

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

We enter our second pandemic Stewardship Season still recovering. We made it through the late summer resurgence, and now are looking ahead to the coming holidays, feeling hopeful and hoping for a joyous break from all the past year and a half met us with. There is much for which to be thankful as we turn into November.

With that in mind, consider what you are thankful for—make a list, read through it more than a couple of times—the signs are there that God is good and grace abounds. We still have much good news to share with the world around us.

Consider how you might be a part of that at church—

How might you support our missions this year?

Room in the Inn needs you; Gracious Hands Transitional Housing needs you; our mission team needs you as we plan for our summer work trip; and all our partners need you

How might you support our ministries this year?

Our faith formation needs both students and teachers; our young people need chaperones and meal preppers; our youngest children need caregivers; and so on

Our music program can always use new voices, ringers, and instrumentalists

Our worship needs congregants, readers, and folks offering prayer and praise

Have you ever thought about being an officer?

We need folks to check in on other folks, seeing how they are and what they need

You might not be able to be physically present, but you can always participate by giving to help defray costs and pay the bills. You can offer your prayers and support of the staff. You can pass along invitations to join us in any of our projects and times together.

Again, use a list of thanksgivings to help you find your gateway into giving. I often feel inspired to go deeper with a group or a person for whom I feel especially grateful.

Thinking this way also helps us always know the goodness and graciousness of God. Every moment, there is something for which to feel thankful. The blessings of God are never far away or out of reach. Usually, they are quite near at hand—present in the simple things all around us.

The psalmist reminded us—

Give thanks to God, for God is good and God's steadfast love endures forever.



Elizabeth King	Warner Marshall	Ann Brown	Nancy Holland	Carolyn Sheehan
Bernice Martin	Kenneth Helms	Joann Reid	Ronald Stephens	David Stephens
Barbara Krady	Caroline Williams	Holly Diggs	Pam McMahan	Eve Cooper
Kathy Robinson	Michael Doering	Shirley Hunter	Lynn Kelley	Harry Kirk
Owen Carriker	Kaycee Walker	Sarah Alexander	Libby Carroll	Cathee Griffin
Barbara Cottrell	JW Avant	Frances Christenbury		Nancy Seaford
Charlotte & David Maggard	Moore Family	Bob Lazarus		

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

SHARING WITH OTHERS

There are times when members of our church family have financial needs. We receive two special offerings each year for these times. (The first Sunday in June and the first Sunday in December). The monies from these offerings are placed in a special church fund for disbursement. A committee, appointed by the session each year, manages the fund. If you become aware of an individual or a family with a special need, you should give the committee the details of that need for consideration. It is the duty of this small committee to weigh each request and allocate funds as they deem prudent. Please see Bill Penninger, Sue Oehler or a Pastor if you know of such a need.

Our next offering will be received on Sunday December 5th. Please give generously to this offering and thus share with those that are in need. Make your check payable to MCPC Assistance fund and place it in the collection plate. You may contribute to the fund any time during the year by marking your check accordingly.

Dear Friends,

Words cannot express my love and appreciation as the recipient of the Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership award. I was quite overwhelmed with emotion as this was truly a surprise to me. I am thankful for the gift of this church in my life and pray God's blessings on our pastors and congregation.

With deepest gratitude, and warmest wishes,

Margaret Hatton

Thank you to everyone who came and donated blood and made our September blood drive a success! We had 22 donors registered, 2 donors were deferred and 20 units of blood were collected. Make sure to save the date for our next drive on December 11th at 10:30am.

We want to thank you all so much for all that you did for our Dad-Frank Cartner, while he was alive and also after his passing. He always enjoyed those of you who visited with him at home and on the phone! He enjoyed talking to all of you. Thank you also for your phone calls, cards and texts when he passed away. Also, thank you to the ones who sent memorials to the church in his memory. We appreciate y'all so much. We are sad that he is gone, but are relieved to know that he is not sick anymore! Thanks for all of your love and prayers and the good food too!

Johnnie Cartner and Debbie Martin



October was a busy month with Fire Safety Week, a visit from the firefighters from Station 36, Community Helpers Week, a visit from four Charlotte-Mecklenburg police officers with their cool cars, **THANK YOU to Firehouse Subs on W. Mallard Creek Church Road for donating fire hats for all our students again this year!**

The month ended with our annual Fall Festival with hayrides, a pumpkin patch, Scholastic Book Fair, AZoo2You Petting Zoo, storybook parade, candy walk, and class door decorations. **THANK YOU to Harvey Alexander, Ned Baker, and Jimmy Brown for making the hayrides possible for us and to Christina deKam and Jackie Tiece, our wonderful parent representatives, for their hard work with our fall book fair.**

Also, **THANK YOU to Merle and Elizabeth King for our awesome new banners displayed by the road for all to see!**

This month the children will learn about nursery rhymes, fairy tales, what they are thankful for, God’s fall gifts, being thankful, and Thanksgiving. Our Pre-K classes will also celebrate Thanksgiving with a Thanksgiving Feast.

