

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

May is always a full month—Mother’s Day comes; college graduations get into full swing; school age children are in the final countdown to school’s end; and Memorial Day wraps things up with the gateway into summer. It is a busy, busy month.

It is a month of transitions. People anticipate their shifting schedules as the summer break comes into view. Plans are made to keep children occupied through the break. Vacations take shape. Beaches and pools begin to fill. A different pace begins to define life.

The ancient Church noted this time of transition, as well, but we may not be as familiar as they were with the changes that mark the Christian journey through the year.

First, there is Ascension Day, forty days after Easter (May 18). On this day, we remember and reflect on Jesus ascending to take his place in God’s presence. We also remember it as the day when the disciples realized they were on their own. That is the part that resonates most strongly with me—we, as the Church, are responsible for the work and ministry of faith. Yes, God is with us; the Spirit inspires us; and Christ moves us; but the work is ours. That means we need to take seriously that faith is active, not passive. We need to take the presence of Christ into the world in our words, work, and worship. As crazy as things seem to be, the message of hope, healing, and help is more necessary and needed now than ever.



Second, Pentecost arrives on May 28. On this day, we remember and reflect on the gift of the Spirit falling on the gathered apostles in the Upper Room. It has come to be seen as the Birthday of the Church—the very first day the community of Jesus came to be. What matters most for us is that gift of the Spirit. As we read Acts 2, we see that the gift was the ability to communicate the Gospel in words and works EVERYONE could understand. The apostles could literally speak the languages of the people in and around Jerusalem. The challenge for us is to make the Gospel comprehensible to the people around us right here, right now. The Gospel is almost absurdly simple—LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST LOVED US (John 13:34-35)—but it is hard to actually put into practice. We get tangled up in ourselves. The Church also must take responsibility for not always projecting the most welcoming message to our neighbors. We can reset. We can refocus. We can make every attempt to meet the people near at hand. We can show them how Christ’s love transforms and transcends all that is through our words and works.

So, May is quite a month.

May we use it well as we pass through our own transitions, and perhaps as we transition more deeply into the path of Jesus as his disciples.

Hunter's Thoughts

Most days, I walk for my exercise. I take different routes through my neighborhood and those that connect with it. When I can, I particularly like to walk through the woods that border our suburban landscape. But when we have a lot of rain, it can get pretty muddy there. Out of a desire to preserve my dignity by not slipping and having a graceless tumble into some mud puddle, I usually avoid those trails most days for a few months in the winter.

In early March this year, when we had a few consecutive dry days, I ventured back in for the first time in over a month. I was distressed to find that an excavator had brutally cut a wide, ugly scar through part of the woods. I lamented the desire for ever-faster, weather-proof internet service (myself included) that caused the "progress" of plowing up nature for new cable system to be laid down.

Again, we had a lot of rain soon after that, I did not get back along that formerly pristine path for a few weeks. When I was finally able to go there, I braced myself for the raw scar I expected through the landscape. And though it is still changed from before, I was thankful to find that the forest has begun healing itself. New green underbrush is already trying to hide the tracks left by metal treads; spring leaves on the trees overhead are quickly making the area look far less stark; even little wildflowers have pushed up through the mud that was so rudely churned up just weeks before. Those little delicate blooms are determined to make themselves known!

Yes, I wish they had not literally bull-dozed across our little patch of woods. But I can't keep lamenting that and failing to look forward. God certainly has not. As we recently celebrated Earth Day, I once again marveled at God's beautiful creation. As a people, we do so much that can harm this natural beauty. Hopefully, we can continue to learn to limit the damage we do so that nature can re-balance itself.

In Genesis, we read that God has given us dominion over all the created world. May that be seen not as a chance for domination but instead, may it create responsibility in each of us.





We are winding up the school year so May is a very busy month for us with: Teacher Appreciation Week, curriculum review in the classrooms, 2's safari, 2's and 3's water fun days, Pre-K students singing at Lunch Bunch, Pre-K carnival, outdoor picnics, nature walks, butterfly release, outdoor fun, End-of-Year Celebrations, Pre-K Graduation Ceremony

and much more. Then, on May 25th, the teachers will say their final "good-byes" to their students with many hugs and tears, as they send them off for the summer and to new teachers next year.

