



# THE SCROLL

---

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church  
[www.mallardcreekchurch.org](http://www.mallardcreekchurch.org) | 704.547.0038  
1600 W. Mallard Creek Church Road

---

## From Rev. Rob Watkins:

What will summer be like?

I am sure there will be thunderstorms. I am sure there will be sunny, impossibly bright days. I am sure humidity will return with her cousin, heat. I am sure there will be watermelon. I am sure the ice cream truck will make the rounds in the neighborhood. I am sure there will be slow mornings spent on a porch. I am sure there will be children playing in the neighbors' yard. I am sure I will cut a lot of grass.

In other words, summer will be summer.

In a world that witnessed so much change this spring, there are still things that remain as they always were. What pieces of your life are constant? We all have them.

Our church has many constants. People still care consistently for one another, checking in with each other. We still reach out to the world around us in compassionate care, checking on neighbors, seeing what a care facility might need, and so on. We still worship, pray, and sing to the Lord. We are still a family of faith in every aspect of that word "family."

As we continue to adjust and adapt to the world as it is, look for the constants. They are the stepping stones across the rapids of life. They give us a firm footing. They offer stability. They offer a taste of God's eternity.

In offering that taste of eternity, they offer us a window to know the most important constant of all—God's own presence.

God will never forsake or leave us. God is as close as our next breath. Within that presence come the seeds of hope, comfort, and peace. God's stability undergirds our lives and loves. God's constancy ensures that there is always another day to come. God's constancy allows us to let go of what burdens us and to allow ourselves the freedom of knowing that nothing other than God is eternal. Whatever experience we have; whatever stress we endure; and whatever situation we find ourselves within; it will pass. It will pass, but God will remain. There is always a new day, another day.



## Special Prayer

|  |                    |   |                   |
|--|--------------------|---|-------------------|
| Elizabeth King                               | Christopher Lawing | Warner Marshall                           | Jackie Triece     |
| Ann Brown                                    | Carl Hatton        | Kenneth Helms                             | Reese Untz        |
| Ruby Downing                                 | Fred Treadway      | BJ Knox                                   | Caroline Williams |
| Carlita Hunter                               | Deane Davis        | Frank Cartner                             | Barbara Krady     |
| Kathy Robinson                               | Fred Campbell      | Lucy McLaughlin                           | Dennis McCrary    |
| Doris DeArmon                                | Johnny Craver      | Sylvia Buchanan, sister of Debbie Killian | Justin Beall      |
| Barry Hinson, brother in law of Perry Deaton |                    | Jordan Beall                              |                   |
| Kathy Reid, daughter of Elizabeth King       |                    | Bill Marcus, brother of Jean Thomas       |                   |

**We pray for national and world leaders, the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces,  
their families, and those who are deployed:**

Col. Cristina Moore - LTC Rob Byars - Austin Powers (Nat. Guard) -  
Major Trevor Sutherland (Air Nat. Guard) - STG2 Hunter Holland - Master SGT Rick Treadway  
- SGT Malcolm Allen - LTjG Morgan Whitmore and Lt. Alex Busch

## Sunday School Opportunities

| PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY                | PRE-TEENS & TEENS        | ADULTS                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Sanctuary Building, Downstairs</b> | <b>Activity Building</b> | <b>Education Building</b> |
| Nursery                               | Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8       | Morrison Class            |
| Ages 2,3,4 & 5                        | High School (9-12)       | Spencer Class             |
| Grades 1st & 2nd                      |                          | <b>Activity Building</b>  |
| 3rd & 4th                             |                          | Baucom/Craig Class        |
|                                       |                          | Garrison-Martin Class     |
|                                       |                          | Listening to Your Life    |
|                                       |                          | New Life                  |

### APRIL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

|                       |                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Sunday School         | \$0                |
| Worship Offering      | \$18,903.00        |
| Online Giving         | \$13,878.00        |
| <b>TOTAL Offering</b> | <b>\$32,781.00</b> |
| Total Offering<br>YTD | \$173,165.22       |
| Total Expenses<br>YTD | \$230,031.22       |
| Under for Year        | \$56,866.00        |

## Pastor Alison's Care Corner

Over the weekend, I was struck with the realization that I seem to have accepted, at least somewhat, the “new reality” in which I am now living. I don’t know when it happened, this acceptance. I’m not even sure how it happened, this acceptance. But it happened. What about you?

The older we become, the more difficult change becomes. We just become set in our ways, and there’s nothing wrong with being set in our ways. The way we live, the way we move through out our days, becomes, quite simply, our accustomed way of life. Routines are comfortable. They bring order. We know what to expect. Routines allow us to feel somewhat in control of what happens to us and around us. Until everything changes, and life as we know it is no longer life as we know it.

