

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

This edition of the October Scroll is the first one in three years to feature the annual barbecue. That seems really momentous for our congregation—a sure and certain sign of resurrection life that hits really close to home.

Soon enough woodsmoke will shroud the Community House. The sound of laughter and conversation will waft over the buildings as people gather to cook, chop, and prepare bbq. Of course, there will also be the communal noise of stew prep, slaw making, and all the other work it takes to prepare for our thousands of friends, neighbors, and guests.

I am really looking forward to it. So much news gets shared. So many reunions occur. So many connections are made. It really does become a living experience of communion that takes that worshipful moment and brings it right to the forefront of our awareness. People are coming together. People are bonding. There is a spirit of welcome, grace, and togetherness that so few things in our world afford.

But as I write this, I am also deeply aware that it has been three years since we last did this. There is rust and dust that needs to be knocked off. Joints need to be oiled. Bolts need to be loosened. We have to relearn the practices and methods that everything work. That will take a bit of refurbishment.

That will also take some new faces.

Some of the folks that made things work so well are no longer able to do so. Some have joined the communion of saints. There is a need for new hands to learn old skills. There is a need for new feet to stand in familiar spots.

In short, there is a place for you.

What is true of any Communion Table is also true for this communal work. Just as Christ makes room at his table for anyone and everyone to join his feast of redeeming grace, we, too, are making room for anyone and everyone who wants to help resurrect our most endearing tradition as a church.

Some might wonder at the use of high language for a church bbq, but as anyone who ever participated knows, a lot of pure, holy church happens at this bbq. Prayers are said, dreams are shared, and community happens. That is the best any church can be. So consider this an invitation to join with us. We have a place for you at our table. We want you to be with us.

Watch this newsletter, our weekly emails, and church announcements for news and notes concerning this year's bbq.



Hunter's Thoughts

This summer, one of my elderly relatives had a fall that left her completely helpless - unable to do anything for herself. She could not even scratch her own nose. Such a situation is devastating physically. The body gets weaker each day a person is confined to bed. Injuries require time to heal, but that time can make muscles atrophy and balance less stable. In such a situation, a person has to rely on others for almost all aspects of life.



Many, if not most, of us have had to lean upon family and friends after an injury or an illness or a surgery. Or we have been close to someone who has been in such need. It can be a helpless feeling, and sometimes scary and even depressing. At such times, many find comfort in the idea that "God does not give us more than we can handle." That allows some individuals to see beyond the immediate and feel hope. Or they can remember a time when they have felt so helpless before and have then moved beyond that time.

But for others, it can seem trite or empty. I believe that we can feel overwhelmed by circumstances and that leads to feelings of abandonment and hopelessness. I wish we could add on to that pearl of wisdom and say "God does not give us more than we can handle **with the help of others.**" God has placed us in community and family for a reason. How many times does Jesus point to the need to reach out to others in need? And in the same way, how often does he relate stories where someone has accepted the care of another?

I have thought of this a great deal as I have seen my elderly relative slowly regain strength and ability. She could never have done so without the help of others. How can any of us grow or heal or mature without guidance and even basic support? Not just physically - we must have some community to create emotional and spiritual help as well.

We are blessed that we have a church family that creates this space for us. And I am thankful that Mal-lard Creek PC is reaching out beyond ourselves to include others. We are called to both give and receive that care, comfort, and support that comes as God's love through the hands and hearts of those around us.

We made it through our first month of school!

Woohoo! We have had a great start to our school year and have many people to thank for their help in getting us to this point.

THANK YOU so much to:

- Members of the Mission and Property committees (Robin & Tom Fuller, James Killian, Larry Oehler, Rachel & Mike Rodden, Jacob Rodden, Paul Menconi, Mack Downing, Paula Brasel, and Pastor Rob) for their hard work and support in helping us spruce up the playground! It looks AWESOME and the children LOVE it!!!
- All church members who donated cleaning supplies, towels, and other products for us to use in the preschool!
- Merle and Elizabeth King, Paul and Maria Menconi, Patty Hawks, and Lois Spradley for their generous donations to our preschool program!
- Linda Wallace, Karen Kosmoski, Andrea Thomas, Pastor Rob, Harvey Alexander, and Mack Downing for helping us with our Parent Orientations!
- The Menconi Girls (Christina deKam, Jackie Triage, and Nicole Stillman) for the delicious breakfast that they brought our staff on the first day of school!
- Everyone who attended our Chick-fil-A Spirit Night on September 15th! We had a big turnout and a lot of fun! We deeply appreciate your support!

