

## Lenten Season

Wednesday, February 26	<b>Ash Wednesday Service</b> (Communion and Imposition of Ashes)	Noon   Chapel 6:30 PM   Sanctuary
Sunday, March 1	<b>I BELIEVE: Descended Into Hell</b> Lenten Study Begins (The Growing Disciple)	8:30+, 9:45 & 11:15 AM   Chapel+/Sanctuary
Sunday, March 8	<b>I BELIEVE: The Third Day He Rose</b>	8:30+, 9:45 & 11:15 AM   Chapel+/Sanctuary
Sunday, March 15	<b>I BELIEVE: Ascended and Sitteth</b>	8:30+, 9:45 & 11:15 AM   Chapel+/Sanctuary
Sunday, March 22	<b>I BELIEVE: Coming to Judge</b>	8:30+, 9:45 & 11:15 AM   Chapel+/Sanctuary
Sunday, March 29	<b>I BELIEVE: The Holy Ghost</b>	8:30+, 9:45 & 11:15 AM   Chapel+/Sanctuary

## Holy Week

Sunday, April 5	<b>I BELIEVE: The Holy Catholic Church</b>	8:30+, 9:45 & 11:15 AM   Chapel+/Sanctuary
April 6-9	<b>The Spoken Word</b> <b>The Silent Word</b>	Mon., 6:00 AM-Thurs, 4:00 PM   Chapel Mon., 6:00 AM-Thurs, 4:00 PM   Chapel
Thursday, April 9	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>	7:00 PM   Sanctuary
Friday, April 10	<b>Journey to the Cross</b> <b>Good Friday Service</b> <b>Spanish Language Service</b>	9:30 AM   Check-in by Parlor Noon   Sanctuary 7:00 PM   Chapel

## Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 12	<b>Sunrise Service</b> 7:00 AM   Courtyard
	<b>Contemporary Service</b> 8:30 AM   Sanctuary
	<b>Family Service</b> 9:45 AM   Sanctuary
	<b>Traditional Service</b> 11:15 AM   Sanctuary



*The* **Easter Season**  
at **MDPC**

After February 1, visit [lent.mdpc.org](http://lent.mdpc.org) for details on each of these services and events.

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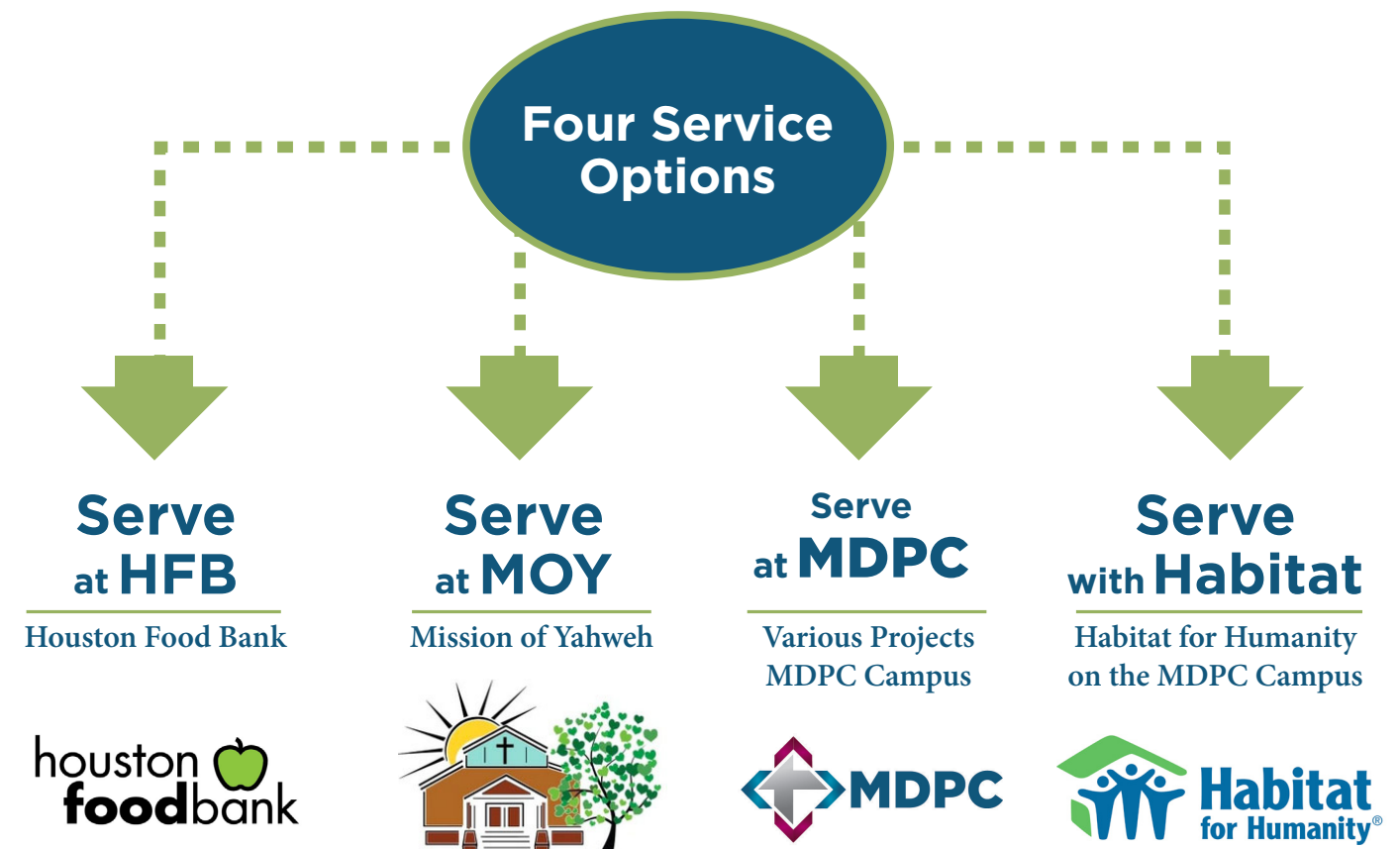
Sunday,  
February 23



