



The Scroll

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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From Pastor Rob

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We stand on the lip of a brand new year, about to plunge headlong into whatever is coming, which, I believe, is thankfully kept from view until it happens. One of the graces we sometimes take for granted is the grace of NOT knowing what the future holds. We think it might give us more control over things if we knew what was coming, but I sincerely doubt that that is true. We might lay awake more, dreading what we knew was coming, but I do not think we could really control things more.

But still we stand here in the early days of 2025—a quarter of the way through the 21st Century when some of us had hoped we would all be driving flying cars like the Jetsons—still very much bound to the ground in our SUVs, trucks, and sedans. The year lay before us, ready to be explored, experienced, and enjoyed. Remember that as we drive along to work, wait in the carpool line, or pass through the drive-thru lane for our coffee. There is much yet to be known, done, or seen.

What things do you want to learn about Jesus this year? The Message is over 2000 years old, yet continues to offer so many new insights and pearls of wisdom to be uncovered.

What do you want to try at church this year? Maybe this is the year you say yes to the Nominating Committee and become a Deacon or an Elder, joining the leadership of our congregation in pursuing whatever vision God lays before us.

What do you want to do to deepen your connection to God this year? Increase worship attendance? Join a Bible study? Sing in the choir? Begin a prayer focus? Join a mission project? All of the above?

So many things to think about it—all those uncharted days—so much yet to come...

We do pray that all will experience blessing and promise in the coming year, but know also that if the path skews to one side or the other or bounces back and forth unpredictably, we will be there for you and with you. God is good and grace abounds, and so we try to go and do likewise.

Blessings for the New Year to one and all!





THANK YOU to everyone who supported us in one way or another in 2024! Your support means so much to us and is so important in helping us provide a rich and engaging preschool program to our students every year! THANK YOU!!!

Also, special thanks to Merle King for providing an AED machine in honor of Miss Beth Massey for the preschool, and Lois Spradley for her donations to our preschool program throughout the school year! Thank you for your continued support!

The month of December was busy with holiday activities, including a visit from Santa, celebrating Jesus' birthday, classroom Christmas celebrations, a Teacher Christmas Luncheon, and our Christmas Program. THANK YOU to Maria Menconi, Nicole Stillman, Jackie Tiece, and Erika Miller for our amazing staff t-shirts and luncheon they provided for our staff!

Our Christmas Program turned out great thanks to Robin Fuller, who directed the play, our preschool staff, and many volunteers. THANK YOU, Harvey Alexander, and Mack Downing for taking care of the sound and Monie Alexander, Josh Ashley, Riley Ashley, Joshua Baker, Jane Geracimos, Patty Hawks, Bonnie Hodges, Karen Kosmoski, Charlotte McConnell, Lee McConnell, Susan Mach, and Linda Wallace, for helping with the program! It was a wonderful way to bring our church and preschool families together to celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

We are excited for 2025! God has blessed us with full classrooms, waiting lists for each age group, wonderful teachers, generous preschool parents, church members, and so much more! We are so grateful and look forward to this brand-new year!

We do have some sad news to share. Ms. Paula Brasel will no longer be working for us. Starting this month, her family needs her to start working full time for their family business so she will no longer be working with us at the preschool. We are truly going to miss her, as she has been an integral part of our program for the last several years. THANK YOU to Ms. Paula and her family for all that they have done for our preschool, especially since Covid. We would not have made it through the Covid years without them and will be forever grateful for their love and support! Going forward, Ms. Paige Tait will be adding Ms. Paula's responsibilities to what she already does every day.

This month our students will learn about winter and God's winter gifts, Dinosaurs, the church and church helpers, their family, and eating good and healthy foods. They will meet with Pastor Rob in the church sanctuary to learn all about our church, do fun winter activities, and some of our Pre-K classes will see *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* at Children's Theatre of Charlotte.

REGISTRATION for the 2025-2026 school year will begin on January 27th. We would love to have your child/grandchild join us next year! The deadline for registration for church members is February 13th. Email paiget@mallardcreekchurch.org, kristym@mallardcreekchurch.org, or call 704-549-9741, if you would like more information or to schedule a tour of the preschool.

