

THE SCROLL

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

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From Pastor Laura:

Mondays are my favorite day of the week. Now before you blow off the rest of this article (because really... who likes Mondays?), remember Mondays are my Sabbath day. For me, Monday is more than a day off...it is a day I spend enjoying the presence of God while I rest from *having to do things*. And by *having to do things*, I mean pay bills, do housework, answer emails, plan out the details for a mission project, and etc. While I am content doing those responsibilities (and some of them I really like to do), there is a sweetness for my soul and a refreshment to my mind when I have a day fully set aside every week to remember I am not the one who is really in control...that's God's job. God has invited me into this rhythm of a day's rest so that I can remember and trust that truth. "Be still and know that I am God" – Psalm 46:10

Sabbath is more than a day off, but as Eugene Peterson puts it, it is a day to "pray and play". Each Monday (when there are no emergencies), I leisurely enjoy the morning with reading and drinking coffee. I usually spend at least an hour reading and reflecting on scripture. Sometimes in my scripture reading I'll practice lectio divina, or I'll journal, or pray and ponder about having a deeper understanding and practicing trust of those scriptures. Starting the day with scripture helps me focus on God's presence with me and invites me to seek Him more through the day. After the scripture reading, I usually read books or articles written to help readers draw closer to God. Some of the books I've read that you may also enjoy for Sabbath reading are [Sacred Rhythms](#) by Ruth Haley Barton, [Discovering Our Spiritual Identity](#) by Trevor Hudson, [Celebration of Disciplines](#) by Richard Foster, and [Soul Keeping](#) by John Ortberg. When I've finished reading and having lunch, I will do something fun and refreshing in the afternoon. I love to be outside, so I may spend the afternoon paddle boarding at the White Water Center, kayaking on Lake Norman, hiking or biking in wooded areas somewhere near my home. If weather is uncooperative, I'll stay home and do something creative/artistic, read or listen to a story, nap, or occasionally watch a movie that encourages or feeds my soul. Through these afternoon activities, I almost always experience a sense of delight and love for that time with God. Sometimes I'll experience Him giving me insight or wisdom, and sometimes I'll just experience the simple truth that He is present with me and that is enough. A Monday that I have thoughtfully and reverently spent with God always leads me to Tuesday and the five days following it with a readiness to face whatever the world throws at me. Often Tuesday through Sunday are handled with the overflow of what I have experienced with God on Monday.

It has taken me years to figure out my rhythm for Sabbath keeping. I have learned that I need to schedule Sabbath first and then the rest of my weekly activities and responsibilities. On that day of Sabbath, I refrain from emails, phone calls (although keeping an eye out for text messages regarding emergencies), and social media. Anytime I start to think about ministry (what I need to do, want to do, forgot to do), I'll jot those thoughts on a pad of paper so I can let it go for the day and know I can come back to it on the following day. I try to not watch much tv, as that often kills time for me more than it refreshes me. I spend the day with God doing what I enjoy and is good in His eyes...there is a lot of freedom in how to enjoy a holy Sabbath.

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I hope you are considering your practice of Sabbath keeping. Perhaps you want to read up on it more. Consider doing a bible search of “Sabbath” and “rest” to see what God reveals to you in those verses. Give yourself freedom to select the hours/days that will make a Sabbath possible. It doesn’t have to be a Sunday. It may feel like a whole day is impossible to pull off right now, and so you may want to try blocking out a few hours to start with. Sabbath can start with dinner on Friday and go through lunch on Saturday. It will take a little more planning and creativity to practice a Sabbath as a family, but what a gift of time, presence, and habit-making you will give to your children or grandchildren! Lacy Finn Borgo’s website www.gooddirtministries.org may have some helpful resources and ideas.

The most important thing to keep in mind about Sabbath...it is not just another responsibility to check off the “What Good Christians Do” list. God gives us Sabbath so that we may find rest, healing, hope and joy for our souls. Sabbath welcomes us to find refuge and restoration in God’s abiding love and care.

