



MDPC Food Service Ministries to host International Chef

*Tiffany Derry*

Tiffany Derry is the owner of Roots Chicken Shak, Roots Southern Table, Derrywear, and Tiffany Derry Concepts. She gained International notoriety on the seventh season of Bravo's Top Chef and as a finalist on Top Chef All-Stars. The evening will include heavy appetizers, Ms. Derry's tips for nourishing both your stomach and your soul, and a Q&A session.

**Thursday, January 23 • 6:30-8:30 PM**

**MDPC Fellowship Hall • \$10 per person**

Register: [derry.mdpc.org](http://derry.mdpc.org)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AT MDPC

### Racial Reconciliation Workshop

MDPC will be hosting this workshop in partnership with area ECO churches. It was developed to facilitate helpful conversations around the topics of race and diversity in a gospel-centered way. The conference will be led by Pastor Albert Tate from Monrovia, CA. All are welcome, but please make every effort to attend both days.

**Friday & Saturday, January 10-11**

**Cost is \$30; scholarships are available**

Contact Rachel Poysky: [rpoysky@mdpc.org](mailto:rpoysky@mdpc.org)

### All Church Lunch

Entrée: lemon baked codfish or yankee pot roast; served with rice pilaf, rosemary roasted potatoes, grilled zucchini & squash, sautéed asparagus. Children's Entrée: child's portion; Entrée Salad: southern BLT.

**January 12 • Served from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM**

**Adults \$10; Children \$4; Vegetable Plate \$7**

[food.mdpc.org](http://food.mdpc.org)

### Read the Bible in 90 Days

Gain fresh insight into God's character, His plan of salvation, and His love for each individual person in this 14-week course. You'll read twelve Bible pages a day, and meet once a week for support and encouragement. Led by Hobert Plunkett

**Sundays, January 12-April 19**

**11:15 AM-12:15 PM**

**Pastor's Conference Room**

**Pre-register at [B90.mdpc.org](http://B90.mdpc.org)**

### Partner in Prayer

Your new partner packets will be available at the Connection Center in the Sanctuary Lobby. Pick them up on the Sundays listed below.

**Sundays, January 12 & 19**

[PIP.mdpc.org](http://PIP.mdpc.org)

### Walking the Mourner's Path

Join us for this Christ-centered grief program designed to help those dealing with the loss of a loved one. Trained facilitators guide the group.

**Thursdays, January 16-March 5**

**3:30-5:00 PM • Ministry Center Room 116**

**Fee: \$30 for materials**

[grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org) or contact Beverly Fluke:

[bfluke@mdpc.org](mailto:bfluke@mdpc.org) or 713-490-9542

### Men's Basketball Registration

Hey men! Are you looking for a way to work off those extra holiday pounds? MDPC will be forming Friday evening teams. Participants will need to provide a team uniform jersey or a numbered T-shirt.

**Beginning January 17 – March 13**

**Registration runs Dec. 30-Jan. 17; fee is \$550 per team or \$55 per individual**

**Register: [sports.mdpc.org](http://sports.mdpc.org)**

Contact: Diane Seckinger at 713-490-9568

### Church in the City

Join your MDPC friends and family for this annual service event. We forego the usual Sunday services, and participate in a variety of service projects, both here and with our ministry partners. There are several new and exciting opportunities this year, so please visit the website for more details.

**Sunday, February 23, 2020**

Register today at [CITC.mdpc.org](http://CITC.mdpc.org)

### Girls' Getaway: Spring Is Coming!

Join us for a time of refreshment, laughter, and fun while enjoying a five-star retreat complete with an outdoor movie, teaching time, and free time to relax. All adult women are welcome.

