

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

May is a season of endings that are actually beginnings.

Schools, from preschools through graduate schools, will hold their graduations, marking their students' completion of the required courses, experiences, and projects that certify they are now ready for whatever comes next, be it grade school, college, yet another degree, or work.

One curriculum comes to an end while another awaits the newly minted graduate. An ending becomes a beginning.

That holds true for other things beside school—

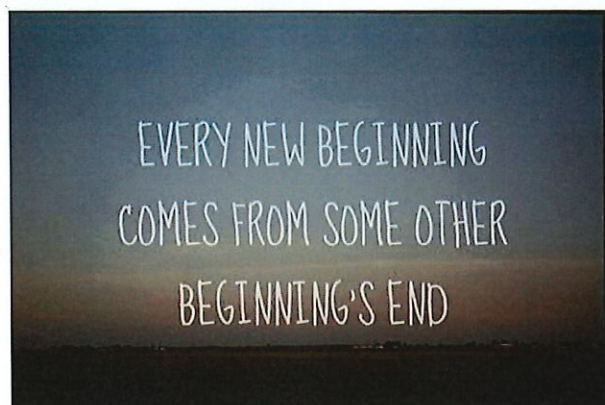
A couple prepares to welcome a child, ending life together to begin life as a family;

Another couple decide now is the time to marry, ending life as singles and beginning life as a couple;

A man attends the funeral of his wife of forty years, ending life as part of a couple and beginning life as a widower;

A woman receives word her company is downsizing, ending her work in one field, but opening the door to explore others;

We reach the moment when we realize it is time to retire, ending our work lives altogether, but beginning life without a job that organizes everything...



Our system of faith is built on this understanding that endings and beginnings are almost always completely intertwined. The whole belief in Easter lets us know that even the ultimate ending we call death is really only another beginning. In fact, all of creation as we know it is working toward the NEW creation, when God will take what is, end it, and create all things new, as the Apostle Paul stated it.

There is great hope in this understanding. Each end is a start with God. One thing might come to a close, but through grace, something else arises. Yes, there is grief over the losses, endings, and changes; but there is also the knowledge that redemption, resurrection, and renewal are on the other side. Ecclesiastes 3 embraces this knowledge, reminding us that everything we experience has a season—things come, things go, but there is always something. Christ reminded all of his followers of this truth. Re-read the Beatitudes in Matthew 5—each thing mentioned leads to something else. The hope comes in that with each shift, each ending, God is creating something else.

That whole process comes to fruition in Revelation 1:8—God declares, 'I am the Alpha and the Omega,' the One who is, who was, and who is to come. God is there in the beginning, God is there in the ending, and, of course, God is there in the whole process getting from one to the other. We are never without God.

And that is the greatest hope we can have.

Hunter's Thoughts

Scheduling a family beach trip has become a challenge to say the least. Both of our children are in their mid twenties; both work hard at demanding jobs that they love; both are dating someone very seriously; and both have busy social lives. I remember when it was so "easy" to pack them and every beach toy they owned into the minivan and head to the coast. Well, not easy, but at least the scheduling was much simpler. As it stands, we have not had both children together at the beach since 3 short, rainy days in August, 2018. And that was a first in three years! When they were younger, we had an annual beach trip with my parents, my sister and her husband, and their two children who almost match mine in age. That was always a treat. But now Mom and Dad are gone and we haven't gone on a trip with the others since 2016. My sister and I were talking about that the other day - how hard it is to try to work out plans with so many adults. At least we are all able to gather together for a couple of holidays each year.

Family situations change. Not the love we have for one another, but the ways that we are able to interact. At least we are in a time when we can connect by phone and Facetime and even frequent texts. The people we are related to are a constant, even if we are separated by distance. It certainly helps that we can be in easy contact, but it's different than what we once knew.

