

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

This season of graduations finds us graduating, too—we are graduating from the time of pandemic into a more hopeful season of recovery and recapturing our lives as we used to know them.

As with all graduations, though, we take with us lessons learned, and we are certainly not the same as we were when we began our wandering through the unknown.

At the church, we learned about adaptation, how to make “hybrid” a part of our daily vocabulary, and that we really miss being physically together.

I wonder which of the many changes we made will become simply a part of who and what we are? I wonder what things will be left behind? I wonder what new things will be kept?

As with so many graduates, the unknown ahead brings a host of responses and reactions. I heard more than one person say a mask was now just “grocery store fashion,” and they would be keeping their collection fresh and color-coordinated with their daily wear. I heard a few others say they were already planning a bonfire to be rid of the pesky things. The point is that as we look into the days to come, a good many of us are not exactly sure how we are going to enter them—some rejoicing, a few remaining wary.

That is all right—at least, we are moving.

That was my mom’s approach to every traffic jam we hit during summer vacations. When my dad or I would begin to moan when the interstate slowed to a crawl, my mom would always steadfastly declare, “But we’re moving!”

We are moving. We are stepping forward, maybe not as fast as some of us would wish, maybe too fast for a few others, but forward we go.

That is hope.

Hope is refusing to stay stuck in a particular moment, but moving forward into what’s next, sometimes just because it is what’s next, no matter what that “what’s next” might be. It is forward, it is to be embraced, it is where hope lives.

So happy graduation to all of us, and especially to those completing an academic journey. Never stop chasing tomorrow!



Pastor Alison's Care Corner

A name is never “just a name.” Our names accompany us throughout our lives. Our names become part of our identities. When we hear our names spoken, our heads automatically turn in search of the one who speaks it. Our names carry weight and meaning and, sometimes, even history as when a newborn is named for her great grandmother. A name is never “just a name.”

Although my name has not changed, my title on the church staff has. My new title has created some confusion, so bear with me as I attempt to shed some light on it.

When I first joined the staff at MCPC, the title that the Personnel Committee and I decided on was that of (part-time) Parish Associate for Congregational Care. But in the absence of an Associate Pastor, it became clear, and rather quickly, that there were other parts of the church’s life that needed attention, and so I was given responsibilities beyond congregational care.

In the continued absence of an Associate Pastor, however, it became clear that my part-time hours were not sufficient, and so the Administrative Committee moved to increase my hours to 30 per week, also increasing my compensation, while retaining the Parish Associate for Congregational Care title. While my job description had changed, my title had not.

And then, while in conversation with the Charlotte Presbytery Office, I learned that the title of Parish Associate is no longer a designation included in the Book of Order of the PCUSA. In fact, the PCUSA has only two designations of pastors, those pastors who are “called and installed” and those pastors who are “temporary.” Those who are “called and installed” are those discovered through a pastor search committee. All others in pastoral roles within congregations are designated “temporary.” A search committee was not involved in my hiring; hence, I am considered “temporary.”

My new title, Temporary Associate Pastor, is in line with our denomination. It also more accurately reflects my job description at the church.

Whewwwwww. So that’s the history behind the recent change in my title. There’s nothing more to it than this. A name is never just a name. Apparently, a title is never just a title!



Our circle year has come to a close. Thank you everyone for supporting your circle during this difficult year. Unfortunately due to Covid we are not going to have a circle wrap-up meeting. We are hoping that soon we can have a gathering to honor our Honorary Life recipient and will post in the bulletin and scroll when we have a date. Hopefully this fall we will be back in full swing with in person meetings. I hope you all have a great Summer!

Elizabeth King	Warner Marshall	Ann Brown	Justin Alford
Deane Davis	Sylvia Buchanan, sister of Debbie Killian	Bernice Martin	Kenneth Helms
David McElveen	Joann Reid	Barbara Krady	Dale McLaughlin
Colette Pendergras, daughter of Brenda Garrison and sister of Jarrett Garrison		Ronald Stephens, husband of Priscilla	
David Stephens	Zander Robertson, friend of Lynn Davidson	Bettye Guthrie, mother of Janene Lyell	

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 ,Lt. Alex Busch and PV2 Stephen Lisi



WE MADE IT! We made it through the school year without having to close our doors due to COVID-19 or any other reason. We ended the school year with 106 students which was a huge increase from the 21 students that we started the year with. Looking back at where we started on September 8th, we are grateful to God for guiding us and walking with us every step of the way during this school year. We are also thankful to our wonderful and dedicated staff for going above and beyond and doing whatever it took to get the job done every day this school year! They rock and we are so grateful for them and to them for their hard work!

Pam Blackwell
Paula Brasel
Gina Collier
Jennifer Curlee
Jennie Davis
Melanie Fabian

Robin Fuller
Jennifer Georges
Evie Gomez-Perez
Riva Green
Carrie Hanes
Joana Lovette

Jordan Maddux
Kori Morris
Rebecca Richard
Paige Tait
Nancy Walker

A big THANK YOU to our substitute teachers for stepping in wherever needed throughout the year:

Jackie Dudley
Leah Flood
Krystle Hiner
Leigh Johnson

Pranjal Nerurkar
Praveena Pakalapati
Anusha Ranga

Myra Rembert
Zulma Suliman
Tejaswini Tripuramallu

We would also like to send out a huge THANK YOU to the following people for their help and support during this school year:

Harvey Alexander
Monie Alexander
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Christy Brasel
Christina deKam

Mack Downing
Carlos Lampion
Jenny Lampion
Maria Menconi
Paul Menconi
Christopher Merida-Brasel

Erika Miller
Nicole Stillman
Angela Swicegood
Jackie Tiece

Help us spread the word about our preschool and all the great things happening! We still have a few openings remaining for the 2021-2022 school year for children who will turn 2 to 5-years-old by August 31st. These are on a first come first served basis. To register your child or for more information, check us out on the church website, email kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org or call the preschool office at 704-549-9741.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support this year! Please continue to pray for us as we embark on our Summer Camps this month and get ready for our 2021-2022 school year. Happy Summer to all our church family!