October is a busy month at MCPCP! The children will learn about community helpers, Fire Safety Month, exploring their senses, and bugs and farm animals. Ms. Robin Fuller will begin 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, and John the Baptist Ate Bugs. All 3-year-old and Pre-K classes will also start going to the Children's Library in the Education Building once a week where they will hear a story and be able to check out a book.

We will also celebrate fall with our annual Fall Festival (hayrides, pumpkin patch, petting zoo, storybook parade, and candy walk). This year we will finally be able to invite parents to participate by going on a hayride and visiting the pumpkin patch with their child. It will be great to share this special time with them!

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





Thanks to the entire Mallard Creek congregation for all the support you have given to Backpack Blessings this past year.

As the new school year has begun the schools are requesting to expand our partnership. Although food continues to play a big part every week, we are being asked for help with clothing and hygiene products. As you are going thru your children's closets and they have outgrown things please consider donating them to Backpack Blessings. We have plastic bins in the gathering area where items can be placed.

For those of you that are new to our church family, Backpack Blessings is one of Presbyterian Women's mission partners. We supply non perishable foods to those that are not accs blessed as we are. This food is distributed by the school counselors to the families for their weekend needs. We work with University Meadows Elementary, Parkside Elementary and Mallard Creek Elementary. We just started the year and they have identified 69 families and 265 people so far.

Also, if you would like to get involved in a school, University Meadows is looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- Lunch Room support from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, monitoring children while they eat lunch Any time is appreciated.
- Volunteers who can read for the school's Reading Buddies Project for Pre K, Kindergarten and first grade.
- Volunteer support for Media Center and Library.

If you are interested in Volunteering in any of these areas please contact [Maria Menconi](#) at 704-560-3961.

Lastly, we will be doing our annual Angel Tree this year. Look for more details in next month's Scroll.



September 24 Saturday's **blood drive**. Thanks to walk ins from the congregation- always great to see everyone!- we were able to collect 19 pints. The next drive is 12/10 and hope to you there! walk ins are welcome for blood drives going forward. The Red Cross had paused that during COVID but now have the all clear. Thank you! **Carey Armistead**.

Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

October 2022

Youth Club Schedule:

<u>Youth Club 3:00-4:30pm</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10/2	Sabbath (Andrea's Baby Shower 2-4pm)
10/9	Corn Maze outing
10/16	Mission - Make Christmas Cards & Musical Rehearsal
10/22	Saturday 4-6pm Trunk or Treat
10/23	Halloween Party & Musical Rehearsal
10/30	Sabbath (Halloween)

Teen Fellowship Schedule:

<u>Teen Fellowship 4:30-6:30pm</u>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
10/2	Sabbath (Andrea's Baby Shower 2-4pm)
10/7	Friday 6-8pm Teens Halloween Party
10/9	Corn Maze outing
10/16	Bible Study and Dinner
10/22	Saturday 4-6pm Trunk or Treat
10/23	Mission - Wash buckets for BBQ
10/30	Sabbath (Halloween)



Celebrate Halloween with MCPC!

10/7 Teens Halloween party – we will have a costume contest and play games

10/9 Kids & Teens meet us at Country Days
Corn Maze for some fall fun!

10/22 Churchwide Trunk or Treat



**Mallard Creek
Presbyterian Church
Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 22
4-6pm**

For kids of all ages

Costume contest

Food and candy provided

1600 W. Mallard Creek Ch Rd

Financial Update from the Session

September 2022

It's the duty of the Session to keep the Congregation informed of many things about MCPC, and that includes our Church Financial well-being. We would like to share some celebratory news, but also some areas of concern.

First, we have made our [FINAL payment on the Gathering Space loan!](#) Yes, the project that started during Interim Pastor Jay Coker's

time and finished as Pastor Rob Watkins came to MCPC, has crossed the finish line. This is a tremendous accomplishment. Our thanks to those that envisioned this project, ran the capital campaign, donated money, and finally oversaw the construction. We will celebrate soon!

Second, giving has seen a decrease since Covid, typical of many churches. When MCPC was in limited operation during Covid, reductions in revenue were not of serious concern. Limited use of our facilities and reduced programming decreased our expenses. Now that we have returned to full operation/activities, our income has not kept up with our current expenses. It is in fact running behind last year's income. This should be a concern for all of us.