**Friday-Sunday, April 3-5 (Jordan Ranch)**

Register: [getaway.mdpc.org](http://getaway.mdpc.org)

Contact Amanda Grace Caldwell:



Sunday, January 5, 2020



## THE ROAD AHEAD

### Called to Service

Mark 10:35-45 | Dave Steane preaching

### The Request of James and John

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask." "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory." "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?" "We can," they answered. Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared." When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

## 8:30 AM BLENDED & 9:45 AM CONTEMPORARY

### PRAISE & WORSHIP • CONFESSION • MESSAGE • OFFERING

Musicians in these services: Michael Middleton, worship leader  
Asher Pudlo, drums • Daniel Martinez, keys • Daniel Amaya, bass • George Heathco, guitar

## 11:15 AM TRADITIONAL MUSIC

### PRELUDE

*Meditation for Organ*

George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

### CHORAL INTROIT

*He Comes To Us*

Jane Marshall (1924-2019)

### \*HYMN OF PRAISE #281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* (Vs. 1 & 3)

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### ANTHEM

*The Call of Wisdom*

Will Todd (b. 1970)

### HYMN OF RESPONSE #525

*Here I Am, Lord* (Vs. 1)

Daniel Schutte (b. 1947)

### OFFERTORY

*The Servant Song*

David Schwoebel (b. 1957)

### \*CLOSING HYMN #366

*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me* (Vs. 1-2)

ST. CATHERINE

### POSTLUDE

*Overture to Music for the Royal Fireworks*

G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

Musicians in these services:

MDPC Sanctuary Choir • Kathryn White, organist • Dr. Charles Hausmann, conductor

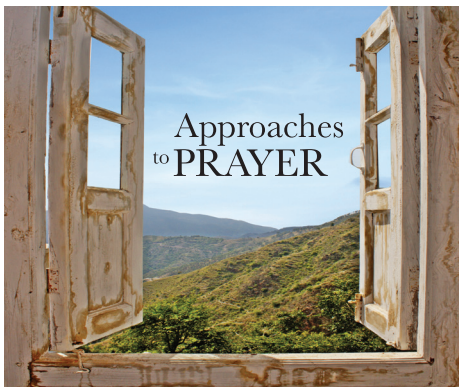
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## Approaches to PRAYER

**Wednesday, January 15- March 4**

6:30-7:30 PM • Summit Room

Need a fresh approach to prayer in the New Year? Curious what the Scriptures have to say about prayer? Join **Beth Case** and **Leigh McLeroy** as they explore the practice of prayer and share contemporary and ancient resources to deepen your prayer life and bring new intimacy to your relationship with God.

[prayerpractice.mdpc.org](http://prayerpractice.mdpc.org)

## Theology Matters

Additional resource materials and outside study required. For details, links, and registration: [theology.mdpc.org](http://theology.mdpc.org)

### **The Trinity**

In this second course, we'll dive deeper into what Christianity professes about the Trinity, how we may understand it more clearly, and why this crucial doctrine makes a difference in daily Christian living. **Classes will be taught by Dr. Clay Brown, Equipping Pastor.**

**Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & 29**  
6:30-8:00 PM • Ministry Center Room 122

# Who will you bring?



Invite a friend from any faith or non-faith to try Alpha together. It's a no-pressure way to explore Jesus, with no question, belief, or idea off-limits. It's a place to talk about difficult seasons like having doubts or fears or being dissatisfied with life (feels we all sometimes feel). Or it's a place to simply meet new people or share what you believe. Alpha is for Christians, too, and can help rekindle faith that has cooled.

**Tuesdays, January 21-March 10**  
**6:30-8:15 PM**

**Free** dinner, **free** childcare  
Info and RSVP: [alpha.mdpc.org](http://alpha.mdpc.org)

Try it once or come each week. No pressure to keep attending, and no harm if you only keep coming for the food and the company.

# ALPHA

explore life. faith. meaning.



Alpha is a great place to invite people to explore faith and discuss the big questions of life. Each Alpha includes a free meal, a video talk on a topic from the Christian perspective, and conversation in smaller groups where everyone is encouraged to share their own perspective. No question or comment is off limits and everyone is able to share as much or as little as they'd like.

