In late November 2018, we began the process of searching for an Associate Minister of Faith Formation and Outreach. We were pleased to receive over 70 qualified applications for the position from a wide diversity of candidates serving in different denominations all over the country. In February, we narrowed down to our top five candidates and invited them to Charlotte for face-to-face interviews with a team of lay leaders and our Senior Staff. All of our top candidates had strong gifts for ministry, but one candidate rose to the top.

We are excited to introduce Mia Michelle McClain as our new Associate Minister. Originally from New Orleans, Mia traveled to Syracuse University in upstate New York for college, where she achieved a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre. Pursuing a career in drama, Mia moved to Manhattan and earned a Master of Arts with a focus on Art and Public Policy at New York University. While acting and singing off Broadway and in regional theatre, Mia had an encounter with God that developed into a call for vocational ministry.

Following her calling, Mia attended Union Theological Seminary in NY where she focused on preaching, ethics, and interreligious engagement. During her time at Union, she served as a research assistant for the Rev. Dr. Lisa L. Thompson, Professor of Homiletics, who described Mia as “someone with a high emotional IQ, an adaptive response style, the unique ability to think outside the box, and a holistic mind-body-spirit approach, who is constantly learning, and has a heart for making the world more just.” In her last year at Union, Mia won the prestigious Jonathan Kneeland preaching award, and graduated with a Master of Divinity degree.

While in seminary, Mia served as a Chaplain Intern at New York Presbyterian Hospital. She provided pastoral care to patients and their families on a daily basis, led worship for staff, served as an on-call chaplain, and worked with the ethics committee to facilitate equitable care for the hospital system. Her supervisor, Rabbi Kalish, described Mia’s pastoral presence as “a calm, graceful, and patient listener who is attentive to her environment and brings the appropriate emotional tone to her care for others with a deep generosity of spirit.”

Mia complemented her seminary training and chaplaincy work by serving as a worship leader at First Corinthian Baptist in Harlem, NY, a church with 10,000 members. Later, she served on staff at Fort Washington Collegiate Church as Director of Children’s Ministries and as acting Associate Minister during an interim period, while the church was searching for a new Senior Minister. In her time at Fort Washington Collegiate, Mia served as a primary teacher, developed bible studies and educational curriculum, coordinated small groups, provided oversight for the faith formation program, and preached on occasion.

Mia also worked with Fort Washington’s social justice ministry to transform spiritual practices into social action in the community, spearheaded a Theology on Tap program, started interfaith prayer and healing services, and led their PRIDE celebrations. Her supervisor, Rev. Bridget Anthony, described her as an “incredibly mature, adaptable, unflappable minister who can think quickly on her feet.” Dr. Damaris Whittaker, Senior Minister at Fort Washington, said, “Mia is an outstanding preacher who is committed to justice, and has taught me to have a greater respect for education, to take time to debrief ministry events, and offer self-care and support to people who are engaged in the work of service and social action.”

Mia is a licensed Baptist minister and is currently pursuing full ordination in the United Church of Christ. We are incredibly excited for her to join our team as the first African-American in the history of Myers Park Baptist Church to be called to serve on Senior Staff. Her first Sunday with us will be April 14. We will introduce Mia to the congregation at the Adult Forum at 9:45a in Heaton Hall, when we will discuss her story and how our bodies impact our journey of faith. I hope you will welcome Mia to our church community and join me in offering her your love, affirmation, and support as we enter into this new stage of ministry together and move forever forward on our journey of faith.

Rev. W. Benjamin Boswell, Senior Minister

AWAKENING SHALOM PODCASTS: Being Mortal

By Rev. Ben Boswell

Shalom is the Hebrew word for the peace, harmony, wholeness, well-being, community, equity, justice, goodness, and beauty that exist when we are living in right relationship with God, ourselves, and all created things. The Awakening Shalom podcast is an opportunity for digital faith formation at Myers Park Baptist Church that accompanies the Awakening Series, a year-long journey of exploration and discernment that invites all people to learn about current social justice issues and how they impact our faith. Each podcast series is a deep reading of a book that accompanies the theme for the year.

For the season of Lent, we are reading the New York Times bestselling book Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, which offers a profound examination of life, suffering, death, and what it means to be human. You can follow along with me and some special guests as we study the book together on the Awakening Shalom Podcast.
Holy Week | Embrace April - May 2019

By Fran Morrison

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 14 | 11:00a | String quartet prelude at 10:50a

This is a service of sharp contrasts, with both joy and sorrow being experienced in a short amount of time. We begin with the waving of palm branches and preschool and elementary children’s voices singing their joyful hosannas at the hopeful triumph of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem. The sermon turns toward the Passion story as the Chancel Choir sings Mozart’s “Lacrimosa” from his Requiem with strings and organ as the offertory anthem.

The service continues with Deacons carrying a large wooden cross down the center aisle while the choir and our tenor soloist, Nick Stewart, sing “There’s a Man Goin’ Round Takin’ Names” arranged by Moses Hogan. A violin solo playing Albinoni’s haunting “Adagio” is the somber background as the cross is carried to the front lawn to be raised as the congregation stands in humble silence. The service ends as we place our palm branches at the foot of the cross.

Good Friday
April 19 | 7:00p

We will have a Tenebrae Service (tenebrae meaning “darkness” or “shadows,”) on Good Friday at 7:00p in the Sanctuary. A lighted wooden cross will be placed at the base of the altar with candles that will be extinguished as we hear the seven readings about the passion and death of Jesus from the gospel of Luke. As the candles are extinguished one by one, a musical response will remind us of how the life of Jesus was slowly put out, and the light of the world began to fade, as Christ departed from it. The final candle and final words leave us in total darkness.