Of course, you don't get to choose the family you are related to - at least not all of them! But we do get to choose other families to which we belong. What is a church if not a family we have chosen to join? Every church is composed of a unique and changing family. I have really enjoyed learning about the MCPC family, with all its connections and history and hopes and challenges. There are some with generations of attachment to this community and others who are new to the area and the church itself. Like any family, there are various opinions and talents and styles and approaches. But this church family is gathered together by God's love for all of us, as we have just celebrated during Easter.

The Session recently had the opportunity to hear 5 confirmands share some of what they have learned about this family. They have all been part of it for a long time, but now they are formalizing that bond. With them and others, the family continues to evolve and grow, but with roots deeply planted in faith. It can be fascinating to watch!

I so appreciate the way this church family has welcomed me into its life. I feel blessed to get to know you. You have opened your arms to me and already invited me into special moments of your story. Thank you for allowing me to be part of this wonderful, faithful, messy, loving family. (Just don't ask me to try to schedule a beach trip for everyone....)

Grace and Peace,

Hunter



Our Church Family

Special Prayers

Elizabeth King	Carolyn Sheehan	Ann Brown	Juanita Untz	Shirley Hunter
Bernice Martin	Kenneth Helms	Holly Diggs	Ben Hatton	Caroline Williams
Michael Doering	Brian Lord Cecil Massey	Nancy Adams, sister of Jane Marshall		
Bobby Brown	Mary Snow	Danny Perez, husband of Evie Gomez-Perez		
Donna Seaford	Dixie Parker, mother of Connie Wallace	Terri Fliegau	Nancy Crapster	

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

News from the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee has started meeting and discussing nominations for Class of 2023 Deacons and Elders. We are always looking for suggestions and nominations of people willing to serve MCPC. Please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Committee and/or Tommy Mitchell with your ideas.

2022 Nominating Committee Members:

Keri Wass - Congregation Rep

Brian Wasko - Congregation Rep

Bobbie Misenheimer – Congregation Rep


Linda Wallace – Deacon Rep

Terri Garrison – Deacon Rep

Becky Wood – Vice Chair

Tommy Mitchell – Chair – 704-236-2704

GRADUATION



Attention High School and College graduates we want to celebrate YOU! Please send your full name, date, where you graduated from, and what are your plans are (college or job) to Nancy.busch88@gmail.com.

MARCH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sunday School	\$154.00
Worship Offering	\$23,919.00
Online Giving	\$15,130.00
TOTAL Offering	\$39,203.00
Total Offering YTD	\$111,572.00
Total Expenses YTD	\$176,068.73
Under for Year	(\$64,496.73)

Confirmation Class of 2022

Jessica Booth, daughter of Amanda Booth

Erin Mitchell, daughter of Tommy and Aprille Mitchell

Helena Moore, daughter of Rob and Cristina Moore

Hope Moore, daughter of Rob and Cristina Moore

Ruby Wallace, daughter of Rusty and Connie Wallace

Elder duty for May: Cristina Moore, Rodney Smith and Clay Scholand

Deacon duty for May: Jamie Garrison, Terri Garrison, Robin McCraw, Joe Crapster and Allston Oehler





THANK YOU to everyone who supported us at our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night last month and throughout this school year! The support of our church family means a lot to all of us at MCPCP! We cannot thank you enough for your support! We would also like to thank the anonymous donor who covered the repair cost for the awning over the front door of the preschool and to Tom Fuller and the property committee for getting the repair done so quickly.

We are winding up the school year and May is a very busy month for us with: Scholastic Book Fair, Teacher Appreciation Week, curriculum review in the classrooms, 2's Safari, Pre-K Lemonade Stand, Pre-K students singing at Lunch Bunch, Pre-K carnival, outdoor picnics,

nature walks, outdoor fun, End-of-Year Celebrations, Pre-K Graduation Ceremony and much more. Then, on May 26th, the teachers will say their "good-byes" to their students with many hugs and tears, as they send them off to summer and new teachers next year.