## Alpha is for...

- > People who are wrestling with life's biggest questions: *Does God exist? or Why are we here?*
- > People unsure about Jesus but open to having faith conversation with others from different worldviews.
- > People who have been Christian for a while, and want to explore their faith with others.
- > People who are new Christians looking to learn the basics of the Christian faith.

If you don't match any of these groups, consider inviting someone you know who does. You can even come along with them. You can find invitation pockets at the Alpha table in the Lobby or at the Front Office.



Alpha





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On this first Sunday of 2020, we are privileged to ordain and install a new class of elders and deacons to provide leadership and support to MDPC's ministries. This is a very special day for us! God has called an amazing group of people to serve Jesus in and through this great community of faith.

The core of being a Christian leader is to embrace the model of servant leadership exhibited by Jesus Christ. In their best-selling book, *Lead Like Jesus*, authors Ken Blanchard and Phil Hodges offer this important perspective, "For followers of Jesus, servant leadership isn't an option: it's a mandate. Servant leadership is to be a living statement of who we are in Christ, how we treat one another, and how we demonstrate the love of Christ to the whole world. If this sounds like serious business with profound implications – it is!"

In Mark 10:35-45 we find a curious exchange between Jesus and two of His disciples. In Matthew's version of the same conversation (Matthew 20:20-28), it's the mother of these two disciples who asks Jesus for places of power and prominence for her sons.

- James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus and made a bold request: grant that we may sit on your right and left hands in glory. In ancient times, the right and left side of a King were places of special honor and standing. Reflect on ways that you have seen someone make a similar request. How have you perceived the motives for such a request?
- Jesus responded to James and John by asking them if they were able to drink His cup and be baptized with His baptism. Jesus was referring to His mission and eventual martyrdom. The brothers indicated that they could, and, knowing the fate of His disciples, Jesus agreed that they would share his cup and baptism. In what ways have you shared in Jesus' cup and baptism?
- Jesus added that the decision who would sit at His right and left hand was not up to Him, but those places would go to those for whom it was prepared. What does this reveal about Jesus?
- The other ten disciples became indignant at the request of James and John. What do you see as the nature of the negative comments toward the brothers? In what ways can you identify with this?
- Jesus offered a cultural commentary on the leaders of the day. He said the rulers of the Gentiles lord their authority over others. What parallels do you see today?
- Jesus offered a radically different view of greatness and leadership. In contrast, Jesus said whoever wished to be great must become a servant; whoever wished to be first must become a slave (servant). Reflect on examples you've seen of this type of leadership.
- Finally, Jesus pointed to Himself as the perfect example of servant leadership. He said, "the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." In what ways can you adopt this attitude and behavior? Where do you need to re-think your understanding of servant leadership?





**David W. Nelson** | *Clerk Elect-elect*

David grew up at MDPC where he received baptism, was a member of the youth group, participated in Joyful Noise, and earned his Eagle Scout award in Troop 642. Since graduating from Memorial High School and Baylor University, he has been part of the Elder class of 2014, sat on two Pastor Nominating Committees, and been involved in Men’s Life. Currently, he volunteers in his children’s Sunday school classes. David is married to Reid and has two children, Cooper (7) and Brantley (3). He is a Cub Scout leader and volunteers in several charity organizations. He is the president of Mission CM Services in the commercial construction industry.



**Hobert Plunkett** | *Outreach Local*

Hobert and Sue Plunkett are proud parents of two adult daughters and a son-in-law, and have three young grandchildren. Hobert’s career in the oil business took them to six cities where they served the Church in Equipping, Youth, Fellowship, and Outreach Ministries. They came to MDPC because of its dedication to prayer, Scripture, and outreach. Hobert became further convicted to serve in Outreach Ministries after praying these words from MDPC’s Prayer Guide: “*Lord, open the eyes of my prayer partners’ hearts that they may see Jesus in the neighbors and the strangers they meet. Guide them ... Teach them to care for others in the same manner that You care for us.*” Hobert loves seeing God work through our outreach partners who go into the margins to address hunger, oppression, injustice, and the needs of children, youth, and families. He enjoys spectator sports and all food. Hobert leads Bible studies for incarcerated youth and adults with dementia. The Bible is foundational to his faith, and he will again lead the “Bible in 90 Days” class at MDPC starting January 12.



