

The Scroll

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From Pastor Rob

As we begin our walk toward Christmas, I am mindful of how blessed seeing the light and warmth of the season really is.

Our neighborhood is aglow with the sparkle and color of Christmas lights. Some folks go for minimal—just a few lights around the door, maybe a lighted yard decoration, and that’s it—while others seem intent on shutting down Duke Energy’s power grid for the whole state—lights everywhere, on everything—it never gets dark in their corner. It makes my early morning walks with our dog more pleasant and little festive—we head out just before sunrise and the lights add atmosphere to our strolls.

Christmas music provides the backdrop for everything from picking up a prescription to getting groceries to getting a box of nails for a home project. The songs are all so familiar. It doesn’t matter that most of us have not seen a white Christmas around here in maybe forever, we still belt out the words with Bing. Carols call us to note the coming celebration of the most remarkable birth—“...glory to the newborn King...”

We begin our annual search for just the right gift, something that will speak for us, communicating the things we wish we actually had words for. We want our loved ones to know how grateful we are for their presence in the journey. We look for the silly gift for the office social—even if it is on ZOOM again this year—something that will bring a chuckle and a couple raised eyebrows. We look for the gift for a complete stranger, someone who is in need, but whom we know will really love the new hat, new coat, or new pair of gloves—so grateful to be able to be a little warmer in a harsh world.

All these things begin to add up for me. They begin to soften the edges. They begin to add a glow to life.

I think it marvelous that our forebears put a day of Thanksgiving right before we begin this walk toward Christmas. Gratitude so informs how we celebrate and wonder and sing the season—we begin to realize how present God’s blessings are, and we begin to celebrate the presence of love all around us, but especially in the presence of those with whom share our lives most closely. As we open in thankfulness, we open ourselves anew to the gift of grace that Christmas brings. God is with us, our Immanuel.

May that warmth fill us all this season.

*We invite you to join us for our
Christmas Eve service at 5:00pm.*



Elizabeth King
Bernice Martin
Barbara Krady
Shirley Hunter
Cathee Griffin
Bob Lazarus

Carolyn Sheehan
Kenneth Helms
Caroline Williams
Kaycee Walker
Marti McCoy
David Craig

Ann Brown
Joann Reid
Holly Diggs
Carl Hatton
Barbara Cottrell

Juanita Untz
David Stephens
Pam McMahan
Libby Carroll
Pat Snow

Marti McCoy
Sally Tulbert
Michael Doering
Winston Haney
Nancy Moore

We pray for national and world leaders, the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces, their families, and those who are deployed: Col. Cristina Moore - LTC Rob Byars - Austin Powers (Nat. Guard) - Major Trevor Sutherland (Air Nat. Guard) - STG2 Hunter Holland - Master SGT Rick Treadway - SGT Malcolm Allen - LTJG Morgan Whitmore, Lt. Alex Busch and PV2 Stephen Lisi

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, December 5th.



Thanks to ALL who sent cards, prayers ,phone calls, and visits my way when i was down with knee surgery and broken wrist. We enjoyed the food brought by many. Many thanks for the prayer quilt sent by the prayer quilt ministry, I thank God for his many blessings everyday and also our church family who is always there when needed. God Bless. Susie Oehler



Save the date for our December Blood Drive, Saturday, December 11 at 10:00am. To pre-register call 1-800-REDCROSS or Carey Armistead at 704-906-4610 or visit RedcrossBlood.org and enter MCPC to schedule an appointment. Bonus: The Red Cross is giving everyone a \$10 Amazon.com Gift Card* via email, thanks to their partners at Amazon.**

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!! Because of your support of our Angel Tree this year through your gifts and monetary donations we were able to help 132 children with clothes and toys. These children are from our partnering schools: Parkside, University Meadows and Mallard Creek. Their Christmas will be special because of you.