During Children’s Church, Ms. Robin will share the following Bible stories with the students: Jesus Quiets the Storm, Jesus Turns Water into Wine, Jesus Feeds the 5,000, Jesus Heals 10 Lepers, and the Good Samaritan.

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours!!! God bless each of you!

Psalm 3:5

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”

Kristy Maddux, Preschool Director and Paula Brasel, Administrative Assistant





This year has flown by and it's time once again for MCPC's Angel Tree. We continue to help University Meadows and Parkside and have added Mallard Creek Elementary this year. With COVID still disrupting our daily lives we will do the Angel Tree virtually.

If you want to help make a family's Christmas special, below is the information you need.

Be an Elf and shop for your child! Please drop off your unwrapped gifts at the church office or in the gathering space as soon as possible, **but no later than Nov 21st**. There will not be angel tags since we're doing this virtually so please be sure to include a piece of paper with the child's number or letter and family so Maria knows who they belong to. If you can't get them to the church, please let Maria know she will arrange to have an Elf swing by and pick up your gift.

To receive your angel, email Maria Menconi at paulmaria620@yahoo.com or call her at 704-560-3961.

You can also donate money! Maria and her Elves will shop for you! Please make checks payable to Presbyterian Women and in the Memo write "Angel Tree." Send your check to the church office:

1600 W. Mallard Creek Rd
Charlotte N.C 28262
-OR-SS

Bring your check to Maria, Keri Wass, or the church Office.

The angel Tree will look very different again this year,
but with all the Elves at Mallard Creek
we can make it happen!!

PW Circle Meetings update

Presbyterian Women –

All women in the church are welcome to attend any circle that they wish. 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; November 2, 2021 – 10:20 am in the Gathering space

(Jane Isenhower-isenhowerj@bellsouth.net)

Circle of Rebekah – Monday, November 1, 2021 6:00 in the Gathering space

(Rachel Rodden – rachrodden@gmail.com)

Circle of Ruth – November 1, 2021 7:00 on ZOOM

(Beth Patafio – Bethpatafio@icloud.com)



If anyone is aware of a birth of a baby in our congregation please let the office know.



Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

November 2021

Youth Club Schedule:

Teen Fellowship Schedule:

<u>Youth Club 3:00-4:30pm</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
11/7	Kids Yoga and Games
11/14	Bible Story and Craft
11/21	Sabbath (Thanksgiving Week)
11/28	Christmas Musical Filming

<u>Teen Fellowship 4:30-6:30pm</u>	
11/7	Bible Study and Dinner
11/14	Mission - Buy gifts for Christmas Angels
11/21	Sabbath (Thanksgiving Week)
11/28	Fellowship - Family Feud



We are rehearsing for our Christmas musical movie extravaganza all throughout November! Check with Andrea or Dave for the rehearsal schedule if you're in the play!

Save the Date!



KIDS CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY

Youth Club Christmas Party
At the church
December 5th 3:00-4:30



**UGLY CHRISTMAS
SWEATER PARTY**

Teens Tacky Christmas
Sweater Party
At Andrea's House
December 12th 4:30-6:30

A Christmas Movie Musical Spectacular

Sunday, December 12th

During the 10:00am worship service



The Mallard Creek Church family extends gratitude to our LIVING veterans and to those now actively serving God and country.

Marcos Arellano
J.W. Avant
Joseph Wayne Beard
Randal Young Bishop
Bobby E. Bost
Robert Joseph Brown
Kenneth Wayne Brown
Michael Steven Buchanan
Calvin Alexander Caldwell
Fred Hammond Campbell
Paul Buxton Christenbury
Alistair Jeremy Coyte
Anthony Daddona
Lt. Keyes Dickson
Guy Eberhart
Young Edward Garrison
Lewis C. Grubb

Edward Ingram Gullede
Jonathan Halter
Robert Hamilton
Kenneth Ray Helms
James Irvin Hunter
William Ernie Jones
Harvey Johnston
Mark A. Johnson
Charles Keys
Dallas Merle King
Ronald LeBold
Roger Lyell
Warner Marshall
Herman Ronnie McKay
Thomas Dale McLaughlin
James McCaig Mitchell
Robert Moore

Charles Ronald Oehler
Donald Lee Oehler
Joseph Larry Oehler
Martin Eugene Oehler, Jr.
Robert McGill Oehler, Jr.
William Thorn Ranson
Vance R. Reid
Lane Calvin Seaford, II
William Alan Standish
Charles O. Strong, Jr.
James Michael Stubbs
Leland Darrell Thomas
Tanner Triage
Tracy Nelson Tucker
Gary D. Walker
Ron Phillip Patrick Wescott
David McLaughlin Wilson

Actively Serving

SGT Malcom Allen
STG2 Hunter Holland
Major Trevor Sutherland
(Air Nat Guard)

LTC Rob Byars
Col. Cristina Moore
Master SGT Rick Treadway
PV2 Stephen Lisi

LT Alex Busch
Austin Powers (Nat Guard)
LTJG Morgan Whitmore

Elder duty for November: Harvey Alexander, Cristina Moore, Kristy Maddux, Andy Stiffel and Kenneth McCraw

Deacon duty for November: Connie Wallace, Jane Marshall, Fred Campbell, Wendy White, Tom Baker and Wade MacNeil



Room in the Inn

We are all set and ready to serve our homeless neighbors every other Thursday, beginning December 2nd and running through March 24th. If you have a heart for serving the homeless and would like to take part in this ministry, please reach out to Rachel or Mike Rodden at roddehill@gmail.com. To read an article describing this program and the profound impact it has on not only the homeless but on us as volunteers, go to: <https://www.roofabove.org/201it9/04/05/room-in-the-inn-41-housed-the-impact-of-one/>.