**Mario Porras** | *Spanish-language Ministries*

Mario Porras was born in Monterrey, Mexico, before immigrating to the U.S. 30 years ago. Mario was raised in the Catholic Church and from when he was a child, attended Mass every Sunday. Mario has believed in Jesus Christ since his childhood. When he and his wife moved their membership to MDPC nine years ago, Mario decided to study the Bible more and soon he was attending Bible studies to try to better understand his faith and the Reformed doctrines. Mario got involved in the Steering Committee of Hispanic Ministries and soon became one of the leaders of Fuente Ministries. He loves his church and wants to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Mario has had an interest in becoming more involved in the church and, now that he is an elder, it will be a great honor for him to serve his Lord and Savior in such capacity. Mario is looking forward to serving God and God’s people. He loves to cook and considers steak and fajitas his specialties.



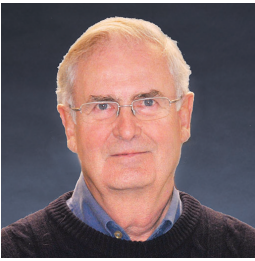
**Mike Reily** | *Facilities*

Michael (Mike) Reily has been the proud husband of Kathy for 39 years; they have been members of MDPC since 1986. They have a son, Nathaniel, and daughter-in-law, Stephanie. They also enjoy spending time with a four-legged daughter Grace. Mike has taught Children’s Sunday School, was a boy’s Life Group leader for seven years, active in Men’s Life for 15 years, and does volunteer work with Open Door Mission. Mike served on the Facilities Committee for the past 11 years as an at-large member and three as Moderator. Mike enjoys getting to spend time with his family at their summer home on the Mississippi River where they boat, fish, and ride Harleys. Mike looks forward to serving as the Elder for Facilities to see what God has in store for him and MDPC.



**Amanda Seiler** | *Food Service*

Amanda has been married to Tom Seiler for the past 15 years. While they are fairly new members of MDPC, Amanda has ties to the church extending over 20 years. She has volunteered off and on during those years in MDPC Food Service Ministries. She feels very blessed and enjoys being a part of the Food Service Committee. Amanda has a daughter, Lauren, married to Aaron Rodriguez and they have two spirited sons, Bennett (7) and Holden (4). Amanda and Tom love bringing their grandsons to as many MDPC events as possible. Amanda has been retired for the past four years from being an executive assistant in the non-profit industry. Retirement has enabled her to give more of herself to volunteering and sharing the spiritual gifts that God has given her for service to MDPC.



**Sandy Smith** | *Treasurer Elect-elect*

Sandy and his wife, Sandra, have been members of MDPC since moving to Houston over 40 years ago. Their three children were all active at MDPC as children and the two who live in Houston and Sandy’s five grandchildren are currently active members. Sandy has been active in various committees including Outreach, Finance, Audit, Denominational Task Force, and currently Legacy Giving. He previously served as Session Treasurer. Sandy and Sandra grew up and were married in St. Andrews, Scotland before coming to the United States over 50 years ago. They still enjoy visiting their second home in Scotland. Sandy is a CPA and retired partner with KPMG. He now enjoys golf, traveling, and being with family. He is pleased to be called to spend a second term as Treasurer and have the opportunity to assist the church in its great work.



