

THE SCROLL

Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church
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From Your Interim Pastor:

As Mallard Creek Church approaches a new year, be reminded of God's promise to you:

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." - Jeremiah 29:11-13 NLT

2018 brings MCPC many exciting events, activities, and opportunities. Below some of these items are listed, especially ones that you will be hearing about in the first weeks. Even the "surprises" waiting for you are "couched" in this promise: *"I know the plans I have for you!"*

◆ THE "FORWARD BY FAITH" project begins very soon. You will receive instructions for parking and access to church facilities. Perhaps you are planning to make a pledge in support of this exciting project. Contact Cathy Marlor, MCPC Financial Secretary, 704-547-0038, to make or change your pledge.

◆ OUR PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC) is preparing for its search process to begin. The *"mission study,"* and the *"Ministry Information Form"* are being completed. Once approved by the Presbytery, the PNC may initiate its search. Names of persons on the PNC are on page 3 of THE SCROLL and at www.mallardcreekchurch.org.

◆ ELDERS-ELECT AND DEACONS-ELECT, the Class of 2020, were ordained and/or installed on Sunday, January 7, 2018, during the 10:30 A.M. service of worship. On page 7 of THE SCROLL, you will find a list of these persons, along with others who are currently serving on your official boards. You will also find listed the various committees of both boards, along with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of each one.



◆ OFFICERS OF THE CLASS OF 2017 may continue to serve on one of the official boards, or may be "retiring" for a period of time. I thank these folks for their faith and hard work during their time of service. Their names are listed on page 7 of THE SCROLL. MCPC is blessed by the faithful leadership of these servants!

◆ MID-WEEK AT MALLARD CREEK begins its WINTER/SPRING SESSION on Wednesday, January 10, 2018. MID-WEEK AT MALLARD CREEK is for every person at MCPC, along with your friends. On page 3 of THE SCROLL and at www.mallardcreekchurch.org, you will find the upcoming MID-WEEK SCHEDULE! Whatever your age, there is a place for you at MID-WEEK AT MALLARD CREEK.

Jay Coker, Interim Pastor
Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church



Special Prayer

Elizabeth King
 Linda Kiser
 Donnie Hunter
 Doran Snow
 Carl Spradley, son of Lois Spradley
 Reese Untz
 Audrey Marteney, friend of Debbie Hunter
 Shirley Hunter
 Pat Stockoff

Larry Boone
 Carlotta Powell, friend of Lynn Davidson
 Marlowe McLaughlin
 Larry Dunn, father of Michelle Untz
 Art Allen
 Debbie Hunter
 Thurman Simpson, brother of Nell Lawing
 Travis Gullledge
 Banks Williams, friend of JoAnn & Vance Reid

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
 - Staff SGT Tanner Tiece - CPL Malcolm Allen -and LTjG Morgan Whitmore

Sunday School Opportunities

PRESCHOOL & ELEMENTARY

Sanctuary Building, Downstairs

Nursery
 Ages 2 & 3
 Pre - K Kindergarten
 Grades 1& 2
 Grades 3&4

PRE-TEENS & TEENS

Activity Building

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

ADULTS

Education Building

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

DECEMBER STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Sunday School	\$429.05
Worship Offering	\$74,967.28
Online Giving	\$5,970.00
TOTAL Offering	\$81,366.33
Needed Each Month	\$64,138.90
Total Collected YTD	\$647,952.72
UNDER for year	-\$121,182.16

Worship Attendance for December:
 December 3 - 309 December 10 -285
 December 17 - 329 December 24 -623
 December 31-75



