



# The Scroll

Mallard Creek  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## From Pastor Rob

I am returning to church after a month away. I have been to a different part of the world, experiencing new people, and seeing a different way of being. While we share much with our Scandinavian siblings, there is much that is different. They enjoy a morning sauna before going to work, complete with dives into the frigid waters of a fjord, and again at the end of the work-day, gathering with friends and family for a time of winding down, sweating, freezing, and getting on with it. They like to roam—even private land is open to roaming visitors so long as they do no harm.

And they are Lutherans. The great cathedrals here are stark, plain, and meant to foster an undistracted, uninhibited connection to God. God is felt in the landscape.

Is that something we experience? Do we find God in the very landscape around us? Are we too distracted to notice God in our midst?

That can happen so easily in a time and place that is so full of distractions. The world is constantly shifting all around us. Even in the month I have been gone, the landscape around the church has changed some more—the towers have multiplied, new swaths of trees are gone, and more new faces are moving in.



Is that distracting?

I think that is where the sauna came into play. Each day, families and friends gather together to connect, to sweat, and to swim. They talk. They talk about the day. They talk about work. They talk about relationships. They laugh. They hoot when they hit the water. They found communion.

And they found focus. They once again regained a vision for the day—a vision for themselves—and a vision for life.

What do we need to do? Put a sauna in the gym? We're missing the ice bath afterwards... Maybe there's something more Mallard Creek can practice. What ways could we build daily communion? What ways could we find connection to one another? What ways can we find God all around us?

These are the questions I want to work on now that I'm back.  
Will you join with me in exploring them?



Well, we made it through our first month of school with a lot of smiles, hugs, laughter, and a few tears but we made it!

We started Children's Church in the third week of preschool and amazingly, all the children did a great! They enjoyed Ms. Robin's Bible storytelling of: Jesus Helps the Blind Man See and Jesus Quiets the Storm.

This month will be super busy for us with the following events taking place.

- October 2nd: No School—Teacher Workday
- October 7th: Visit from Engine 36 Firefighters & Wear **Red** Day
- October 13th- 16th: Scholastic Book Fair in the Bus Garage
- October 14th: Pre-K Terrific Tuesday (Exploring Our Senses)
- October 15th: 3's Wonder Wednesday (Pumpkins)
- October 20th: Petting Zoo
- October 21st-22nd: Fall Pictures
- October 23rd: 2's Wear **Orange** Day
- October 27th: The Great Pumpkin Contest
- October 28th & 29th—Fall Festival Hayrides & Pumpkin Patch (parents invited to join us)
- October 30th—Storybook Parade and Candy Walk

The children will learn about helpers in our community, fire safety, their senses, farm animals, and fairy tales. The children will learn Bible stories from our curriculum in their classrooms and during Children's Church each week. The Children's Church Bible stories for this month are Fire in the Furnace, The Crippled Hand, Noah's Ark, and The Lost Sheep.

**Do you LOVE children, want to work with little people and an excellent 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! Do not delay, email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org) today for more information.

Our nursery rhyme for this month is **Mary Had a Little Lamb**. In September, they learned **Old MacDonald**. This month we will teach them **Humpty Dumpty**.

The Bible verse that the children will learn this month is: Psalm 12:7 ~ "Lord, You will keep us safe and protect us."

We hope you will visit our Scholastic Book Fair, Monday, October 13th, through Thursday, October 16th, in the Bus Garage. Shopping times are Monday (8:30am-1:30pm) and Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, (8:30-9:30am and 12:30-1:30pm).

**VOLUNTEERS are needed for our upcoming Scholastic Book Fair that starts on Monday, October 13th, and runs through October 16th. If you would like to volunteer, please email [kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org](mailto:kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org). Thank you!**

# RANDOM ACTS of CHRISTMAS

This year, we're excited to present *Random Acts of Christmas*—a joyful and funny show with a meaningful message. We'd love for your child to be part of it! There are opportunities for both lead roles and ensemble parts, including chorus singing.

We hope you'll consider joining us!

**Final Dress Rehearsal:** ? Saturday, December 6th from 9:30–11:30 AM

We're looking forward to a joyful season and a fantastic show!

**Please contact our Music Director, David Barnaba,** if you have questions, have a child who'd like to participate, or are able to volunteer to help.



# FINANCE

## Do You Know About Qualified Charitable Distributions? Supporting Charity Through Your IRA

If you are 70.5 years of age or older, you have a unique opportunity to support charitable organizations while also managing your financial situation. By making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD) of up to \$108,000 directly from your IRA to a qualified charity, you can contribute to causes you care about in a tax-efficient manner.