The Gathering Space loan payments were being made from the Building Fund, and not the General Operating Fund, so the loan payoff will not reduce our current general fund deficit. The return of the BBQ will not cover general fund collections. Remember, 85% of the BBQ money goes to replenish the Building Fund and 15% goes to our Mission work.

As the end of the financial year begins to close, the Session asks you to prayerfully consider this, both in your current giving and your pledge going forward. The Lord has blessed MCPC over the years, and we stand with a great accomplishment and look forward to a bright future in Christ.

As info, we have several ways of giving, and are adding new avenues for contributing in addition to the traditional Sunday "in person" offering, even if you are joining Worship Online. You may use the US Mail, but online giving is also available via the "Give" link at the top of [the mallardcreekchurch.org website](#). You do not have to login to "myMCPC", you may continue as a "Guest" if you wish. You can also setup recurring giving on your own personalized schedule on the website.

You may also donate stock, and we are also adding a scannable QR Code to the bulletins soon, to allow contributions directly from your cell phone. We do accept credit cards (for those of you who like the convenience or just want to build card reward points), but the Church will pay a slight fee – you may want to keep that in mind. As always, you can call the Church office, and our Financial Manager, Carolyn can assist you.



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 Carolyn at the church office:

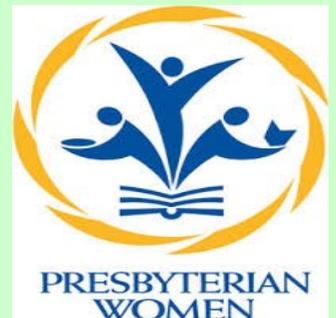
- Tell her the stock is being transferred. She will then show your gift on the church records when the stock transfer is completed. You must call her as UBS does not send her the name of the donor.
- Also tell her which fund or project the gift is to be applied to.

PW Circle Meetings update

Calling ALL Presbyterian Women -

Circle of Mary/Anna – Bobbie Misenheimer, Jane Isenhour & Sally Tyler

The Circle of Mary Anna will meet Tuesday, October 4, at 10:30 upstairs (Garrison/Martin Class) in the Activity Building. 🍬 Please bring a bag of candy for Trunk or Treat. Lunch will follow for those interested at Jason's Deli, Concord Mills.



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



AUGUST STEWARDSHIP UPDATE	
Sunday School	\$114.00
Worship Offering	\$25,495.00
Online Giving	\$10,540.00
TOTAL Offering	\$36,149.00
Total Offering YTD	\$318,536.15
Total Expenses YTD	\$439,772.26
Under for Year	(-\$121,236.11)

"It is the safety committee's purpose to create a safe and healthy environment for church goers and staff, through training and education."



The committee is currently working on getting security cameras installed on campus

The committee recently had active shooter training for the congregation, staff and church officers



MALLARD CREEK LUNCH BUNCH - October 18, 2022 - 12:00 noon in the Dining Hall

Please join us for our Lunch Bunch. The program will be David Erdman BSE, JD Attorney-Historian-Author who will be speaking and sharing photos of 50 Lost Architectural Treasures of Old Charlotte following our lunch.

Reminder: We keep a permanent list of our members for Lunch Bunch, so if you cannot attend please call Margaret Hatton 614-537-5363 or Jimmy Walker 704-651-6678 to cancel your meal reservation. Or, if you think you are not on the permanent list and would like to attend, please call to make your luncheon reservation. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

* If you are able, please bring food supplies to help support the children in our Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Backpack Ministry

For educational and spiritual nurture committee, we are seeking volunteers for Elementary and Teen Sunday School teachers. Looking at no more than one weekend commitment a month. Please contact me at cmm0822@gmail.com or Andrea if you are interested. -Cristina



Important MCPC BBQ News – Schedule coming

Yes, you heard right, the **BBQ is on for 2022!** The only change to prep

schedule daily activities will be that we will only be cooking BBQ on Friday this year. Wed's cooking setup will now be on Thursday. **Remember the BBQ is the 4th Thursday, Oct 27th.** Setup for cooking will be on Thurs October 20th and cooking will begin on Friday the 21st.

The work day for the BBQ is 8 am till noon at the Community house on Sat October 8. Other daily activities will remain on their normal days.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<h1>November Birthdays</h1>				
		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	11 Stuart Haas	12 Donna Seaford Brent Zevan Damalice Swiri Willow Jade Fuller
13 Kirk Killian Keri Wass	14 Lauren Oehler Jordan Beall	15 Cooper Lemon	16 Doug Shepard	17 John Harvey Alexander Daniel Whitmire	18	19 Nancy Seaford Ronnie Oehler Lynn Oehler Morgan Jones
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			

To my friends at Mallard Creek Church thanks so much to the four kind of gentlemen to built a beautiful ramp for me. Its very appreciated and it will make getting in and out of my home easier and safer.