Announcement from the Kitchen Coordinator:
ALL red bread baskets are missing from the kitchen. If you've borrowed them please return to the church kitchen.



Year end contributions

Sunday, December 26 will be the last Sunday in 2021. Any contribution received on or before that day will be posted to your 2021 MCPC gift statement. Gifts received after December 26 will appear on the 2022 statement. Please plan accordingly so we may honor your wishes.

Thank you for your continued support.



December is a month of joy, hope, family, and the birth of Jesus, thus these will be what we focus on this month. We will also be busy teaching our children about the true meaning of Christmas, how to have fun with friends, and all about others through different events this month. Ms. Robin will share the Bible stories of the Good Samaritan, the Crippled Lamb, and Jesus’ birth in Children’s Church.

All classes will celebrate the Christmas season by coming together to sing songs and celebrate Jesus’ birthday, visit Santa, and have a Christmas celebration in their classroom before they leave for their Christmas break.

Every year, each of our classes participate in a mission project to help teach the children the importance of giving to and helping others. This month some of our classes are collecting for CVAN and others are collecting for Gracious Hands Transitional House. What a wonderful way to spread joy during Christmas!

Mark your calendars now and help us spread the word! Registration for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will start on January 25, 2022!

The preschool and preschool office will close for Christmas break from Friday, December 17th through Monday, January 3rd. We will re-open at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

Our Bible verse for the month is: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart.” Matthew 22:37



***Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our family to yours!!!
Kristy Maddux, Preschool Director and Paula Brasel, Administrative Assistant***

PW Circle Meetings update

Attention Presbyterian Women: we hope you can join us for a circle meeting. Each meeting is centered around a Bible study lesson. Didn’t read? Don’t have a book? Don’t worry, come anyway! Aside from the lessons, there is typically a discussion about mission projects or special events. Please reach out to the women listed below if you have any questions.

Circle of Mary-Anna –Tuesday; December 7, 2021 – 10:30 am in the Gathering Space
(Jane Isenhower-isenhowerj@bellsouth.net)

Circle of Rebekah – Monday; December 6, 6:00pm in the Gathering Space
(Rachel Rodden – rachrodden@gmail.com)

Circle of Ruth – Monday; December 6, 6:30 pm – Nancy Busch’s home **Please note time change** (Beth Patafio – bethpatafio@icloud.com)



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



Youth Club and Teen Fellowship

December 2021



KIDS CHRISTMAS PAJAMA PARTY

Youth Club Christmas Party
Sunday, December 5th 3:00-4:30pm
Wear Christmas attire or pajamas.
Join us for some Christmas crafts, games, and snacks!

Teen Fellowship Christmas Events



**Sunday December 5th
4:30-6:30**

Meet at the church to go caroling to some of our church members!



December 12th 4:30-6:30

Meet at Andrea's House
Wear your tackiest Christmas sweater – top 2 win a prize!
Bring a gift less than \$10 for white elephant.



Parent Night Out is back!
**Friday, December 10th
5:00-8:00pm in the gym**
For kids in nursery and in Youth Club
Drop the kids off and spend an evening relaxing or doing some Christmas shopping.
We will feed them dinner, play games, and watch a movie.

****Please RSVP****



Pick up your 2021 Advent Coloring Book beginning November 28th!

→ available in the Gathering Space after worship or pick up in the church office

It's a great spiritual practice for your busy December, perfect for all ages!



Elder duty for December: Mike Rodden, Tommy Mitchell, Tom Fuller, Jason Oehler and Rodney Smith
Deacon duty for December: Jackie Brand, Jennifer Lazarus, Jack Miles, Sheila Letica, Joe Crapster and Allston Oehler

| OCTOBER STEWARDSHIP UPDATE | |
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| Sunday School | \$6.00 |
| Worship Offering | \$51,070.52 |
| Online Giving | \$9,962.00 |
| TOTAL Offering | \$61,038.52 |
| Total Offering YTD | \$514,772.12 |
| Total Expenses YTD | \$544,923.69 |
| Under for Year | (30,151.57) |



Coats will be distributed to Backpack Blessings & Room in the Inn

Accepting new or gently used coats and jackets in Children's, Youth, and Adult sizes

Contact Rachel Rodden or any member of Circle of Rebekah with questions

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 and The Fellowship Committee. The Session Committees are; The Education and Spiritual Committee, The Youth and Children Committee, The Worship Committee, The Property Committee and 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.

