



The Scroll

MallardCreek
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Rob

September always feels like a major shift in the calendar—schools are all back in session, pools are closing for the season, football is in the air, Walmart has gone Christmas crazy, and you can get pumpkin spice EVERYTHING—

That is true here at church as well—okay, okay there will NOT be pumpkin spice Communion—but so many things are kicking back into high gear.

PRESCHOOL

Our preschool is back, meaning traffic is heavy around the church first thing in the morning and at noon time. The halls are filled with laughter and still a few tears as little ones try their first adventures away from home. It always brings an air of life into the halls when the little ones descend.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our classes are in full swing every Sunday morning. There are two adult options—one on the Morrison Classroom and one in the Garrison-Martin Classroom. We have a full range of kids' classes, too, so if Sunday School is something you've never tried, give it a whirl. You might learn something, as my mother would say.



BIBLE STUDY

Our weekly Bible studies are back in business. On Wednesdays, we meet in person in the Garrison-Martin Classroom at 600 pm, and on Sundays, we meet via ZOOM at 630 pm for those whose schedules and situations are more suited to a virtual class. We are working our way through the book of Psalms, the prayer book of the Bible.

BBQ

The BBQ is only a few weeks away! This annual event is a great way to rub shoulders with a lot of Mallard Creekers, go through a grand reunion with old friends, and eat some of the best pork and Brunswick Stew available. Look for news and notes about the schedule of prep times and so on.

CHOIR AND BELLS

We get musical throughout the school year, so consider making a joyful noise with a great group of people. Lift your voice in praise or shake a bell in a grand clarion of joy.

As you can see, there is so much on tap, and this list does not capture all of it. Read through this newsletter and check the weekly emails for even more possibilities!

See you soon!



It is time for preschool to open back up and our staff has been working hard to get everything ready for our first day on September 3rd. The staff has been busy taking CPR/1st Aid training, attending a great workshop, "Please Let Them Play," that was provided by Child and Family Resources, and spending countless hours planning, decorating, and preparing for their students. We cannot wait to see our returning students and families and to meet our new ones!

We want to express our gratitude to Ms. Christina deKam for her work and dedication over the past few years as one of our parent representatives! She is stepping down, as her children are no longer at our preschool. We will miss seeing her and appreciate the love and support she has given our staff over the years.

We do welcome our newest parent representative, Ms. Erika Miller, who will join Ms. Jackie Triage, who is still willing to work with us after all these years. Erika has a daughter in our three-year-old program and a son who completed our program two years ago and is in first grade this year. Erika has worked with us since Covid and is the one who designed the preschool's new logo.

We were saddened to learn of Miss Beth Massey's passing, as she was a loving, dedicated, kind, and an amazing preschool teacher! She worked at our preschool since it opened its doors in 1987 and helped mold the preschool into the success that it is today. She touched the lives of so many children during her years at MCPCP and will be missed but her legacy will live on in the faces of her many students. Rest in Peace, Miss Beth, you will never be forgotten. We love you!

On a more upbeat note, **please help us welcome Ms. Paige Tait back to the MCPCP family!** Ms. Paige is taking on Ms. Paula Brasel's role as our Administrative Assistant. Ms. Paula is taking a rest from the hustle and bustle every day at the preschool to help her husband with their family business. **Ms. Paula will be staying on in a different role as our new Admissions Administrator and will be working online from her home.** She will handle all admissions and any changes to our on-line Brighwheel app. We will miss seeing her every day and hope that she gets a much-deserved break from working two demanding jobs at once.

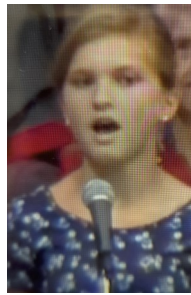
THANK YOU so much for the donations that you brought for our preschool on Back-to-School Sunday! Your generosity means so much to all of us at MCPCP! Thank you, too, for your continued support of our preschool as an outreach ministry program of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church. We look forward to another wonderful year of working together with each of you and seeing where God leads us.

If you love children and would like to earn a little extra money, we would love for you to be a substitute teacher at the preschool! We have Substitute Trainings coming up on Wednesday, Sept. 11th, and Thursday, Sept. 12th, at 9:30 a.m. If you or anyone you know is interested, please call our office at 704-549-9741 or email kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org.

Mark 6:7 "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

Financial Update

Your contributions helped make all these events possible.