### Benefits of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)

- QCDs help ensure that your IRA distributions do not impact your adjusted gross income (AGI), both now and in the future, which means you pay no taxes on that part of your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution)
- This option is available whether you choose the standard deduction or itemize your deductions on your tax return.

If you are subject to a required minimum distribution (RMD), a QCD can count toward fulfilling that requirement.

### Key Considerations

Making a QCD is a straightforward way to support your favorite charities while managing your retirement account distributions efficiently.

To make a QCD to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, ask your brokerage firm or bank that manages your IRA to make a qualified charitable distribution to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church by completing a form they will have or requesting an outgoing check.

**Check payments** should be made payable to MCPC and sent to:

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, Inc  
1600 West Mallard Creek Church Rd  
Charlotte, NC 28262

### Stock Donations:

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, Inc  
1600 W Mallard Creek Church Rd  
Charlotte, NC 29262  
Phone: 704-547-0038

It should be sent to **UBS Financial Services**, account number **C433095 (DTC 0221)**

**Please be sure to call Amanda 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 the church the donor information.

# SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

**September 15, 2025  
Financial Position**

## **Year To Date Income**

SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$2,776.73
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$164,754.61
ONLINE GIVING	\$101,484.00
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$31,621.60
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$65,773.57
TOTAL	<u>\$366,410.51</u>

YTD INCOME	\$366,410.51
YTD EXPENSES	\$432,814.30
<b>Reserves Spent</b>	<u><b>(\$66,403.79)</b></u>

## **Contributions**

January	\$28,170.00
February	\$32,380.12
March	\$76,191.90
April	\$39,521.00
May	\$26,810.69
June	\$48,755.45
July	\$44,697.75
August	\$25,634.00
September (1/2 a month)	<u>\$12,628.00</u>
Total Contributions	<u>\$334,788.91</u>

**Bonappeteens raised \$310 in September**

## A Congregational Meeting

is called for Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 10:20am in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Nominating Committee.

They will nominate five people for the Deacon class of 2028, and floor nominations will be accepted for the three remaining positions that have not yet been filled. Nominations from the floor must have the nominee's approval before being made.

If only seven are nominated, they will be elected by acclamation. If more than seven persons are nominated, congregational meetings will be called each Sunday at 10:20am until seven are elected.

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### Deacon Class of 2028

#### Lynn Davidson

My name is Lynn Davidson, and I am honored to be considered for the role of deacon at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. I have been a committed member of the congregation for the past 12 years, and I have worked at the BBQ for the past 30 years. I have served on the Congregational Care, Finance, and Pastor Search committees, and have been a member of the choir for about 3 years. I also teach adult Sunday School for the Spencer/Morrison class and the Garrison/Martin class. My faith Journey began at a young age in Statesville, NC at First ARP Church. I accepted Christ as my personal savior while at a youth conference at Bonclarken when I was in middle school.

I joined Mallard Creek with Lee Ann Oehler after her brother, Chip, passed away. We felt the need to be more connected with Lee Ann's parents, Tommy and Grace Ann Oehler, after that devastating loss. Having grown up in the Presbyterian faith, it was a natural fit for me. I am proud to be an Oehler by marriage!

I am retired after a 30-year career as a Certified Financial Planner with Ameriprise Financial. The best part of my career was the personal relationships I had with my clients, several of whom are members at Mallard Creek. As a retiree, one of my passions is trying to get better at golf, which is a humbling endeavor! Plus, Lee Ann and I enjoy spending time at our beach house at Seabrook Island, South Carolina.

Lee Ann and I are grateful to call Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church our church home. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as a deacon and to continue growing in faith and service alongside my church family.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to serve.

### **Debbie Dowling**

My husband, Drew, and I have been members of MCPC since 1998 when we relocated from Atlanta. Our children, Ward (22) and Janie (19) were baptized and grew up in this church. I enjoy serving in worship as a choir member. Over the years, I have attended the Garrison-Martin Sunday School class, Circle of Rebekah, and worked the drive-thru at the BBQ. I am a Cabarrus County school teacher at Winecoff Elementary and am also part of the Charlotte Bronze Handbell Ensemble. I enjoy vacationing at the beach with my extended family and cheering for my Clemson Tigers in just about every sport they play.

### **Felix Tanguie**

My name is Felix Tangyie, and I moved to Charlotte, North Carolina in April 2014. I have been a financial and internal controller for 10 years while working for a Credit Union in Cameroon. It was a little challenging to find a similar job when I moved to Charlotte. Today, I am a correctional officer for Piedmont Correctional Institution in Rowan County - a busy and challenging job. I have 2 kids, Grace Tangyie and Daniel Tangyie, aged 10 and 8, respectively. Just to add, I am fully enrolled in an Accounting program. Although I'm busy, I can't wait to contribute my widow's mite to promote the work of Christ.

