected Income to Date	\$	2,776,622
Actual Income to Date	\$	3,262,123
Current Income Surplus	\$	485,501

An 11-year-old boy in Sierra Leone (not as fortunate as this one) drowned while trying to collect dirty water from his community's contaminated, hand-dug well. Ibrahim should have been in school, but his daily chore stole his time, and, tragically, his life. With your support, Living Water International can continue to transform communities like Ibrahim's so everyone has a chance for a full life. >



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By the Savior

Pentecost Sunday, May 15, 2016

We, the Fragrance of Christ

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3 | Alf Halvorson Preaching



Memorial Day Weekend: ONE Service!

Fuente's Spanish Service and Fifth Service will not meet. Join the entire MDPC family for a multicultural morning celebration.

Sunday, May 29 | Blended Worship at 10:00 AM | Sanctuary

Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager Event at MDPC

We are pleased to host Laura Bush and Jenna Bush Hager for a discussion of their new picture book, *Our Great Big Backyard*. Blue Willow Bookshop is sponsoring the event, and Blue Willow's Valerie Koehler will facilitate the conversation.

Tuesday, May 17 | 3:45 PM | Enter through Fellowship Hall

Ticketed event; you must purchase a pre-signed book to attend. Seating closes at 3:45, no exceptions. No bags, purses, or pictures. Visit bluewillowbookshop.com for details.

Discover MDPC with Alf

Want to know more about MDPC? Interested in membership? Attend a brief meeting to learn about who we are and how we operate, both in our community and around the world.

Sunday, May 22 | 10:45-11:15 AM | Gathering Room

Summer Study: How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth

Feel like everyone else loves the Bible, and you just get overwhelmed? Ever wished the Bible was more than just words on a page? Eager to experience God at a deeper level through His Word? Join us for these stand-alone sessions where we will glean crucial insights about reading God's Word so that it transforms our lives. We will be using Gordon Fee's book, *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*, as our study guide. Hosted by Quest Class. All are welcome!

Starts June 12 with, "Introduction: Let's get this party started!"

Sundays | 9:45 AM | Parlor

New Member Class Summer Intensive

This class, taught by the associate pastors and elders, condenses the New Member Class series into a weekend. It includes a service project at a local mission partner on a separate Saturday.

Friday, June 3 and 4 | Friday Evening and Saturday Morning | Summit Room

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

Young Adult Hangout

Eat some breakfast tacos and mix and mingle with other young adults. We'll have food, coffee, games, and a place to relax, hang out, and meet other fun folks. No matter what service you choose for worship, this is a space for anyone college-thru-40ish aged to hang out.

Sunday mornings starting June 5 | 10:30-11:15 AM

PLEASE silence or place your cell phone in airplane mode upon entering worship. Thank you!



MDPC MORNING WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 & 9:45 AM SERVICES

WELCOME	Dave Steane (8:30), Meliza Gómez (9:45)
*SONGS OF PRAISE	
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE	Rachel Poysky (8:30), Kyle Collins (9:45)
SONG OF RESPONSE (8:30)	
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	
MESSAGE	We, the Fragrance of Christ Alf Halvorson
RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE	

Musicians in these services: Joe Gavito, guitar; Meliza Gómez and Michael Middleton, worship leaders; Craig Gysler, keys; Asher Pudlo, drums; Dennis Whittaker, bass

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Second Movement (from Sonata II)</i>	Paul Hindemith (1895-1963)
WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP		Dave Steane
CHORAL INTROIT	<i>Praise the Lord</i>	G. E. Handel (1685-1759)
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Let Every Christian Pray</i>	#130; Vs. 1, 2, 3 LAUDES DOMINI
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE		Rachel Poysky
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
ANTHEM	<i>I Can Do All Things Through Christ</i>	Laura Farnell (b.1975)
OFFERTORY	<i>Nearer, My God, to Thee</i>	arr. Dan Forrest
MESSAGE	We, the Fragrance of Christ	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	#467; Vs. 1, 4 O STORE GUD
POSTLUDE	<i>Chorale Prelude on "God Be Praised"</i>	Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Musicians in this service: Emily Borling, guest organist/pianist; Charles Hausmann, Sanctuary Choir conductor

5:00 PM FIFTH SERVICE IS MOVING TO 11:00 AM

Fifth Service Is Moving to the Morning!

Come check us out! Starting June 5, join us in the mornings for energetic worship, casual community, and dynamic teaching. Everyone is welcome!

Sundays, starting June 5 | 11:00 AM | Amphitheater

Visit fifthservice.mdpc.org for more info.

Fifth Service currently meets Sundays at 5:00 PM in the Chapel. You're welcome to join us in May as we close out our run of evening services.

11:15 AM SPANISH SERVICE

MDPC's Fuente Hispanic Ministries worships in the Chapel. For more information on Spanish-language and bilingual community events and programs, visit fuente.mdpc.org.

VISITORS: If you are visiting MDPC today, we are delighted that you have come to worship with us! Allow us to welcome you personally at the Connection Center located in the Sanctuary Lobby.

INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP? For inquiries on how to become a member of MDPC, contact Diann Turet at dturet@mdpc.org and join one of our New Member Classes that run throughout the year.

Sent To Serve

Summer Service Opps

Following Pastor Alf's Sent By the Savior Sermon series, we hope you've heard God's call to go out into the city and beyond to share the love and hope found in Jesus Christ.

For details, visit sent.mdpc.org.