Grace upon Grace,
Laura

Special Prayer

Elizabeth King
Art & Marleen Allen
Donnie Seipel, friend of Merle King
Travis Gullledge
Donna Hill, daughter in law of Pat Hill
Doran Snow
Avonda Albright, mother of Carey Armistead
Cookie Clark, sister of Nina Brown
Michael Smith, friend of Suzanne Curtis
Larry Oehler

Virginia Stubbs
Carletta Doran, mother of Mary Kostrzynski
Ann Brown
Ruby Downing
Donnie Hunter
Holly Diggs, great niece of Doris DeArmon
Pat Stockoff
Warren Marshall
Amber Huff, sister of Aprille Mitchell
Clyde Benfield

We pray for national and world leaders, the men and women who are serving in the Armed Forces, their families, and those who are deployed:

Col. Cristina Moore - LTC Rob Byars - Austin Powers (Nat. Guard) -
CPT Trevor Sutherland (Air Nat. Guard) - STG2 Hunter Holland - Master SGT Rick Treadway
- CPL Malcolm Allen -and LTjG Morgan Whitmore

Sunday School Opportunities

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Sanctuary Building, Downstairs

Nursery
Ages 2,3,4 & 5
Grades 1, 2,3 & 4

PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Activity Building

Grades 5&6
Grades 7&8
High School (9-12)

ADULTS

Education Building

Morrison Class
Spencer & Garrison-Martin Class
Activity Building
Baucom/Craig Class
The Daily Bread
New Life



Summertime at the preschool is filled with spring cleaning, organizing, preparing for next year's students, hiring new teachers, and answering the phone and the door as families have questions or come to pay tuition or take a tour. This year, it also includes listening to the sounds of construction and imagining how great the new facilities are going to look in a few weeks upstairs.

If you are interested in registering your child at MCPCP, don't let the construction OR the fact that we are full for next year deter you. Church members get priority placement on the waiting list and construction is slated to be completed before school starts, so give us a call if interested. Additionally, if you are interested in joining our team of experienced teachers and assistant teachers, please call Kerri to inquire about guidelines for submitting an application. 704-549-9741.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Kerri Miner, Preschool Director and Kristy Maddux, Assistant Director



Thank you to all Circle Leaders for your service this past year. The Presbyterian Women Council is working on selecting a Bible study to begin in September and are very excited about the choices. If you are interested in joining the Presbyterian Women in Bible study and fellowship, please contact Jenn Messina at jenniferlynn21@gmail.com.

*****\$1000 was collected on Blanket Sunday to send to the Church World Service to distribute blankets around the world.*****

Living Healthy with Diabetes

FREE six week workshop to be held in the MCPC Dining Hall starting August 23rd. If you want to learn techniques to actively manage your diabetes, or care for someone with diabetes, this workshop is for you! It will be held once a week on Thursday afternoons from 1:30p-4:00p.



It is a self-management workshop that will help you manage your symptoms, work more effectively with health care providers, lessen your frustration, fight fatigue & pain, eat healthy, keep your blood sugar in check, and make daily tasks easier. Trained volunteers from the Centralina AAA will lead the workshops.

Space is limited, so register today by contacting Keri Wass at (704) 564-1590 or kwass@carolina.rr.com



VBS 2018 was a success, thanks to all our **awesome volunteers!** We want to give a special shout out to Kim Tucker, Dee Dee Larkin, Connie Wallace and Rachel Rodden for all the time and energy they put into bringing it all together. The kids had a great time and learned about how big and wonderful our God is.

MAY STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

July 1, 2018

Sunday School	\$482.33
Worship Offering	\$31,033.40
Online Giving	\$5,920.00
TOTAL Offering	\$37,435.73
Needed Each Month	\$64,196.78
Total Collected YTD	\$229,365.01
UNDER for year	-\$91,618.89

Worship Attendance for June:

June 3 -254 June 10 -280
June 17-222 June 24- 254

Thank You!

On behalf of all the teens going to Raleigh Youth Mission trip July 8th, we want to say thank you so very much for the generous donations of Welcome Home Packets. Some baskets had no name listed but you know who you are...special thank you to:

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| 1 | Garrison Martin SS | 6 Pam Beard |
| 2 | 5th-8th grade SS | 7 Tricia Scott |
| 3 | Circle of Ruth | 8 Michelle Lemon |
| 4 | Circle of Mary | 9 Melanie Scholand |
| 5 | Wallace Families | 10 Sue Oehler |

It was because of all of you that we had 12 complete baskets donated plus with cash donations we purchased an extra 7 - 2 inch mats. We feel truly blessed and I know those who will receive these gifts will too.

Thursday Night Fellowship -July 19, 2018

Captain's Cap in Denver.

Meet at the church at 6:00 to ride the bus.

Contact Linda Untz with questions -704-875-2498



LOAVES & FISHES

Groceries for Neighbors in Need

MCPC collected 15.5 lbs of canned goods for May to donate to Loaves & Fishes food bank.

A Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. where a report from the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) was heard and the following actions were taken:

- The congregation unanimously approved the motion to extend a call to Reverend Robert M. Watkins as Senior Pastor of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church effective August 27, 2018 in accordance with the Terms of Call.
- The congregation unanimously approved the motion to dissolve the PNC with thanks upon installation of Reverend Watkins.

Report from the Pastor Nominating Committee

In September of 2017, You, the Congregation of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, placed your faith in the 7 of us, by electing us to seek out a new Senior Pastor for our Church. You have supported us with trust, participation in the Mission Study, and finally, with your supportive thoughts and prayers. It's been a lot of work, but we could not be more pleased, nor honored to unanimously recommend to You, the Call of Reverend Robert M. Watkins, as our new Senior Pastor. Some of you will remember that Rob served Mallard Creek as Associate Pastor from 1998 to 2002.

Let us assure you that this process involved the evaluation of many potential candidates, before God led your PNC to Rob. Our previous Interim Pastor, Dr. Coker, reassured the Congregation and PNC on a number occasions, that "God has already selected your next Senior Pastor – all you need to do is pray and search for that person". In many ways, as you will find out in the coming months, this is God's answer to both your prayers, our prayers, and Rob's prayers.

The PNC thanks you for the pleasure of serving you. It was a rewarding and uplifting journey. The Lord be with you, always.

Nina Brown, Lynn Davidson: Secretary, James DeArmon: Vice Chair, Jamie Garrison, Darrell Thomas, Wendy White, Bill Wood: Chair. Now let us allow Reverend Watkins introduce himself in his own words:

ROBERT M WATKINS



Robert M Watkins is the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Sacramento. He has served in this position since January 2016. Before that, Rob served as a Pastor and Associate Pastor for 25 years. His ministry began as Pastor in Ludlow, Kentucky at First Presbyterian Church, then as an Associate Pastor in North Carolina, serving First Presbyterian-Gastonia and then here at Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church, and then as Pastor in Augusta, Georgia at the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

The irony of returning to a church previously served is not lost on Rob. Many years have passed and many faces are new or gone, but when Rob was here before, Mallard Creek passed through a major transition and, now, in a completely different way, it is again passing through a transition. He believes he has a skill set, vision, and call to see this congregation through to its next step in the continuing journey to serve Jesus Christ in an ever-changing, sometimes disconcerting, world.

Rob was born in Virginia, but grew up in Statesville, North Carolina. His dad is also a Presbyterian pastor, while his mom is a retired public librarian. They now live in Harrisonburg VA at a Presbyterian retirement home. Rob attended Davidson College (class of 1986) and Union Seminary in Richmond, VA (class of 1990). Rob is married to the Rev. Alison Messick-Watkins, currently serving as a Supply Pastor in Folsom, CA and as chaplain at University Retirement Community in Davis, CA. She has also served as a Pastoral Counselor, with a 20 year practice in North Carolina and Georgia. They have two children – Perry (26), teaching in Panama, and Chelsea (24), serving as Assistant Director of Camp Grier (a PC(USA) camp in Western North Carolina). They also have one dog, Hazel (4).

Items of Note from the Stated Session Meeting on June 19, 2018:

- Quorum declared with 12 of 18 elders present.
- Received updates on members and friends needing special prayers.
- Approved previous session minutes.
- Approved motion to allow the Mission Committee to donate \$7,000 to the Habitat for Humanity of Cabarrus County to be used towards the construction of a home in Concord, NC.
- Approved motion to increase the budget for telecommunications by \$139.35 per month to due to the increased cost for the system to accommodate 4 additional business lines under the CenturyLink service contract. This is an increase from the \$836 monthly recurring charge to \$975.35. [Note, the additional lines are for monitoring the elevator and for the fire alarms.]
- Approved motion to allow the Scouting units chartered to MCPC to expand their programs to include girls, following the BSA program criteria.
- Discussed possible event celebrating the completion of the new sanctuary expansion and remodeling. Appropriate committees and others within the church to discuss plans and determine what may be done.
- Received update on DCE search: The position has been posted on several websites. Several resumes have been received. Planning to start interviewing candidates in the immediate future.
- Received the May 2018 financial report:
 - Our May 2018 contributions were \$7,317 LESS than May 2017.
 - Our YTD 2018 contributions were \$31,304 LESS than YTD 2017.
 - Our May 2018 expenses were \$6,506 MORE than May 2018 collections.
 - Our YTD 2018 expenses were \$ 58,738 MORE than YTD 2018 collections.
 - Our 2018 budget is \$770,361, or \$121,889 MORE than our 2017 collections.
- Approved motion for Reverend Robert Watkins' first day at MCPC to be on Monday, August 27, 2018.
- Approved motion for Pastor Grady Moseley's contract with MCPC to last through August 31, 2018, due to the 60-day notification terms in his contract. Notice of contract conclusion will be effective after the successful call of Reverend Watkins at the July 1, 2018 Congregational Meeting.
- Received reports from Pastor Moseley and Pastor Rasmussen on current activities.
- July Sunday Duty: 1. Becky Wood, 2. Rusty Wallace, 3. Bill Wood, 4. Bob Oehler, 5. Greg Armistead
- Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 1, 2018 at 10:15 a.m.