**Heather Tackett** | *Children’s Preschool*

Heather Tackett has been married to her husband, Scott, since 2001. Together they share sons Luke (9), Owen (7), Liam (6), and Cole (4). Although she spent most of her childhood living in Southeast Asia, Houston was always home and her years here were spent at MDPC. It was in college that she feels like her life as a Christian truly became personal. Her core group of friends at The University of Texas shared their strong faith and that was such an encouragement. She believes God started the work of calling her as an elder in Preschool Ministries early in her marriage. Before they were ready to start their own family, Heather felt called to serve in Preschool Ministries and she and Scott taught Preschool Sunday School from 2003-2007. Her own four boys have experienced the love of Jesus through all of the wonderful teachers, staff, and families of MDPC’s Children’s Ministries. Heather is excited to serve as Preschool Elder so that each child knows and feels the love of God every time they step through the doors of MDPC.



**Jennifer Vajdos** | *Children’s Elementary*

Jennifer has called MDPC home since 1990. She and her husband, Marcus, were married here 16 years ago, and are blessed with four children, Meredith (14), David (13), Jane (8), and Michael (6). Jennifer graduated from The University of Texas and enjoyed a career in banking before taking on a new job as full-time mom. She spends her free time volunteering in her children’s schools and running. Jennifer has been involved in Bible Study Discussion and Word and Worship, serving as Bible Buddies Coordinator for many years. Jennifer began teaching Sunday school following graduation, and has remained a leader in both Preschool and Elementary Ministries since, teaching most Sundays with Marcus. She served as moderator of the Children and Family Lead Team and previously served on Session as elder in Preschool Ministries a decade ago. Jennifer’s favorite volunteer role each year is on the leadership team for Summer Celebration. Jennifer feels honored by the opportunity to serve in this vital area of our church and anticipates great things for MDPC Children’s Ministries.



CLASS OF

# New Officer Installation

Sunday, January 5, 2020

Our new Elders and Deacons will play a vital role in the ministries and administration of Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church. Today, we install 24 new Officers to our Session. Please pray for energy, wisdom, and discernment as they help guide us through the next three years and beyond.

## DEACON BIOGRAPHIES | CLASS OF 2022



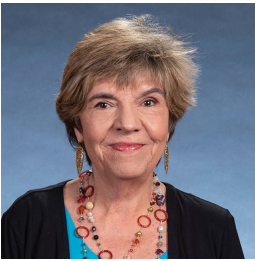
**Jane Henson** | *Calls and Card Writing*

Jane grew up in the West Texas town of Big Spring, and received a B.A. from The University of Texas. After marrying Bart, she taught one year before retiring to stay home and raise their three wonderful daughters. When Bart’s career took them to New Jersey, Jane began attending a Presbyterian Church in search of a moral education for her children. This soon turned into her search for an eternal truth. Jane continued to struggle with the idea of answered prayer vs. coincidence before finally submitting herself to the Holy Spirit. In the years since, her love for Christians and for Scripture have continued to grow. Jane definitely views her Deacon call as a challenge, but also as a thrilling new way to serve Christ’s family.



**Mike Kelly** | *Prayer Ministries*

Mike has attended MDPC since the early 1960s when he went through youth Confirmation classes, was baptized and joined MDPC. He has had the opportunity to experience the growth of MDPC over many years. Mike has enjoyed participating in a number of the programs and classes including Men’s Life and BSD. Mike currently is a member of the Global Outreach Committee and enjoys participating in mission trips. Mike has practiced law for over 35 years and is a graduate of Trinity University and Baylor Law School. Both of his children went through Confirmation at MDPC.



**Marsha Timby** | *Support Ministries*

Marsha Timby joined MDPC in the late 1980s, where her children grew up participating in Youth Ministries. She is the proud grandmother of Mary Allison and Greg Comfort’s three daughters and Robert and Jenny Timby’s son. Marsha retired five years ago after 30-plus years as a speech language pathologist in private practice, public schools, and a hospital setting. Currently, she serves as Referrals Coordinator in Stephen Ministry and visits members in retirement communities. Marsha previously served as a leader and small group facilitator in

Journey Through Divorce, an elder in Caring Ministries and a participant in a Local Outreach Committee, as well as a member of two nominating committees. She feels a call to Caring Ministries and looks forward to seeing how God will use her and other deacons and elders in this ministry area to provide comfort and care.