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.
 The account number is **C433095 (DTC 0221)**

You will need to call Cathy 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.

MCPC 2022 Budget

On October 26, 2021 the MCPC Session adopted our budget for the year 2022. The figures are listed below. Our pledge to work outside MCPC will return to 12% of our weekly offering receipts to the general fund in 2022. This should total about \$89,448 and is shown in the benevolence section of the budget. The work within our church is done by our committees and their budget approvals are listed next. Projected committee expenses are \$287,125 or about 38% of the total budget. The third section of our budget is salaries and employee benefits. This section totals \$376,624. The employee salaries and benefits for 2022 make up about 50% of the budget. The terms of call for the senior pastor will need to be approved by the congregation in January 2022.

The 2022 budget is up \$4,794 compared to this year. It does NOT include monies for debt retirement on the new gathering space. To fund the 2022 budget we will again need the generous support of ALL MCPC members

Your officers wish to thank you for your financial support. Any budget questions may be given to the Finance Committee. Thank you again for being a faithful supporter of the LORD's work at MCPC.

The principal Loan balance on the Gathering Space is \$175,000.

A. BENEVOLENCES (12 % of regular offerings)

GENERAL BENEVOLENCE

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| 5001 Unified budget | |
| 5001.01 Charlotte Presbytery | 15000.00 |
| 5001.02 Synod of Mid-Atlantic | 750.00 |
| 5001.03 General Assembly | 4500.00 |
| 5002.01 Youngs | 3600.00 |
| 5002.03 Presby. World Missions | 3600.00 |
| 5003 Theological education | 1000.00 |
| 5004 Presbyterian Psych Services | 2000.00 |
| 5005 Session benevolence fund | 400.00 |

Total General Benevolences 30,850.00

OTHER BENEVOLENCES

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| 5052 Alexander Children Center | 3000.00 |
| 5056 Crisis Assistance Ministry | 5000.00 |
| 5075 Lions Blind Services | 1000.00 |
| 5076 UNICEF | 1000.00 |
| 5077 Strategic Partnerships | |
| 5077.01 Stop Hungar NOW | 7000.00 |
| 5077.02 Camp Grier | 5000.00 |
| 5077.05 Parkside & University Meadows& MC Elem. | 4500.00 |
| 5077.07 CVAN | 1000.00 |
| 5079 Niner United | 1500.00 |
| 5077.11 Room In The Inn | 500.00 |
| 5077.1 Backpack Blessings | 3500.00 |

Total Other Benevolences 33,000.00

MISSIONS

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| 5102 Mission Trip(s) | 6500.00 |
| 5105 Local Mission Project(s) | 2000.00 |

Total Missions 8500.00

TOTAL BENEVOLENCES

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| 5006 Undesignated (estimated) | 17098.00 |
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| B. COMMITTEE EXPENSES | <u>50662.59</u> | <u>97100.29</u> | <u>105748.84</u> |
| | | | <u>89,448.00</u> |

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| I. YOUTH AND CHILDREN Committee | 24,700.00 |
| II. FELLOWSHIP Committee | 9,200.00 |
| III. EDUCATION AND SPIRITUAL NUTURE Committee | 7,200.00 |
| IV. FINANCE Committee | 200.00 |
| V. WORSHIP Committee | 7,500.00 |
| VI. ADMINISTRATIVE Committee | 43,650.00 |
| VII. PROPERTY Committee | 186,250.00 |
| VIII. CONGREGATIONAL CARE Committee | 2,775.00 |
| IX. MISSION Committee see items under benevolences | |
| X. CONNECTIONS Committee | 5,650.00 |
| C. SALARIES | |
| TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES | <u>287,125.00</u> |