"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you."
John 20:21



MAM and MDPC: Working Together for Flood Relief

Our ministry partner, **Memorial Assistance Ministries**, is collecting items to make home-care packs for victims of Houston's recent flooding. Consider donating items listed on the "shopping list" flyers available at the Connection Center in the Lobby.

Thank you for supporting neighborhood families!



2016
NEWSPRING
ART
AUCTION

THURSDAY, MAY 19
6:00-8:00 PM
NEWSPRING STUDIO
8945 LONG POINT
100% OF THE PROCEEDS GO TO THE STUDENT ARTISTS!

LEADERSHIP

Men's Summer Study

Tuesdays, June 7-July 26

6:30-7:45 AM | Amphitheater

For more information, contact Brett Hurst at bhurst@mdpc.org or 713-490-0930.

Join MDPC Men's Ministries for a special book study on leadership, facilitated by Brett Hurst, Ken Harris and MDPC Men. Open to all men. Free to attend.

men.mdpc.org

Budapest Mission Trip

This July 23-30, visit MDPC's partner in Budapest for a week of street outreach and fellowship with young Hungarians interested in hearing about Jesus. Contact Amy Delgado in Outreach Ministries by June 15: adelgado@mdpc.org



MDPC KIDS



Volunteer with MDPC Kids and Youth!

Sharing your time, talent, and heart with will help foster their forever friendship with Jesus. Through this simple act, God will use you to impact our church, our community, and our world -- and also will bless you!

If you'd like to help, place this completed form in today's offering plate, or bring it to the table in the Breezeway.

Name _____

E-mail _____

Phone _____

If you have questions, contact Children's Director Rachel Poysky at rpoysky@mdpc.org, or Youth Director Laura Miller at lmiller@mdpc.org.



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The MDPC Discernment Process

In April and May, the MDPC congregation has had opportunities to participate in two sets of Round Table Talks, attend three Informational Meetings, read multiple Q&As and other discernment materials, and hear lots of conversation about the decision at hand. Now the time has come for the members of this church to share their opinion with the MDPC Session regarding the decision (whether or not) to disaffiliate from the PC(USA) and affiliate with A Covenant of Evangelicals Presbyterians (ECO), another Presbyterian denomination. Equipped with the results of this survey, the MDPC Session will pray and evaluate before making the final decision.

Two pieces were mailed to MDPC members last week (some of you may receive them early this week). The first mailing was of a document titled *A Summary of Denominational Issues* (shown at right), which contains a balanced, side-by-side presentation of each denomination's position on many of the issues that are important in this denominational discussion. We encourage you to read this document carefully before taking the next step, which is for MDPC members to complete an online survey.

In addition to the above-referenced document, MDPC members also were mailed a personalized individual access code that will allow them to participate in the brief online survey. Go to survey.mdpc.org for further instructions. Please note: The survey is only open **May 15-21**, so we hope that you will take the survey as soon as possible.





DISCERNMENT INFORMATION:
Your unique survey code is enclosed.

The survey will be live only from Sunday, May 15 through Saturday, May 21, so please complete the short survey as soon as possible.

If you do not have access to the internet, come to MDPC (with your access code) for assistance:
Sunday, May 15 | 9:15 AM-1:00 PM
Come to the Connection Center in the Sanctuary
Monday through Friday, May 16-20 | 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
Come to the Front Office

If you cannot come to the church, please contact Gena Kookan at 713-953-2581.
 Thank you for your thoughtful participation,
 The MDPC Discernment Team

If you do not have access to a computer, there is help available at the **Front Office, Monday through Friday (May 16-20)** between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM. If you cannot get to the church, contact Gena Kookan at 713-953-2581, and she will assist you.

To learn more about MDPC's Discernment Process, and to view videos of all three Informational Meetings, visit discernment.mdpc.org.

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We, the Fragrance of Christ

2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3

Alf Halvorson Preaching

This is the seventh in a series of messages we are offering on being sent by God. Overall, what new idea has God taught you? What question or concern do you still have?

1. I talked about the idea that human beings experience the world through our senses. Which sense (vision, hearing, taste, touch, smell) is strongest for you? Which sense triggers the most memories? Share a time when hearing something or seeing something or smelling something triggered a memory for you.
2. In response to attacks by his enemies on his authority and credentials, Paul takes an interesting strategy in 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:3. In verse 14a (the first part of the verse), he shares that all of us are on display for our faith. We can't hide. We walk or process before the world, whether we want to or not. Why, do you think, does Paul start his argument there? What advantage do you think he has over his enemies on this point?
3. Paul goes on to say in verse 14b (the rest of the verse) through verse 16 that, as Christians, we take on the aroma of Christ. What do you think he means? What does that aroma smell like?
4. I shared three stories about smells revealing where someone had been or what they were doing or where they were employed. Who are some people in your life who have the sweet smell of Christ? How has that "smell" been revealed to you?
5. How does verse 17 add to Paul's argument?
6. In 2 Corinthians 3:1-3, Paul says he has no letters of recommendation for them. He only has the lives of the members of his congregation: the people he has mentored and prayed for and taught and loved. How does the student reveal the teacher? The child the parent(s)? The church the pastors (and ultimately Christ)?
7. What do you think people learn about Jesus from your life (public display, scent, actions, and attitudes)?
8. What new perfume or fragrance or letter would you like to add to your life? How does the Holy Spirit help that to happen? (Reading Scripture, joining a small group, taking on some new discipline, praying, listening in a new way to the Holy Spirit, etc.?)