15-Aug-24 Financial Position	
Year To Date Income	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$1,181.00
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$160,375.47
ONLINE GIVING	\$88,489.99
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$22,615.46
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$37,103.94
TOTAL	\$309,765.86
YTD INCOME	\$309,765.86
YTD EXPENSES	\$381,655.51
Reserves Spent	(\$71,889.65)
Contributions	
January	\$27,665.50
February	\$32,286.00
March	\$66,374.06
April	\$42,196.75
May	\$23,407.50
June	\$32,641.35
July	\$37,639.02
Aug (1/2 a month)	\$24,940.22
Total Contributions	\$287,150.40

To Quote Taylor Swift...

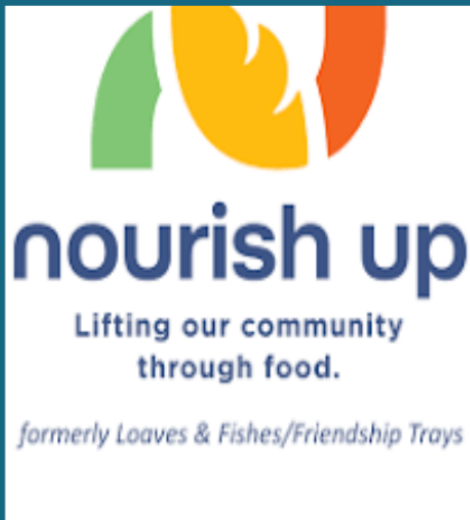
ARE YOU READY FOR IT?

The Mallard Creek BBQ

October 24

News Coming Soon...

MISSION COMMITTEE



Help us sort food for the less fortunate.

Sign up:

- **Call the office**
- **In the Gathering Space**

Volunteer with the Mission Committee

Saturday, September 21

9-11 am

901 Carrier Dr, Charlotte

Nourish Up Warehouse

Transportation is available

Ages 14+

Let's End Food Insecurity

Two long-standing non-profits with a rich history of fighting hunger, Loaves & Fishes and Friendship Trays, joined forces with a new name, **Nourish Up**. Lifting up our community through food, we provide [groceries](#) to our neighbors in need in Mecklenburg County through the largest network of food pantries in North Carolina, grocery home delivery, and delivering healthy meals each weekday through our [Meals on Wheels](#) program.

Transportation Will Be Available
Ages 14 +

Youth & Teens



September 8 marks the KickOff of our Youth and Teen Clubs!

We will have pizza and a pool party for Youth Club (Kindergarten-5th grade) from 3-4:30, and for Teens (6-12th grades) from 4:30-6:30pm at the Kings Crossing Community Pool. Please join us and bring a friend!

There will also be a brief meeting about Montreat for middle school (rising 6-9th graders) and high school (rising 9th-current seniors), starting at 4:30 for parents. It is already time for early (and discounted) registration. We look forward to seeing you soon!

801 Kings Crossing Drive NW



Bonappeteens are BACK Sunday, September 8th at 9 am

Where: MCPC Dining Hall

Time : 9am – 9:30 am

What :Teens are cooking breakfast

Why: Monthly fundraiser for Teen Fellowship program at MCPC – donations may be made with cash or check

Mark your calendars for some good eating the 2nd Sunday of each month



New Faces at MCPC

Welcome To The Team



Paige Tate

My name is Paige Tate.

I was born in Spencer, Iowa. I graduated from Gaffney High School in 1996. I enrolled in the University of Colorado and studied for a bachelor's in business management. In 2006, I moved from Gaffney, South Carolina to Bentonville, Arkansas with my husband. In 2007, my son was born and I enrolled him in preschool at our church. That's when I found out how much I enjoyed teaching preschoolers. I was a lead 2's teacher for the preschool and I got involved in other activities that the church offered.

In 2015, I moved to Charlotte, and I knew that I wanted to continue teaching the little ones. I started teaching the 2's at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool in 2016 and have been here since then. My son, Zach, is 16 years old now and he attends Bradford Preparatory School in Charlotte. We are a family of bowlers and bowl up to 5 nights a week or we can be found at the beach combing beaches for shark teeth when Zach isn't bowling in a bowling tournament.

I am blessed beyond belief of what a great family I have here at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church Preschool and excited to be working beside Ms. Kristy this year as her Administrative Assistant.

