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Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church

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## **From Pastor Laura:**

As you have probably already heard or read, I will be resigning from my position as Associate Pastor on Sunday, August 26. This is a difficult goodbye for me to make as I have come to love and appreciate our Mallard Creek community. MCPC is a community that has blessed me in so many ways. For me, it has been a place of friendship, laughter, and healing. There are three special qualities of the Mallard Creek church family I will always remember.

I will always remember how deeply you love and care for one another. MCPC is a very tight knit community and your commitment to one another is beautiful. My observation and experience at Mallard Creek has felt like being in a very large family that truly does life together.

I doubt I will ever know another church community that has as good of food as Mallard Creek! Seriously, between the potlucks, receptions, group lunches and a major BBQ, Mallard Creek knows how to love and spoil people through food. I would not be surprised if many of the dishes served at MCPC gatherings will also be served in Heaven. Can't you just imagine Jesus delighting over a plate piled high with yummy food from one of our potlucks?

And I will always cherish the memories of how willing and desiring the MCPC community has been to serve the needs of its members, neighbors and even strangers. Between the mission trips, the handicap ramps built, food packing events for Rise Against Hunger, the donation drives for our local schools and Lily Pad Haven, and our building days with Habitat for Humanity have all been an inspiration to see the heart and desire of MCPC to serve those who are in need.

Thank you, Mallard Creek, for sharing these qualities and gifts with me. I pray that as you grow stronger and more united in these strengths, you will also experience more of the abundant presence and purpose of Christ at work in and through you. There is a quote I am fond of that I hope will be meaningful to you as well: "When you have more than you need, build a longer table - not a higher fence."

Grace upon Grace,  
Laura Rasmussen

## From Pastor Grady:

The training I received last fall as I prepared for Interim Ministry was specifically geared towards assisting congregations who are moving through a period of transition.

You, at Mallard Creek Church, are definitely experiencing transition!

On top of doing a major “physical” renovation and addition to the sanctuary under the able leadership of Larry Oehler, Steve Misenheimer and Clay Scholand, you are also moving through a major “pastoral” renovation and addition to your church leadership!

You are preparing to welcome a new Head of Staff, Rob Watkins; say goodbye to Laura Rasmussen, the Associate Pastor for the past four years; continue your search for a Director of Christian Education left open by the departure of Sarah Grace Montgomery; and to the conclusion of my stint as the Interim Pastor. Wow, that is a lot of “physical” and “pastoral” changes.

First of all, you need to know that I believe you are handling your present situation well. You are a warm and friendly crowd. While I am still learning names, I enjoy mingling with you before worship; admiring the quilting group’s handiwork; sharing the spiritual inquisitiveness of the Daily Bread Sunday School class; impressed by the thoroughness of those involved with the renovation and addition to the sanctuary; laughing with the good natured church leadership of the Session and Deaconate; and brainstorming with the tired, but loving, youth and teen leadership - to name a handful of those I have spent time with.

And while you are poised to continue to make your mark in this changing community, I would be remiss if I didn’t bring to your attention matters that need your attention. For instance, according to the research I’ve done, over 33,000 housing units have been built in the last 3 -5 years within a five-mile radius of the church. Assuming 3 residents per unit, that amounts roughly to 100,000 people have moved in around the Mallard Creek Church in last half a decade. So when I hear those who keep the nursery and teach Sunday School reminisce about how many infants and toddlers and children “use” to fill the classes, I think about how we need to practice a form of evangelism - that we are comfortable with - to attract new members to this wonderful congregation. I have met with individual committee chairpersons, youth and teen fellowship leaders, Sunday School teachers, other program leaders, and have plans to meet with still others in leadership positions, to provide immediate support and brainstorm potential solutions to some of the shared concerns we have regarding the future ministry and viability of this historic congregation. (That last sentence was a serious run-on sentence.) But I point that out to illustrate that there is work to be done even before the “physical” renovation is completed.