Easter Sunday
April 21 | The Music for Easter | 10:30a | Worship | 11:00a
RAIN AIDS Walk Fundraising Breakfast | 9:30 - 10:30a | Heaton Hall

We return on Easter morning to receive and celebrate the good news of the risen Christ. The Music for Easter will begin at 10:30a with the Carolina Brass and organ. The Chancel Choir will sing K. Lee Scott’s “Joy to the Heart” with brass, timpani, and organ, and the service will end with Handel’s “Hallelujah Chorus” from Messiah. The children will be waiting and listening for those first “Alleluias” so they can ring their bells in joyful celebration. Come early for the AIDS Walk fundraising breakfast which supports the services and programs of RAIN.

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 13 | 10:00a Sharp!

By Rev. Carrie Veal

Mark your calendars, invite a friend, and grab your basket for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! If you don’t have young children, and don’t want to miss the fun, come help us hide eggs and give out treats. To volunteer, please email me at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.
Celebrating a 30 Year Career at MPBC

By Rev. Ben Boswell

Our wonderful Minister of Music Fran Morrison has spent her entire life as a member of Myers Park Baptist, and the liturgical theology of our Church is in her bones. Fran was raised in the Church and participated in choirs from a very young age. She began turning pages for the organist when she was in the seventh grade, and was later mentored by the inimitable Jim Berry, who was Minister of Music for our Church for over thirty years. Fran attended UNC-Greensboro, earning a degree in music education with a focus in voice and choral work. After her time at UNCG, Fran returned to Myers Park Baptist to serve as a music assistant, then as Children’s Choir Coordinator leading children and youth choirs, and later as Associate Minister of Music under Noel Lovelace, Paul Oakley, and Jonathan Crutchfield. In 2015, when Jonathan left for a position at a church in Atlanta, Fran stepped in as Interim Minister of Music. Eventually, Fran was invited to be Minister of Music, where she has served for the last three years.

We will all remember Fran leading us in worship as a soloist as well as at funerals and weddings. In addition to her creative skills as a vocalist and conductor, Fran is a superb administrator. She is incredibly detail-oriented, a great planner, and very organized. During her time as Minister of Music, Fran hired and supervised Music Associate Charlotte Judge and Organist John Richardson. In addition, Fran was instrumental in developing and implementing our diverse worship services with a variety of musical styles, such as bluegrass, jazz, and rock. Without her leadership, this strategic initiative that has become a deeply meaningful worship experience for many in our community would not have become a reality. Fran successfully spearheaded this tactic while maintaining our high standards for excellent choral music by conducting beautiful anthems with the Chancel Choir every Sunday, planning worship for the high holy days of Christmas and Easter, and leading five major works in three years, including John Rutter’s Feel the Spirit and Requiem, a Jazz Mass, a Gospel Mass, and Dan Forrest’s Requiem for the Living, which was the crowning achievement of her career. Fran also pioneered the effort, and garnered the financial support, to add vocal scholars from music education programs at local universities to complement our highly talented choir. Sensing the need for resources over the long term to sustain high quality instrumentalists for services on high holy days, Fran has worked with Associate Minister Joe Aldrich to secure a substantial gift for ongoing music events.

Personally, it has been an absolute joy for me to work with Fran as Minister of Music. She is an excellent collaborator who has made the process of planning worship for our Church incredibly fun and deeply meaningful. The time spent in our weekly meetings, where we worked together to plan the worship services, is the thing that I will miss most when Fran retires. Fran has been an extremely valuable member of our Senior Staff team where the contribution of her wisdom and guidance was offered in ways that have benefitted all of the ministry areas of our Church. It is impossible to express how grateful we are for the three decades of service that Fran has given to our Church. Her love and loyalty to Myers Park Baptist Church for thirty years is nothing less than a monumental achievement that will leave a tremendous legacy for our future. We offer Fran our sincerest thanks and we wish her all the best in her retirement.

We are collecting notes of appreciation and a love offering for Fran in the Church Office and we will have a reception to honor her on her final Sunday with us, which will be June 9. I hope you will find whatever way you can to express your appreciation for Fran’s ministry.

Sabbatical Approaching

By Rev. Joe Aldrich

Thanks to the gift of The Helena T. and Patrick Hunter Sr. Endowment Fund and the Church Personnel Policy, I have been granted time away this summer for rest and rejuvenation. My Sabbatical starts May 21 and ends August 20. I am grateful for this amazing gift and promise I will use it wisely for some good self-care.

While I am away, the Senior Staff will take care of hospital visits with Carol Cedar, Operations Assistant, coordinating the visits. Stephen Ministers will help visit as needed.

For our Caring Touch Ministry, I will prepare calendars for June, July, and August before I leave for calls and notes to our members who will celebrate a birthday and a MPBC joining anniversary.

For our Senior Visitation Ministry, I will assign visits for the whole summer before I leave.

Our Stephen Ministers will continue their bi-monthly Supervision Meetings led by Alex Gnilka with the support of Tammie Lessene and Grace Mitchell. If you know someone who needs a Stephen Minister, please contact Rev. Ben Boswell.

Funeral/Memorial Services will be coordinated by Rev. Gary Hudson. Please call Carol Cedar when a Memorial Service needs to be planned and she will handle the details.

I am confident all will go well while I am away. One request I have of all members: please be attuned to one another’s needs, not just while I am away, but particularly this summer. It is a great time to renew our efforts to be “priests to one another.” When you hear of someone in the hospital, a rehabilitation center, or a nursing home, please contact the Church Office. Once again, Carol Cedar is the one who will disseminate this information. Also, let Carol know about all our Congregational Joys and Concerns such as births, deaths, and weddings. The more information each member shares with the community of faith, the better we can care for one another. My wife Susan has a bumper sticker on her car with a quote from Plato that says: “Be kind, for everyone you meet is fighting a hard battle.” Or as the Apostle Paul said, “Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.” Words to live by!
By Katie Hambrick, Youth Ministry Intern

Did you know that studies show when a human holds a handful of soil, the brain creates endorphins? Creation has so much to teach us.