Our Bible verse this month is: "Come, follow Me and I will make you fishers of men." Mark 1:17



December 2024

MCPC PRESCHOOL

Moments to Remember



THE MANY FACES
OF HARVEY
ALEXANDER



A COUPLE OF OUR PRESCHOOL BENEFACTORS...
we're so lucky to have them!
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!



**MERLE
KING**



FINANCING

15-Dec-24	
Financial Position	
Year To Date Income	
SUNDAY SCHOOL	\$1,856.00
WORSHIP OFFERING	\$273,027.91
ONLINE GIVING	\$145,068.99
CELL TOWER INCOME	\$35,616.74
ONCE A YEAR CONTRIB	\$72,203.94
SETTLEMENT INCOME	\$11,972.31
TOTAL	\$539,745.89
YTD INCOME	\$539,745.89
YTD EXPENSES	\$578,495.20
Reserves Spent	(\$38,749.31)
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	\$39,619.22
Sept	\$53,850.00
October	\$55,321.00
November	\$57,510.39
December (1/2 a month)	\$23,646.05
Total Contributions	\$492,156.84

WITH YOUR HELP THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS WERE MADE ABOVE AND BEYOND THE BUDGETED DONATIONS FOR 2024

2ND HARVEST FOOD BANK
\$5,000

CHARLOTTE RESCUE MISSION
\$2,500

A ROOF ABOVE
\$2,500

AMERICAN RED CROSS HURRICANE RELIEF
\$6,940



SAMARITAN'S PURSE HURRICANE RELIEF \$7,190

2024 BBQ NUMBERS ARE STILL PENDING A COUPLE OF INVOICES - THAT MONEY WILL BE DISBURSED WHEN WE HAVE THOSE FINAL TOTALS

MCPC COMMITTEES

TIME TO RESTOCK COMMITTEES: Each December MCPC restocks the church committees. Most of the work at MCPC is done within a church committee. Our various committees are responsible for responding to the needs of our church family. Almost all items brought to the Session or the Board of Deacons for action comes from a church committee.

The **Board of Deacons** are responsible for:

- The Congregational Care Committee
- The Connections Committee
- The Mission Committee
- The Fellowship Committee

The **Session Committees** are:

- The Education and Spiritual Committee
- The Youth and Children Committee
- The Worship Committee
- The Property Committee
- The Finance Committee

Each committee is chaired by an elder or a deacon and is made up of not only officers but also congregational members. If you would like to serve on a committee please let the church office know or leave a note on the pew register. If there is an open spot on a committee, the chair would then call you.

SESSION NOTES

The annual meeting of MCPC Inc. is called for 10:15 am on Sunday, January 19, 2025 in the sanctuary. The items of business will be:

- to receive a 2024 annual report from the Session
- to receive a 2024 financial report, to receive the budget for 2025
- to elect four members for the 2025 nominating committee, nominees are Nina Brown, Joe Crapster, Perry Deaton, and Linda Wallace
- and to change the terms of call for Pastor Watkins to match the 2025 budget.
 - * Salary \$61,302
 - * Medical Ins. \$28,008
 - * Housing \$45,000
 - * Pension \$ 9,036
 - * Social Security Allowance \$ 8,132
 - * Disability \$ 1,595
 - * Car Allowance \$ 2,500
 - * Dental Ins. \$ 905
 - * Education Allowance \$ 2,000
 - * Vision Ins. \$ 95
 - * Phone Allowance \$ 1,200



WE WELCOMED 5 NEW MEMBERS THIS MONTH!

Please say hello and introduce yourself when you see them on Sundays!



THE HEATH FAMILY
STAN, BRITTANY,
BROCK & BRETT



THE MULLMAN'S
BOB & JAN
(BRITTANY'S PARENTS)



MARIE
AYUKEGBA

YOUTH GROUP TEEN FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, January 5

YOUTH GROUP

Led by Georgie Deaton, the Youth will meet at 3:00 for games and team building activities.

TEEN FELLOWSHIP

At 4:00, the Teens will meet with Katie Moore, and will participate in an activity with
"Jesus Wanted" posters. There will be NO Bonappeteens this month.