**Jan Tomlinson** | *Senior Adults*

Jan has been an involved member of MDPC since 1977. She and Peter have been married for 38 years and they are the proud parents of adult daughters, Kate and Sarah, who both live and work in Austin. Jan enjoys Bible study, knitting, cooking, swimming, and being with family and friends. Over the years, Jan has been active in many areas of the church. She has been on Middle School mission trips, chaired the “Sex, God, and Me” course for grades 6-12, helped with Summer Celebration, and was an IMPACT mentor. She now participates with Food Ministries serving lunch on Sundays and is a member of CrossRoads Sunday School class.



She has been blessed to be a Stephen Minister, a facilitator for Walking the Mourner’s Path, and on the Visitation Committee for senior members. She is a member of The Venturers and a founding committee member of Encore Fellowship. With God’s direction and guidance, she sees the new deacon position as an opportunity to continue to serve senior adults of MDPC.



**Harvey Trammell** | *Hospitals and Homebound*

Harvey and his wife, Jami, have been members of MDPC since 2005, and were married in the Chapel in 2005. Harvey has a son, Evans, and two stepchildren, Morgan and Logan Gilliland; a granddaughter Emma (16), and a grandson Beau (3 1/2.) Shortly after graduating from TCU in 1969, he worked in the Mortgage Banking Industry for 45 years until his recent retirement. In retirement he enjoys more time to play with Beau, fly fishing, hiking, playing golf, and traveling with Jami, but also more time to serve the Lord. Mentoring through Spring Branch ISD, volunteering with CanCare, and becoming active in Stephen Ministry are pursuits which have blessed Harvey’s faith walk, but his involvement with Second Family has really grown his passion to serve Jesus through serving others. He considers the call to become Home Visitation deacon to be a true blessing and anticipates serving the church’s members with compassion and the love of Christ.



**Brenda Vega** | *Intercultural Ministries*

Brenda is the single mother of six children, Jennifer (19), Mark (18), Damaris (16), Christian (14), Viktoryous (9), and Gianna (6). Brenda began working at the age of 15, first as a waitress, then as a car insurance agent. In 2005, she started her own small cleaning business. Brenda was introduced to God at a young age, confident that the knowledge of God was in her from that time on. Studying the Bible as a history book–particularly Revelation– made her fear God; but at 16, she came to know Jesus and the desire of her heart changed. Brenda looks forward to being a deacon in Intercultural Ministries and hopes to help in several areas of concern including teen pregnancy/teen moms, single mothers, those suffering from anxiety and depression, and those in poverty. God has supplied every spiritual and physical need and Brenda is amazed by His faithfulness.



**John Yochum** | *End of Life Concerns*

John Yochum is the proud husband of a wonderful wife, Mary Kent, and father to Matthew (age 24), his new wife, Delany, and Grace (19). John works at Capital One Bank providing tax credit equity and loans for affordable housing in Texas and Louisiana. John and Mary Kent spend their free time adjusting to a newly empty nest and traveling to watch Grace play on the Oklahoma State women’s soccer team. He was an elder at Houston FBC, where he chaired the 1993 Stewardship Campaign. John traveled to Israel/Palestine with Foreign Missions connecting with Palestinian Christian Organizations for the church to partner with and support. In 2005, John and Mary Kent joined MDPC, and John began volunteering as a leader in High School Ministries. He has been involved with Men’s Life including Men of the Bible, an eight-member men’s group, and Job Seekers, an MDPC resume-posting website. Despite seasons of doubt and restlessness, John has always believed in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. John desires to be sensitive to the movement of the Holy Spirit and is humbled to offer his experience and spiritual gifts in whatever way the Lord chooses to use him to build His Kingdom on Earth.