As we have awakened to learning about our bodies and emotional and spiritual ways to engage with them, we must also think about what we put into them. This starts with the very basics of food. Is what we are putting into our bodies really good for us? How can we think about the way we engage with our food? What effect does GMO-infused fruit actually have on us? How do we come together around the table and engage in life-giving conversations?

This summer, we have the opportunity to explore these questions and more as we venture out on another pilgrimage together. We will visit Chestnut Ridge Farm and work with a resource called "Eating Together Faithfully," which will guide us through what it means to care for our bodies, each other, and creation. We will practice eating faithfully as we eat thoughtful meals together at each farm.

We also will have the opportunity to work alongside each other on sustainable farms right here in North Carolina and actively participate in creation care. This work will not only lead us closer to creation, but also to our Creator. In addition to Chestnut Ridge, we will visit Anatoch Farm, Reverence Farm, and others.

It is my hope that you will join us on this adventure and open yourself up to the lessons that nature will reveal to us all. Please visit the Church website for more information and to register.

Faith and Justice SLG and Local Sierra Club Presents

Sustainable Farming

Wednesday, April 24 | 6:30 - 8:30p | Cornwell Conference Center

By Mary Lou Buck, Member, Faith and Justice SLG

Wild Hope Farm uses regenerative agriculture and permaculture design in their diversified vegetable, layer hen, and flower farm in Chester, SC. They are passionate about bringing nutrient rich, fresh food into our local communities through a holistic farming approach. They use the land for education, exploration, and celebration centered around nature. Learn how they transformed the land into a working farm, from the early stages of planning and design work to the day-to-day harvesting.

Thanks to a grant from Novant Health, Catawba Lands Conservancy partners with Wild Hope Farm to offer free farm shares to up to 30 Lakewood families per week, for 14 weeks between September and November.

Our program leader, Katherine "Peanut" Belk, has a background in marketing, business development, and design research, tackling the finance and operations side of the farm, building the brand, hosting events, digging in the dirt, and selling products in local markets. Learn more at www.wildhopefarm.com.

The evening will start with pizza at 6:30p and the program will begin at 7:00p. RSVP by April 22 to Mary Lou Buck (maryloubuc@aol.com | 704.525.2293) or charlottesierraclub.org.

Speaking of Dying: Film and Discussion

Wednesday, April 3 | 6:45 - 8:15p | Shalom Hall

By Rev. Joe Aldrich

MPBC will host Trudy James, a good friend of our own Debbie Warren, as Trudy shows the film that she produced, Speaking of Dying. This 30-minute documentary shines a clear, bright light on death and dying through the words and stories of patients, family members, and medical advisors. The film provides a gentle visual introduction to important end-of-life resources such as Hospice, Palliative Care, the Death and Dignity laws, and memorial and legacy planning. It stresses the importance of having those challenging conversations about end-of-life planning.

Trudy is a graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York City and a retired interfaith hospital chaplain. After retiring, she spent four years pioneering community-based end-of-life planning workshops and two years producing the Speaking of Dying film to reflect the heart of those workshops. Following the film, there will be a time for questions and answers.
By Rev. Joe Aldrich

5-in-1 Unified Missions Offering

Sunday, May 12

We have a history at MPBC of receiving a mission/outreach offering each year on Mother’s Day. It is a tangible way of supporting mission/outreach causes that we could not fund through our annual budget. We have been fortunate over recent years that we have met our goals. This year, we seek to raise $25,000 in support of five extremely worthy causes. One-fifth of our offering will be divided between two deserving preschools.

You will receive a special mailing before Mother’s Day, May 12, that will include an envelope. Please mail your donation before May 12 or bring it with you to worship on Mother’s Day. Let us be united in our giving to this offering. Please read below about our mission partners for our “5-in-1” Missions Offering for 2019:

**PRESchoolS:**

**CHARLOTTe BILINGuAL PRESchool (CBP)**

CBP was established in 1999 with a $100,000 grant from NC Smart Start after a study revealed that there were no preschools dedicated to serving the booming population of at-risk, Spanish-speaking children. Their mission is to prepare these children for success in school and life by providing superior dual-language early childhood education. They also help the parents with parenting skills, life skills and English-speaking classes. The holistic approach that helps both child and parents is the model they hope to duplicate in other locations in Charlotte.

**LAKEWOOD Preschool Cooperative (LPC)**

LPC a 22-year partner in the Lakewood Community still faces a big challenge: providing high-quality, low-cost childcare and educational programs for neighborhood preschool children. These funds help provide a nutritionally sound breakfast, lunch, and snack through partnerships with Friendship Trays and the Child and Adult Food Care Program to 50 children and their families.

**REGioNAL AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK (RAIN)**

RAIN is entering its 27th year of calling people of faith to respond compassionately to persons with HIV/AIDS and making quality, personalized care available for individuals affected by HIV. Funds will be used to support client pastoral care, case management, HIV education, prevention programs, and leadership on matters of faith and HIV/AIDS. Join the MPBC team on Saturday, May 4 for our 23rd annual RAIN AIDS Walk in uptown Charlotte. You may sign up at www. aidswalkcharlotte.org.