This has been our story since early March when Mecklenburg County first issued its stay at home order.

We have had to adapt, rather quickly, to change. And even with the changes, there have been other changes as our situation continues to nuance and morph into more change. Some of us have felt more stretched than others. And some of us have been more stressed by these changes than others. Those of us who have not lost jobs and the steady income that steady work brings have felt more inconvenienced than anything while others of us grow more and more fretful as we helplessly watch job hours dwindle and with them our income. We have had no choice but to learn to go with the flow.

Last week I read an article which stated that learning to live with ambiguity is sign of emotional and mental health. I’ve never thought of it this way, but it makes sense.

It seems to me that we really do have control over *how* we move through these days. For sure, some of us are just more prone to worry than others. But even so, we do have a choice as to how we allow our now ever changing reality affect us. If we are intentional, we might just come through these days deeper, wiser, and more resilient than we were going into them. And this is really what it means to grow - to allow our life circumstances to deepen us, widen us, and strengthen us.



We would like to say a GREAT BIG THANK YOU for everyone who came out to support our blood drive last month. The Red Cross was very appreciative that we continued to have it even in the midst of the Corona virus. We had a very successful drive with 32 registered donors and the collection of 30 pints of blood.



# Nominating COMMITTEE

June 1, 2020

The MCPC Nominating Committee is in the process of coming up with a slate of officers nominees, for the Office of Deacon and Elder. The nominees will be presented to Congregation, for a vote in the Sept/Oct time frame. If you have any suggestions for consideration by the Nominating Committee, please contact one the Committee members directly. Or you may submit your suggestion to Shawn Watkins in the Church Office, if you prefer that the Committee receive your suggestion anonymously. Your Nominating Committee members are:

Cary Armistead – Congregational Member  
Vicki Buchanan – Elder rep  
Perry Deaton – Deacon rep  
Lynette Gulledge – Congregational Member  
Julie Mingus – Congregational Member  
Bob Oehler – Congregational Member  
Rob Watkins – Pastor & Ex-Officio  
Bill Wood – Elder rep & Chair

## Congratulations to our 2020 Collegiate Graduates

### *Kim Beall*

Central Piedmont Community College

AAS Medical Office Administration and AAS Medical Office Administration / Billing and Coding  
Dean's List and the President's List

### *Allison Carte*

University of North Carolina  
MSW

Parents: Jim & Louise Carte

### *Hannah Sheppard*

UNC – Greensboro (December 2019)

Degree: Sociology with concentration in Criminology (Magna Cum Laude)  
Parents: Doug & Donna Sheppard

### *Kristina Sheppard*

University of South Carolina

Degree: Environmental Science (Magna Cum Laude)

Attending: UNC-Charlotte to pursue Masters of Earth Science  
Parents: Doug & Donna Sheppard



### *Reagan Thomas*

Virginia Tech

Parents: Terry & Jill Thomas



The 2019-2020 school year did not end the way we expected, but I'd like to commend the teachers and staff for all their hard work through the "official" end of the school year on May 21. They worked diligently to keep the students and parents engaged and informed through learning activities and videos on the BAND app. Now, MCPC Preschool is in the process of receiving applications for students for the upcoming school year. We hope

to be able to begin as planned on September 8th (the first day of school), but will follow all required and necessary procedures to keep our students safe and healthy. Please contact us if you'd like to get your child enrolled in Charlotte's best preschool! Contact assistant director Kristy Maddux at [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org) or leave a voicemail message at 704-549-9741.

**Kerri Miner, Preschool Director and Kristy Maddux, Assistant Director**



### Circle Meetings

The meetings for this year have concluded, but watch for information about book studies and meeting dates for the fall coming soon.

- Circle of Anna
  - (Polly Caldwell - [cacpwcc@bellsouth.net](mailto:cacpwcc@bellsouth.net), Linda Apolinar - [edlin1025@yahoo.com](mailto:edlin1025@yahoo.com))
- Circle of Mary
  - (Linda Wallace - [beach68@bellsouth.net](mailto:beach68@bellsouth.net), Sally Tyler - [tylerstmt@bellsouth.net](mailto:tylerstmt@bellsouth.net))
- Circle of Rebekah
  - (Julie Mingus - [julie.mingus@ncfbins.com](mailto:julie.mingus@ncfbins.com))
- Circle of Ruth
  - (Sue Oehler - [csoehler@bellsouth.net](mailto:csoehler@bellsouth.net))

### Birthday Celebration

Due to the current circumstances, we have decided to move the Birthday Celebration to August 16th. This will coincide with the Kick Off and will be a time to announce the Honorary Life Award, introduce our new members, and bless the new year together as Presbyterian Women.