Our Scholastic Book Fair will be held Monday through Thursday, May 2nd through 5th in the Dining Hall. You are welcome to shop the book fair in person or on-line. The shop will be open 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. in the dining hall. To shop online go to www.scholastic.com/bf/mallardcreekpreschool1 through May 12th.

It is not too late to register for our 2022 Summer Camps! Your child must be 2-years-old through 5-years-old by August 31, 2022, to participate. Summer Camps will run Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the dates and themes for each week are as follows:

Week 1: June 6-9 "Wacky Water Week"

Week 2: June 13-16 "Adventure Awaits"

Week 3: June 20-23 "Little Explorers"

*(*Each week is \$150 and due at time of registration. All 3 weeks are \$400, if paid at one time.)*

All openings are on a first come first served basis so do not delay, call 704-549-9741 or email paulab@mallardcreekchurch.org for more information.

The Bible Verse for May is: "I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go." Genesis 28:15

Kristy Maddux, Preschool Director and Paula Brasel, Administrative Assistant

PW Circle Meetings update:

Presbyterian Women –

We invite ALL women to be a part of our bible study/Circle group! Each meeting is centered around a Bible study lesson. Our Bible study this year is the PW/Horizons bible Study "What My Grandmothers Taught Me" where it highlights many women of the bible. Below are the circles, the time in which they meet and Circle leaders and their contact info.

Circle of Mary-Anna –Tuesday; May 3, 2022 – 10:30 am in Garrison-Martin Room SS class
(Jane Isenhower-isenhowerj@bellsouth.net)

Circle of Rebekah – Monday, May 2, 2022 6:30 - in the gathering space
(Rachel Rodden – rachrodden@gmail.com)

Circle of Ruth – Monday, May 2, 2022 6:30 (**Notice time change) at Doris DeArmon's home (Beth Patafio – Bethpatafio@icloud.com)



****If anyone is aware of a birth of a baby in our congregation, please contact the church office****



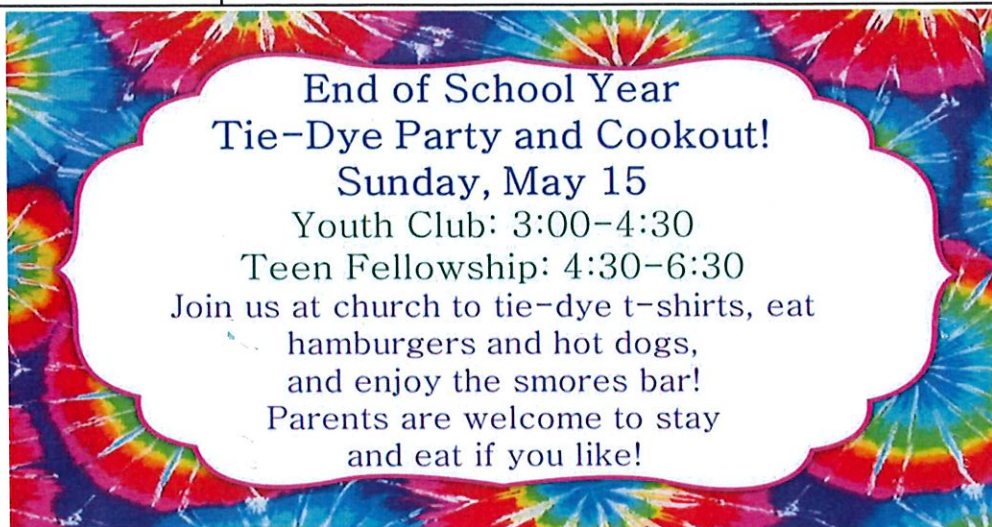
****Attention All Ladies: We are having our Birthday celebration meeting May 15th at 4:00 in the dining hall! We will have a parade of tables so come and enjoy fun, food and fellowship!**

Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

May 2022

Sunday Afternoon Schedules:

5/1	Youth Club: 3:00-4:30 Bible Story and Games
	Teens: 4:30-6:30 Fellowship Outing to Cookout
5/8	Sabbath (Mother's Day)
5/15	End of Year Parties (see below)



VBS 2022: June 26-30th 6-8pm

Registration is NOW OPEN for VBS! Contact Andrea to sign your child up or to volunteer. We are hoping for 50 volunteers this year, so we need all the help we can get!