WE NEED YOU...

Our Pre-K Carnival will be on Thursday, May 11th, from 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. and we need VOLUNTEERS to help with the games and activities so that the teachers can concentrate on their students and enjoy the fun with them. If you would like to join in the fun, please email kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org or call our office at 704-549-9741.

Would you like to have a night off from cooking? If so, please join us for some food, fun, and fellowship on Thursday, May 18th, between 5 and 8 p.m. for our **Chick-fil-A Spirit Night End-of-the-Year Bash** at the University Place Chick-fil-A, located at 8700 University Executive Park Drive, Charlotte, 28262. You can order through the drive-thru or in the dining room. Just tell them that you are with the **MCPCP Spirit Night** so we can get credit for your sale.

It is not too late to register for our 2023 Summer Camps! Your child must be 3 years old by August 31, 2023, and/or a rising kindergarten student 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 5-8 "Let's Dive into Learning"

Week 2: June 12-15 "Little Einsteins-Stem Week"

Week 3: June 19-22 "Adventure Time"

*(*Each week is \$165 and due at time of registration. All 3 weeks are \$450, if paid all at once.)*

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.

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

If you LOVE children and would like to earn some extra money, we have a job for you! With 24 staff members, we constantly need substitute teachers so call or email us for more information.

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

Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

May 2023

Sunday Afternoon Schedule:

5/7	Youth Club: 3:00-4:30 Bible Story and Craft
	Teens: 4:30-6:30 Mission to Odd Sock and Ice Cream
5/14	Sabbath (Mother's Day)
5/21	End of Year Parties (see below)

End of Year Party for Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

2:00-6:00pm May 21st

Ebenezer Park in Rock Hill, SC

The bus can hold 15 people and will leave church at 2:00, or you can meet us there at 3:00.

Swimming, sports, relax, and enjoy a picnic!

Bring your own towel and/or lawn chair and sunscreen and any beach games you want to play.



VBS 2023: June 25-29th 6-8pm

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School! We are hoping for 50 volunteers and 50 kids this year, so we need all the help we can get! Registration will be open soon.

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

Update about Teen Fellowship Beach Trip:

The beach trip originally planned for May 5-7 was canceled due to Myrtle Beach Christian Retreat unexpectedly closing down. But I am very excited to share that our teens will be going to Folly Beach (near Charleston) on October 6-8! We have rented the beach house owned by First Baptist Church of Charleston, and this will be a wonderful time. Let me know if you would like to attend as a student or a parent chaperone!





The Nominating Committee is Gearing Up!

The Nominating Committee is beginning the process of looking for folks that would like to serve the Church as an Elder or Deacon.

If you know someone that you think would be a good Elder or Deacon, please let one of the Nominating Committee members know or put their name in the Nominating Box in the Gathering space.

Brief description of the responsibilities of an Elder:

- 1) A desire to serve God as an officer of the church
- 2) Monthly Session meetings (3rd Tuesday of the month)
- 3) Serve on one of the Session Committees:
 - a. Worship
 - b. Education and Spiritual Nurture
 - c. Youth and Children
 - d. Property
 - e. Finance



Brief description of the responsibilities of a Deacon:

- 1) A desire to serve God as an officer of the church
- 2) Monthly Deacon Meetings (2nd Tuesday of the month)
- 3) Serve on one of the Diaconate Committees:
 - a. Congregational Care
 - b. Fellowship
 - c. Connections
 - d. Mission



The Nominating Committee:

Doris DeArmon, Robin Fuller, Jamie Garrison, Bobbi Lisi, Tracy Tucker, Linda Wallace and Becky Wood

New ways to give at Mallard Creek



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WE GIVE because
GOD GAVE FIRST

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...
John 3:16

Text
MCPC
to 73256

Mallard Creek will be hosting its annual Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Saturday, May 20 at 9:00am in the Dining Hall.