**FREEDOM SCHOOL AT PINEWOOD ELEMENTARY**

Freedom School is a six-week summer enrichment program serving scholars in grades K-8. Freedom School helps children fall in love with reading! This increases their self-esteem and generates positive attitudes toward learning, which are enhanced through meaningful experiences on field trips and STEAM activities. Funds will be used to underwrite our fifth year of our Freedom School. The cost is $1,200 per student. Look for ways to get involved during this summer program and in year-round opportunities that can make a difference in a child’s life at Pinewood Elementary.

**TIME OUT YOUTH (TOY)**

Thanks to the support of MPBC, TOY had a record year serving LG-BTQ youth in the Carolina’s. Over 900 youth visited the Center for services in 2018, with record numbers helped through supportive case management with food pantry, emergency financial assistance, showers, and laundry services. The Center helps youth struggling with homelessness with over $8,500 in emergency financial assistance. Their housing program saw a record 300% increase in youth securing housing. In partnership with the Men’s Shelter of Charlotte, the Center is sharing a case worker focused on youth entering the shelter and providing training for staff and volunteers to increase safety and acceptance while in the shelter system.

**CHARLOTTe FAMILY HOUSING (CFH)**

CFH is a shelter-to-housing program for families experiencing homelessness. The families served often suffer in silence under tremendous financial stress caused by various types of trauma: unexpected loss of income, domestic abuse, or family disruptions. With low wages and high rent, the families often spend 50% of their income on rent. CFH assists people leaving shelters to obtain transitional housing, ultimately preparing them for long-term sustainable and unsubsidized housing within a year or two. Over the past years we have been very active with CFH, serving as overnight hosts and providing meals for the families.

Cereal for the City

By Rev. Joe Aldrich

Last year I shared with you how Jenny Lou Wright encouraged the Missionary Roundtable to take on the task of helping provide cereal for children who were hungry. She encouraged us all to spread the word about how others could provide breakfast foods by restocking the Second Harvest Foodbank. The drive at MPBC is now in its tenth year. Here are a few new ideas from Jenny Lou to make this year’s drive a success.

1. If every person at MPBC brought 2 boxes of cereal, we would meet our goal.
2. If everyone would take their children/grandchildren shopping and explain to them where the cereal is going, we would meet our goal. (What a wonderful way for children to learn!)
3. Go shopping and fill your cart with cereal. If someone asks you why, tell them, and invite them to participate.
4. Share this Cereal Drive idea with your neighbors, co-workers, and others, asking them to donate.
5. Remember, we can buy cereal almost anywhere we wish, but many in Charlotte cannot afford to buy any and must go to the Food Bank.

As Jenny Lou said, if we all did our share, what a difference our community of faith could make toward helping families in Charlotte have breakfast, something we take for granted every day.

The Cereal Drive will take place during the month of May with a convenient drop-off location in Heaton Hall Foyer. Questions? Contact Bob Bishop at bobbishop47@yahoo.com.
By Rev. Carrie Veal

On Saturday, May 4, AIDS WALK Charlotte will celebrate and come together to stand strong, stand up, and be counted! MPBC has walked together for over 20 years as a visual representation of our commitment to HIV and AIDS. Join us at 9:30a at the Wells Fargo Atrium Plaza for a two-mile walk through the heart of uptown Charlotte in celebration of the past, present, and an HIV free future. We walk together as a Church, and this year we will have MPBC shirts that we hope you will wear. Shirts can be purchased at the Church for $15.

AIDS WALK Charlotte benefits the services and programs RAIN provides to youth, adults, and senior adults living with HIV and those that are at risk of becoming infected. It is our signature fundraising event for Regional AIDS Interfaith Network, which has served Charlotte since 1992. RAIN began at MPBC through the passion of member and RAIN Director Debbie Warren. RAIN’s mission is to engage the community, transform lives, and promote respect and dignity for all people touched by HIV through compassionate care, education, and leadership development.

AIDS WALK Charlotte is a family affair (kids and pets are welcome)! Our team goal is $9,000. Over the years, we have had a friendly competition with Caldwell Presbyterian. Last year they beat us by just $100. Let’s join together and exceed our goal! Register today at www.aidswalkcharlotte.org | Team: Myers Park Baptist. For more information, contact Scott Crowder at scott.crowder@nbc.com. ■

By Rev. Carrie Veal

Join us on Easter Sunday for this annual event that raises money to benefit the services and programs RAIN (Regional AIDS Interfaith Network) provides for all those touched by HIV. Food and monetary donations for the breakfast will be graciously accepted and a few volunteers are needed. If you can help, contact Scott Crowder (scott.crowder@nbc.com). You can join our walk team or make a donation at www.aidswalkcharlotte.org | Team Myers Park Baptist. ■

By Rev. Joe Aldrich

On Saturday, May 18, we will focus on two housing needs and a garden project. We will be:

• Working on and painting a Habitat House as we help a family move into their own new home
• Cleaning, restocking, and refreshing our RITI kitchen, dining room, and sleeping areas so we will be ready for our guests in December.
• Planting a garden at the Urban Ministry Center.

Questions? Contact me at jaldrich@myersparkbaptist.org. More information about times, locations, and sign-up coming soon. ■

By Mary Lou Buck, Faith and Justice SLG

MPBC Recycles . . .

But we need to do more!

We recycle things that cannot be put in curbside recycling: Lithium batteries (not alkaline), CFL and florescent light bulbs (not incandescent), ink cartridges. There are baskets for these located between the double doors at the Roswell Avenue entrance to the Cornwell Center and bins near Heaton Hall Kitchen. We are grateful to a Cornwell student who regularly takes them to a full service recycling center.

For cans, bottles, and clean paper, there are receptacles in all buildings on our campus—look for large blue bins and large cardboard containers for paper! There is a blue dumpster outside the MPBC kitchen door for these items and for flattened cardboard.

