

The Scroll

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

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1600 W. Mallard Creek Church Road

October 2023



From Pastor Rob

Anyone who knows anything about Mallard Creek Church knows that October is a month like no other for our congregation—it is BARBECUE MONTH!

You will find a plethora of information in this newsletter about the BBQ for this year, but I want to use my space to offer a glimpse of the spiritual gifts this annual events offer for us. I know, I know, it may not seem like such an event could have many such gifts to offer, but it does.



First, the main end of the Church (the universal fellowship of Jesus Christ) is to create communion—the binding together of individual human beings into a fellowship of grace, welcome, compassion, and redemption through the presence of God binding himself to all of us.

Come on the night of roasting pork; come the morning and day of chopping pork; come the day of making cole slaw; come the days of making Brunswick Stew, and see if such a communion does not develop in those moments. People share themselves, share the work, talk, laugh, pick, help, and listen. Communion forms, fellowship grows.

Second, Christ directed us to love our neighbors, learn to love those who are radically different from us, and understand that God is with every person ever born.

Come the day of the BBQ and be a part of our direct interaction with the world at large. There will be moments when you will thank God for the gift of human beings as we feed hungry people, share a laugh with people from the community, learn who lives right nearby, and invite people to get to us better...

...but...

We will also have to deal with people being people. There will be complaints. Why is traffic so bad? How many ways can you mess up my simple order (35 quarts of stew, 27 sandwiches, 16 plates, oh, and did we mention half of our folks are VEGAN?)? Why can't make you change for my \$100 bill on a three dollar order? Oh, joy, joy, joy...BUT... we are called by Jesus to love even the most difficult of neighbors. The challenges of the day can really make us stronger!

The point of this is that October offers us an amazing opportunity to learn, grow, and be the people of God that God wants us to be. We have a chance to truly experience the whole gamut of our faith practice.

I hope you all will take the invitation and come and see, and taste and see, that Lord is good.

Hunter's Thoughts

As your Transitional Associate Pastor, it is time for me to do some transitioning while hopefully staying on here at MCPC in some capacity. As of 10/2/2023, I will begin working as a Family Support Coordinator with LifeShare of the Carolinas. In this role, I will be supporting families as they deal with potential organ and tissue donation situations at end-of-life. Donation is something I have long been passionate about. In my former chaplaincy role, I often walked through these emotional decisions with families. And I have seen the wonderful blessing that such donations can bring to so many, including close friends. I am excited about the opportunity this presents for me and looking forward to getting started.

LifeShare is the organ and tissue procurement organization for the western part of North Carolina. From lifesharecarolinas.org, "LifeShare Carolinas serves as the link between generous donors and those waiting for lifesaving organ, eye, and tissue transplants." Honestly, because I have so enjoyed being part of MCPC, I have not been looking for any other positions. But then, back in the early summer, I opened my LinkedIn account for the first time in several months - mainly to clean out the accumulation of what I had not been looking at. But when I did, this LifeShare position was the first that popped up and it had only been posted that very morning. I have to trust that there is some aspect of God's voice in that coincidence.



At the same time, I trust that God's voice also calls for me to be part of this congregation. But as this transition progresses, I will naturally have less availability to MCPC. That being said, I plan to continue to work with this congregation in some capacity as long as there is a need and as long as you want me to do so. Unfortunately, I'm still uncertain as to how exactly my LifeShare schedule will be, so I can't yet say exactly what my availability will be like. I probably will not be in every service on Sundays. Of course, I will always try to be present when food is involved!

I am blessed to be part of the Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church family. Thank you for being such wonderful partners in Christ.

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

We made it through our first month of school with a lot of smiles, hugs, laughter, and some tears and are excited about our upcoming events this month!



October 3rd—Visit from Engine 36 Firefighters

October 5th—MCPCP Spirit Day & Chick-fil-A Spirit Night 5-8 p.m.

October 10th—Pre-K Terrific Tuesday (Exploring Our Senses)

October 11th—Visit from CMPD Police Officers

October 16th—Petting Zoo

October 18th & 19th—Fall Festival Hayrides & Pumpkin Patch (*parents invited to join us*)

October 23rd—Vision Screening for students by Davidson-Huntersville Lions Club

October 25th—Speech/Language/OT Screening for students by Speech Inspirations

October 29th—Scholastic Book Fair OPEN for church members.