- We'll assemble 15,000 meals that will be distributed to third world countries. Unlike some other mission events, this is a great family activity; children of all ages can help, even those with limited mobility.
- If you've joined us before, you already know what a fun, fulfilling activity this is and how we can pack this many meals in just a couple of hours! If you haven't, bring the entire family on May 20 and witness how we can make a difference in other parts of the world.
- * **It is extremely important to register in advance for your attendance and we need a minimum of 40 volunteers. Doing so will both save time the morning of the event and allow us to plan accordingly. Please use this link:**

<http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/MCPCCLT2023>

- To date, we've packaged 167,922 meals throughout the course of the 10 events we've hosted! The last shipment of meals packaged in September 2021 was sent to Convoy of Hope - Haiti.
 - More recently, in January 2023, Rise Against Hunger sent meals and supplies to the following communities: Children of Vietnam, Salesian Missions in Haiti, ORPHA Network in Nicaragua, Hands for Haiti, Convoy of Hope in the Philippines & International Care Ministries in the Philippines. They are currently evaluating with its impact partners on how the organization can assist those impacted by the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria.
 - Rise Against Hunger has been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger across the globe since 1998, coordinating the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to crisis-burdened areas around the world. This is accomplished through popular community-supported meal packaging programs such as our upcoming event.
 - Rise Against Hunger distributes its meals through feeding programs operated by partner organizations in developing countries which promote education, encourage children to attend school, improve the health and nutrition of students, address gender inequalities, spur economic growth, combat child labor, and create a platform for tackling global issues. In addition to supporting school feeding programs, Rise Against Hunger also provides meals in response to crisis relief.
- ⇒ Learn more about the organization by visiting their website: www.riseagainsthunger.org.



To Donate Stock to MCPC

Contact your brokerage house and request a form to transfer stock to a non-profit as a gift.



The stocks being gifted will be to:

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, Inc.
1600 West Mallard Creek Church Road
Charlotte NC 28262
Phone: 704-547-0038

The church account is with UBS Financial Services and the account number is **C433095 (DTC 0221)**



You will need to call the Financial Manager at the church office:

- Tell her the stock is being transferred. She will then show your gift on the church records when the stock transfer is completed. You must call her as UBS does not send her the name of the donor.
- Also tell her which fund or project the gift is to be applied to.

JANUARY– APRIL 25, 2023 FINANCIAL POSITION	
Year to Date income	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$374.34
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$96,806.16
ONLINE GIVING	\$42,244.27
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$6,273.36
TOTAL	\$145,698.13
YTD INCOME	\$145,698.13
YTD EXPENSES	\$211,604.60
Reserves Spent	(\$65,906.47)

Contributions	
January	\$36,873.66
February	\$43,353.43
March	\$42,998.84
April 1/2 a month	\$16,198.84
Total Contributions	\$139,424.77



GIVING ENVELOPES

- ♦ **If you have old giving envelopes please throw them away.** Each year new numbers are given out and if you use an old year (2022 or older) someone else may have that giving number for 2023.
- ♦ **If you need new envelopes, please call Amanda 704-547-0038 ext 13 or email her penny@mallardcreekchurch.org and she will get you 2023 envelopes.**

Older Adult Ministries Annual Retreat



May 10 11, 12 2023

Come and enjoy a walk down memory lane to the 1950s, 1960s, and 1970s. Please see Carl Hatton, Margaret Hatton, Polly Walker or Jimmy Walker for details and reservations.



**Red Cross Blood Drive
In the Dining Hall @ MCPC
Saturday May 13th - 10:00 am -
2:30 pm**

www.redcross.org



Walk In's are welcomed.

A big "Thank you" to Mack Downing, Harvey Alexander and Braden Wallace for their dedication to our A/V and special music during past holiday and Easter seasons, even thru their challenges on the homefront

Thank you

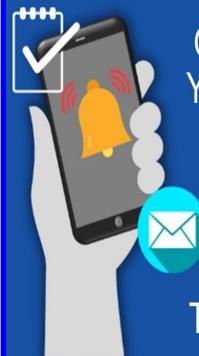
It is with deep appreciation that I
thank you for the love shown
me during my recuperation from
my fall last month. I am truly
blessed to be a member of the
family of Mallard Creek.
I look forward to joining you in
person soon. **Thank you so much**
and God bless you all.