JANUARY EVENTS

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Room In The Inn

5

Bible Study via Zoom

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Circle of Rebekah-Ruth
6:00 Gathering Space

7

Circle of Mary-Anna
10:30 Garrison-Martin

8

Bible Study
6:00 Garrison-Martin

12

Bible Study via Zoom

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Quilting Ministry
9:30 Dining Hall

15

Bible Study
6:00 Garrison-Martin

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Room In The Inn

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Bible Study via Zoom

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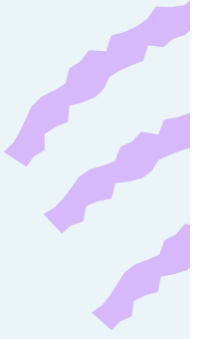
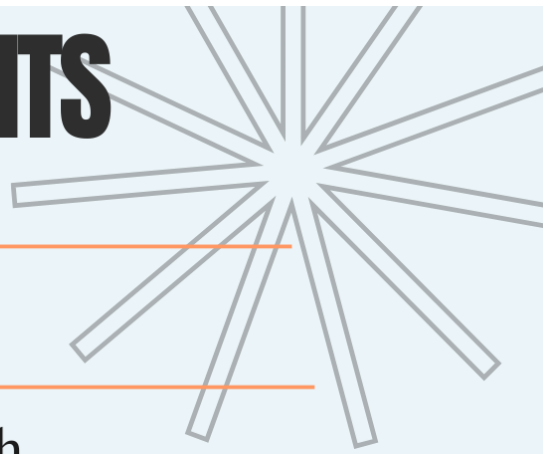
Lunch Bunch
12:00 Dining Hall

22

Bible Study
6:00 Garrison-Martin

25

Nourish Up Volunteer Day
9:00 Nourish up Warehouse 901 Carrier Dr, CLT



MISSION COMMITTEE



CHURCHWIDE VOLUNTEER DAY

January 25, 2025
9-11am

Nourish Up Warehouse
901 Carrier Drive, Charlotte

Sign Up Sheets will be in the Gathering Space **SOON!**

Sign Up in the Gathering Space, call the Church Office, or speak with Leigh Johnson.

This is such a fun and worthwhile way to spend a morning working with our MCPC team to pack boxes of food for needy families.

It's a great family activity for ages 16 and up!

2024-2025 Dates

12/05 & 12/19

1/02, 1/16, 1/30

2/13 & 2/27

3/13 & 3/27



We especially need help for the following roles:

- **Laundry** (*Thurs 5-8pm*)-gather dirty clothes from guests and wash/dry them.
- **Innkeeper** (*Overnight Thurs*)-stay overnight & help if needed
- **Breakfast** (*Fri 4:30-5:30am*)-wake up guests & serve breakfast

We have an additional need for certified bus drivers. Our guests need to be picked up from the church at 5:30 AM, and driven Uptown to both the Transit Station and A Room Above. At 5:30 PM, they'll need to be picked up from those same Uptown locations, and brought back to the church. Please call Robin Fuller or the Church Office if you can help with driving.

Church News



ADDRESS CHANGE

McKenzie Kimrey
3225 Coquina Lane
Charlotte, NC 28206

Please Update Your Records

THANK YOU

MCPA Congregations
I am so thankful -
Incredibly grateful -
Unbelievably blessed
by such a wonderful
church family. Your calls,
cards, and prayers have helped
so much during surgery and recovery.
Thank you for being the
reason I smile.
Blessings,
Nackie Brand

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

MAGGIE
JOSEPH

PLEASE JOIN MAGGIE'S FAMILY
FOR A MEMORIAL SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

MONDAY, JUNE 6
3:00 PM





Backpack Blessings

Backpack Blessings is a ministry of MCPC that provides backpacks of food for elementary students to take home for the weekend. Every week, we fill the backpacks of over 60 children and deliver them to 2 local elementary schools. These backpacks consist of snacks and food for Friday as well as breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks for the whole family for Saturday and Sunday. The backpacks go to children and their families who qualify for free or reduced lunch. These families would otherwise not have enough to eat on the weekend, and as you can see, we need 60 of every single item we send home.