The “pastoral” work of the congregation is an ongoing task, one that you share with professional pastoral leadership, such as Rob Watkins. I trust that Rob, with his experience, will add to the options to be explored as you re-evaluate, add and renovate as necessary, to the ministry of Jesus Christ in this community of faith. You bring a smile to my face and joy to my heart.....and there are others in our community that will be poorer if you deprive them of the opportunity to experience what I have experienced since I arrived at Mallard Creek Creek.

Grady Moseley, Interim Pastor



Mallard Creek's New Senior Pastor is Coming Soon! Be sure not to miss his first Sunday Worship – Sept 2.

Reverend Rob Watkins, MCPC's new Senior Pastor will begin his Ministry here on Monday August 27. Rob's first day leading Worship will be Labor Day Weekend, Sunday, September 2.

Please make a special effort to be here for Rob's first Sunday with us. We know many typically enjoy other activities on a holiday weekend, but carve some time out to fill the pews at MCPC and welcome Rob and Allison.

A brief reception for Rob will follow the 10:30 service, so you'll have chance to get to know our new Senior Pastor.

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## Special Prayer

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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  
Warren Marshall  
Michael Smith, friend of Suzanne Curtis  
Raymond Wilson

Virginia Stubbs  
Carletta Doran, mother of Mary Kostrzynski  
Ann Brown  
Ruby Downing  
Donnie Hunter  
Holly Diggs, great niece of Doris DeArmon  
Pat Stockoff  
Matthew Sheehan, grandson of Carolyn Sheehan  
Faye Stanley  
Tommy Carter

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

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## Sunday School Opportunities

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### 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



Planning for the 2018-2019 school year is well underway. You won't want to miss Fall Festival, Spring Fling, and everything in-between! If you are interested in registering your child at MCPCP, please remember that church members get priority placement on the waiting list, 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**



Ladies of MCPC, mark your calendars! The Presbyterian Women will be kicking off another year of service, fellowship and Bible study with a reception on Sunday, August 19th. Circle meetings will resume in September. If you are interested in attending a circle meeting or would like to learn more, please contact Jenn Messina at [jenniferlynn21@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferlynn21@gmail.com).

### **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](mailto:kwass@carolina.rr.com)

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated Sunday, August 5, during the 8:30am and 10:30am services.



**Thursday Night Fellowship -August 16, 2018**

**K & W** in Concord.

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

Contact Jean Helms with questions -704-596-1206

## JUNE STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

August 1, 2018

Sunday School	\$377.00
Worship Offering	\$37,558.75
Online Giving	\$7,172.00
TOTAL Offering	\$45,107.75
Needed Each Month	\$64,196.78
Total Collected YTD	\$274,472.76
UNDER for year	-\$110,707.92

Worship Attendance for July:  
July 1 -240 July 8 -269  
July 15 -228 July 22 - 239 July 29 -303

## Thank You!

Dear Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church,

Thank you for your financial help we received from you to help with repairs after hurricane Matthew. The mission work we received from you was so outstanding. They sprayed and sealed the exterior of our total church. It rained for two days and they went inside and restored a room for us. This was a big job requiring scraping, sanding, and painting also boarding up windows as well.

Your youth worked amazingly well! They had great attitudes, responded to work orders and caught on quickly. Everyone worked hard and did great work.

We will never forget your generosity and can never thank you enough!  
Thank You, Oakland United Methodist Church

Dear VBS family,

I wanted to thank you for the wonderful job you did with collecting flip flops! Your hard work and dedication brought in 117 pairs of flip flops which will go a long way in helping others in the Dominican Republic. Your kindness will be remembered each time the flip flops are worn. You might wish to remember to ask God to bless the person wearing the flip flops you donated. Proud of you, *Linda Killian*

Lisa and I want to thank our church family for all of the support and encouragement we have received during my recent back surgery. The cards, visits, calls, and prayers have meant so much to us. Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church is truly a blessing to be a part of.