**ELDER BIOGRAPHIES | CLASS OF 2022**



**Owen Anglum** | *Outreach Connections*

Owen and his wife of 53 years, Carolyn, have been members of MDPC for 2+years, have a daughter, Julie Stratton, and son, Gregory Anglum, and six grandchildren. Owen is retired from the steel industry where he was Director of Government Affairs, and currently is an active Realtor in Houston. He currently volunteers at the Spring Branch Food Pantry, one of MDPC’s mission partners; attends Men’s Life; the Pastors Class; serves on the Health, Special

Needs Committee of Mission Outreach; volunteers in Communications Ministries; and is a member of the Church in the City committee. Owen is excited about his role in Connections ministry and hopes to involve more MDPC members in its activities.



**Paul Cesak** | *Youth Outreach* (Class of 2021)

Paul Cesak is happily married to Terral Cesak and they have two adult children, Jay and Amy. Both were active at MDPC before graduating. Paul has worked with youth since 2001 when he first volunteered to teach 6th grade. He then got involved with the middle school and has been on more than 10 youth mission trips. Paul was also the 6th grade leader for the very first Guys Life Group and worked with his 11 guys all the way through high school and on to college. They will graduate this year. Along the way, Paul has also taught six Confirmation classes. He is the creator and moderator of the largest 3D Printing group on LinkedIn (60,000+ members) and has been an avid follower, consultant, and speaker advocating 3D printing in the professional and commercial workspace. Paul’s hobbies include gardening, playing guitar, model railroading, and spending time with friends and family, including their four grandchildren. Paul accepted the call to serve as a Youth elder as the natural progression of his desire to care for the youth in our congregation.



**Marty Lilliott Chapman** | *Women’s Ministry*

Marty Lilliott Chapman grew up at MDPC. She was an active member in the youth group and Joyful Noise Choir, and served as a summer youth intern. Marty graduated from Texas A&M University and received her master’s degree in Communication Disorders from UT Dallas. She has been married to Rick Chapman for 22 years. They have three children: Julia (15), Jake (13), and Lexie (9). She works part-time as a speech-language pathologist. When not working or shuttling children, Marty enjoys volunteering, reading, cooking, and spending time with friends. Marty has served as an elder in Preschool Ministries and loved being the Preschool story lady. Currently, she teaches third grade Sunday School. Marty is excited about the growing Women’s Ministries. She’s thrilled to work with Amanda Grace Caldwell and Brett Hurst. She is excited to see what comes next for this warm and welcoming ministry.



**Bucky Farrow** | *Youth Discipleship*

Dr. Buckminster Farrow is husband to Suzanne and father of Grant (18), Reagan (15), and Alden (12). He is a general surgeon in the community who has been a member of MDPC for more than 10 years. Since giving his life to Jesus and attending MDPC, Bucky has become more aware of his own sinfulness and brokenness while simultaneously experiencing more of God’s wisdom and love. He tries to live his life as an expression of gratitude for God’s amazing grace– His Son Jesus Christ. He leads a week-long medical missionary trip every year to rural Guatemala through Faith in Practice, an MDPC mission partner. Bucky has a strong desire to serve MDPC after being involved with Youth Ministries for the last six years as a Life Group leader, Confirmation facilitator, and survivor of many youth weekend retreats. He is passionate about teaching how biblical truth is relevant to real life and cannot imagine a better fit than to serve in the Youth department, serving the congregation’s families.