WELCOME *our new pianist*



Donna Dye

MEET THE MCPCP TEAM!



Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

Cemetery Rules and Guidelines

The Cemetery Committee (CC) which shall be a standing committee of the church, under the Property Committee, shall manage the cemetery. It shall consist of three members plus the chair of Property. The church session shall appoint the members yearly. The CC will assign lots to members, mark grave sites, mark stone placements, enforce cemetery guidelines, answer cemetery questions and make recommendations to the session on cemetery matters.

MCPC will assign cemetery lots to its members upon their request and the availability of lots.

In the event of a death with no prior assignment of a plot, the cemetery committee will assign the plot for burial.

These lots may be used for the burial of assigned member and his/her immediate family. Immediate family shall consist of spouse, parents and minor children (<18).

The cemetery is designed for the burial of earthly remains in a casket. The burial of ashes is not permitted in the cemetery BUT the church columbarium is available. (SEE: Columbarium and Memorial Wall rules and guidelines).

All caskets must be encased in a concrete vault to prevent settling or collapse of the site.

All grave sites must be marked by one or preferably two members of the cemetery committee prior to the opening of the grave.

No parcels of land are ever sold and therefore no deeds are issued.

When a person ceases to be a member of MCPC (by their request or by session action), any cemetery lots previously assigned to them but not yet used will be reassigned by the church EXCEPT

If after one spouse is buried in the MCPC cemetery and the second spouse moves his or her membership or is removed from the church rolls by the church session, then a second lot may be retained for their burial if they wish.

Markers (head and / or footstones) may be placed in accordance with the adopted cemetery guidelines and the approval of the cemetery committee. (See marker requirements).

Flower arrangements, real or artificial, may be placed as desired; HOWEVER, the person placing the flowers is also responsible for removing them **before** they become faded or unsightly.

Permanent flower holders may not be above ground level, except those which are part of a monument.

Any deteriorated flowers will be removed by the cemetery committee.

Decorative or American Flags which have become faded or torn will be removed by the cemetery committee.

Trees and / or shrubs may be planted only with prior consent of the CC.

Funeral homes opening a grave in the cemetery will be responsible for the removal of surplus dirt when the grave is closed. Sod removed when opening a grave will be saved and replaced.

MCPC requires every family to supply police officers to assist persons crossing the road for all services across Mallard Creek Church Road. This requirement is not an option. To use the MCPC cemetery the officers must be present.

MARKERS

All head and footstones will be placed in accordance with the church guidelines (SEE drawings).

The location for all markers must be marked by one or two members of the CC prior to placement.

Drawings from the stone supplier must be given to the CC for review prior to ordering.

Headstones shall be no more than thirty-six (36) inches tall, including the base AND no more than seventy (70) inches wide (or forty (40) inches for a single plot), including the base.

Headstones may have "family" name on both sides, HOWEVER full individual names including date of birth and date of death must read from the foot of the grave. (East side).

If a footstone is to be used with no family headstone, the footstone must always be placed at the foot of the grave and read from the foot.

A four (4) inch wide and four (4) inch deep straight concrete border shall surround all head and footstones at ground level.

Military footstones will be placed on the east end of the plot and read from the east. HOWEVER if the plot is a two sided plot (See example B), the footstone shall be placed on the west end and read from the west.

Corner markers shall only be placed where marked by the CC and not be above ground level.

Coping and walls shall not be erected in the cemetery. Any existing walls which are not kept neat and trimmed regularly by the families involved will be removed after a reasonable time.

Permanent flower holders may not be above ground level, except those which are part of a monument.

Bible Study

2 CLASSES OFFERED

Starting in September



In Person
Wednesdays
6:00

Zoom
Sundays
6:30

In person begins Sept 4, and Zoom begins Sept 8

If you'd like to participate in the Sunday evening Virtual Class, please
email

terris@mallardcreekchurch.org

In the church office, so we can send you the ZOOM invitation
each week.

CONNECTIONS COMMITTEE

The Harvest Is Plentiful, the Laborers Are Few

The mission of the Connections Committee is to promote and enhance the public image of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church and to extend welcoming hospitality to everyone including members, visitors, and the surrounding community seeking a worship experience at Mallard Creek.