Love Carolyn Sheehan





A baby boy is on the way!

Join us for a
Baby Shower
honoring
Andrea Thomas & Carson Shoupe

Date : Sunday October 2, 2022

Time : 2-4 PM

Place : Church Dining Hall

Hosted by: Robin Fuller & Kristy Maddux

RSVP : Text 704-701-2121 or 704-517-7384

Registered at Amazon & Target under Andrea Thomas

Papery Pop

Elder duty for October: Cristina Moore, Rodney Smith, Clay Scholand.

Deacon duty for October: Jackie Brand, Jenifer Lazarus, Jack Miles, Tracy Tucker, Wendy White, Jarret Garrison

Nancy Moore - mother of Rob Moore	Elizabeth King	Bobby Brown	Caroline Williams
Carolyn Sheehan	Shirley Hunter	Cecil Massey	Donna Seaford
Kenneth Helms	Juanita Untz	Kathy Robinson	Elaine Lord
Joy Johnson	Bernice Martin	Ruby Downing	Maria Martini
Andy Marcus - brother of Rachel Rodden	Justin Alford	Donnie Oehler	Janet Dalelio
The Family of JoAnn Reid	Nina Brown	Katherine Lockhart - mother of Keri Wass	
Suggie Christenbury	Cy Alexander	Roy Kinnamon	BeBe McGee
Harry and Margaret Kirk- Monie Alexander parents	Lenny Brown		
Guy Eberhart	Maggie Joseph	The Family of Harvey Johnston	

Special Prayers



91st Annual Mallard Creek
Presbyterian Church
Bar-B-Que
Thursday, October 27, 2022



"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!

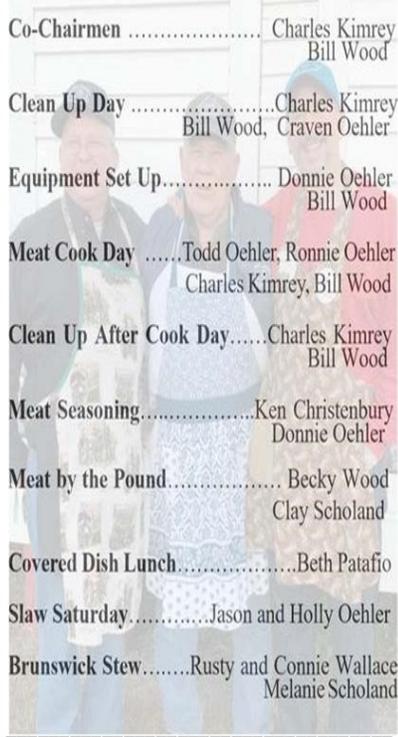
Please reserve the 4th Thursday in October of the year to join with Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church at the annual Bar-B-Que for good food and fellowship.



Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
91st 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
Charles Kimrey, 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..... Beth Patafio
- 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 SalesNOT AVAILABLE THIS YEAR

Sandwich Making.....Larry Oehler
Ryan Oehler

Take Out PlatesSharon Kimrey

Drive Thru Tommy, Lee Ann Oehler
Lynn Davidson

Walk Up Take OutKeri Wass

Sandwich StandHarvey Alexander
Ken Christenbury

Hats & Tee Shirt Sales.....Ann Carroll

Parking LotsHarry Kirk
James Killian

Brunswick Stew..... Rusty and Connie Wallace

Slaw and Stew Packaging.....Melanie Scholand

Wash Pit/RecyclingDoug 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 will be 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 91st Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Bar-B-Que!

2022 Bar-B-Que Schedule



Work Day at Community House

Saturday, October 1 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 20 1 pm - Until

Covered Dishes for Lunch

October 21, 24, 25

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 21

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 22 8 am - 11 am

This is a great activity for the whole family.



Brunswick Stew Schedule

Saturday, October 22

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 23 starting at 2 pm

The Youth will be washing buckets and getting the stew house ready. Another great opportunity for the whole family.

Early Monday, October 24 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 day. This will take all day so come when you can.



Early Tuesday, October 25 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 26 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!



91th Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

Bar-B-Que

Thursday, October 27, 2022

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

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