In honor of Earth Day this April, we want to share our focus and the priorities that we will be working on in the coming months. Our list includes but is not limited to:

• Encouraging the use of fewer (or no) plastic water bottles. We have paper cups and containers to serve water.
• Collecting food from Church events for a garden compost.
• Using containers that are biodegradable or recyclable - no Styrofoam!
• Providing bins and instructions so people know where things go.

A guide for home recycling is available on the EarthKeeper | Faith and Justice table in Heaton Hall Foyer or on-line at www.charlottenc.gov (look for Recycling Collection). ■
Learning and Giving Throughout the Year at Pinewood Elementary

By Laura Handler & Karen Taylor, Ministry of Outreach

Did you know that MPBC has been supporting Pinewood staff and students throughout the year, not just during the summer weeks of Freedom School? To start the school year, we gave each teacher an Amazon gift card to help purchase supplies. Volunteers Barb Hopewell and Karen Taylor have scheduled regular visits to the school to aid teachers and tutor students (and a shout out to all of the dedicated MPBC volunteers who made a commitment to be an Augustine tutor at other schools in the area)!

In December, MPBC members and staff donated nearly $3,000 in gifts for Pinewood’s Angel Tree, offering jackets, shoes, and toys to families over the holiday season. February had them dancing because of MPBC’s support—literally! We funded a bilingual deejay for their annual Valentine’s Dance, which has traditionally had incredibly high participation from families. Additionally, the Children’s Ministry donated 5 boxes of elementary school-age children’s books that will serve as a reward for K-3 students in conjunction with their reading program.

Kicking off March with Dr. Seuss’s birthday, we had several members serve as guest readers to K-2 classes. This is an ongoing opportunity to volunteer, as readers are needed every other week to help them Be Excited About Reading (B.E.A.R.). Pinewood’s guidance counselor and social worker are hosting a Pastry with Parents outreach to families with treats donated by MPBC members. In April, the school’s Career Day will have several representatives from our congregation to talk with children about their occupations.

Thank you for the many ways you are connecting with the Pinewood community. These experiences have taught us many lessons and the children have brought us tremendous joy. More details to come about Teacher Appreciation Week in May, and of course this summer’s Freedom School beginning in June! Mark your calendars for June 18 through July 25 and keep your eye on the Church website for plenty of volunteer opportunities. Please feel free to contact us, Laura Handler (laura.hoeing@gmail.com) or Karen Taylor (fitztaylor@aol.com), with any questions or sign-ups.

In January, Freedom School Partners (FSP) launched the inaugural Freedom School Partners Academy designed for high school scholars who have aged out of Freedom School, and they meet at Myers Park Baptist the second Saturday of each month! The FSP staff is very grateful for MPBC providing this space at a discounted rate for the Academy, which focuses on leadership, post high school navigation, and character development. Scholars who successfully complete the Academy will have the opportunity to work at Freedom School this summer, continuing to build on their FS experience. In the first three months, FSP Academy Scholars have:

- Worked with Warren Stukes, Co-Founder of Christian Athlete Association, on identifying who they are, why their choices matter, and how to focus on their goals and future
- Made 100 bagged lunches for the #HashtagLunchbag community project
- Heard Kelvin Thompson, founder of E.M.P.O.W.E.R., speak about leading through service and much more! The pictures above show the Academy taking place in our Youth Hall. FSP wants to thank the Church for being a great community partner and ongoing supporter of their work!

Church Community Photo Board

By Rev. Carrie Veal

We are a busy Church! We have so many wonderful things happening from worship to Wednesday nights, retreats, and faith formation, with special events tossed into the mix. Thankfully, we take lots of photos at these events. So, we decided to display the photos for everyone to see. The community photo board is located in Heaton Hall Foyer and has the latest photos of events, new members, and more. Stop by and check it out! You might even find yourself in some of them. If you take photos at an event, we would love for you to share them with us! Just email them to Carol Cedar (ccedar@myersparkbaptist.org) or Laura Geer (lgeer@myersparkbaptist.org).
Tracy Curtis Talks Humorously About Faith and Fear

By Bruce Elliott, LIFE Class Member

Former Charlotte Observer humor columnist and author Tracy Curtis will be visiting the LIFE Class on Sunday, May 5 at 9:45a in Shalom Hall to present “Faith Not Fear.”

Sometimes compared to Erma Bombeck, Tracy wrote her popular column from 2005 - 2015, delighting readers with real-life stories of her attempts to be a perfect wife and mother. Descriptions of her fears and shortcomings endeared her to readers who could readily identify with her well-intentioned yet often-failed efforts.

As Christians, we are mindful of our need to choose faith to mitigate and manage our fears. Tracy’s presentation will give us Biblical insights on faith and fear, and then as a class we will identify our individual fears. Once identified, we can discern which fears we have some ability to alter and which are beyond our control and can be released to God.

This event is open to all, so please join us for what promises to be an instructive and entertaining time. Tracy will also have copies of her book Trophy Mom: Hope Springs Maternal for sale, just in time for Mother’s Day! Tracy is now working on her first novel, entitled Wit Happens.

Families of Abraham Exhibit Returns to MPBC

By Eleanor Brawley

The Families of Abraham Exhibit, a photo narrative, opened at the Levine Museum of the New South in January 2006. This remarkable story about the religious diversity of the South is now installed in its 14th location, MPBC’s Shalom Hall. Photographers followed 11 Jewish, Christian, and Muslim families for a year, capturing their day-to-day life and faith practices. These three world religions share the belief in one god, the god of Abraham. Photographers were Byron Baldwin, Donna Bise, John Daughtry, Nancy Pierce, Tina Manley, Chris Keane, Donna Foster, and me (photographer/curator). Linda De Castrrique, Judy Simpson Cook, and Linda Newcomb interviewed the families. Exhibit venues include Duke University Chapel, University of Wisconsin, University of North Carolina, and International Islamic Museum of Atlanta. We hope you will take time to enjoy it.