October 29th—November 2nd—Scholastic Book Fair in Bus Garage

October 31st—Storybook Parade and Candy Walk

In addition to the above FUN, the children will learn about helpers in our community, fire safety, their senses, bugs, farm animals, and nursery rhymes. Ms. Robin Fuller will continue teaching the children about Jesus during Children's Church every week. The Bible stories for this month are the Fire in the Furnace, The Crippled Hand, Noah's Ark, John the Baptist Ate Bugs, and The Lost Sheep.

Do you LOVE children, want to work with little people and a great group of teachers, help us teach our students about Jesus, and make some spending money? If you do, we have a job for you! We NEED SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS! Don't delay, email kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org today for more information.



Take a break from cooking and join us for some food, fellowship, and lots of FUN at our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on Thursday, October 5th, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the University Place Chick-fil-A, located at 8700 University Executive Park Drive, Charlotte, 28262.

Our Bible verse for October is Psalm 12:7 "Lord, You will keep us safe and protect us."

January - Sept 15, 2023 FINANCIAL POSITION	
Year to Date income	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$1,228.34
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$219,959.21
ONLINE GIVING	\$96,108.77
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$21,956.76
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$20,000.00
TOTAL	\$359,253.08
YTD INCOME	\$359,253.08
YTD EXPENSES	\$432,699.38
Reserves Spent	(\$73,446.30)

Contributions	
January	\$36,873.66
February	\$43,353.43
March	\$42,998.84
April	\$34,910.84
May	\$28,525.55
June	\$49,731.00
July	\$51,830.00
Aug	\$37,203.00
Sept 1/2 a month	\$11,870.00
Total Contributions	\$337,296.32

Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

October 2023

Youth Club Schedule:

Youth Club 3:00-4:30pm	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10/1	A Day in the Park congregational event
10/8	Bible Story and Musical Rehearsal
10/15	Halloween Party and Musical Rehearsal
10/22	Prep for BBQ
10/29	Trunk or Treat 4-5:30

Teen Fellowship Schedule:

Teen Fellowship 4:30-6:30pm	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10/1	A Day in the Park congregational event
10/6-8	Teens Beach Trip (Fri-Sun)
10/15	Halloween Party
10/22	Wash buckets for BBQ & prep
10/29	Trunk or Treat 4-5:30



Celebrate Halloween with MCPC!
 10/15 Halloween party – we will have a costume contest and play games -10/29 Trunk or Treat 4-5:30

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct 29 4-5:30 pm



For kids of all ages
 Costume Contest

Food and Candy Provided
 1600 W. Mallard Creek Ch Rd.

A note from Amanda

If you do NOT have contribution envelopes this year, but would like them for 2024 please e-mail Amanda at penny@mallardcreekchurch.org or call 704-547-0038 ext. 13 If you currently have envelopes, you will receive them again next year without asking.



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The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it; for God has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers Psalm 24:1-2

July 14, 2023

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
 Attn: Mission Committee
 1600 Mallard Creek Church Rd. W
 Charlotte, NC 28262

Dear Partners in God's Ministry,

Grace and peace to you through Jesus Christ, who makes us one. It's hard to believe that we are halfway through the summer. I hope you and the leadership of your congregation can take time to catch your breath, and give the choir, the committees and the session a well-deserved break. On our liturgical calendars this is 'ordinary time'. We give thanks for your faithful and extraordinary support of Presbyterian mission.

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation to your mission committee, pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support. Attached is a list of your gifts we received during the month of June.

The support of your congregation makes a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and around the world. Thank you, once again, for your witness to the Great Commission and your support of the Presbyterian Church. You are a valued partner.

Please let me know how I can assist you in your mission efforts. Feel free to call, write or email with any questions, ideas or suggestions that you may have. I'm here to walk alongside you in our shared mission.

Yours in Christ,

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92nd Annual Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Bar-B-Que Thursday, October 26, 2023

Since 1929

"Coming together, sharing together, working together, succeeding together."

The quote from an unknown source describes the work of the folks at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. The annual barbecue is not a project of the Barbecue Committee, it is a whole-church event... the single largest project tackled each year to raise money for missions and operational needs.

