

March 1, 2018

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The purpose of Moorpark Presbyterian Church is to glorify God and to help people become fully-committed, joyful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Ministry Staff:

To reach the staff, call the church office (805-529-8422)
Office Hours are M-Th,
9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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Dan McGowan

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Dave Hubbard

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Sunday Morning:

Church and Children's
Church: 9:00

Visit our website:

www.MPCLife.org

You can:

- view sermons
- see the MPC calendar
- read/search an on-line NIV and KJ Bible
- read the monthly newsletter
- find out about all our group activities
- see bios on our staff, elders, and deacons
- make on-line donations or payments for your pledges, camps, and special events



Dear MPC Family,

I have SO appreciated the warm welcome you've given me and Laura! I have also really appreciated the privilege of sitting with over 60 of you to hear what's on your hearts about all that's happened at MPC. I've learned a lot! So you know, I will take what I've learned (without naming names) to your Session so your leaders can prayerfully discern God's unique call for MPC, now and into the future. Please pray with us as we do this critical work!

Please join me in making the very most of this season of Lent – a season of prayerful reflection and listening to God – so we can get in touch with everything in us (individually and as a church family) that's NOT of God. As we do this prayerful listening, and get in touch with what God reveals, we can take this to God so God can heal, transform and prepare us for what's next!

I also encourage you to join me for our Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Services, which will all be VERY special. And be thinking of your friends you can invite to join us! You'll find more information on these services in this newsletter, and in the bulletin on Sunday.


One last, very important thing to know: starting Sunday, April 8, we will begin an 8-week sermon series called "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality. For information on this series, go to emotionallyhealthy.org and scroll down to "Get Started." Once there, scroll down to "Emotionally Healthy Course." You'll find a wonderful video that describes what this is all about. There is a "participant's kit" for this series, which includes the EHS book, a prayer guide and a discussion guide (for your small group discussions). If you'd like to get your "kit," go to "shop," scroll down to "EH Discipleship Kit," then scroll down to the picture with the resources for the EHS course. Click on that picture and order away.

I am VERY excited about sharing this course with ALL of you! This will also be a wonderful journey to invite our Easter guests to join us in!


Looking forward to all that's ahead as we follow Jesus together,

Pastor Mike

EASTER SEASON SERVICES



PALM SUNDAY - March 25 @9am



MAUNDY THURSDAY - March 29 @7pm

a narrative re-telling
of the Last Supper
with message and communion



GOOD FRIDAY
March 30
12noon - 2pm



EASTER SUNDAY
two services
9:00am & 10:45am



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ASL INTERPRETTER AVAILABLE FOR PALM SUNDAY & MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICES

Worship Ministry Notes

JOIN THE EASTER CHOIR!!

You are invited to join our EASTER CHOIR!! We will be singing TWO songs!

First, we will help lead the congregation in the classic Easter hymn, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today!" Then, we will end our service triumphantly with "The Hallelujah Chorus!" And – both songs will be accompanied by our EASTER ORCHESTRA!!! What a wonderful way to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ!! We will have TWO REHEARSALS: Wednesday, March 21, and Wednesday, March 28. Both rehearsal will be at 7:00 pm. Then – We will sing on EASTER SUNDAY morning!! Please contact Dan McGowan ASAP if you would like to be a part of this joyful time of singing!

Dan McGowan, Worship Director

MPC Office: 805-529-8422, x4, or DanM@MPCLife.org



EASTER SEASON SERVICES

Sunday, March 25, PALM SUNDAY, 9:00 am

Our service will include the children, celebratory music, and a message from Pastor Mike. ASL interpretation provided, nursery care for children through 3 years, and Sunday School for children 4 years through grade 5.

Parents, we'd love to have your child join us on **Palm Sunday, March 25**, as they'll be waving palm fronds during the beginning of our Sunday morning worship service at 9:00 am. Please have your child in the lobby at 8:45 am. After they've helped us celebrate, they'll be dismissed to Sunday School.

Thursday, March 29, MAUNDY THURSDAY, 7:00 pm

Our Maundy Thursday service this year will be a re-telling of the Last Supper, as well as meaningful songs of the season. Please join us for this beautiful service! ASL interpretation provided.

Friday, March 30, GOOD FRIDAY, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

On Good Friday our sanctuary will be open from noon - 2:00 pm. During this drop-in time, those who are led can come by for informal meditation, prayer, and communion. We'll remember the death of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in preparation for the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Sunday, April 1, EASTER SUNDAY, 9:00 and 10:45 am.

Our services this year will include an orchestra, our MPC choir, hand bells, and our praise team. There will be nursery care for children through 3 years. Children 4 years old and above worship with their parents on this special day. Sunday School will resume the following week on April 8.



MPC makes a proud showing of enthusiastic volunteers at the Moorpark High School Groundhog Day 5/10K Run, February 2, 2018. The run raised funding for Moorpark High School's Track and Field team. Look like fun? Contact Marty Rouse and he'll call you next year!



Join a small group today!

Contact Vera Rhimes our Small Group Coordinator,
Brad Fredrickson, our elder working with adult discipleship,
or call the church office (805) 529-8422.



YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

March 1, 2018

Ministry Value 6. This is an important one: "Through relationships, youth will begin to trust that Scripture is a collection of stories which point to Jesus and reveal God's truth. The honest conversation within these relationships creates a space for youth to interact with Scripture in a way that speaks to them personally."

Think about what this means: We understand God's Word on a personal level...through our relationships.

Think about it this way:

What is the point of the bible? One common answer might be, to reveal God. Ok, what, then, does God want us to know about him? A common answer might be, that he loves us. And how does he show us that? Many would say, through a relationship with Jesus. If you follow that logic, the bible is simply a means to an end: relationships.

Without relationships then, what good is the bible? What good is knowing God? If he wants us know him and be in relationship (with him and each other), but all we think the bible is, is a book to say "well, this is what God says," what good does that do? Isn't that just making it a "get into heaven" book? But if it's about a relationship, then the bible is so much bigger than just the words in it.

Jesus confirms this thinking in the Great Commandment in Matthew 22, which summed up says, "Love God, love people." Then vs 40 says, "All the law & the prophets hang on these two commands." Everything comes down to being in relationship, and our ministry value reflects this idea.

So in youth ministry, we find that youth come to understand God's word the best in this context. Which might cause you to think differently about how we use it then. What ways can you think of that are effective in helping teenagers understand the bible? Hint: relationships!



-Dave Hubbard

Tuesdays at Renew:

March 6 - HS/MS Big Combo Night

March 13 - 6th-9th Grade Only Night/HS Offsite Activity Groups

March 20 - HS/MS Big Combo Night

March 27 - 9th-12th Grade Only Night/MS Offsite Activity Groups

Upcoming Events:

March 11 - High School "Second Sundays" 6:30 pm

March 23 - Middle School "Fourth Fridays" 6:30 pm

March 24 - Romania Mission Trip Dinner Fundraiser 6:30 pm in Wilkinson Hall

*Register & Pay at mpclife.org/renew, click the "Logistics" tab



February 13, 2018

Session Report

BRIEF

Reminder: There will be two services on Easter Sunday 9:00 am and 10:45.

If you are not already in a small group please see Vera Rhimes and join!

Souper Bowl Party will be sponsored by Fellowship on Sunday March 10 from 5- 7pm.

Mother's of Preschoolers will hold a bake/gift sale on Sunday March 25th right after service.

Prayers:

- For the increased penetration and progress of the gospel of Jesus into the larger community through our church.
- For the increased discipleship maturity that will show itself in biblical action and love for each other.
- For God to place on my heart the names of people to invite to church, and then the courage to invite.

Session was opened at 6:47pm with scripture and prayer. In attendance were: Interim Pastor Mike Harbert, Clerk of Session Brenda Kermode and 12 elders. Four elders were excused. Guests in attendance: Greg Gillis-Smith

Some of the topics discussed:

MSC via email vote on January 22nd, to allow Daisy Scout Troop 61943 to have a booth for Girl Scout Cookies on Sunday, February 4th after service.

Transfer certificate for Toby Richmond was received from Mandarin Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville, FL.

MSC to allow MOPS to hold a bake/gift sale after service on March 25th.

The full Church Statistical Report was submitted to Presbytery on February 11, 2018.

Discernment Day for all Session Members will be held on Sunday March 11 with Pastor Mike leading.

Pastor Mike will be taking a pre-planned vacation/study trip from May 7 -June 17.

A subcommittee of Session will be formed shortly to prepare the MPC Mission Study to be used in searching for a new pastor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Total Income for January (4 wks) was \$42K, **\$20K below** our plan level of \$62K.

'Administration Expense' for January was **on budget** at our plan level of ~\$11K.

'Staff Expense' was **\$5K below** our plan level of ~\$40K.

'Program Expenses' were **\$2K below** plan level in total.

Debt Service payments reflect the reduced amounts for the loan, saving us in cash flow.

January Net Income/ <Loss> was **\$13K below** plan level due to **\$20K below** giving & **\$7K below** plan spending.

2018 YTD Net Operating Cash Flow is **\$13K below** the Plan. This is summarized as follows:

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| Giving | <\$ 20K> |
| Admin. | <\$ -K> |
| Staff | \$ 5K |
| Other | <\$ -K> |
| Program | \$ 2K |
| Debt Service | \$ -K |
| | <\$ 13K> |

Operating Cash is **down \$12K** from prior month end, now at \$185K.

Total Available Cash is **down \$12K** from prior month end, now at ~\$217K, now 3.2x monthly disbursements.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm with prayer.

NEWS AND NOTES

Information and activities for the whole congregation

TNT – TUESDAY NIGHTS TOGETHER

TNT is our Children's Mid-Week program for 1st - 5th grade boys and girls. Join us on Tuesday nights for dinner, games, and campfire Bible stories surrounded by a campfire atmosphere. This 8-week series runs **through - March 27** in Wilkinson Hall. For more information, talk to Bill Gratke and Amy Krueger at the Children's Ministries table on Sundays, or call the church office (805-529-8422) during the week.