### Presbyterian Women in the Church

- **Circle of Anna** reached out to active members to check in during this time of social distancing.
- **Circle of Mary** provided food for the Humane Society and has been in touch during their physical absence from each other.
- **Circle of Rebekah** have kept in touch and chose to donate to Blue Star Grill and the charitable work that they are doing.
- **Circle of Ruth** met through a video call and shared a time of catching up, devotion, and prayer.

## Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

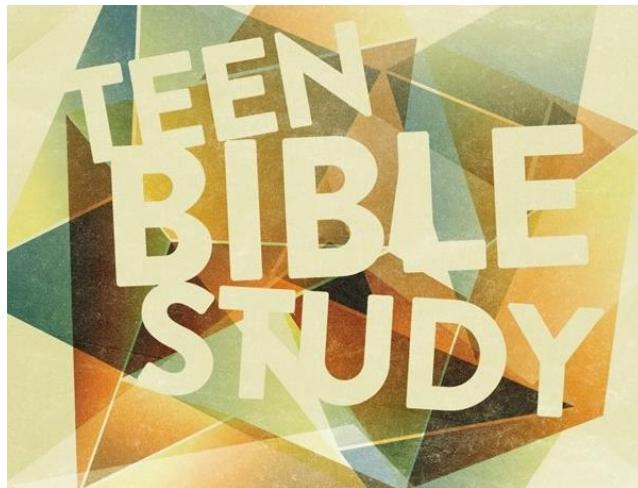
Hello everyone!

Despite how strange and difficult this spring has been, summer is officially here! I hope that this summer will bring much-needed rest for our teachers and students, sunshine for our weary spirits, and vacations for our tired bodies! With school (finally!) ending, I am working hard to change things up and have a fun socially-distant summer for our teens and kids!

The best way to get up-to-date information for youth club and teen fellowship is in the weekly emails that I send out on Friday afternoons. Check your email regularly for updates about summer activities! Here are some things to look forward to in June:



**Grad Sunday: June 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am online!**  
**Tune in on our website to honor and hear**  
**From each of our 2020 graduates!**



New Summer Study with Andrea for teenagers and about teenagers... in the Bible! Join me to learn how the story of a teen in Bible times could be relevant to teens today.  
Every other Wednesday starting June 10 at 4pm on Zoom



**Kids Start of Summer Party on Zoom**  
**June 15<sup>th</sup> at 3pm! Details TBD**

**Family Night: Teen/Adult Spelling Bee!**

Bring your A-game for a little friendly competition between families! Each family can choose their best two spellers for a chance to win! This is not your little kid's spelling bee... the competition will be fierce! All ages welcome!  
On Zoom June 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Thanks to everyone who joined us for our special online events in May – we had so much fun for our Mother's Day Dance, weekly Zoom games, teens Bible study, and Family Trivia Night! I am excited for our Drive-Thru Seniors Recognition and Communion on May 31<sup>st</sup> too! Can't wait to see you all soon!  
Blessings, Andrea



Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 Neal Scholarship, **Ashley Doran Kostrzynski** and **Mary Elizabeth McCraw**. Ashley is a graduate of Pine Lake Preparatory High School and will be attending Appalachian State University next year. Mary is a graduate of Jay M. Robinson High School and will be attending Wake Tech College in the fall.

## Summer Updates

### Summer Activities and Trips Update from the Youth & Children's Committee:

- o Raleigh Youth Mission (July 5-10): has been canceled due to volunteer organizations not allowing volunteers this summer. We hope it will be replaced by a weekend mission trip in the spring.
- o Middle School Montreat (July 15-19): has been canceled due to Maryville College not allowing students on campus this summer. We hope to make online content available for this conference.
- o High School Montreat (July 26-August 1): The jury is still out. We are waiting to hear from Montreat about their July camps.
- o Camp Grier (August 2-7): Church-sponsored week has been canceled due to Camp Grier only allowing 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders on campus. We encourage families to still attend Camp Grier at your convenience for family camp.
- o VBS (August 9-13): has been canceled due to changing school schedules and coronavirus restrictions. We may still use a VBS curriculum for Youth Club in the summer or fall, or do a modified VBS this summer.



### Working Youth Mission Trip:

The Mission Trip that was scheduled for June 14 – 19 has been cancelled. We will look at possibly going later in the Summer or Fall.