This is a great time of fellowship, hard work and believe it or not, a lot of fun. Please come! We are counting on you.

The Mallard Creek Bar-B-Que is a local tradition that began in 1929 with a meal prepared for the men's group to discuss how they were going to pay down their current debt. The profits of \$89 from that first barbecue enabled them to meet the obligation and history was made!

Please reserve the 4th Thursday in October of the year to join with Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church at the annual Bar-B-Que for good food and fellowship.



Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
92nd Annual Bar-B-Que
Held at the "Community House"
11400 Mallard Creek Road
Charlotte NC 28262

BAR-B-QUE LEADERS

Please contact any of these leaders if you have any questions on how you can help!

Co-Chairmen	Charles Kimrey Bill Wood
Clean Up Day	Charles Kimrey Bill Wood, Craven Oehler
Equipment Set Up	Donnie Oehler Bill Wood
Meat Cook Day	Todd Oehler, Ronnie Oehler Joe Oehler, Randy Oehler Bill Wood
Clean Up After Cook Day	Charles Kimrey Bill Wood
Meat Seasoning	Ken Christenbury Donnie Oehler
Meat by the Pound	Becky Wood Clay Scholand
Covered Dish Lunch	TBA
Slaw Saturday	Jason and Holly Oehler
Brunswick Stew	Rusty and Connie Wallace Melanie Scholand

Wednesday - The Day Before 4 pm - 7pm

Set Up Drive Thru Lines, Food Prep Lines

Bar-B-Que Day. Contact any of these leaders for more information on where/how you can help.

Advanced Ticket Sales **NOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR**

Sandwich Making Larry Oehler

Ryan Oehler

Take Out Plates Sharon Kimrey

Drive Thru Tommy, Lee Ann Oehler

Walk Up Take Out Lynn Davidson
Keri Wass

Sandwich Stand Harvey Alexander
Ken Christenbury

Hats & Tee Shirt Sales Ann Carroll

Parking Lots James Killian, James Killian, Jr.

Brunswick Stew Rusty and Connie Wallace

Slaw and Stew Packaging Melanie Scholand

Wash Pit/Recycling Doug Sheppard
Scott Dixon

Trash Clean Up OPEN

Political Guests Charles Kimrey

After the Bar-B-Que Clean Up Bill Wood

The following have been identified as needing extra help during our busiest time (11 AM - 2 PM). If you only have a small window of time to offer, please consider one of these areas.

Take Out Plate Line **Stew prep/packaging**

Take-Out/Drive Thru

Wash Pit and Trash Clean Up - All Day Long!

As a reminder, we make every effort to recycle clean cardboard, aluminum cans, clean metal cans and plastics. Recycle containers will be scattered around and there will be a designated dumpster on site.

Please follow good sanitation guidelines when you are handling food products. Gloves and hand wash stations are available everywhere.



REMEMBER, we need "U" to make our "Q".
Consider this your personal invitation to participate in the
92nd Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Bar-B-Que!

2023 Bar-B-Que Schedule



Work Day at Community House

Saturday, October 7 8 am - Until
Lots of general building maintenance.
Screen Repairs, Weed Eating, Clean Stew House, Bathrooms, Sandwich Stand, Main Building, etc.

Set Up Cooking Equipment

Thursday October 19 1 pm - Until

Covered Dishes for Lunch

October 20, 23, 24

Please prepare a covered dish for Friday, Monday or Tuesday for the workers. They are working hard and will be hungry! Please have at the community house by **10:30 am each day**. (Please put your name on containers so they can be returned to you.)



Meat Cooking Schedule 5:30 am

Friday, October 20

- 5:30 am** : Build fires
- 6 am** : Put meat on cookers
- 11 am** : Chop and season meat
- After lunch**: Packaged for sale
- 2 pm** : Clean up equipment

Slaw Saturday

Saturday, October 21 8 am - 11 am

This is a great activity for the whole family.



Brunswick Stew Schedule

Saturday, October 21

After slaw has been completed, stew lines and pots will be set up. Come after lunch as there will be plenty to do.

Sunday, October 22 starting at 2 pm

NEED EVERYONE to come help washing buckets and getting the stew house ready. Another great opportunity for the whole family.