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

Church in the City is MDPC's annual morning of service to our community. Visit [CITC.mdpc.org](http://CITC.mdpc.org) to register and to review details of all four service projects that are offered this year. (You will register according to the service project you choose. See below for an overview of the four options).

Once again, we will have an ambitious goal for our Kids' Meals sandwich making crew here at MDPC, so we are asking that you bring loaves of plain wheat or white bread on the morning of the event. If you are traveling to one of the mission partners, go straight to the Kinkaid parking lot. MDPC Youth will be there to receive your bread donations.





MDPC Food Service Ministries Hosts 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)

### Interested in MDPC Membership?

#### Discover MDPC with Alf

This is a no-pressure opportunity to meet Pastor Alf and learn about MDPC.

January 26

10:45-11:10 AM • Gathering Room  
Drop-ins are welcome!

#### New Member Classes

The New Member Classes are taught by Pastors and Elders, and include a Saturday service project at one of the organizations supported by MDPC.

Friday & Saturday, February 7-8

This session will be a two-day intensive.

### Dr. Richard Mouw to Speak at MDPC

Fuller Seminary Texas invites you to attend a dynamic conversation on a big question facing the church. Dr. Mouw's topic is *Our Uncivil Society: Can Evangelicals Be Part of the Solution?* Dr. Mouw has been working with this issue for decades.

Wednesday, January 29 • 7:00 PM (free) • Chapel  
Register at [fuller.mdpc.org](http://fuller.mdpc.org)



Born in China, painter Zhaoming Wu has long been active as both an artist and a teacher. He is a very successful painter and his works hang in museums and private collections around the world.

Wednesday, January 29  
Free & Open to the Public  
6:30 to 8:30 PM • Amphitheater  
[art.mdpc.org](http://art.mdpc.org)

### We got you, mom!

Moms of young children, would you like a break in the week to relax and chat with other moms? Come for breakfast, connection, and great content.

Alternating Thursdays | 9:30-11:15 AM | Parlor

#### Evening MOPS

If you're a working mom or evenings better fit your schedule, join us for dinner and meaningful conversations.

Monthly Wednesdays | 6:00-7:00 PM | Room 102

Mothers of Preschoolers

FREE childcare at both times!

### Youth Summer Mission Trip Sign Ups

High school, 7th-8th grade, and 6th grade each have their own mission experience. Grow by going! Sign up today.

7th/8th Grade - San Antonio - May 31-June 6

High School - Lake of the Ozarks - June 14-20

6th Grade - Houston - June 27-28

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

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### Community Gallery Wall

Stop by the Gallery Wall to view a beautiful collection of quilts by MDPC quilters.

