

FOCUS

Holiday Edition!



MDPC
Memorial Drive
Presbyterian Church

THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT MDPC

November & December 2019

Please bring a gently-used children's book to donate!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

**Sunday, December 8
4:30-6:30 PM**

Dinner*, Bingo, and a Christmas Amazing Race!

Booths for Face Painting, **Advent Wreaths**, a **Hot Chocolate Bar**, Family **Dress-Up Contest**, and Crafting! Also, please join us in the Summit Room for a **Service Project**!

The entire church family is welcome!

***Avoid lines by pre-paying for dinner:**
festival.mdpc.org
\$8/adult • \$4/child

****Pick a Christmas theme and dress up with your family. Prize for best family costume!**

MDPC KIDS
Making Disciples Helping Them Grow!

festival.mdpc.org

MDPC Concert Series
2019-2020

Jubilate Deo

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Featuring prolific American composer **Dan Forrest's Jubilate Deo**, the MDPC Choir with Full Orchestra celebrates the birth of Christ in the colorful languages of the world. The audience will also join in singing favorite carols of the season.

**Sunday | 6:00 PM
December 8, 2019
MDPC Sanctuary**

MDPC Concert Series

Free and open to the public
Attend the Advent Festival at 4:30 and Concert at 6:00

concerts.mdpc.org

Christmas for Kids



Two Ways to Bless a Child this Christmas!

1 Sponsor a Child

MDPC Women are partnering with Small Steps Nurturing Center to provide 150+ siblings of children in their programs with Christmas gifts. You will receive a child's name, gender, and age along with a gift suggestion list. For each child, please provide three wrapped gifts for a suggested total of \$75.

Sundays, November 3-24 • Breezeway

Pick up sponsor forms and a bag for gifts

Monday, December 2

Wrapped gifts to MDPC front office

2 Toy Train

MDPC Outreach Ministries is collecting gifts for the children and teens of Santa Maria Hostel (a residential and outpatient addiction treatment center for indigent women and their children) and Spring Spirit (cares for under-served youth), two MDPC ministry partners in the Spring Branch area. Please purchase new, unwrapped gifts for ages infant-18 years old.

November 10-December 10

Drop gift off in the Toy Train (outside Outreach Min.)

For details, visit cfk.mdpc.org

COME, THOU LONG-EXPECTED JESUS

An Advent Devotional
from the Gospel of Luke

adventdevo.mdpc.org

THANKSGIVING



MEAL IN A BAG

thanksgiving.mdpc.org

East Spring Branch Food Pantry will feed hundreds of hungry families for Thanksgiving, and MDPC wants to help! Pick up a cloth bag in the Front Office or Outreach Ministries, shop for the items below, and return the filled bag to MDPC on or before **Sunday, November 17** (drop-offs are located around the campus). The meal bags will be distributed to deserving families in the community who were recommended by SBISD School Counselors.

Contact Jan Roe: jroe@mdpc.org

AN EXPERIMENT IN GRATITUDE

NOVEMBER 10-27, 2019



PICK A FRIEND

Invite them to do this experiment with you.



TEXT

For 18 days, text each other once a day with one thing you're grateful for.



CHANGE

See how God changes your heart and perspective!

I'M THANKING YOU, GOD, FROM A FULL HEART, I'M WRITING THE BOOK ON YOUR WONDERS.

PSALM 9:1



YOUNG ADULTS
MDPC



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**Friday, November 15
5:30-7:30 PM**

Join us for dinner and a movie! Food trucks will be on campus for those who wish to purchase dinner before the movie. On a giant blow-up screen on the ball field, we will show "The Secret Life of Pets 2." Bring lawn chairs and a blanket and join us for a night of fun and fellowship. We will also be collecting canned kitten and puppy food to donate to CAPS.

Contact Alicia Boykin: aboykin@mdpc.org



Friends-giving

All-Church Lunch, Sunday, November 17

Bring a friend or neighbor to church and stay for All Church Lunch. **Your guest's meal will be complimentary.**

THANKSGIVING-THEMED MENU

Entrée (\$10)

Roasted Turkey with Gravy or Glazed Ham; served with green beans, sweet potato casserole, stuffing/dressing, or mashed potatoes

Vegetable plate (\$7); Children's Entrée (\$4) Child's Portion; **Entrée Salad (\$10)** Winter Chicken; **All meals include** roll, dessert, and beverage, and a choice of salad, fruit, or Jello.

friends.mdpc.org

Thanksgiving

GIVING

TREATS FOR YOUR FEAST!

ORDER BY THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

PUMPKIN PIE \$12 • PECAN PIE \$16

CHOCOLATE FUDGE \$14

CRANBERRY BREAD \$7

CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES \$12 DOZ.

PICK UP NOV. 26-27 • 8:00 AM-2:00 PM

treats.mdpc.org

BLESS & FRIDAY

BLACK FRIDAY IS ABOUT SHOPPING
BLESS FRIDAY IS ABOUT SERVING



Friday, November 29, 2019

Giving thanks for all God has blessed us with can be as simple as helping with holiday decorations, bagging beans and rice, or filling shoeboxes with small surprises. Visit the link below for details.

blessfriday.mdpc.org



Mission Market

Sundays, December 1, 8, 15, & 22
Chapel and Sanctuary Lobbies

Give the gift of hope for Christmas this year when you purchase Christmas cards in honor of friends and loved ones. The money goes directly to an MDPC ministry partner to fund life-saving surgeries, safe and loving homes for children, wheelchairs, and so much more. **Mission Market** is available weekdays in the Front Office.

missionmarket.mdpc.org



All women are invited to this annual holiday tradition. You'll enjoy coffee, wassail, holiday treats, and festive music from The Yellow School kids. Invite your neighbors, friends, and family.

Tuesday, December 3
9:30-11:00 AM • MDPC Parlor

coffee.mdpc.org

Join us for a celebration of art and music!

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

This FREE art-filled event will feature works from the students of the REACH art classes and seasonal music by MDPC's Contemporary Music team with a special live art demonstration by Bridget Wolk.

Art viewing & appetizers: 6:15 PM • Nook
Concert: 7:00 PM • Chapel
Dessert Reception: 8:00 PM • Chapel

merry.mdpc.org

ETHIOPIA
Vision Trip with **LIGHT OF HOPE**

Visit **Light of Hope**, one of our global outreach partners, who is bringing the Good News of God's love to the Arssi Oromo people. See how God is moving in this Muslim majority region through our partner's evangelism efforts and MDPC's generosity.

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