SEPTEMBER STEWARDSHIP UPDATE	
Sunday School	
Worship Offering	\$45,640.00
Online Giving	\$13,552.00
TOTAL Offering	\$59,192.00
Total Offering YTD	\$453,733.60
Total Expenses YTD	\$499,856.95
Under for Year	(\$46,123.35)



A Note from Rise Against Hunger

We are delighted to announce that the meals from your Rise Against Hunger Experience on 9/11/2021 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals. The meals will be received by our in-country partner Convoy of Hope in Haiti. Convoy of Hope is an organization that nourishes lives through food assistance and other services in Haiti. Thank you for generously giving your time to volunteer and packaging meals with Rise Against Hunger. We are sincerely grateful for your dedication and for sharing our vision of a world without hunger.



Don't forget to fall back one hour on Sunday, November 7th!

A Generous Life: Stewardship For 2022
We need your support. Be a part of Mallard Creek

Mission

- Plans and implements at least one Youth mission trip each year
- Investigates and informs congregation on opportunities for service in the community, such as, Crisis Assistance Ministry, Stop Hunger Now, Camp Grier, Lily Pad Haven, Roof Above, Mission Trips, Community Missions, and many other missions.

Worship

- Responsible, in consultation with pastor, for order of worship, for planning special services, for wedding and funeral policies and procedures
- Trains ushers and elder hosts at worship
- Responsible for Communion preparation, Sanctuary flowers, banners, decorations for Advent-Christmas, Easter, etc.

Education & Spiritual Nurture Youth and Children

- Oversees Sunday School Program
- Works with Older Adult Sub-committee
- Assesses overall educational needs of different ministries and groups
- Plans/implements congregational retreats
- Supports Library & Media sub-committee
- Responsible for Youth Club, Teen Fellowship, Children Ministry, Nursery supervision
- Acts on any special requests from the Pre-school Board
- Serves as liaison between Scouts and Session

Congregational Care and Reach Out

- Assists the ministers in providing care in a variety of ways for members who are in the hospital, who have been dismissed from the hospital, who are in nursing homes or confined to home, who are going through a family crisis
- Provide Home Communion to shut-ins
- Addresses other care needs that are brought to their attention
- Keeps abreast of visitors attending our services and follows up on them with contact information and visits
- Provides assistances, guidance, and information on MCPC to visitors
- Works with ministers to provide inquirer Classes and a Luncheon
- Provides a partnering team for new members for mentoring and assimilation purposes
- Develops a new Church Pictorial Directory every five years

Property and Operations

- Reviews and maintains adequate insurance for all church facilities
- Provides for the care and maintenance of all church grounds, including cemeteries and Community House
- Develops and updates policies for the care and usage of the bus and van
- Assists in monitoring work of the cleaning service

Administration and Finance

- Oversees office duties, policies, staff, equipment, newsletter
- Oversees annual stewardship campaign
- Prepares annual operational budget
- Manages session approved budget
- Manages session investment funds
- Oversees audit process
- Provides guidance to Financial Secretary

Yours in Christ,
The Stewardship Team

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.

The account number is **C433095 (DTC 0221)**

You will need to call Cathy 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.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<h2 style="color: red; text-align: center;">December Birthdays</h2>			
			1 Marlene Allen Joe Crapster Debbie Dowling	2 Polly Caldwell Elliott Garrison	3 Jeff Garrison Ken Gupton	4 Kelsea Brockmeier Ray Oehler Micah Halter
5 Bill Cochran	6 Lane Seaford II Clay Scholand Hudson Oehler	7	8 Andrea Thomas	9 Michael Andreasen	10 Wayne Beard Grier Sangutei	11
12 Sammy Putnam	13 Melanie Scholand Easton Powell	14 Ethan Stiffel	15 Betsy Killian Mason McElveen	16 Rickie Grubb Bain Wilson Carter Estes Carson Monteith	17 Barbara Carter Brittany Benfield	18 Mildred Grubb
19 June Bryant Stacey Alexander	20 Terri Garrison	21	22 Sharon Richards	23 	24 J.W. Avant Earl Thomas	25 Donna Brookshire
26	27 Sharon Benfield	28 Lewis Grubb T.J. Fuller	29 Ethel Ranson Ronda Johnston Amy Spittle Brett Cochran	30	31 Jo Ann Reid Alan Garrison Paul Menconi Haley Johnson	

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Mrs. Shawn Watkins
Mr. David Barnaba
Mrs. Cathy Marlor
Mrs. Kristy Maddux

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Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Financial Manager
Preschool Director