Early Monday, October 23 2 am - Until 3 pm

At **2 am** begin cooking meats for Brunswick Stew. By **5 am** grind and portion out for rounds of stew for the following day and BBQ



Early Tuesday, October 24 6 am - Until 6 pm

At **6 am** start first round to be ready by **8 am**. This will continue throughout the day until late afternoon. Come stay the whole day or work a morning or afternoon shift. Stew Dippers be there at 8 am for individual containers packaged for sale. Need help stirring the stew pots all day long. We will also be packaging slaw today.

Wednesday, October 25 4 pm - 7 pm

There will be lots to do on the last day before Thursday. The serving lines, drive thru lanes, food prep areas just to name a few. Come be a part of this special time. The PIG will be put up on the sandwich stand and excitement will be in the air!



92nd Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

Bar-B-Que

Thursday, October 26, 2023

Workers will be on site as early as 5 am! Come as early as you can and stay as late as you can! If you are not able to be here during the day, come after work and help put things away. Those of us that have been here since early in the morning will be glad to see you! This is a great way for you to come out, work with fellow church members, and get to know someone new! Many great friendships have had their start at the

Bar-B-Que!

Group Photo at 8:15 am in front of sandwich stand.

Please remember to park in the *ballfield parking lot*. It will be marked as "worker parking". Please see the list of barbeque department leaders. If you are able to help out in any way, please contact these people. Or better yet, just show up ready and willing to do a job!



Community House Phone

Bar-B-Que Day Only
704-547-0038

11400 Mallard Creek Road 28262

Bill Wood 704-756-0943

Charles Kimrey 704-408-6722



Website: www.mallardcreekbbq.com

Like us on FB: Mallard Creek BBQ

Special Prayers



Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore	Elizabeth King	Caroline Williams	Linda Benfield
Jimmy Rogers, step son of Paul 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
Linda Taylor - sister-in-law of Nancy Busch	Beth Massey	Judith Rankin	Barbara Cottrell
Don and Debbie Killian	Taylor Jones	Lynn Kelley	Cristina Moore
LaVern Winter - father of Tammy Alford	Suggie Christenbury	David Saviano	Cy Alexander
Cora Woodall - great niece of Nancy Busch	Dale McLaughlin	Ann Brown	David McElveen
Kim Cross - brother of Susie Cross	Carlita Hunter	Debbie White	Earl Thomas
David Clemmer, Jr. - son of David Clemmer	Tom Fuller, Sr. - father of Tom Fuller		Tom Baker
Tori Dimmerling - daughter of Jane Geracimos	Nick Lapalombella - brother of Frank Lapolombella		
Jason Sims - friend of Michael and Frank Lapalombella	Cheryl Burton - daughter of Mary and Michael Huber		
Mato Letica - father of Mark Letica	Brenda Dodds - friend of Sara Haynes		Ginger Penninger

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
November Birthdays						
			1 Mike Oehler	2	3 Michael Buchanan Linda Preslar	4 Bruce Moor
5 Scott Reynolds Ryan Clark Ciara Sheehan	6 Andrew Alexander	7 Christian Busch	8 Michael Miller Logan Reynolds	9 Jimmy Hunter A.J. Patafio	10 Lindsay Ann Louya Kylie Alexander Emily Spittle Christina Teke	11 Stuart Haas
12 Donna Seaford Willow Jade Fuller	13 Kirk Killian Keri Wass	14 Lauren Oehler Jordan Beall	15 Cooper Lemon	16 Doug Shepard Craven Cooper	17 John Harvey Alexander Daniel Whitmire	18
19 Ronnie Oehler Lynn Oehler Morgan Jones Sandra Tracy	20 Randy Oehler	21 Kari Miller Mike Rodden	22 Avonda Albright	23 Seth Thompson Ellen Thompson	24 Cary Powell	25 Rodney Smith
26 Ward Dowling	27 Kirk Thompson Debbie Martin Jacob Rodden	28 Wade MacNeil Stephanie Burroughs	29 Carthel Alexander	30 Henry Young		

Elder duty for October: Rodney Smith, Perry Deaton, Nancy Busch

Deacon duty for October: Jackie Brand, Terri Garrison , Karen Kosmoski , Tracy Tucker, Jarret Garrison

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