## Session Highlights

1. Approved a drive-thru Pentecost communion/worship experience along with Class of 2020 graduate recognition 10:30-12:00 on 5/31/2020. Traffic will route through the parking lots starting on the east side and routing to the west side, volunteers will attend traffic control. The experience will potentially be supplemented via Facebook Live. Pastor Watkins will facilitate.
2. Session recommends that the church office remain closed and that staff continue to work remotely
  - a. The church facility will remain closed for all gatherings and in-person meetings.
  - b. Meetings should continue virtually
3. Reminder that the MCPC Assistance Fund is available for members and non-members who may be in need
4. Reminder of on-line offerings and traditional offering (via US Mail) during the time of limited in-person worship activity
5. Raleigh Youth Mission Trip canceled
  - a. Potential for a Fall or Spring weekend trip
6. Working Mission Trip postponed and the date is to be determined
7. VBS canceled
8. Montreat Middle School conference has been canceled
9. Montreat High School conference status is to be determined
10. April 2020 collections were \$18,158.38 LESS than April 2019
11. YTD 2020 collections were \$19,678.84 LESS than YTD 2019
12. April 2020 collections were \$18,754 LESS than April expenses
13. YTD 2020 collections were \$56,866 LESS than YTD expenses
14. Capital campaign collected to date is \$1,898,852.79

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue  | Wed                                   | Thu  | Fri   | Sat   |
|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|
|   | <h1>July Birthdays</h1>   |  |                                       |  |   |   |
|   |   |  | I<br>Warner Marshall<br>Lindsey Yates | 2  | 3<br>Tracy Oehler   | 4<br>   |
| 5<br>Justin Gupton  | 6<br>Max Gupton   | 7  | 8<br>Ian Holt                         | 9<br>Jeff Rainstein<br>Allison Carte<br>Luke Larkin  | 10  | 11<br>Louise Carte<br>Shannon Standish<br>Frances Scholand<br>Abigail Snyder<br>Olivia Oehler |
| 12<br>Guy Eberhart  | 13<br>Tiffany Snyder  | 14<br>Susan Saviano<br>Heidi Kiser                 | 15                                    | 16<br>Lucy McLaughlin<br>Wyatt Scott<br>Noah Serepca | 17<br>Eddie Bonds<br>David Whitmire<br>Jonathan Halter<br>Seth Alford | 18<br>Ed Davis  |
| 19<br>Elizabeth King<br>Lori Joye<br>Josh Ashley<br>Harley Gulledge       | 20  | 21<br>David Clemmer<br>Debbie Killian<br>Chip Holt | 22                                    | 23<br>Bill Louya<br>Becky Wood                       | 24<br>Clum Kirk<br>Barb Krady<br>Gary Wass                            | 25  |
| 26<br>Frank Lapalombella<br>Vicki Buchanan<br>Brenda Oehler<br>Sam Alessi | 27<br>Hugh Love<br>Justin Semon<br>Ashley Kostrzynski<br>Vincent Alessi | 28<br>Mark Patafio                                 | 29<br>Casey Oehler                    | 30<br>Sally Tyler<br>Margaret Hatton<br>Mary Baker   | 31<br>Annette Moss<br>Drew Gulledge<br>Zak Armistead                  |   |

The Session of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church reminds the congregation that in this season of the coronavirus, the church is not closed, but is still very much alive and engaged in ministry. Backpack Blessings just ended another year of feeding hungry children in our community. Our quilters have provided scores of facemasks for care facilities in our community. There is a variety of online ministries happening, ranging from classes to worship to prayer to fellowship and to service. Our staff is working hard to keep our presence vital and inviting—we have gained numerous newcomers to Mallard Creek through our virtual offerings. All of this is to say we still very much need your continued support, particularly, but certainly not exclusively, financial. We are also very aware that this time has been hard for some folks economically. One of the ministries available is financial assistance to help folks in need. With that in mind, if you are a regular contributor, please continue to help us, either by using the online giving option at [mallardcreekchurch.org](http://mallardcreekchurch.org) or through the US Mail (our church mailbox is checked regularly and it is more or less an armored mailbox, so it is completely safe to use). You may support particular ministries, if you would like, but we also need general support. If you are new to us, please consider joining our work by supporting it. We are so very grateful for everything everyone is doing to keep our church vibrant and alive.

Thank you and blessings to all.

June 1, 2020

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church  
1600 W. Mallard Creek Church Road  
Charlotte, NC 28262  
(704) 547-0038



"Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who bear much fruit."

Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am

|  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>The Rev. Rob Watkins</b>            | Senior Pastor                         |
| <b>The Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins</b> | Parish Associate                      |
| <b>Mrs. Andrea Thomas</b>              | Director of Children & Youth Ministry |
| <b>Mr. David Barnaba</b>               | Director of Music                     |
| <b>Mrs. Kerri Miner</b>                | Preschool Director                    |
| <b>Mrs. Cathy Marlor</b>               | Financial Secretary                   |
| <b>Mrs. Shawn Watkins</b>              | Administrative Assistant              |