Important Announcement
MPBC Newsletters Are Going Electronic!

By Laura Geer

We are excited to announce that in an effort to be good stewards to our environment and to our precious Church resources, we are going to transition to electronic newsletters starting this summer. You will receive your newsletters via email, so you will be able to access them at any time, download them, and even print out a copy if you wish. You also will have the benefit of receiving your newsletter as soon as it is available instead of waiting for it to go to the post office and be delivered. Our newsletters are also always available on our website. Please make sure we have your current email address so you don’t miss out!

If you want to continue to receive a paper copy in the mail, please contact Amy Jones (ajones@myersparkbaptist.org) by May 1. If we don’t hear from you, you will automatically begin receiving your newsletters via email only, beginning with our June and July 2019 issue.
A Night in the Big City

By Allen Davis

Under the twinkling lights of the beautiful Queen City, members of the youth group at Myers Park Baptist Church presented the 6th annual SAY (Service According to Youth) fundraising event on Sunday, March 24. The event was directed, produced, and hosted by members of our Youth Ministry. They exhibited a variety of talents from singing, to dancing, to instrumentals, to prayers.

In addition to showcasing their talents, the youth offered their services for silent and live auctions. Among the services were skateboarding lessons, babysitting, portrait drawing, photography sessions, baking, and car wash services.

We are grateful to the nearly 200 members and friends who attended and donated in support of our Youth Ministry at MPBC. The youth and staff would like to offer you a very warm thank you!

Rituals and Relationships

By Rev. Carrie Veal

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 says, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.” We have all heard the first part of this passage and know it as the schema. But the second part has been at the forefront of my mind over the last few years of being in Children’s Ministry. “Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.” These words from God were given to all of the Israelites, not just the parents of children. The entire nation was to recite the schema to all the children.

On Shrove Tuesday, the Children’s Ministry launched a new initiative called Rituals and Relationships. It is designed to encourage families to talk about faith while strengthening relationships. But it’s not just for the nuclear family. Just like the command was given to the nation of Israel, we are all invited into rituals and relationships with our children.

Beginning in the fall, we will roll out a new Sunday Morning Resource that requires fewer volunteers, but those volunteers will have the opportunity to make a big impact. We invite you to think about your role and your relationship with our children, their parents, and the Church, and hope you will consider becoming part of the ritual of Faith Formation.

SAFE Seminar

Save the Dates!

Children’s Ministry will offer a

SAFE Seminar

Sexual Awareness and Family Empowerment Workshop

Friday Evening, June 7 - Saturday Lunch, June 8

By Rev. Carrie Veal

Do you have children or grandchildren? Nieces or nephews? If you care for or about children and their wellbeing, then the SAFE workshop is for you. This seminar helps parents to work through the important responsibility of educating their children about sexual development, body awareness, and empowerment, as well as how to keep our children safe. More details to come! Make sure to mark these dates on your calendar. If you have questions, please contact me at cveal@myersparkbaptist.org.
VBS and Community Outreach Camp 2019

Tuesday, July 9 – Thursday, July 11

By Rev. Carrie Veal

After each Vacation Bible School, I learn something and dream of something. This year, one of my dreams is coming true. We will offer our traditional format of VBS for children ages three through second grade on our campus. For our completed third through fifth graders, we will offer an on- and off-campus community outreach experience. Everyone will begin on campus each day with an opening celebration. For the remainder of each day, our younger children will move through a variety of rotations such as music, crafting, Bible stories, and snacks. Our third through fifth graders will have Bible study on campus and then travel to one of our local ministry partners to learn about the work they do within our community. The children will help with a small service project and then return to campus for a closing celebration.

Following the theme “Who is My Neighbor,” all of the children will gain a better understanding of what it means to love and care for all of our neighbors. We are excited about the impact this could have in setting the groundwork for our children to find ways they can get involved in outreach and make a difference in our community and the world. We hope you and your children will join us for this special opportunity! Registration opens for children and volunteers through myMPBC on May 1.

By Rev. Carrie Veal

Calling all completed third through fifth graders! You are invited to be FEARLESS this summer at PassportKids Camp. This is a great way to make new friends, deepen our existing friendships, and discover something new. And here is a little secret about me, I love camp too! I go to camp and see my friends who are children’s ministers, share ideas about ministry, and make new friends, too! Sign up today through myMPBC.

April - May at Through-The-Week School

By Belinda Geuss

Community outreach is very important at TTWS! Two important projects will be held this spring with parents and children creating cards for the Levine Children’s Hospital. This has become an annual event in the hope of bringing a smile to these special children and families. For the final outreach project of the year, we will collect new or gently-used books for adults and children between April 23 to May 3. Our goal is to collect over 400 books which will be donated to Lakewood Preschool, Pinewood Freedom School and Promising Pages.

TTWS students are excited to celebrate Super Hero Day in April with a story in the Sanctuary read by Rev. Carrie Veal. Super Hero Day is a special celebration at TTWS which honors the life of Lee Ciciarelli. Students dress in super hero attire and share pizza for lunch.

The annual Art Before Dark art show will be held on April 25 from 5:30-6:30p in Heaton Hall. The evening is filled with beautiful art from all 184 children at TTWS. Families will enjoy viewing art and listening to music provided by the Charlotte Folk Society. All artwork will remain on display for the Sunday worship service on April 28 for all to enjoy.