**Judy Hamelers** | *Worship and Music*

Judy Hameler’s faith journey has been lifelong. She was born into a family of devout Christians. Her father was a Baptist deacon and mother was a Methodist steward so there were many opportunities for attending church activities! Growing up, she had many wonderful Sunday school teachers and, during her teenage years her minister was gifted at connecting with that age group. After marriage, she began attending MDPC and became very active, including teaching Sunday School; her children also participated in church activities. As her daughters grew up, Judy joined the adult choir, which has been her joy for years. So being asked to serve in Music and Worship is a perfect fit for her. After college, Judy worked for the Census Bureau in Washington DC. After marriage she taught school. Judy took off several years when her daughters were born. Divorce brought her back to teaching and then elementary counseling. Now Judy is happily retired and enjoying grandchildren! Judy’s connection to Jesus

Christ is real and an ongoing developing relationship. Without it she would not be where she is today. Judy feels truly blessed.



**Jamie Haskins** | *Worship and Music*

Jamie was born and raised in Houston, graduated from Deer Park High School, and then went on to to Stephen F. Austin University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Interior Design. Currently Jamie has her own interior design company at Stylized Interiors doing mainly residential design. She has a passion and calling for design and she feels God telling her to make people’s homes suit their need and be comforting to them. Life constantly changes and continues to transition as we proceed in it. Our needs change as we progress as well, which is why Jamie has chosen to accept the roll of Worship Elder. She feels God calling her to dig deeper into her faith. Jamie was born and raised in the church, but did not truly accept God into her heart until the age of 15 while attending church camp in Oklahoma, where she accepted Christ as Savior. That is where she truly felt the Holy Spirit work in her and call her to Him forever. Now she prays that she is able to give back the love He has instilled in her as she serves as a Worship elder.



**Wade Jones** | *Generosity*

Wade Jones has been a member of MDPC since 2017. He was previously a member of Grace Presbyterian for 30 years where he was involved in many areas of ministry and served as an elder and trustee. Wade is a native Houstonian and grew up attending Pines Presbyterian. Wade has been blessed to be married to MDPC member Karen Jones for the past 32 years. Wade and Karen have two sons and one daughter. Garrett (26) and Graham (25) both live in Houston. Harper Rae (23) lives in Durham with her husband, Tyson Creech. Wade is a graduate of Stephen F. Austin University, and has been involved in the energy industry for his entire career. Wade accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior while attending Young Life’s Windy Gap Camp and has been committed to growing his relationship with the Lord ever since. Wade is very thankful for the opportunity to serve as an elder and is committed to supporting the ministries of MDPC.



**John Kemper** | *Personnel Elect-elect*

John Kemper has been a member of MDPC since 1979. His late wife, Linda, who passed away in 2015, also served on Session. John has served previously on Session in Outreach and in Caring. He is the proud parent of Ginny Trevino and David Kemper, both members of MDPC. He is grandfather to Amelia Ann. John is presently on the Generosity and Outreach Committees. He attends the Quest Sunday School Class, and frequently ushers at the 11:15 Worship Service. He has been on the Board of the Spring Branch Community Health Center since 2009, and has been Board Chair since 2016. The clinic serves primarily the uninsured in the Spring Branch area. He enjoys family, golf, Houston Pops Symphony, reading, and friends. John believes in the mission of MDPC in the areas of prayer and outreach to our many mission partners. He looks forward to serving as Personnel Elder.



**Barbara Mueller** | *Children’s Special Blessings*

Barbara grew up in Refugio, Texas, where she was blessed to be part of a loving Lutheran church that helped her develop a solid foundation in her Christian faith. She has lived in Houston since 1976 and has been an MDPC member since 1996. She was active in the Blueprint Class and started expanding her study of the Bible and understanding more of how God wanted her to grow in her Christian walk. When her mother was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s in 1995, she learned to rely more on God and on her MDPC community for support and guidance. When MDPC friend Anita Bullers encouraged her to help in the special needs ministry, Barbara was at first reluctant, but Anita didn’t give up, and Barbara has been involved ever since. Looking back, she now realizes that it was God and the Holy Spirit guiding her to the current plan He had for her to grow in her faith through service to Him. Barbara has two sisters, Beverly May and Brenda Mueller, who are also MDPC members.