Here are some ways you can help with this wonderful ministry:

- Donate nonperishable food. Food can be brought to the church office, or dropped in the marked bins in the Gathering Space.
- Make a donation and leave the shopping to us. Checks should be made payable to PWC and in the memo section note Backpack Blessings.
- Some of our most needed items:
 - * Canned chicken
 - * Packages of instant Ramen Noodles
 - * 1 lb. Bags of rice
 - * Fruit cups
 - * Grits
 - * Individual packets of oatmeal
 - * 1.5 lb cans of Hunts Pasta Sauce
 - * Boxes of Kraft Macaroni and Cheese (7.5 oz)

EXCITING NEWS: We are offering an Amazon Wish List, that will allow you to order online, and have our most needed items delivered right to the church! Just copy and paste the address below into your browser, and it will take you right to our list!

https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3E1ZEBOXO8TIF/ref=nav_wishlist_lists_1

Please pray for this ministry that God continues to bless our church and the families we assist.

Mallard Creek will be hosting its 12th Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on Saturday, February 1 at 9:00am in the Dining Hall. We'll assemble 15,000 meals that will be distributed to third world countries. Unlike some other mission events, this is a great family activity; children of all ages can help, even those with limited mobility.

It is extremely important to register in advance for your attendance and we need a minimum of 40 volunteers. Doing so will both save time the morning of the event and allow us to plan accordingly. As soon as we have it, we'll provide a link for you to pre-register.

To date we've packaged 183,042 meals over the course of 11 events and those we prepared last May were shipped to ADRA-Madagascar, the global humanitarian arm of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, in August.

If you've joined us before, you already know what a fun, fulfilling activity this is and how we can pack this many meals in just a couple of hours! If you haven't, bring the entire family on February 1 and witness how we can make a difference in other parts of the world.

Rise Against Hunger just celebrated its 25th year, having been fulfilling its commitment to end hunger across the globe since 1998, coordinating the distribution of food and other life-saving aid to crisis-burdened areas around the world. This is accomplished through popular community-supported meal packaging programs such as our upcoming event.

Rise Against Hunger distributes its meals through feeding programs operated by partner organizations in developing countries which promote education, encourage children to attend school, improve the health and nutrition of students, address gender inequalities, spur economic growth, combat child labor, and create a platform for tackling global issues. In addition to supporting school feeding programs, Rise Against Hunger also provides meals in response to crisis relief.

Learn more about the organization by visiting their website:

www.riseagainsthunger.org



Special Prayers



Crystal McLaughlin Abernathy

JW and Vivian Avant

Tom Baker

Linda Benfield

Jackie Brand

Ann Brown

Ken and Suggie Christenbury

David Clemmer

Bill Cochran

Jan Cox, on the passing of her husband Terry

Guy Eberhart

Alan Garrison

Brenda Garrison

Ben Hatton

Sara Haynes

Jean Helms

Shirley Hunter

Phyllis Jones

Lynn Kelley

Betsy Killian

Roy Kinnamon

Karen Kosmoski

Stephen Lisi, Jr. (deployed)

Steve Misenheimer

Judy Monjeau -Sheila Letica's mother

Katie Moore

Donnie Oehler

Lee Ann Oehler

Tommy Oehler

Jenny Parker

Judith Rankin

Donna Seaford

Lois Spradley

Earl Thomas

Juanita Untz

Myrtle Wall

Caroline Williams




JANUARY OFFICERS ON DUTY

ELDERS:

Connie Wallace, Keri Wass, James Killian

DEACONS:

Leigh Johnson, Charlotte McConnell, Karen Kosmoski, Rima Frika, Lee McConnell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: blue;">February Birthdays</h1> 						
						1
2 Bill Penninger Wendy White	3 Suzanne Curtis	4 Kathleen Good Ashton Blevins	5 Amber Cooper Taylor Wass	6 Marshall Love	7 Braden Wallace	8 Nina Brown Dalton Martin
9	10	11 Al Wilkinson	12 Linda Apolinar Rosie Clark	13 Aprille Mitchell	14	15
16 Patsy Oehler Owen Lazarus Tolby Coore	17	18 Gray Brookshire Jimmy Brown, Jr	19 Ned Baker Whitnev Oehler 	20 Ashley Rose	21 Erin Gullede Bret MacNeil	22 Stephanie Barrett
23 Dalton Oehler	24 Drew Dowling	25	26 Ralph Brand Kim Tucker Kaleb Tucker Elizabeth Fuller	27 Evan Lazarus	28 Jaret Oehler	

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Preschool Director