“Commit to the lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.” ~ Proverbs 16:3

Kristy Maddux, Preschool Director and Paula Brasel, Administrative Assistant



MCPC Family & Friends Night Out

Wednesday Nights in June!



June 2nd: Ice Cream and Games

Time: Drop in 6:30-8:00pm

Location: Church

Come to the church for an ice cream sundae bar and play some carnival and lawn games!



June 9th: Pelicans and Playground

Time: Drop in 6:30-7:30pm

Location: Church

Get Pelicans Snoballs at our church, relax, and play on the playground!



June 16th: Parents Date Night

for kids and teens only

Time: 5-8pm

Location: Church

Drop off your kid or teen at church - we will feed them dinner while you treat yourself to a night out!



June 23rd: Games and Pizza at the Oehler's Barn

Time: Drop in 5-7pm

Location: Oehler's BBQ Barn 4503 Ridge Rd

Meet at the Oehler's barn and hang out for a while!

Play kickball, take a hay ride, play games, or just relax.

Bring your own chair.



June 30th: Picnic at the Park

Time: Drop in 5-7pm

Location: Harrisburg Park 191 Sims Pkway

Meet at Harrisburg Park for a picnic and play on the playground, splash in the splash pad, or take a walk around the park!

Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

June 2021

Summer Events:

- Wednesdays in June** Family & Friends Night Out every Wednesday night in June! Fun for the whole congregation
- Mondays in June** Yoga with Andrea at 7pm on Mondays in June - in person and on Zoom
- June 6** Graduation Sunday
- July 13-17** Middle School Montreat
- July 25-31** High School Montreat
- August 1-6** Camp Grier
- August 8-12** VBS



Join us outdoors at the Community House at 10am on Sunday, June 6th to celebrate our 2021 graduates!

Wow, thank you all so much for an incredible academic year of activities with our teens and kids at MCPC! We truly have some of the best young folks and parent volunteers in the world. They all worked so hard and stayed so dedicated to

make a chaotic year still full of fun, faith and fellowship. THANK YOU!! –Andrea

Here are some pictures from our awesome end of year parties in May – Youth Club had a slip-n-slide wiffle ball party, and Teen Fellowship had a pool party!



Session Highlights

1. Motion made to keep inside worship the same just relax the mask mandate, the session will discuss this topic monthly to see where we stand as a church.
2. Hold off in setting up the gathering area.
3. For the month of June and July continue outside service the first Sunday of the month.
4. Communion packets will be used for the month of June.
5. Motion approved for the Square Dancers to use the Fellowship Hall for small gathering.
6. April 2021 collections were \$2,490 LESS than April 2020

Elder duty for June: Harvey Alexander, Jonathan Kiser, Kristy Maddux, Tom Fuller, and Andy Stifel
Deacon duty for June: Connie Wallace, Jane Marshall, Fred Campbell, Wendy White, Tom Baker, and Wade MacNeil

APRIL STEWARDSHIP UPDATE	
Sunday School	
Worship Offering	\$17,423.00
Online Giving	\$12,768.00
TOTAL Offering	\$30,191.00
Total Offering YTD	\$173,913.00
Total Expenses YTD	\$184,767.66
Under for Year	(\$10,854.66)

Kitchen reminder: When using the kitchen please place any unused utensils, plates, cups, etc back in sealed containers and not left out on the counter tops. Any towels that are used are to be taken home and washed and returned ASAP.



Thank you to all who called, texted and sent cards when I recently had eye surgery. The surgery was a success! Thank you for all the prayers and good thoughts. Love my MCPC!

God bless you all, Suzanne Curtis

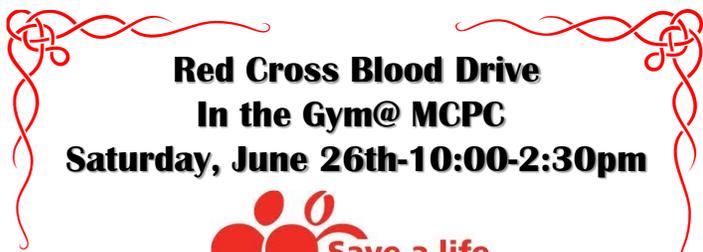


Congratulations to our Seniors!

High School: Ana Jordan Beall, Edward Hancock Dowling, Ian T. Holt, Saxon William McElveen, Dalton Oehler, Cale Oehler, Jacob Herman Rodden, Frances Scholand and Braden Walker Wallace

Collegiate: William Thomas Busch, Sarah Eliza DeArmon, McKenzie Kimrey and Mason David McElveen

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Jeremiah 29:11



**Red Cross Blood Drive
In the Gym@ MCPC**

Saturday, June 26th-10:00-2:30pm



**Walk-ins are welcomed or
you can make an appointment.**

**Please call or email Carey Armistead
704-906-4620 or carmistead16@gmail.com**

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

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The Rev. Rob Watkins	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins	Temp. Associate Pastor
Mrs. Andrea Thomas	Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Mr. David Barnaba	Director of Music
Mrs. Kristy Maddux	Preschool Director
Mrs. Cathy Marlor	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Shawn Watkins	Administrative Assistant