**Connections Committee
NEEDS YOU!**

Please reach out to
Lee McConnell or Phil Ashley

New Comer Luncheon

9/15 after 10:30 service
RSVP via signup-genius or to
Phil Ashley 704-773-8464

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meetings

Circle of Mary-Anna

**1ST Tuesday of the month.
10:00am
in the
Garrison-Martin Classroom**

Circle of Rebekah Ruth

**2nd Monday of the month
6:00 pm
in the
Gathering Space**

**Contact for Mary-Anna:
Charlotte McConnell
camconnell74@icloud.com
252-6708388**

**Contact for Rebekah Ruth:
Mary Baker
tbbmeb@att.net
704-717-4851**

**Study books will be available at the meeting, and
the cost is \$10.00**

ALL women of the church are welcome!

OLDER adults

MINISTRY



LUNCH
BUNCH

Each month, our Older Adult Ministry (aka the Lunch Bunch) gets together for fellowship, a delicious lunch, and entertainment. You'll often find a table of books and puzzles to share, and you'll always have a table full of fun folks to sit with to enjoy the afternoon. We also take field trips, and the planning committee has been hard at work planning activities.

What a wonderful way for us to kick-off our first Lunch Bunch program with the Molded Clay Quartet to share God's love in music for us.

A love offering will be taken. Please plan on attending for this special time of fellowship. (members are invited to bring Backpack food items)

Reminder: We keep a permanent list of our members for Lunch Bunch, so if you cannot attend please call Margaret - 614-537-5363 or Jimmy - 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.

PLEASE JOIN US!

You might be surprised just how much fun we "old folks" are!



For those that are new to our Mallard Creek family, Backpack Blessings is a Presbyterian Women's mission. Every week we put together bags with non perishable food to feed underprivileged families over the weekend who otherwise wouldn't get much to eat. We are currently feeding children from Parkside Elementary and University Meadows Elementary Schools.

For the month of August we are collecting school supplies and gently used clothes. As you are getting ready for the cooler weather and going thru your children's clothes, please remember these needy students who sometimes come to school not prepared for the weather. Bins will be in the Gathering Space labeled "School Supplies and Clothing".

Clothes sizes needed are 5T thru 16. The bin in the sanctuary for non perishable food remains.

Thank you again for your continued support. Without you we would not be able to help these schools. If you are not able to donate items but want to assist with this ministry, please write a check made out to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church and in the memo section write "Backpack Blessings."

If you are interested in learning more about this mission program or what kind of food to donate, please call Maria Menconi 704-560-3961. We usually meet on Wednesday morning to put these bags together.

Thank you and God's blessings.



NEW CLASS!



A MATTER OF
BALANCE
MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

An evidence-based
program backed by years
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A Matter of Balance

Beginning in September, a free eight-week workshop called “**A Matter of Balance**” will be held in the MCPC Dining Hall. The workshop is limited to 12 participants.

Wednesday MOB Workshop: Begins September 18th from 2pm to 4pm in the Dining Hall. We will skip the Wednesday before BBQ day, with the final session on November 13th.

If you want to sign up or have questions, please call/text Keri Wass at 704-564-1590 or email at keriwass86@gmail.com. If you signed up at Lunch Bunch, your name on the list!

Prayer Quilt Ministry

"No one has ever seen
God;
but if we love one another,
God lives in us and his love
is made complete in us."
-1 John 4:12 (NIV)

Prayer Quilt Ministry,

Thank you for the beautiful quilt
for my son, Bryson Rosas. Even more so
thank you for praying for him. His
surgery surpassed expectations and
God's protection was both seen and
felt. Praise God for his mercy and for
your groups mission, it blessed Bryson
and me in ways I cannot express in
words.

Thank you,
Melissa Rosas & Bryson

To the Prayer Quilt Ministry:
Thank you so much for the beautiful
prayer quilt. It was such a
lovely surprise and comfort during
my surgery and recovery. The green
& blue are just gorgeous. I ask for
your continued prayers and thank
you again for the thoughtful &
generous gift. Sincerely, Kate Haigh

To the Prayer Quilt Ministry,
What a special blessing (and joy)
it was when I received the Prayer
Quilt from your wonderful ministry.
It meant so much to me to know
caring people, who I don't even know
were praying for me to get well.
Thank you so much for showing
God's love in a real way. I
love my prayer quilt and I will
treasure it forever!

In Christ's love,
Annette M. Lee

P.S. I am feeling so much
better and I am completely
off of oxygen!



