

Ways to give at Mallard Creek



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*Giving is Worship*  
GIVING BACK TO THE ONE WHO FIRST GAVE

Text MCPC to 73256



Join Pastor Rob for his Sunday Bible Study. It is held at 6:30 pm via zoom

**Scholastic Book Fair**

**MCPCP's Spring Scholastic Book Fair**  
March 25th — March 28th.  
**We NEED Volunteers !!!**  
If you would like to volunteer, please call 704-549-9741 or email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org).

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**MCPC hosts Room in the Inn every other Thursday night, December through March**

**Event Schedule Winter 2024**

February: 2/29  
March: 3/14 and 3/28

**ROOM IN THE INN**

Please contact Mary or Tom Baker for more information on how you can support!

**February is the month of Love**

We are collecting items for CVAN and Gracious Hands to show our love and support for these worthwhile organizations. Items can be brought to the gathering space and placed in the labeled bins.

- Cleaning supplies
- Paper towels
- Diapers
- Toilet paper
- Laundry detergent
- Ziplock bags

These organizations provide safe shelter and housing to homeless mothers and children, support for battered women and resources to move to a home of their own.

**CVAN** safety, shelter & support for battered women & their children

**Gracious Hands**

The Session has approved the sale of the golfcart. There will be a BID sheet in the gathering area at the beginning of February. BIDS will be taken thru the month of February ending up with a live auction on **March 10th** at 12:00 after church.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Annual MCPC Workday**  
Saturday, March 16 - 8am until...

Bring your tools, gloves and supplies!

Questions? Contact Perry Deaton at 201-647-9797

- Clean and organize the loft above the gym
- Clean the small bus, both inside and outside (Teens)
- Deep-clean kitchen equipment
- Gutter cleaning
- Make sure Amphitheater is ready for Easter Sunday
- Painting Projects
- Pressure wash sidewalks where needed
- Small, minor interior maintenance
- Tidy the Sunday School classrooms (both Buildings)
- Trim bushes and trees
- Weed flower beds



**Do You LOVE to Read?**

If you DO, we'd LOVE for you to be a Guest Reader during **MCPCP's MARCH READING PROGRAM!**

If you are interested, please call 704-549-9741 or email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org).

JOIN US FOR DINNER!

**Youth Club** February 28

5:30PM Dinner  
6 PM - Youth Club, Handbells, Bible Study

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The Lord's Day, February 25, 2024

**Take Up Your Cross And Follow**



## A Service of Worship

PRELUDE (8:30)  
(10:30)

*My Lord, What a Morning!*  
*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Arr. Cindy Berry  
By Cecil Alexander

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader	Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.
<b>People</b>	<b>Our hope is in Christ the Lord, the Son of the Living God.</b>
Leader	Our healing is in the grace of God bestowed upon all the world.
<b>People</b>	<b>Let us worship God, our Redeemer and our Savior.</b>
<b>ALL</b>	<b>PRAISE THE LORD!</b>

### PRAYER OF INVOCATION

#### †HYMN #183

*Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God  
Have mercy on us, for we have sinned against you. We want to have everything our way. We recoil when you ask service from us; when you call us to work for your kingdom; and when we consider the cost of following Jesus. Much gets left undone. Much gets left unsaid.  
Forgive our laxity. Heal our hearts of all selfishness. Help us to become better disciples and doers of the Word.  
Amen.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### †PASSING OF THE PEACE

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

OFFERING (8:30)  
(10:30)

*Faith of Our Fathers*  
*Trust In You*

Hemy/Berry  
Lauren Daigle

#### †DOXOLOGY

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 8:31-38

### SERMON

It Has To Be This Way

Rev. Rob Watkins

#### †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Philippians 2:6-11

Jesus Christ, though he existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, assuming human likeness. And being found in appearance as a human, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God exalted him even more highly and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### MUSICAL MEDITATION (10:30)

*He Knows My Name*  
Worship Team

Tommy Walker

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

#### †HYMN #185

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

### BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (8:30)  
(10:30)

*Shine on Us*  
The Church’s One Foundation

Michael W. Smith  
Arr. Tornquist

†All who are able are invited to stand

### This week at Mallard Creek

#### Sunday, February 25

8:30am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
9:00am Fellowship Time  
9:30am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship Service in Sanctuary  
4:30pm Sabbath

#### Monday, February 26

6:30pm Women of the Church Council

#### Tuesday, February 27

5:30pm Girl Scouts  
6:30pm Session

#### Wednesday, February 28

5:30pm Youth Dinner  
6:00pm Youth Club  
6:00pm Bible Study (Garrison-Martin room)  
6:00pm Bells  
7:00pm Choir

#### Thursday, February 29

4:30pm Room In The Inn

#### Sunday School Classes & Locations

Age 0-2 – Nursery  
Age 3-5 – Preschool room  
1st-4th grade – Youth Club room  
7th-12th grade – Teen room  
Younger Adults – Garrison Martin room  
Older Adults – Morrison room  
Confirmation Class – Upstairs, Education Building

### Contact Us

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### CHURCH STAFF

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Pianist



**Please remember** – Sign the attendance book with all the names of your family that are attending church today.

**Thank you**

#### OFFICERS ON DUTY

##### ELDERS:

Nancy Busch, Mack Downing,  
Bob Oehler

##### DEACONS:

Sue Bishop, Jane Geracimos, Susan Mach, Chris Mingus, Julie Mingus

#### A Note For Parents With Small Children:

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me.” We celebrate these words as we welcome ALL ages in worship with us. Our desire is to help you make the most of this worship experience.

Here are a few reminders:

1. There are Children’s Worship Bags and Bibles available in the back of the church.
2. There is a cry room in the Gathering Space, if you need to take a quick “time out” during the service.
3. There is a nursery for infants through age 4 downstairs 09:30 am

Please let a Deacon know if you have any questions.

## PRAYER LIST

*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*

Michael Albright - Brother of Carey Armistead	Ruby Downing	Donnie Oehler
JW and Vivian Avant	Brenda Garrison	Tommy Oehler
Linda Benfield	Donna Garrison - Eddie Garrison wife	Judith Rankin
<b>Bob Blackwelder - Family of</b>	Carlita Hunter	<b>Ethel Ranson – Family of</b>
Ralph Brand	Shirley Hunter	Donna Seaford
Ann Brown	Lynn Kelley	Carolyn Sheehan
Bobby Brown	Betsy Killian	Mary Snow
Donny Brown	Elizabeth King	Linda Taylor - Nancy Busch sister-in-law
<b>Kenny Brown –Family of</b>	Merle King	Earl Thomas
Polly Caldwell	Roy Kinnamon	Juanita Untz
Ken and Suggie Christenbury	Cecil and Beth Massey	Caroline Williams
Barbara Cottrell	Dale McLaughlin	