Gift Giving Tips

Each week the Deacons you elected give of their time and talents to process the gifts to our church. They work very hard to be accurate with the posting of your gifts. The finance committee asks your help in making this job as easy as possible by following a few simple steps:

- Please **use your giving envelope** each week and **write the amount on the outside**-- your name on the outside is not necessary as we post by the envelope number. Gifts not in an envelope are always appreciated. The use of the envelope just makes posting a great deal easier. (If you do not have envelopes, please contact the church office and envelopes will be provided.)
- Only **one check inside an envelope** makes mistakes less likely.
- Gifts to any fund approved by the MCPC Session, *other than the general fund*, may be made by making your check out to MCPC and noting the specific fund in the lower left side memo line. Please be sure the fund is **clearly noted**. These gifts should not be placed in your regular envelope. **If giving to more than one fund, please use a separate check for each.**
- Gifts to approved MCPC funds will appear on your MCPC giving statement if the check was written to MCPC. Please check your statement each quarter for any problems. If any problems are noted, notify the financial secretary with the specific details ASAP so they may be corrected.

**The finance committee, the pastors and the church officers thank you
for your continued financial support.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: blue;">August Birthdays</h1>						
			1 Harry Kirk, Sr. Gary Rose Sophia Lemon	2	3 Thurston St. Clair Ken Christenbury Carl Spradley	4
5 Trevor Barrett	6 Bobby Bost Janet Hunter Tracy Tucker Jonathan Kiser	7 Vicki Robbins Dave Good Tammy Sheehan Sharon Kimrey Katelyn Brandon	8 Lois Treadway Mark Johnson Bradley Gulley	9 Jean Thomas Perry Quattlebaum, Jr	10 Clyde Benfield Monie Alexander Bingham Dixon	11 Tom Fassett Kim Beall Riley Ashley
12 Bobby Benton	13 Zoey Garrison	14 Bob Oehler Brandon Jones Stephen Lisi, Jr Katelyn Kiser Clara Messina	15 Lynette Gullede	16 David Stephens	17 Michelle Lemon	18 Benjamin Buchanan
19	20 Dale McLaughlin Tonia English Kolton Kiser Lucas Orlovsky Camryn Powell	21 Carolyn Sheehan Steven Johnston	22 Sylvia Snyder Grace Ann Oehler Leigh Love Cristina Moore Saxon McElveen	23 Polly Walker Frank Cartner Virginia Halter	24 Tom Fuller, Jr. Joey Brown Owen Stiffel	25 Beverly McLaughlin
26 Fred Treadway Susie Oehler	27 Joe Oehler Perry Deaton Tobias Wescott	28 Helen Yerton Chris Schultz Mary McCraw Abigail Morse	29 Tommy Oehler Barbara Oehler Joe Crapster II	30 Haiden Gullede	31 James Crenshaw	

July Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship	2 6:00 Cub Scouts	3 6:45 Boy Scouts	4 	5 7:00 Boy Scouts	6	7
8 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Worship Comm.	9 6:00 Cub Scouts	10 9:00 Prayer Quilt Min. 6:45 Boy Scouts	11	12 7:00 Boy Scouts	13	14
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July 1, 2018

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"Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who bear much fruit."
Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am

The Rev. Grady Moseley	Interim Pastor
The Rev. Laura Rasmussen	Associate Pastor
The Rev. Kenneth Craig	Parish Associate
Mr. David Barnaba	Director of Music
Mrs. Kerri Miner	Preschool Director
Mrs. Cathy Marlor	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Shawn Watkins	Administrative Assistant