

THE SCROLL

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From Rev. Rob Watkins:

And so we begin...

After what seems like an endless process through the hoops and circles of presbytery work, I am finally ready to begin my work as pastor of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church.

On the one hand, it is a homecoming. I am back. It has been *sixteen years*, but I am back. I look forward to seeing old friends and fellow workers after a long spell apart. There is much to catch up on. There are many stories to tell. There are many photos to leaf through as we note growing (grown) children, new members of the family, and those returned to God. There are old works to begin again.

But on the other hand, it has been *sixteen years*. Living in an apartment that sat where there was only a farm field when I was here before is enough to let anyone know so much has changed—that we all have changed. I look forward to meeting new faces, hearing new stories, and learning new ways of being church together. Charlotte is vastly different than it was. Heck, *the world* is vastly different than it was. We all have to learn a new of being church in this time and place.

Driving around the area, I already see so much that is so utterly new. Mixing and mingling, I hear a stew of languages and see so many different ways of being human. Having been to California and back, I know immediately how big the challenges are before us. We cannot simply sit back and assume church will always be church, so we will just keep being and doing what we always did. No—we need to learn new ways to connect to the world around us. We need to learn new ways of speaking so our message can be heard.

Yet, there is the core—the foundation—of church—the families, the love, the compassion, the fellowship, the generosity—all of which are desperately needed in our time and place.

My prayer is that we will begin our journey together by first listening—listening hard and listening deeply—to one another, to the people now living near and among us, and especially for the voice of Jesus calling us to embody his grace, mercy, compassion, and most of all, his welcome to everyone and anyone we encounter.

Then, my prayer is that we will see the gifts already present that we can build upon. We can use our love for one another to lead us into ways of loving others.

Then, my prayer is we catch a vision of what it is that is new, powerful, and transformative as the Living God leads us into a 21st Century embodiment of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church.

...and so we begin.

I am so very excited. I hope you are, too.

Special Prayer

Elizabeth King
Art & Marleen Allen
Fred Treadway
Travis Gullede
Priscilla Stevens
Doran Snow
Avonda Albright, mother of Carey Armistead
Warren Marshall
Bobbie Misenheimer

Virginia Stubbs
Carletta Doran, mother of Mary Kostrzynski
Ann Brown
Ruby Downing
Donnie Hunter
Holly Diggs, great niece of Doris DeArmon
Lois Spradley
Matthew Sheehan, grandson of Carolyn Sheehan
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
- 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



Save the Date - We NEED You!

The Red Cross is in a state of emergency, where blood is distributed faster than coming in. Please come and support them at our **Blood Drive**, Sunday, September 23, 2018 at 10:00am to 2:30pm, in the Dining Hall.

Questions: Contact Carey Armistead @ 704-906-4620



We are gearing up for the 2018-2019 Preschool Year! The classes are full, the teachers and assistant teachers are busily preparing lesson plans and readying the classrooms, the students are both excited and nervous to meet their teachers at the August 30th Open House, and the parents are READY for a new school year to begin. We have an Orientation for Parents on Aug. 28th in the church sanctuary. We will also have to close the preschool office on August 20th for Staff Orientation and on August 27th for CPR/1st Aid Certification Training as we prepare and train the staff for a successful school year. If you missed the deadlines for registration, but would still like the opportunity to join the fun, please call Kristy or Kerri in the preschool office at 704-549-9741 and we will add your child to the preschool waiting list! Church members receive priority status on the waiting list. Please be in prayer for this ministry, those ministering, and for those to whom we minister as we strive to share the love of Jesus with our preschool neighbors and their families in this part of Charlotte through this wonderful church preschool.

Kerri Miner, Preschool Director and Kristy Maddux, Assistant Director



Thank you for those who came out to our annual Kick-Off Meeting. We had a wonderful afternoon of fellowship, delicious food and enjoyed guest speaker Sonja Chisolm from Gracious Hands Transitional Housing. The first week of September marks the start of monthly circle meetings. This year we will be using the PW/ Horizon's Bible Study "God's Promise: I am With You". Those unable to attend the Kick-Off Meeting can purchase a book for \$10, see your circle leader, they have extra books. There are also limited quantities of large print copies available as well. If you are interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Women, please contact Jenn Messina at 704-794-8187.

Circle of Anna: Leader Polly Caldwell

First Thursday, 10:15a.m., Parlor

Circle of Mary: Leaders Linda Wallace & Sally Tyler

First Tuesday, 7 p.m., Dining Hall

Circle of Rebekah Leader: Julie Mingus

First Monday, 6:15 p.m., Gathering Space

Circle of Ruth Leader: Sharon Kimrey

First Monday, 7 p.m., Homes of Members

Thursday Night Fellowship -September 20, 2018

Open Kitchen in Charlotte.

Meet at the church at 6:00 to ride the bus or 7:00 at restaurant

Contact Lucy McLaughlin with questions -704-534-7995

Thank You!

Dear Mallard Creek,
Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and well wishes during my time of recovery. It is comforting to know that so many of you care. God is good. Blessings to you all. Faye Stanley

JUNE STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

September 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 August:

August 5-275

August 12 -234

August 19-234

August 26 -251



ORDER BBQ PIG NAME TAGS.
Cost this year is \$7.00 each
order no later than September 30
Contact:
Ann Carroll
sacbug74@aol.com

Members of our church helped Saturday at Habitat for Humanity build site. This is one of the outreach missions our church helps fund and build. Thank you to those who participated on Saturday 08/18.