Jane Geracimos



It's Time to Celebrate!
Sunday, May 21st is the Presbyterian Women's annual Birthday Celebration.
Come join the PW for an afternoon of fellowship and delicious snacks.

**Sunday, May 21st
Dinning Room at 3:00 pm**



Get reminders about events for Youth Club and Teen Fellowship right to your phone by joining our Remind group!

YC: text @mcpcyo to 81010
Teens: text @mcpctee to 81010





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.



The Lunch Bunch

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

In the dining hall

Please join us for our last Lunch Bunch meeting for the season. It is a very special time with our MCPC Preschool children. They are always excited to sing and perform for us and we thoroughly enjoy having them with us to lift our spirits and bring our laughter.



Backpack Blessings will continue to collect clothes thru the rest of the year so if you have clothes that your child has outgrown please bring them to church; we have bins in the gathering space.

Maria Menconi 704-560-3961



Congratulations to Drew and Erin Gulledge on the birth of their baby girl

Gentry Grace Gulledge born on April 15, 2023

The proud grandparents are Lynn and Ray Oehler and Lynnette and Ed Gulledge.



Active Shooter Training on Sunday, May 7 at 1:00 pm at the Sanctuary Building



Circle of Mary Anna

The Circle of Mary Anna will meet **Tuesday, May 2 at 10:30** in the Garrison/Martin Class. Lunch will follow at Captain Steve's Seafood

Bobbie Misenheimer 704-609-2805
RSVP BMisenheimer@Bellsouth.net

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,

VETERANS INTERRED AT MALLARD CREEK CEMETERIES

Adams, Ronald Hope Sr
Adams, John Hope
Albee, Cliff WW I
Alexander, George M. WW
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
Bost, Bobby
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
Helms, Kenneth
Holland, Hoyle
Hunter, Batte
Hunter, Billy Frank
Johnston, Alfred WW I
Johnston, Harvey
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.

Special Prayers

Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore	Elizabeth King	Perry Deaton	Caroline Williams
Jimmy Rodgers - son of Frances Christenbury	Shirley Hunter	Cecil Massey	Donna Seaford
Donna Garrison— wife of Eddie Garrison	Juanita Untz	Roy Kinnamon	Elaine Lord
Larry Carroll - husband of Ann Carroll	Ruby Downing	Dennis Lord	Guy Eberhart
Andy Marcus - brother of Rachel Rodden	Donnie Oehler	Ken Christenbury	Carolyn Sheehan
Barbara Ballard - friend of Nancy Busch	Frances Christenbury	Hope Moon	Ginny Brooks
LaVern Winter - father of Tammy Alford	Suggie Christenbury	Joana Lovette	Cy Alexander
Matthew Lee - friend of Karen Kosmoski	Dale McLaughlin	Ann Brown	Betsy Killian
Steve Arnold - son-in-law of Marleen Alexander	Carlita Hunter	Kelly Oehler	Ned Blackwell
Grey Taylor - brother of Nancy Busch	Lynn Kelley	Judith Rankin	Jane Geracimos
Barry Henson - brother-in-law of Perry Deaton	Tina Foster - friend of Polly Caldwell		Bill Cochran
Ron Doss - Friend of Jackie and Ralph Brand	The family of Allen Peloquin - close friend of Eric and Debra Johnson		

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1>June Birthdays</h1> 						
				1 Sophia Messina Laney Wasko Lenora Rea Brown	2 McCaig Mitchell	3 Frances Perkins Susan Monteith Marjo Wilson
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 Cecil Massey	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 Wesson Oehler	30 Tina Haas Travis Gullede Nicole Stillman Meredith Spittle	

Elder duty for May: Becky Wood, Perry Deaton, Nancy Busch

Deacon duty for May: Amy Spittle, Sue Bishop, Sheila Letica, Tom Baker, Rob Moore

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The Rev. Rob Watkins
The Rev. Hunter Roddey
Mrs. Andrea Thomas
Ms. Amanda Booth
Ms. Claudia Perez
Mr. David Barnaba
Mrs. Kristy Maddux

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Transitional Associate Pastor
Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Financial Manager
Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Preschool Director