Happy New Year from MCPC Preschool! We are excited about all the wonderful events coming in January. Our TK class gets to take a field trip to Discovery Place Kids to learn about the weather. Fours and TK teachers will complete kindergarten assessments and parent meetings. They will also learn about snow and winter during their "Winter Wonderland" Terrific Tuesday activities. The biggest news of all is that **we will begin registration for the 2018-2019 preschool year this month!** If you'd like to register, take a tour, or ask questions, please call us in the preschool office at 704-549-9741. Church members get priority registration status, so call today! We also have a spot available this year for a child who turned four by August 31, 2017.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make December a successful preschool month. Thank you to Harvey Alexander for being our special bearded visitor (pictured) and to him and Mack Downing for running sound for the special nativity play performed by our teachers for the parents and students. Thank you to the parent representatives and parent volunteers, especially Leigh Johnson, Jennifer Messina, and Sarah Grace Montgomery, for the Christmas Luncheon for the preschool staff. We thank the preschool parents for supporting each preschool class mission project as well. The two-year-olds classes each chose an angel from the MCPC Angel Tree and provided gifts for two separate families as their project. What a blessing to be a part of such a valuable ministry.

Kerri Miner, Preschool Director and Kristy Maddux, Assistant Director



The Presbyterian Women would like to thank everyone for your support this past year. Thanks for volunteering your time, your donations and your encouragements as the ladies of Mallard Creek come together to follow God's callings through missions and community support. If you are interested in joining the ladies of Mallard Creek please contact me for more information. The circles meet monthly but our prayers and service continues daily. God's Blessings, *Connie Wallace*

Pastor Nominating Committee

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| Chair- Bill Wood | Nina Brown |
| Lynn Davidson | James DeArmon |
| Jamie Garrison | Darrell Thomas |
| Wendy White | COM Liaison-Jerry Clark |



Midweek @ Mallard Creek

Big things are happening this fall on Wednesday nights for ALL AGES!

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| 5:30-6:00 | Dinner For All Ages |
| 6:00-7:00 | Adult Bible Study
"Believe" led by Pastor Laura, meets in the Parlor
"Confidence in You" led by Dr. Coker, meets in the Chapel
Adult Handbells
Teen Fellowship Bible Studies
Kindergarten -5th Grade Youth Club
(Children's Choir, Bible Exploration and Open Play)
Nursery Available for Birth - 4 years |
| 7:00 - 8:00 | Adult Choir
Childcare Available for children of Choir members |

Winter/Spring Session Starts January 10, 2018

Need to Know!

2018 Contribution envelopes are available for pickup in the sanctuary. Online givers WILL NOT be receiving envelopes. If you have questions please contact Cathy.

Thursday Night Fellowship

January 19 at 6:00pm

We will be dining at Jimmies Restaurant in Mint Hill.
Make reservations with Nell Lawing at 704-502-2270.

Lunch Bunch - January 16 at noon.

Back by popular demand we welcome Jeff Whittington and his One Man Band.



The annual meeting of MCPC, Inc will be held on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 10:10 am in the sanctuary to receive;

- An annual report from the session. Information only.
- A financial report on 2017.
- The budget for 2018. Information only.
- Receive and approve changes in the terms of call for Pastor Laura.
- To elect four members to serve on the 2018 nominating committee.

The 2017 Nominating Committee will nominate; Ginger Penninger, Kim Tucker, Stan Joyner and Jason Oehler for the four positions.



MCPC collected 71.2lbs of canned goods in November.

Thank You!

I wanted to send a heartfelt personal thank you for all of you that provided support through donations, prayers, and your kindness to my family in Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria. In addition, I want to thank those of you who supported my immediate family during my time on military duty in Puerto Rico. Your generous donations were used to purchase food items, generators, water, and necessities that supported 12 different families. My family was overcome by the kindness and generosity from people they had never met...it gave them hope in the midst of tragedy, loss, and fear of the unknown. In January, we will be excited to welcome my cousin Marysela, her husband and two boys to Concord as they move from Puerto Rico to be near us. Many in Puerto Rico still do not have power or water and continue to struggle every day. Please keep them and all others impacted by the multiple natural disasters in 2017 in your thoughts and prayers.

In Christ, Cristina Moore and family



I personally would like to "Thank" everyone from the church family for the cards, calls and prayers sent my way after the passing of my brother. The thoughtfulness, concerns and out pouring of love makes things much easier to cope.