Make sure you have paid in full for your teen to attend Montreat Middle and/or High School conferences this month!

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms who keep our teen and kids' programs going at Mallard Creek! -Andrea

**For Memorial Day, SCOUT TROOPS 148 & 248 will place flags on the graves of our deceased veterans.
This tradition was established by our first scout leader, Alex Garrison. On Memorial Day Sunday,
the Flag will be lowered to half-staff in memory of all veterans.**

VETERANS INTERRED AT MALLARD CREEK CEMETERIES

Adams, John Hope
Albee, Cliff WW I
Alexander, George M. WW I
Alexander, John H.
Alexander, Phillip Herman
Alexander, Radford B.
Alexander, Robert Flow
Alexander, Roy Franklin
Alexander, William T.III
Almond, George
Austin Lawrence Merwin
Becker, Erwin B.
Benton, Justus (J.L.)
Berry, Kenneth
Bingham, Walter Brice WW I
Black, Ray
Blackman, Robert
Boahn, Walter
Brown, Sam J.
Carter, Thomas M.
Cartner, John Frank
Clark, Jack
Cochran, Lawrence
Cochran, Ollie Brice
Cochran, Walter B.
Covington, Norman
Crenshaw, Alice
Daffin, Charles
DeArmon, Hal
Deaton, Crawford
Deaton, Harry Edward
Deaton, Thomas L. (Tommy)
Downing, Stanley
Fesperman, Charles
Foster, John M.
Foster, William K.
Galloway, Victor Query
Garrison, Alex
Garrison, James Watts
Garrison, Tommy



Garrison, William H.
Grubb, Jake
Haas, Donald
Hawkins, O.O. WW I
Henderson, J.L. WW I
Holland, Hoyle
Hunter, Batte
Hunter, Billy Frank
Johnston, Alfred WW I
Johnston, Oscar
Johnston, Raeford
Jolly, Russell
Jones, Fred C.
Jones, Wilson
Jordan, Jerry Neal
Keller, Roy
Killian, John W.
Kirk, James W. (Bill)
Kirk, John E. (Gene)
Kirk, James F.
Kirk, Robert N.
Larrabee, James Carlton
Linker, Howard
Martin, Ted Douglas

McGee, Wilton L. (Louie)
McLaughlin, Eugene
McLaughlin, Ralph
McLaughlin, S.E. (Gene)
Morris, Claudia Nelson
Morrow, Calvin
Mullis, Henry C.
Mullis, W.A.
Munn, Joe
Neal, Woodrow
Nelson, Audrey Bailes
Nivens, Jerry Wayne
Oehler, J.W. (June)
Oehler, Jimmy
Oehler, Martin (Buster)
Oehler, Charles Henry
Oehler, Robert M.
Oehler, William K.
Penninger, Charles
Penninger, Charles, Jr.
Poplin, Dempsey
Poplin, Robert B.
Ranson, William Thorn WW I
Ranson, William (Bill)
Robinson, Lewis
Sheehan, Charles Russell
Sloop, James Francis WWI
Spradley, Sr., Carl
Thomas, Reese Earl
Thomas, Craven
Thompson, Don
Thompson, Orville
Untz, Merle
Untz, Reese Earl
Untz, William M.
Walker, James A.
Wallace, Young A.
Wilson, Howard
Wilson, Joe M.
Young, Jack E.

MCPC VETERANS INTERRED ELSEWHERE

Abernathy, Kenneth
Albright, Spurgeon Larry
Alexander, Clyde (killed in Europe)
Alexander, Fred Turner WWI
Crenshaw, Cal
Davis, Edward
Faulkenberry, Charles
Garrison, Mal
Hartwell, June Elizabeth
Hill, C.W.