### **Shawnee Wakeman**

My name is Shawnee Wakeman, and I have been a member of Mallard Creek Presbyterian for 2 years. I am originally from Pennsylvania but have lived in North Carolina for the past 37 years. I work at UNC Charlotte as a Clinical Professor in the College of Education. I am currently a member of the property and personnel committees. I served as an elder, Sunday School teacher, and member of the Christian education and personnel and finance committees at my previous church. I am married to Mick and have two adult children, Emma and Ben. I look forward to the opportunity to grow my relationship with God, along with the members and visitors at MCPC if elected as Deacon.

### **OCTOBER OFFICERS ON DUTY**

#### **ELDERS:**

Nancy Busch, Bob Oehler,  
Jamie Garrison

#### **DEACONS:**

Kelly Jones, Jane Geracimos,  
Jordan Maddux, Tom Baker, Brian Jones

# **PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

**Tuesday, November 4, 7am-9pm**

We will once again be a voting site for the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections.

The church office will remain open from 8:30-4:30,

The Kitchen, Dining Hall and Gym will be unavailable for church use during this time.

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## **LUNCH BUNCH**

**October 21 12:00**

The cost of the luncheon is \$8.00 per person.

We have a very special program by our very own Sandra Tracy-  
you won't want to miss it!

If you are NOT on our permanent list, and cannot attend,

Please call Jimmy Walker at 704-651-6678

If you have not attended in the past, and would like to attend, please give Jimmy a call to make a  
reservation—we'd love to have you join us!

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## **CHURCHWIDE WORK DAY**

**October 25 8:00 am**

Come help us spruce up our church inside (the holidays will be here before you know it)  
and get the outside prepared for winter!

Bring your work gloves, your muscles and tools like chain saws, hedge trimmers, rakes, pike forks,  
etc. —there's lots of work to do!

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## **TRUNK OR TREAT**

**October 26 2:30-6pm**

We're looking for volunteers to decorate their trunks for all the ghosts, goblins, super heroes and  
princesses. There is a signup sheet in the Gathering Space, as well as a bin if you'd like to donate  
some candy for our trick-or-treaters. We'll be serving hot dogs and chips to all of our guests.



# **FRIDAY NIGHT PICKLEBALL**

## **November 7, 7:00-9:00 pm, in the Gym**

Join us for Open Court Pickleball in the Gym!

This outreach program has been a growing success, with attendees playing pickleball and enjoying our new GIANT sized games in Fellowship Hall.

Invite your friends and neighbors to join us for a fun evening of friendly competition.

*No experience necessary*, and snacks are provided!

**Adults age 18 and up**

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# **BACKPACK BLESSINGS**

## **Every Week During the School Year**

Thanks to the dedication of Maria Menconi and her volunteers, on October 1, we began our 12th year of Backpack Blessings. We want to thank the Mallard Creek family for the contributions made during the 2024-2025 school year; the program absolutely cannot continue without your support! This past year we averaged about 60 backpacks a week, with each containing food for 4 children. Our expenses have been about \$700.00 a week.

This school year is going to be especially challenging, as Parkside Elementary has merged with another school and will have around 720 students, up from about 330 last year. As a result, the food needs will be even greater; and we'll prepare 116 bags each week. Parkside has also changed its name to Dorothy J Vaughn Academy of Technology at Parkside. We will continue to provide backpacks for University Meadows.

This program has been supported by the generous donations of church members. Due to the growing number of bags and the rising food prices your continued donations are even more important. While there are many worthwhile projects to support - both in and out of the Mallard Creek family-serving the children in our immediate area is one of the best ways to spread Christ's love around us.

### **How can you donate?**

- § Bring food items and place them in the bin in the gathering space.
- § Write a check payable to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, and in the memo section put Backpack Blessings
- § Donate Online, noting the funds are designated for Backpack Blessings

*Thank you for your support to Backpack Blessings.*

# **OLDER ADULTS MINISTRY**

## **Day Trip, Saturday, September 27**

What a great trip! Thanks to "Driver Extraordinaire" Harvey Alexander, everyone arrived safely to enjoy a wonderful lunch at Love's Fish Box, following a blessing by Bob Oehler.



Lunch was followed by a trip to the theater, where we learned that Kings Mountain was actually founded by Presbyterians! They emigrated from Ireland, and bravely fought and won the War of Kings Mountain.

The play was entertaining, we made it home safely, and the day was enjoyed by all.

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## **BBQ Tribute** **Sunday, October 19**

We would like to encourage everyone to wear any (and all!) of their BBQ gear on Sunday the 19th, when we'll be paying tribute to 93 years of the Mallard Creek BBQ.

