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Congregational Updates:

Jean Hill passed away January 30, 2020.

MDPC Worship

8:30 AM • Blended • Chapel
9:45 AM • Contemporary • Sanctuary
11:15 AM • Traditional • Sanctuary
11:15 AM • Spanish Language • Chapel
6:00 PM • Portuguese Language • Chapel

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**WEEKLY
MINISTRY
PARTNER
PRAYER
FOCUS**

The Beacon • The Beacon provides hot meals, showers, laundry service, and case management to over 600 clients each day. These essential and next-step services restore hope and help end homelessness in Houston. beaconhomeless.org

Bo's Place • Bo's Place provides grief support to children and their families who have experienced the death of a loved one. It offers community education and training to professionals and volunteers who work with children and families in grief. Bo's Place has offsite support groups in Gulfton, East End, and Katy. bosplace.org

MDPC Field Partner Rev. Kristin Huffman serves with Frontier Fellowship, engaging in ministry to reach the unreached. She is working to mobilize churches in San Antonio and Houston (and anywhere else she is called to go), helping people begin to care about the unreached and plan ways to reach them. She is investigating a possible partnership with Mongolia, particularly with training people to reach out to the unreached in nearby countries. Kristin continues to have a passion for teaching others to engage in mission near and far. frontierfellowship.com

Mission in Action

During their December Mission Trip, the **Living Water** team's final task was to install the pipes, rods, and pump, and to bless the well. This sounded like an easy task, but there were unforeseen complications that delayed the progress. Thankfully, God had a plan. This allowed the team an opportunity to spend more time with the people in this community and to build relationships. Praise God that the community of Barranquilla now has clean water. The team is thankful for all of the prayers that sustained them throughout the trip.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE**

as of 02/02/20

2020 Annual Budget	\$ 12,300,000
Actual Income to Date	\$ 837,321
Needed to Meet Budget	\$ 11,462,679

The 2020 Annual Operating Budget was approved at the January Session meeting.

Online giving is easy at give.mdpc.org, or on the **MDPC App**.

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Sunday, February 9, 2020

BELIEVE

Conceived, Born, Suffered

Isaiah 53:5-6 and Philippians 2:5-11

Alf Halvorson preaching

Isaiah 53:5-6 • But He was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the punishment that made us whole, and by His bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Philippians 2:5-11 • Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted Him and gave Him the Name that is above every name, so that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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Today's Baptism Families**9:45 AM Service**

Jaxon Peter Blanchard
William Wallace "Liam" McMullen
Vivienne Ann McMullen
Elizabeth Wynn McMullen

Son of Stephen and Kimberly Blanchard
Children of William and Virginia McMullen

11:00 AM Service

Sire Nii Klaus Akrong
Alice Catherine Kilgore
Charlotte Vickers

Son of Richard and Karen Akrong
Daughter of Russell and Sarah Kilgore
Daughter of Austin and Elizabeth Vickers

Register at
CITC.mdpc.org
or the **MDPC App**



For those registered,
T-Shirts may be picked
up in the Lobby today.

You also can text "CITC" to 832-742-1832 for a quick registration link.

Sunday, February 23

(Register today for One of Four Service Options)

**Serve
at HFB**

Houston Food Bank
Bus leaves from Kinkaid

**Serve
at MOY**

Mission of Yahweh
Bus leaves from Kinkaid

**Serve
at MDPC**

Misc. Projects on
the MDPC Campus

**Serve
with Habitat**

Habitat for Humanity
on the MDPC Campus



8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

Praise & Worship • Confession • Message • Offering

Musicians in these Services: Meliza Gómez, Giselle Duque, and Laurien Hook, Worship Leaders
Asher Pudlo, drums • Daniel Martinez, bass • George Heathco, guitar

11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Preludes	<i>Andante Religioso</i>	Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
	<i>Prelude in F</i>	Fanny Mendelssohn (1805-1847)
*Hymn of Praise #476	<i>O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!</i> (Vs. 1, 2 & 5)	LYONS
Anthem	<i>Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs</i> (from <i>Messiah</i>)	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
Offertory	<i>At the Name of Jesus</i>	Rene Clausen (b.1953)
*Closing Hymn #310	<i>Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee</i> (Vs. 1 & 5)	ST. AGNES
Postlude	<i>Tuba Tune</i>	C. S. Lang (1891-1971)

Musicians in this Service: Sanctuary Choir • Kathryn White, organ • Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor

* Please stand if able.

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Mardi Gras

All-Church Lunch Today!
11:00 AM-1:00 PM • Fellowship Hall
\$10/adult • \$4/child

Entrée: Red Beans with Sausage Link or Blackened Catfish, served with your choice of two sides: Dirty Rice, Fried Okra, Cajun Corn Maque Choux, and Southern-style Green Beans

Children's Menu: Pizza Squares

Entrée Salad: Muffaletta

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT MDPC

MDPC Annual Meeting TODAY

The **MDPC** Session has called an annual meeting to present ministry highlights for 2019, the 2020 budget, and pastors' terms of call (for informational purposes). The meeting will take place during All Church Lunch (see the Mardi Gras-themed menu above).

**Sunday, February 9 • Fellowship Hall
12:30 PM**

Men's Life: Spring Training

Step up your game with a 4-week study on emotional and spiritual maturity. Become all that God intended you to be as men, husbands, fathers, and friends. It's not too late to join us!