It is hard to believe, but the last week of preschool will be May 21. In this final week, TTWS will honor all four year old and TK students who will be entering transitional kindergarten or kindergarten with our annual Moving Up Ceremony. Other classes will enjoy the week picnicking on the playgrounds with parents in celebration of another great year of play at Through-the-Week School!
By Carrie Veal

On Sunday, March 18 the following new members were welcomed into the life of our Church.

Can you Step Up to the next level with your giving to Empower our Church?

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- The Ministry of Human Resources requested $93,088 from the surplus to allow for an immediate one-time staff bonus and a salary increase to go into effect later in the year. Both of these are performance based. It was noted that we have not given our staff a salary increase or bonus in ten years.
- The Ministry of Outreach requested $50,000 to be used towards newly-discovered housing projects to be further discussed as details become available.
- The Strategic Planning Council requested $100,000 to be held in reserves for unforeseen needs.

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Spring is the season for awakenings and new beginnings. And, as such, spring is a new beginning for our annual Stewardship campaign. We will be introducing the move of the traditional fall campaign to the spring. We hope the move will relieve some pressures of the campaign as it coincided with the activities of the yearly start-up and the holiday seasons.

You will be hearing from us in the next few months about our opportunities for growth as a Church. Our spring campaign is about stepping up. For some families, that will mean beginning to pledge and give to our Church and its ministries. For others, stepping up will mean increasing the financial gifts we give to the Church. Although last year we realized a surplus, MPBC has had many very generous members pass away this past year. Our current members and families must “step up” to higher levels of commitment to maintain and grow ministries. Perhaps “stepping up” means increasing your monthly commitment by just 1 or 2 percent.

In the coming weeks, you’ll receive a pledge card in the mail. We invite you to consider joining our Church in stepping up in 2019.

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By MaryAnn Largen, Chair, Stewardship SLG

Financial News from the Ministry of Finance

By Tucker Pearsall, Chair, Ministry of Financial Resources

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Planned Giving

By Bob Thomason, Chair, Planned Giving SLG

Do you love our Church? Do you want it to be here so future generations can benefit in the same ways you have? Do you think it is part of our generation’s responsibility to pass on a Church in good condition to the next generation?

Those of us who believe this, and have acted on it, are Friends of the Covenant. Each of us (currently about 65 families) have made a “planned gift” to the Church either in our wills or other mechanism such as designating the Church as a beneficiary on a life insurance policy or IRA.

A Planned Gift is just that. It doesn’t require giving money or assets to the Church now but rather at some future date, usually at the time of one’s death. This is one difference from the two other types of giving we engage in at MPBC:

1. Annual stewardship giving (your pledge). This money is spent in the year given on Church operations such as paying for our programs, staff, and utilities.

2. Periodic capital campaign giving such as last year’s 75th Anniversary Forever Forward Campaign. Ten percent of this goes directly to outreach and the rest to the Endowment.

All planned gifts go directly to the Church’s Endowment Fund where they reside permanently. Only the interest earned from a gift is spent on Church priorities. Earlier this year you received an Endowment Report that showed that we have $5.1 million in assets which generated enough interest for us to spend over $244,000 on Church projects and activities in 2018. Those amounts will grow as the Endowment continues to grow.

Growing our Endowment to $12 to $15 million will enable future generations of Church members to concentrate their giving on programs and outreach instead of HVAC and roofing repairs, for example. The more we can use our annual stewardship gifts for our communities (both inside and outside the Church), the more people will want to join our Church. Community impact is key to future membership growth and will make the difference between a thriving Church versus one that is just surviving.

I chair the Planned Giving SLG. Our members include:

Britt Canady  MaryAnn Largen
Mack Clark  Janet Miller
Robin Coira  Leigh Anne Hagerman (staff)

Over the next few months, you will be hearing more about Planned Giving from us - in this newsletter, at Church meetings, and one-on-one. We hope to show you how easy it is to make a planned gift and how your gift will make a difference.

We hope we can persuade you to join the Friends of the Covenant! We need to double our current membership and are counting on you to help us do it. In the meantime, if any of you would like to talk one-on-one, please contact me at 704.904.2900 or Leigh Anne at 704.334.7232 x 116.

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Children's Sabbath

Sunday, May 5

By Rev. Carrie Veal

This is a wonderful Sunday where our children lead in worship through music, reading, taking up the offering, and more. This year we want you to think about the question “What Are You Bringing to the Table?” Be sure you join us for this special worship service.

Taizé-Style Services on Hiatus

By Deb Steiner

Our quarterly contemplative Taizé-style services to celebrate the changing of the seasons are suspended for now. While the Church searches for a new Minister of Worship and Music, we have decided to take a break. We look forward to incorporating this service into the life of our Church again at a later time. In the meantime, for those interested, there are other churches that offer Taizé and we encourage you to seek them out. Stay tuned for updates. Our planning group thanks you for your support: Kate Green, Kathryn Long, Debby Love, Edith Patton, Cherrie Shoemaker, Linda Whitesitt, and myself.

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• Cathie and Frank Cox and Smitty Wasserman on the death of their mother, Catherine Wasserman, on January 25, 2019 in Huntersville, NC.
• Louise Jarrett on the death of her husband, Dr. Charles A. Jarrett, on February 3, 2019 in Charlotte, NC.
• Susan and Jim Thomas on the death of his brother, Stephen Thomas, on February 4, 2019 in Charlotte, NC.
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• Meredith Martin Denson and Aaron Denson on the birth of their son, Ellen and Tim Martin on the birth of their grandson, and Rachel Martin Waldroff and Laura Martin Dillon on the birth of their nephew, Benjamin Lee Denson, on January 29, 2019 in Charlotte, NC.
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Music | Art | Drama (MAD) Camp 2019

Monday, June 17 - Friday, June 21

By Charlotte Judge
Calling all children currently in first through fifth grades! Come join us for this frolicking, fun-filled week of Music, Art and Drama. We will sing, act, play instruments, paint, and build sets. There might be a bit of dancing. We will explore the story of Jonah and the whale together. There will even be a whale sighting!