The Historical Committee will have a new display in the Gathering Space for us to peruse.






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WE CAN  
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4600 North Tryon St  
Charlotte, NC 28  
P 704-921-2

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Dear Friends

Thank you so much for your kind donation!! This was truly a Blessing as we have really had a shortage of financial Blessings, But God!! We are truly Forever Grateful for all that you all do for Gracious Hands!! May God Continue to Bless and Cover each one of you!!

Shirya P. Chisolm / Founder  
Gracious Hands

Dear Mallard Creek Presbyterian,

Thank you for your recent donation to Camp Grier's Scholarship Fund. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by all of us at camp as we prepare to minister to our youth at summer camp.

Thank you,  
The Camp Grier  
Team

# Special Prayers

October 2025

Avonda Albright  
**Marlene Alexander**  
**David Alder (Bobbi Lisi's cousin)**  
**Benjamin Baker**  
 Clyde and Linda Benfield  
**Ann & Jimmy Brown**  
**Bobby Brown**  
**The Christenbury Family**  
 Bill Cochran  
**Sheila DeArmon**  
 Guy Eberhart  
 Brenda Garrison  
**Jane Geracimos**  
**Ben Hatton**  
**Carl Hatton**  
**Margaret Hatton**

Jean Helms  
**Barry Hinson**  
**Blanche and Johnny Hodges**  
 Janet Hunter  
 Shirley Hunter  
 Phyllis Jones  
 Betsy Killian  
**Karen Koerth**  
**Lana Lamkin (friend of Doris DeArmon)**  
**Sheila Letica**  
**Elaine Lord**  
**Cecil Massey**  
**Tamara Massey**  
**Debbie McCrary**  
**Bobbie Misenheimer**

**Brian Mitchell (Tommy's brother)**  
 Penny Muschett  
 Donnie Oehler  
 Tommy Oehler  
 Jenny Parker  
**John Pipes**  
**Bryan Pouliot (friend of the Alexander's)**  
**Teddy Preslar**  
 Donna Seaford & Lane Seaford  
**Lois Spradley**  
 Linda Taylor (Nancy Busch's SisterInLaw)  
**Pete Taylor (Garrison's Brother-In-Law)**  
 Earl Thomas  
 Lois Treadway  
 Michelle & Lane Winter  
 Dave York (Nancy Busch's BrotherInLaw)

Thank you for your cards, texts, and calls of support and encouragement as I receive chemo to fight bladder cancer.

In Christ, Bobbie Misenheimer

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Linda Preslar	4	5 Ryan Clark	6	7	8
9 Jimmy Hunter	10 Kylie Alexander Emily Spittle	11 Rima Frika Luke Weinbach	12 Willow Fuller Donna Seaford	13 Kirk Killian Keri Wass	14 Lauren Oehler	15
16 Craven Cooper Doug Sheppard	17 John Harvey Alexander, Jr	18	19 Lynn Oehler Ronnie Oehler Sandra Tracy	20 Randy Oehler	21	22 Avonda Albright
23 Seth Thompson	24 Cary Powell	25 Rodney Smith	26 Ward Dowling	27 Kirk Thompson	28 Wade MacNeil	29 Carthel Alexander
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# THANKS FOR THE *Memories*



## Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church BBQ

**Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church to Retire the Annual Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church BBQ**  
*Organizers of the famous pork barbecue and Brunswick Stew have decided to retire the 93-year old event.*

**CHARLOTTE, NC (Oct. 1, 2025)** – Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church will retire the “granddaddy of barbecues” after a 93-year tradition of successfully funding local and world missions along with supplementing it’s building fund. Steeped in history and longtime traditions, it’s with heavy hearts to step away. Generational leadership of the four main components of the BBQ has stepped aside and our process simply can’t sustain the voids. Everything seems to have a life cycle and for the Mallard Creek BBQ, that life cycle is 93-years.

We want to thank everyone for their devotion and dedication to the glorious mission, and we especially want to thank all of the members of the BBQ Committee both past and present who have represented our congregation so tirelessly through the years to build this strong tradition.

We want to thank the countless thousands of neighbors who have visited the BBQ over the years for good food, fellowship, homecomings of sorts, and contributions to missions to continue to move our Lord’s work ahead.

### About the Mallard Creek Barbecue

The Annual Mallard Creek Barbecue has been a Charlotte tradition since 1929. The church was under construction building Sunday school rooms when the nation fell into the Great Depression. Unable to pay the contractor, the deacons hosted a barbecue to raise the money. Funds raised were used to make contributions to local and world missions and supplement the church’s building fund. For more information, visit [www.mallardcreekbbq.com](http://www.mallardcreekbbq.com).