Located between Room 122 and The Nook

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### Theology on Tap - MDPC & Friends

Ask your anonymous questions about life, faith, God, the Bible, or whatever, and enjoy lively conversation over happy hour food and drinks. Open to young adults from any worldview. HH ends at 7:00, so it pays (literally) to be on time!

Monday, January 27 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Around the Corner (1510 Hutchins, 77003)

Contact Sarah Stone: 832-605-8129

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### Annual MDPC Meeting

MDPC will conduct an annual church business meeting during the next All Church Lunch. The pastors will provide a year-end financial report, unveil the 2020 operating budget, and present the pastors' Terms of Call.

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

### Pastoral Team

**Dan Aikins**  
Equipping Pastor

**Clay Brown**  
Equipping Pastor

**Beth Case**  
Caring Ministries Pastor

**Mauricio Chacón**  
Spanish Language Pastor

**Almir Dias**  
Portuguese Language Pastor

**Alf Halvorson**  
Senior Pastor

**Brett Hurst**  
Relationships Pastor

**Rachel Poysky**  
Children's Pastor

**Dave Steane**  
Executive Pastor

**Dave Peterson & Gary Bowker**  
Pastors Emeritus

### Serve on an Outreach Committee

Outreach Ministries needs 18 volunteers to fill local committees. When you serve on one of these teams, you will see God at work through the ministry of our partners. Local committee members will make site visits, and all will work to get to know their partners, resulting in committee funding recommendations.

Contact: Jan Roe, [jroe@mdpc.org](mailto:jroe@mdpc.org)

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### Help Fight Childhood Hunger at Houston Food Bank

One in four children in Houston are food insecure, and many more lack the good nutrition needed to thrive. A simple way you can help is to volunteer monthly to prepare meals at Houston Food Bank (HFB). These meals are then distributed to after-school programs in Harris County.

Next date: Monday, February 10 • 8:00 AM-Noon

Registration & details: [hfb.mdpc.org](http://hfb.mdpc.org)

Questions? Contact Suzanne Fitch

[fitchsuzanne@hotmail.com](mailto:fitchsuzanne@hotmail.com)

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### Make Sandwiches for Kids' Meals

Another way to make a difference in the lives of hungry children is to help make sandwiches at MDPC for Kids' Meals. Please bring four loaves of sandwich bread per sandwich-maker to the service project. (Plain white or wheat, nothing fancy required!)

Next Service Date: February 12

4:30-6:00 PM • Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie: [hempeljulie@gmail.com](mailto:hempeljulie@gmail.com)

### Connect with Us

#### Contact Us

Website: [mdpc.org](http://mdpc.org)  
Front Office: 713-782-1710  
Prayer Chain: 713-953-2558  
Prayer Wall: [prayerwall.mdpc.org](http://prayerwall.mdpc.org)

#### Follow Us

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Instagram: [instagram.mdpc.org](https://instagram.mdpc.org)  
Vimeo: [vimeo.mdpc.org](https://vimeo.mdpc.org)

#### Download the MDPC App

For quick download links for Apple and Android, text 832-742-1832.

#### MDPC Worship

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

Step up your game with a 4-week men's study on emotional and spiritual maturity. Become all that God intended you to be as men, husbands, fathers, and friends.

**Tuesdays**  
February 4 - 25  
6:30 - 7:45 AM  
Amphitheater

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

**Girls' Getaway**

Friday-Sunday, April 3-5  
Jordan Ranch in Schulenburg, Texas

A Weekend to Relax

Join us as we "get away" to enjoy a five-star retreat complete with an outdoor movie, cooking class, and plenty of free time to walk or relax in the luxurious retreat center. Bring a friend, neighbor, mother, or sister. We look forward to seeing you there!

All adult women welcome. Lodging and meals are included in the cost of \$150, due at registration: [getaway.mdpc.org](http://getaway.mdpc.org)

**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](http://THEWELL.MDPC.ORG)

WOMEN AGES 17+ ARE WELCOME

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 (20's & 30's)**

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**  
7:00-9:00 PM  
Kindred, Montrose (2515 Waugh, 77006)  
\$5 Suggested Donation  
Free craft beer & food

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

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**BELIEVE**  
SERMON SERIES

What do you believe? The Apostle's Creed is an affirmation of our faith and doctrines. In this 2020 Sermon Series, Pastor Alf breaks down each phrase, exploring its meaning, and giving us greater understanding of what we believe and why.

The series will run through Easter.