7001 Senior Pastor

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| 7001.01 Salary | 55052.00 |
| 7001.02 Housing | 45000.00 |
| 7001.03 Social Security | 7654.00 |
| 7001.04 Education Allowance | 2000.00 |
| 7001.05 Auto Allowance | 2500.00 |
| 7001.06 Pension Benefits 11% | 8505.00 |
| 7001.07 Disability 1% | 1501.00 |
| 7001.08 Medical 24.5% | 27014.00 |
| 7001.14 Phone /Data Allowance | 1200.00 |
| 7001.09 Dental Insurance | 905.00 |
| Vision | 47.00 |

Total Senior Pastor 151,378.00

7060 DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRIES

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| 7060.01 Salary | 42857.00 |
| 7060.03 Social Security | 3279.00 |
| 7060.04 Education Allowance | 2000.00 |
| 7060.05 Auto Allowance | 600.00 |

Total Director of Youth and Children 48,736.00

IV. OTHER EMPLOYEE EXPENSES




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| 7110.01 Parrish Associate | Salary | | 60,000.00 |
| 7110.04 Parrish Associate | Education | by Voucher | |
| 7110.05 Parrish Associate | Auto Allowance | I R S rate | |
| 7120 Admin. Assist. | Salary | | 36,878.00 |
| Admin. Assist. | Education | | 500.00 |

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| 7140 Music Director | Salary | 28,930.00 |
| 7145 Assistant to the music director | | 7,800.00 |
| 7150 Organist | Salary--TEMPS | 4,800.00 |
| 7160 Financial Manager | Salary | 22,881.00 |
| Financial Manager | Education | 500.00 |
| 7180 Website Administrator | | 2,000.00 |
| 7190 Nursery Workers | | 5,050.00 |
| 7195 Payroll Taxes | | 7,171.00 |
| Total other employee expenses | | <u>176,510.00</u> |

TOTAL STAFF SALARIES AND BENEFITS **352,663.00**

TOTAL BUDGET 753,197.00

Add debt retirement of \$148,224 per year

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| <h1>January Birthdays</h1> | | | | | |  |
|  | | | | | | 1 Linda Benfield Frances Christenbury William Achurch |
| 2 Fred Campbell Brandon Putnam Raelyn Oehler Roy Skinner | 3 Linda Wallace Heather Andreasen | 4 | 5 Kenny Brown Calla Oehler | 6 Paul Christenbury Shirley Hunter | 7 Chance Rosenberger Marty Brown | 8 Jim Brown |
| 9 Jarrett Garrison McKenna Estes | 10 Debbie Hunter | 11 Jennifer Lazarus Bailey Mitchell | 12 Dennis McCrary Matt Palmer CJ Scott | 13 Barbara Alexander | 14 Tommy Mitchell | 15 Phyllis Jones Dave Andreasen Lauren Cochran |
| 16 Bill Ranson | 17 Dennis Lord | 18 Scott Moss Cale Oehler | 19 | 20 Craven Oehler | 21 Sonja Benton Johnnie Cartner, Jr. Joshua Kiser Jennifer Messina | 22 Rob Johnson |
| 23 | 24 Sheila DeArmon | 25 Maria Menconi | 26 Allison Young | 27 Evan Guiney Jack Schultz | 28 Lisa Oehler | 29 Betty Sue McGuirt Maria Martini |
| 30 Caitlin Blevins | 31 Harvey Johnston Jo Moore Chuck Keys Alexa Moor Jake White |  | | | | |

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Senior Pastor
Director of Children & Youth Ministry
Administrative Assistant
Director of Music
Financial Manager
Preschool Director