Camp hours:
• Monday-Thursday | 8:45a–12:30p
• Friday | 8:45a-7:00p
• Performance and Dinner | Friday | 6:00p

Early bird registration is now available through myMPBC. Cost for the week is $125 until May 1 and then $175. After June 1, please call to check availability. Questions? Contact me (cjudge@myerspark-baptist.org | 704.334.7232 x121).

Mark O’Connor Method String Camp

July 29 – August 2 at MPBC

By Fran Morrison
Attention string players – of violin, viola, cello, double bass, including mandolin, and guitar! This fun-filled camp draws participants throughout the country and world for ages 4 to adult from beginners to advanced. The widely successful O’Connor Method employs classic violin technique and theory; then combines it with American music, history, creativity, and improvisation, which teaches students to be better skilled classical violinists and string players while introducing them to the joy of playing American tunes such as Simple Gifts, Deep River, and The Entertainer. The renowned faculty includes Mark O’Connor, Maggie O’Connor, the Grammy award-winning O’Connor Band members, and a dozen prominent string teachers from the area and beyond. Registration is open at on the Church website.

John Richardson to Play Concert in NYC on May 5

By Fran Morrison
MPBC’s organist, John Richardson, will be playing an organ concert on May 5 at 4:45pm at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York City, one of America’s largest cathedrals. John will perform two major solo organ works for their weekly recital following the Evensong service at 4pm. All are welcome if you’re in the NYC area. Find out more on the Church website.

Congregational Joys and Concerns
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EMBRACE | EXPAND

Cornwell Center News

MEMBER PROGRAMS
Member of the Month for April – Gloria Hunter

Gloria has been a member of the Cornwell Center since August 7, 2018. Having moved back to Charlotte from her previous home in Hendersonville, NC, Gloria was in need of a welcoming health and wellness facility with an indoor track. One look at our indoor track and Gloria was hooked. She started off walking a mile at a time and slowly increased her strides and mileage. Today she walks upwards of 6 miles a day! In addition to her daily walks, Gloria is involved in the choir at Myers Park Baptist Church. Gloria considers herself ageless and says you’re never too old to start exercising! On most days you can stop in and catch Gloria walking and if you’re lucky she’ll be sporting her favorite shirt that reads “I’m not a day over fabulous.” Gloria is truly an inspiration to all with her determination to stay active and increase her laps daily and that is why Gloria Hunter is April’s Member of the Month.

May Member Rewards Fitness Challenge (May 1-31)

Members will receive points for participating in Cornwell Fitness Opportunities. Points accumulated by members will be tracked on a bulletin board located at the front desk.

- 1 point = using the fitness center/walking track
- 2 points = participating in a group exercise class
- 3 points = participating in a new group exercise class
- 4 points = Personal Training session
- 5 points = attending a workshop/event

Top 10-point players will get their names and pictures showcased on social media. Everyone who scores 75 points or more will receive a promotional prize! Pre-registration is required.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Parents Night Out Carnival | Friday, April 26 | 6:00-9:00p

Drop the kids off to hang out at the Cornwell Center for a night of fun at Parent’s Night Out! Come enjoy a night under the Big Top with games, food and much more! The cost is $25 for the first child and $10 for each additional child in the same household. Please register at www.cornwellcenter.org.

LIVEWELL

THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC) continued

FIX IT: Health Care at the Tipping Point
Wednesday, May 15 | 10:30a - Noon | Conference Center

The Learning Connection is showing the film “FIX IT: Health Care at the Tipping Point” followed by a question and answer session with experts and physicians.

- “The film was two years in the making, with more than 40 voices advocating for reform, including: activists, health policy experts, economists, physicians, nurses, patients, business and labor leaders.”
- “This documentary takes an in-depth look into how our dysfunctional health care system is damaging our economy, suffocating our businesses, discouraging physicians and negatively impacting the nation’s health, while remaining unaffordable for a third of our citizens.”

You can also watch “FIX IT: Health Care at the Tipping Point” on www.fixthehealthcare.org.

THE ARTS

PHOTO Connections Photography Exhibit
April 1 - May 31

Since 2006, the Cornwell Center has hosted a special interest group for photographers ranging from beginners to seasoned practitioners, using equipment ranging from SLR’s to smartphones. The common tie is an appreciation of photographs. The third-Wednesday meetings are open, free, and intended for a wide range of skill and interest. If you would like to join this photographic learning community, contact jbambach@myersparkbaptist.org and check out www.cornwellcenter.org/photo.

PHOTO Connections Photography Exhibit Reception
Wednesday, April 3 | 6:30 - 8:30p | Cornwell Center Lounge

All are invited to join this celebration and no registration is required.

Beginning Wheel
Mondays | April 8, 15, 29 and May 6, 13, 20 | 7:00 - 9:00p

In this 6-week workshop led by Greg Scott, you will learn basic potter’s wheel techniques and tools. The cost is $240 per participant and includes 25 pounds of clay. Please visit www.cornwellcenter.org or the front desk to register.

Hand Building with Clay
Wednesdays | April 10, 17, 24 and May 1 | 10:00a - 12:30p

In this 4-week workshop led by Greg Scott, you will create your own functional/utilitarian items for the home or garden. Learn techniques of clay building with molds, templates and forms. The cost is $120 per participant. Please visit www.cornwellcenter.org or the front desk to register.

Private Art Lessons
To schedule a private session with Art Programming Coordinator Greg Scott, call 704.996.9869.

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