May the LOVE of your fellowman always be in your hearts. THANKS Susie

Thank you to my church family for all the acts of kindness you have shown me/us over this past year. The many prayers, cards, visits by Rev. Craig and the "bag" filled with all kinds of useful things (even candy!!) that I received for Christmas, have all been truly appreciated. A special Thank You to Rev. Laura Rasmussen for bringing Communion to our home during the holidays. Also many thanks to Holly Oehler for her visit which I so much enjoyed. May God continue to Bless MCPC and all who are a part of this caring church. Love and Prayers to Each of You!! Donna Seaford

JANUARY

January

#mcpcteens

Thursday, January 4
4:00 – 7:00pm
Room in the Inn

Come after school to help cook and serve our Room in the Inn guests. We will start around 4:00 and be finished by 7:00

Sunday, January 7
4:00-6:00pm
Game Night

Bring your favorite board game to play. Pizza will be served!

Sunday, January 14
4:00-6:00pm
Whale of a Sale Meeting

All Teens and Parents please attend. We will go over all of the important details of the Whale of a Sale fundraiser – followed by dinner together.

Sunday, January 21
4:00-6:00pm
Lesson + Dinner

Sunday, January 28
Sabbath Sunday
No Teens

Looking Forward!
Save these Dates

Souper Bowl of Caring
February 4

Blue & Gold Banquet Fundraiser
February 24

Whale of a Sale
March 3

MCPC thanks the retiring class of Elders and Deacons

Retiring Class of 2017

The Session: Joan Joyner, *James Killian, Sr. , Julie Mingus, Bill Penninger, Earl Thomas and Tracy Tucker

* Continues to serve

The Deacons: James Achurch, Louise Carte, Virginia Halter, Dee Dee Larkin, Cristina Moore, Rad Oehler, Mike Rodden and Clay Scholand.

**The Session
Greg Armistead, Clerk of Session**

Class of 2018

Sheila DeArmon
Sean English
Bobbie Misenheimer
Susie Oehler
Rusty Wallace
Becky Wood

Class of 2019

Harvey Alexander
Greg Armistead
Chris Mingus
Bob Oehler
Donna Sheppard
Bill Wood

Class of 2020

James Killian, Sr.
Charles Kimrey
Paul Menconi
Randy Oehler
Clay Scholand
Pam Whitmire

**Board of Deacons
Mark Johnson, Chair of Board of Deacons**

Class of 2018

Carey Armistead
Ed Davis
Anne Foust
Mark Johnson
Mike Kostrzynski
Kristy Maddux
Tommy Mitchell
Holly Oehler

Class of 2019

Larry Boone
Nancy Busch
Mack Downing
Barbara Kumnick
Rob Moore
Andy Stiffel
Keri Wass
Brent Zevan

Class of 2020

Tammy Alford
Perry Deaton
Rob Johnson
Melanie Scholand
Lori Serepca
Faye Stanley
Linda Wallace
Brian Wasko

MCPC Committees 2018

Session Committees

Education & Spiritual

- Donna Shepard E 19 Chair
- Pam Whitmire E 20 Vice Chair
- Bobbie Misenheimer E 18
- Keri Wass D 19

Youth & Children

- Bill Wood E 19 Chair
- Randy Oehler E 20 Vice Chair
- Sean English E 18
- Lori Serepca D 20

Worship

- Susie Oehler E 18 Chair
- Paul Menconi E 20 Vice Chair
- Harvey Alexander E 19
- Mack Downing D 19

Property

- Chris Mingus E 19 Chair
- Charles Kimrey E 20 Vice Chair
- Sheila DeArmon E 18
- Rusty Wallace E 18
- Larry Boone D 19

Finance

- Becky Wood E 18 Chair
- Clay Scholand E 20 Vice Chair
- James Killian E 20
- Bob Oehler E 19
- Mark Johnson D 18