Tuesdays, February 4-25 • 6:30-7:45 AM • Amphitheater
Registration: men.mdpc.org

Blood Drive

Be a hero - donate blood and save lives! Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registering helps ensure the blood center sends plenty of techs.

Sunday, Feb. 16 • 8:00 AM-2:00 PM • Fellowship Hall
Registration: giveblood.org

Participate in Career Day at Housman Elementary

Many Spring Branch students have limited resources and often don't know the life opportunities available to them. Career Day can help them to become more aware of their own interests and capabilities. Would **you** consider being a presenter to talk with students about your own career?

Friday, March 13 • 8:30-10:30 AM
Contact Laura Bushong: lrbushong@att.net

With the rise of Artificial Intelligence, we'll examine what it means to be human, whether human nature is fixed or evolving, and where the soul fits in. Come hear **Julie Miller** discuss the promises and perils of Transhumanism.

Open to Young Adults (20s & 30s)



MAN vs MACHINE
Transhumanism. Techno-Paranoia.
The Future of Humanity.

**Tuesday, Feb. 11
7:00-9:00 PM**

Kindred, Montrose
(2515 Waugh, 77006)

\$5 Suggested Donation
Free craft beer & food

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2020 Lenten Small Group Study: *The Growing Disciple*

In six sessions, we'll focus on five spiritual practices every Christian needs. Online registration is available at growing.mdpc.org. Groups will begin meeting the first week of March, with several new daytime and evening groups being formed. Study guides are available in the Sanctuary Lobby on Sundays, on weekdays at the Front Office, or online as a PDF.

THE WELL

A SPEAKER SERIES FOR WOMEN



RESTORE

Is there an area of your life where you could use some restoration? A part of your heart or your story that longs to be restored? Join us at The Well, our semi-annual gathering for women of all ages and life stages.

FEBRUARY 12 • 6:30-8:00 PM • CHAPEL
Light refreshments at 6:00 PM in the Parlor.

Please RSVP to help us plan: THEWELL.MDPC.ORG

WOMEN AGES 17+ ARE WELCOME

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES AT MDPC

The Winsome Witness Challenge

Join us in this Challenge, where we suggest simple and practical ideas for building deeper relationships and sharing your faith with those in your sphere. **Did you know that the MDPC kitchen has frozen meals for purchase? Consider taking a casserole or soup to someone you know who has a lot on their plate right now (no pun intended). Include a note that says you are thinking of them, and hope to lighten their load a bit.**

Join the Wedding Ministry Team

MDPC's Wedding Ministry is seeking coordinators to serve wedding groups on their big day. Those with a heart for hospitality and strong organizational and communication skills are encouraged to apply. Coordinators are compensated for each event they work.

Contact Meghan Garvin: mgarvin@mdpc.org

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)

Are you a mom of young children who could use a little break in the week to drop off the kids, relax, and chat with other moms? Then MOPS is for you. Come for connection, solid content, adult conversation, and free childcare. Visit MOPS.mdpc.org for all the details.
Every other Thursday, 9:30-11:15 AM | Parlor
OR Monthly on Wednesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM

MDPC Is Committed to Fighting Childhood Hunger

One in four children in Houston often go without meals, and many more lack the good nutrition needed to thrive developmentally. **You can make a real difference!** Here are two **MDPC** service projects that provide food directly to hungry Houston children:

Volunteer at Houston Food Bank

Volunteer monthly to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank (HFB). These meals are then distributed by HFB to after-school programs throughout Harris County.

Next date: Monday, February 10 • 8:00 AM-Noon
Registration & details: hfb.mdpc.org
Questions? Contact Suzanne Fitch:
fitchsuzanne@hotmail.com

Make Sandwiches for Kids' Meals

Make sandwiches at **MDPC** for local distribution by Kids' Meals. Please bring four loaves of sandwich bread per sandwich-maker to the service project. (Plain white or wheat, nothing fancy required!)
**Next Date: Wednesday, February 12
4:30-6:00 PM • Fellowship Hall**
Contact Julie Hempel:
hempeljulie@gmail.com

The MDPC App

Many of the events listed here also may be found on the **MDPC** app, where quick and easy event registration is available. Text "APP" to 832-742-1832 for a download link to be sent to your device, or **find the links at app.mdpc.org.**

Contact Marquita Pointer: mpointer@mdpc.org



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Isaiah 53:5; Philippians 2:5-11

Alf Halvorson preaching

This is the fifth in our series on the Apostles' Creed, and we begin to get into the heart of the second movement of the Creed with the phrase, I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, **“who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate.”** One way to look at this sentence is to phrase it, ‘I believe in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord, because He was.....(fill in the rest of the sentence.)’

1. In General, what are reasons that you affirm that “Jesus is Lord?”

2. Read Is. 53:5-6 & Phil. 2:5-11. What are key attributes of the Savior of the World according to these texts? And why can He or should He be Lord?

3. Why do you think The Creed emphasizes so much that Jesus was ‘conceived, born, suffered’? What would have happened if Jesus tried to save us and the world from outside the world, without getting immersed into the messes and sin of our world and lives? Is that possible?

4. I shared a few stories and illustrations to try to explain this section of The Creed. Which were helpful to you? Were there any that ‘fell flat’ or didn’t work? Do you have an alternative story or explanation that might provide wisdom and light to the group?

5. What is your overall take-away from this discussion and section of The Creed? Does it change the way you think and/or walk out your faith? How and in what ways?

