



Senior Adults

Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church • Houston, Texas

September 2020



Loneliness and Isolation

Speaker Alf Halvorson, MDPC Senior Pastor

How does one begin to describe the last six months? As a person who has always loved words, there are many that I can choose. Some are positive, but others are negative. Time to reflect, read, reconnect (although not in person). Loss of freedom to see loved ones, to congregate, to go on vacations. Fear of this terrible virus, job loss, loss of retirement savings, loss of loved ones to the virus. Determination to keep in touch via Zoom, Facetime, Facebook, texts, phone calls, emails, and letters.

Pastor Alf Halvorson has returned from his summer in Colorado ready to tackle all our concerns with renewed vigor. His topic for our virtual meeting on Monday, September 14, will be *Loneliness and Isolation*.

If that doesn't just sound like the perfect message for our age and stage!

Remember that his talk will take place virtually. Please join our Facebook page, The Venturers at MDPC, so we know that you are interested in joining our group this year. For September at



Lunch Via Zoom!

A Virtual Gathering of Friends

Join us to have lunch together at 11:30 AM. on September 15 – virtually! Everyone will bring a delicious lunch and join a Zoom get together from your own home. We can at least see each other's faces again! Please call or email Tammy by Wednesday, September 9, if you are interested in attending. You will be emailed the Zoom link in advance.

Tuesday, September 15

11:30 AM on Zoom

Please RSVP to Tammy Allyn by September 9:
uwphoto.2@sbcglobal.net or 832-816-6254

least, there's no driving at night! Please be sure to send in your membership form with your email address, so we can let you know how to sign on to the program.

Monday, September 14

Join us at 7:00 PM.

Details to follow.

Guests and visitors welcome.

A Note from the President

We dearly hope that all Venturers and their families have remained safe during this Covid season. In order to check on them, all 2019-2020 Venturers will receive or will have received a call from a Venturers' Board member in the next several weeks to inquire about how they are doing and to discuss Venturers' plans for this fall. We have an open position for an interested Venturer to serve as Head of Hospitality. Since we are broadcasting and recording the fall Venturers' programs, this is the ideal time to ask your MDPC senior friends to sample what Venturers has to offer at no cost from the safety of their homes!

In Him,
Bart Henson

Support Fratelli's

The meeting place for Venturers has been changed for 2020-2021 to Fratelli's Restaurant, 1330 Wirt Road at the corner of Westview. As you read in previous emails, the September meeting will be conducted virtually. Venturers members are encouraged to patronize Fratelli's even though the September meeting there is cancelled.

Go to fratellisristorantehouston.com to make your menu selections, then call 713-263-0022 to place your order (hours 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and 5:00-9:00 PM). There are several reserved parking spots at the restaurant. Call when you arrive, and your order will be brought to you. Email orders are not available.

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TBD Hospitality

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Join Venturers Now

The Venturers Membership Chair is giving free fabric washable face covering masks with each Venturers membership for 2020-2021 to help us all STAY SAFE.

Email connie.whelchel@att.net or call 713-785-7701 to make arrangements to get your mask(s).

Please go to our Facebook page, The Venturers at MDPC, and ask to join. You will be approved. The meeting will be livestreamed from that page, but you do not have to be a member of Facebook to watch.



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