Deacon Committees

Congregational Care

- * Tammy Alford D 20
- * Holly Oehler D 18 Chair
- * Kristy Maddux D 18
- * Nancy Busch D 19 Vice Chair
- * Brian Wasko D 20

Fellowship

- * Andy Stiffel D 19 Chair
- * Melanie Scholand D 20
- * Anne Foust D 18
- * Tommy Mitchell D 18
- * Perry Deaton D20 Vice Chair

Mission




- * Mike Kostrzynski D 18 Chair
- * Faye Stanley D 20
- * Barbara Kumnick D 19
- * Rob Moore D 19

Connections

- * Carey Armistead D 18 Chair
- * Rob Johnson D 20 V. Chair
- * Ed Davis D 18
- * Linda Wallace D 20
- * Brent Zevan D 19

Nominating * Special Comm.

- * Bobbie Misenheimer Elder Chair
- * Paul Menconi Elder
- * Deacon

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<h1>February Birthdays</h1>						
				1 Wyn Pearson Paul Snyder	2 Betty St. Clair Linda Untz Bill Penninger Darrell Thomas Wendy White Jared Wescott Lily Larkin	3 Suzanne Curtis
4 Kathleen Good Clay Grubb Ashton Blevins	5 Amber Kimrey Taylor Wass	6 Marshall Love	7 Braden Wallace	8 Nina Brown	9 Laura Pelfrey	10
11 Al Wilkinson	12 Linda Apolar Mary Kostrzynski Rosie Clark	13 Aprille Mitchell	14 Jamie Brown	15 Philip Wescott Nathan Benfield Nicole Scott Caroline Yanni	16 Patsy Oehler Rachel Rodden Kelly Semon Owen Lazarus Tolby Coore	17
18 Gray Brookshire Jimmy Brown	19 Bob Hamilton Ned Baker Allyson Yanni Kim Morse Whitney Oehler A.J. Alexander	20 Ashley Rose	21 Erin Gullede Tripp Moore Sarah DeArmon Bret MacNeil	22 Stephanie Barrett	23 Carlotta Doran Laura Andreassen Dalton Oehler	24 Drew Dowling J.D. Oehler
25 Laney Brookshire	26 Ralph Brand Kim Tucker Kaleb Tucker Joshuah Serepca Elizabeth Fuller	27 Evan Lazarus	28 Jaret Oehler			



January Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year!	2 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 Circle of Mary	3 6:00 Hansen Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	4 9:00 Joy Ringers 10:00 Backpack Bless. 10:15 Circle of Anna 5:00 Room In the Inn 6:00 Mallard Sq. Dan. 7:00 BBQ Meeting 7:00 Boy Scouts	5	6
7 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 4:00 Reach Out Comm.	8 6:00 Circle of Rebekah 6:00 Circle of Ruth 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Property Comm.	9 9:00 Prayer Quilt Min. 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 Deacon Meeting	10 11:00 Believe B.S. 5:30 Midweek @ Mallard 6:00 Hansen Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	11 10:00 Backpack Bless. 10:00 Joy Ringers 6:00 Mallard Sq. Dan. 7:00 Boy Scouts 7:00 Ed & Spiritual Comm.	12	13
14 8:30 Early Worship 8:40 Bon Appetees 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Worship Comm.	15 6:00 Cub Scouts	16 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session Meeting	17 11:00 Believe B.S. 5:30 Midweek @ Mallard 6:00 Hansen Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	18 10:00 Joy Ringers 10:00 Backpack Blessings 5:00 Room In the Inn 6:00 Thursday Night Fellowship 6:00 Mallard Sq. Dan. 7:00 Boy Scouts	19	20
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28 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Congregational Care Committee	29 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 PW	30 6:45 Boy Scouts	31 11:00 Believe B.S. 5:30 Midweek @ Mallard 6:00 Hansen Bell Choir 7:00 Choir			

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

The Rev. Dr. John Wright Coker, Jr,	Interim Pastor
The Rev. Laura Rasmussen	Associate Pastor
Mrs. Sarah Grace Montgomery	Director of Christian Education
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