**The Prayer Quilt Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10th
in the Dining Hall at 9:30AM. We welcome our regular members back
and look forward to seeing new faces that would like to know more or
participate in the ministry.**

Contact Sue Oehler (704-564-1555 or csoehler@bellsouth.net)

OR

Doris DeArmon (704-787-2980 or dearmonrag@aol.com)

for more information.

Thank You

From Our Church Members

Many thanks to our church family, the Congregational Care Committee, and Women of the Church for all of the prayers, cards, love, and care during the time of our Mother's decline and passing.

It is a wonderful thing to feel the love and friendship of so many during a difficult time. You are truly appreciated.

With love and God's Peace,
The Snow/Lapalombella Family

Thank you to Bill Penninger, for driving to a hotel and an apartment last week, providing financial assistance to allow 2 young mothers to avoid homelessness.

Thank you for all the calls, food, and visits during Elizabeth's illness and her passing. I truly appreciate you all.

Merle King

Day *in the* Park



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29
11:30 am in the Dining Hall/Gym



**EVERYONE
WELCOME**

We will be grilling hot dogs and hamburgers, and the Fellowship Committee will provide all the food.

Bring your family and friends, a dessert to share, and enjoy a day of fun and relaxation following the 2nd service.

**Join us for our Annual Day in the Park
and make some unforgettable memories with your
church family and friends!**

This is a great opportunity to get to know all the folks you see in church every week, and maybe meet a few new people! There will be lots of food and games for both young and old—a bounce house, Bingo, sack races, 3 legged races and more!

On top of that, we are having an old fashioned CAKE WALK!!! Start looking through your recipe books now and bring your best and prettiest cake to submit!

To be sure we have plenty of food, please sign up in the church office (call or email terris@mallardcreekchurch.org) or in the Gathering Space, and let us know how many people will be with you—come by yourself, your family, or bring a friend!

EVENTS TO
Remember

Dale
McLaughlin's
Funeral
Sept 4
2:00 Visitation
3:00 Service

Linda Untz
Funeral
Sept 6
12:00
Visitation
1:00 Service

Carlita Hunter's
Funeral
Sept 7
10:00 Visitation
11:00 Service

Beth Massey's
Funeral
Sept 14
1:00 Visitation
2:00 Service

Special Prayers



Cy Alexander	Shirley Hunter	Judith Rankin
JW and Vivian Avant	Jane Isenhower	Cheryl Reisher, -
Linda Benfield	Phyllis Jones	Shawnee Wakeman's
Jackie Brand	Lynn Kelley	cousin
Bobby Brown	Betsy Killian	Donna Seaford
Donny Brown	Merle King	Lois Spradley
Ken and Suggie Christenbury	Roy Kinnamon	Nicole Stillman
David Clemmer, Jr.	Elaine Lord	Earl Thomas
Bill Cochran	The Family of Beth Massey	Tracy Tucker
Ruby Downing	The Family of Dale McLaughlin	Family of Linda Untz
Brenda Garrison	Rob Moore	Juanita Untz
Carl Hatton	Donnie Oehler	Keri Wass
Jean Helms	Jenny Parker	Caroline Williams
The Family of Carlita Hunter		

SEPTEMBER OFFICERS ON DUTY

ELDERS: James Killian, Brian Wasko, Greg Armistead

DEACONS: Amy Spittle, Jean MacNeil, Katie Moore, Sue Bishop, Tom Baker

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>October Birthdays</h1>						
	1	2 Amanda Murray Peter Shankey	3 Kimberly Stiffel Will Oehler	4	5 Terry Wilkinson Lynn Davidson Justin Alford	6
7 Ann West Madelyn Lazarus	8 Jack Miles Janet Dalelio	9	10	11	12	13 Jessica Booth
14 Chad Killian Trent Spittle	15 Lynn Kelley Bobbie Misenheimer Scott Dixon Tammy Alford	16 Linda Baker	17 Pam Whitmire Alex Busch	18 Jane Isenhower Charlotte McConnell	19	20 Aubrey Wasko
21 Jimmy Walker Alison Watkins	22 Adelynn Zevan	23 Craven Benfield	24	25 Elcie Pavlick	26 James DeArmon Jr.	27
28 McKenzie Kimrey Phil Ashley Lorraine Ndingwan McKenzie Kimrey Erin Mitchell	29 Doreen Smith Blaine Kimrey	30 Jamie Garrison Austin Alexander	31 Suggie Christenbury			

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