MPC RIDERS

NEW! The MPC Riders are heading out again! On March 18, join Roger Kahle after church in the parking lot for a lunch ride with route TBD. Depart after church. Contact Roger Kahle for more information or call the church office (805) 5298422.

PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Professional clinical counseling within a Christian framework is **offered at Moorpark Presbyterian Church** in partnership with City Impact. A sliding scale fee schedule is provided. For more information, please call Barbra Winter, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (805-214-8116).

VOICE OF THE MARTYRS.COM

NEW! Voice of the Martyrs has a new movie coming out on Monday, March 5. Tortured for Christ will be playing in more than 150 movie theatres nationwide. For tickets and information, click [here](#).

SATURDAY,
MARCH 10



Set your clocks ahead 1 hr on Saturday night!



"SOUPER BOWL SATURDAY"

NEW! Join your MPC friends, family, and Fellowship Team for a wonderful **soup potluck** on **Saturday, March 10 at 5:00 pm in Wilkinson Hall!** Bring your favorite soup, a salad, or bread to share. Fellowship will bring all the fixings for s'mores! Sign up after church this Sunday, call fellowship elder Kathy Paul, or contact the church office for more information (805-529-8422).

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Special Events:

NEW! **"Trash to Treasure":** Friday, **April 13, at 6:00 pm.** in Wilkinson Hall, including a **lasagna dinner.** Please bring no more than 3 items that you want to pass on to someone else. Do NOT go out to buy something! This evening is about **passing along things you no longer want that are in good condition** and you want to share. Past items include gently used clothing, jewelry, deviled egg servers, tomato plants, books, devotionals, candles, and a pop-up tent. This evening is about enjoying friends and laughing at our "trash" ("treasures" to someone else). The evening is free, with a free-will offering taken for Women's Ministry. If you can, donations of diapers and wipes for Community Pregnancy Clinic would be appreciated. **Sign-up after church,** contact Danelle Bradley or Jan Jue, or call the church office for more information (805-529-8422).

NEW! "Cinco de Bunco": Mark your calendars for Women's Ministries "Cinco De Bunco", **Saturday, May 5, at 6:00 pm in Wilkinson's Hall.** Tacos and virgin margaritas will be served! Fun prizes!!! Sign-ups will start March 18. \$5 to play.

Monthly Women's Activities:

3rd Tuesday of each Month: MPC women get together at the Szechuan Garden restaurant in Moorpark at 11:30 am ([484 E Los Angeles Ave](http://www.484ELosAngelesAve.com)). Contact Karen Konjoyan for more information .

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of the month, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm. Contact the church office for details or go to www.mops.org.

TLC (Tuesday Ladies for Christ): Weekly Bible Study, meeting in Wilkinson Hall, 9:15 – 11:00 am, Tuesdays. Contact Tracey Flitsch for more information or call the church office (805-529-8422).

CBS (Community Bible Study): An international Bible study group, meeting weekly in Wilkinson Hall, Wednesday mornings, 10:00 – 12:00. Contact the church office for details or go to www.communitybiblestudy.org.



The **MPC Expressive Art Workshop** meets next Saturday, **March 10**, in the Sanctuary Music Room (downstairs) from 9:30 a.m. to no later than noon. Please RSVP to Julie Cast who will prepare the materials for each class. For more information contact Julie Cast or call the church office (805-529-8422).

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

The Prayer Blanket Ministry team meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month. They create lap blankets for those in our MPC family who are going through a time when they could use extra prayers. Sometimes it's a joyful time (like the arrival of a new child!) or sometimes it's when extra comfort is needed (like a bereavement or a surgery). Each blanket is made with prayer and prayed over by the whole group after its completion. If you like to knit or crochet (or would like to learn how) come for the meeting of Prayer Blanket Ministry team this month, **Thursday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.**, at the home of Micki Shaffer. For more information or directions, contact Micki Shaffer or call the church office (805-529-8422).

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Monthly Men's Activities:

Men's Wednesday Breakfast Bible Study: Wednesday mornings at 6:45 am at Michael D's restaurant in Moorpark (593 West Los Angeles Avenue, Moorpark). For information contact Bob Eubank or Mark Parker, or call the church office for more information (805-529-8422)

Men's Ministry Team monthly planning meeting: 4th Tuesday of the month, 7:00 pm, Room 8. All men are welcome!

Men's Ministry Dates to Save:

Jun 9: Men's Spring Breakfast and Community Service morning.

November 5: Men's Ministries/RENEW Youth Golf Tournament

MILITARY FAMILIES SUPPORT GROUP

Next meeting:
Monday,
March 19,
7:00 pm,
Room 9



The MPC **Military Families Support Group (MFSG)** provides a vital support system for military men and women and their families as they support our country. The MFSG meets monthly on the 3rd Monday of each month to pray and arrange for cards and packages to be sent to our military members and friends. Anyone interested in joining the group, or adding a military member to the group for support, please contact the church office and request an MFSG New Member Guide. Monthly military member reports are posted on our website.