In Christ love, Larry Oehler



## Thank you!

As the gathering space and sanctuary renovation moves toward completion the officers would like to thank you for your financial support to make the work possible. For those that have pledged for 2018, or for anyone that would like to contribute in 2018, please note any monies received before August 20<sup>th</sup> will enable MCPC to put those monies directly toward the project and thus save borrowing that additional amount. We can thus save the interest cost on the money.

The Finance Committee

### To give / donate stock to MCPC

- 1) Contact your brokerage house and request a form to transfer stock to a non profit as a gift
- 2) The stocks being gifted will be to: MCPChurch, Inc. 1600 West Mallard Creek Church Road, Charlotte N C 28262, 704 547 0038. The church account is with Pershing LLC and the church ID with Pershing is 3Z2-379758
- 3) Pershing LLC will be who your broker transfers the stock to  
ONE Pershing Plaza  
Jersey City, N J 07399  
888 367 2563  
DTCC# 0443
- 4) You will need to call Cathy at the church office:
  - a. Tell her the stock is being transferred. She will then show your gift on the church records when the stock transfer is completed. You must call her as Pershing does not send her the name of the donor.
  - b. Also tell her which fund or project the gift is to be applied to.



The Mission Committee would like to invite Teens and Adults to join us for a Work day August 18th, on a Habitat for Humanity Build site.

\* 16-18 years old must be accompanied by a parent/guardian

\* No one under 16 is allowed to join

\* Job is building a fence and retaining wall

\* Limited to 15 volunteers

\* Sign up on line prior to event at:

[http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ygd88ftab&oeidk=a07efj7q3co12f23895)

[llr=ygd88ftab&oeidk=a07efj7q3co12f23895](http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=ygd88ftab&oeidk=a07efj7q3co12f23895)



MCPC BBQ is fast approaching and will be here before you know it. Just a reminder that if you need

Pig Tags the information for ordering will be out soon. **Reminder**, there is a BBQ Committee meeting August 27th, at 7:00pm at the Community House.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: #00AEEF;">September Birthdays</h1>						
						1 Bea Blackman Martin Oehler Brian Wasko
2	3 Doug Martin Will Busch Jake Crapster Cole Scholand	4 Karen Trimble Jason Alexander	5	6 Ernie Jones Kathryn Beard	7 Leigh Johnson Melissa Helms	8
9 Bernice Martin Charles Kimrey	10	11 Shirley Allen Lois Spradley Al Kumnick Shawn Watkins Lewis Holden Joshua Baker Charlene Clark	12 Ken Craig Barbara Walker Penny Louya Anye Ndingwan	13 Sarah Alexander Alice Oehler Michael Kostrzynski	14 Brodie MacNeil Caroline Johnson	15
16 Jim Jeffers Sheri Rose	17 Alec Trimble	18 Carl Hatton	19 Pat Hill Gary Walker Candace Greenly	20	21	22 Michel Lapalombella
23 Nancy Garrison BJ Knox Ronnie McKay Jeb White	24 Noah Rodden	25 Cameron Mitchell Alexander Snyder	26	27 Benjamin Baker	28 Bebe McGee Sydney Oehler Caitlin Rainstein	29
30 Sue Bishop Ben Oehler	31					

## August Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 Choir	2	3	4
5 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship	6 6:00 Cub Scouts	7 6:45 Boy Scouts	8 7:00 Choir	9 7:00 Education & Spiritual Committee 7:00 Boy Scouts	10	11
12 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Worship Comm.	13 Cub Scouts	14 9:00 Prayer Quilt Min. 6:45 Boy Scouts. 7:00 Diaconate Mtg.	15 7:00 Choir	16 7:00 Connections Comm. 7:00 Boy Scouts	17	18
19 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 3:00 PW Kick Off	20 6:00 Cub Scouts	21 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session Meeting	22 7:00 Choir	23 7:00 Mission Comm. 7:00 Boy Scouts	24	25
26 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Care Comm.	27 6:00 Cub Scouts	28 6:45 Boy Scouts	29 7:00 Choir	30	31	

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

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