Hill, Ira
Joseph, Bill
Kirk, Calvin
Lyerly, Myron B.
McLaughlin, Jay
McLaughlin, Kirk
Morgan, Tom
Owens, William H.
Smith, Pete
Smith, Reese




Snodgrass, Alvin
Snow Sr, Chet
St. Clair, Thurston
Stone, Gene
Treadway, Fredrick
Tulbert, Billy J.
Untz, Layton
Williams, Ronnie
Wilson, Summers
Workman, Robert

CIVIL WAR VETERANS

Alexander, Livingston
Benfield, Daniel
Christenbury, Reuben F.
Dixon, Hugh
Garrison, A.A.
Garrison David B.
Garrison, Robert W.
Hunter, M.B.
Hutchison, James R.
Hutchison, Robert A.
Kirk, James C.
Kirk, John
Newell, A. H.
Newell, J. H.
Newell, W.W.
Query, Newton
Query, William W.
Stinson, W. M.
Wallace, W.A.W.

Session Highlights

1. Received Faith Statements from 2022 Confirmation Class, (Jessica Booth, Erin Mitchell, Helena Moore, Hope Moore & Ruby Wallace). Approved motion to sustain the examinations of the Confirmands and to receive and welcome them to active membership of MCPC at morning worship on April 24 on there Profession of Faith.
2. Received March Financial Report
 - ◇ March 2022 collections are \$ 39,378.00 vs. March 2021 of \$41,186 (\$1,808)
 - ◇ YTD 2022 collections are \$111,747 vs. YTD 2021 of \$143,722 (\$31,975)
 - ◇ YTD 2022 collections are \$64,496 less than YTD expenses
 - ◇ Capital campaign received to date is \$1,993.187
 - ◇ Cash available as of 12/31/2021 \$271,154
 - ◇ Loan Balance as of 04/3/2022 - \$84,434.57 w/ \$12,353.39 due monthly (SEVEN more payments & maturity date is 12/14/2023)
3. Approved Motion from Property to replace lights in Community House with LEDs (approx. cost \$300)
4. Approved Motion from Property, at the Request from Preschool, to install new floating floor in the two large and 4 small bathrooms used by the preschool (this project is being funded by private donor)
5. Easter egg hunt was huge success: 86 kids, over 200 people total
6. Covid Task Force – serving of food/drink on Campus, now allowed at the discretion of the group using the Facilities. Prepackaged/Offsite food no longer required. This year's Homecoming will remain as previously planned with catered food.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: #0070C0; font-family: sans-serif;">June Birthdays</h1> 						
			1 Sophia Messina Laney Wasko	2 McCaig Mitchell	3 Frances Perkins Susan Monteith	4 Lindsay Maddux
5 Rebecca Achurch Beth Patafio Dawn Blevins	6 Sydney Busch Connor Semon	7	8 Ashlyn Austin Karen Kosmoski Josie Reynolds Kirk Schultz	9 Greg Armistead	10 James Achurch	11 Anne Foust Wayne Wilson
12 Connie Wallace Stephanie Farmer Gavin Guiney	13 Chris Blevins Amber Alexander Janie Dowling Emily Johnson	14 Ginger Penninger Chris Mingus Steve Lisi	15 Michael Maddux	16	17 Jenny Cochran Lexi Burroughs	18 Brooke Oehler
19 Shelley Wasko 	20 Mack Downing Rob Watkins Hannah Rainstein	21 Linda Killian Nancy Busch	22 Andrew Stiffel	23 Julie Thompson Donna Sheppard DeeDee Larkin Ruthie Schultz Jaylen Oehler	24 Jean Muller	25 Jason Oehler Isabella English
26 Jackie Brand Scott Powell	27 Barbara Kumnick Catherine Reynolds Eve Guiney	28 Robby Benton, Jr. Ashley Andreasen	29 Rob Moore	30 Tina Haas Travis Gullede Nicole Stillman Meredith Spittle		

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