A Congressional Meeting is called for September 9, 2018 at 10:15am in the Sanctuary for a report from the Nominating Committee. The following will be nominated for the Elder class of 2021: Ed Gullede, Jonathan Kiser, Kenneth McCraw, Jason Oehler, Mike Rodden and Andy Spittle. Floor nominations will be taken at this time. If only six are nominated, they will be elected by acclamation. If more than six persons are nominated, congregational meetings will be called each Sunday at 10:20am until six are elected.

Bios for the nominating elder class of 2021:

The Nominating Committee places the following in nomination for the elder class of 2021: Ed Gullede, Jonathan Kiser, Kenneth McCraw, Jason Oehler, Mike Rodden and Andy Spittle.

Jason Oehler - I am a lifelong member of MCPC and have previously served as Deacon and Elder. I have been married to Holly for 17 years and have two children Jaylen (14) and Jackson (10). I work at Mike Oehler Trucking where I serve as Vice President and run the daily operations of the business. I look forward to serving as Elder again in this exciting time in the church.

Mike Rodden - My wife Rachel and I, along with our 3 sons, Jacob, Noah and Sam joined Mallard Creek about 10 years ago. I have served in many positions since. I have served as a Deacon, member and chair of the Mission Committee, member of the Reach Out Committee, coordinated the Red Cross Blood Drive, chaperoned many teen and youth outings, helped with VBS, worked most bbqs since we joined, and I am currently serving as site coordinator for Room in the Inn. I am honored to have been nominated for an Elder position and will serve our church with an open heart and open mind.

Kenneth McCraw – I have been a member of Mallard Creek for over 20 years and during that time have served on various committees, the Board of Deacons, and as an Elder on the Session. My wife, Robin and I are both active members of the church and have raised our children, Daniel and Mary here. I am a member of the Garrison Martin Sunday School class. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family and occasionally playing golf.


Jonathan Kiser - I have been a member of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church for 34 years. My past involvement includes serving as a Deacon, multiple committees including the Fellowship committee, Safety committee, and Vision committee and like most I have been involved with the annual BBQ from cooking meat to making stew and anything in between. I am a life long resident of Harrisburg NC where my wife (Heidi), 2 kids (Katelyn & Kolton) and I currently live. I am looking forward to the challenge of serving my church in a greater capacity in this exciting time at Mallard Creek.

Ed Gullede - I grew up in Mallard Creek and have been a member at MCPC for 63 years thanks to my mother Joann Gullede who insisted that we will be in Church every Sunday. I have served as a Deacon, Sunday school teacher, Teen Fellowship Leader and have served on various other committees. My wife for 37 years Lynette and I have two sons Travis and Drew. Travis is married to Ashley and they have two sons Haiden and Harley. Drew is married to Erin and they have served as Deacons here at MCPC. I am Owner / Broker of Universal Realty serving this area for over 25 years. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, shooting Sporting Clays, fishing, gardening and driving my old car.

Andy Spittle - My wife, Amy, and I have been members at MCPC for 12 years. We have 3 children (Meredith, Emily and Trent) who have all grown up at MCPC. I am a CPA by profession and have been an Elder at MCPC in the past. I am a member of the Garrison-Martin SS class and have previously served on the Finance, Administrative, and Youth and Children's committees.

Items of Note from the Stated Session Meeting on August 21, 2018:


- Quorum declared with 16 of 18 elders present.
- Received updates on members and friends needing special prayers.
- Approved previous session and congregational meeting minutes.
- Approved motion to accept the resignation of Pastor Kenneth Craig as Parish Associate effective August 31, 2018 with sincerest appreciation, as well as Pastor Craig's request to continue to visit with members of the congregation on his own and teach Sunday School classes.
- The officers and congregation have been asked to ensure the blinds in the sanctuary are closed each Sunday for the services to reduce the sunlight impacts to the pews and carpet, and to mitigate any distractions.
- Approved with regret request by Daniel and Vickie Robbins to move their membership to Prosperity Presbyterian Church.
- Approved motion to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday September 9, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Nominating Committee. They will nominate six persons for the Elder class of 2021 and floor nominations will be taken. If only six are nominated they will be elected by acclamation. If more than six persons are nominated, congregational meetings will be called each Sunday at 10:20 am until six are elected.
- Approved motion to call a Congregational Meeting for Sunday October 14, 2018 at 10:15 a.m. in the Sanctuary to hear a report from the Nominating Committee. They will nominate eight persons for the Deacon class of 2021 and floor nominations will be taken. If only eight are nominated they will be elected by acclamation. If more than eight persons are nominated, congregational meetings will be called each Sunday at 10:20 am until eight are elected.
- Approved motion to combine the two regularly scheduled Sunday worship services into one worship service to meet at 10:30 a.m. on September 2, 2018 only, for the purpose of welcoming the Reverend Rob Watkins to Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church with a reception in the Activity Building immediately following worship.
- Approved motion to schedule the Installation Service of the Reverend Rob Watkins on October 7, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, the worship and installation service to be led by commissioners appointed by the Presbytery of Charlotte, with a reception in the Activity Building immediately following the installation.
- Youth and children to provide brief description of their plan for moving youth club to Sundays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Worship Committee chair expressed appreciation for all who helped with moving out of and back into the sanctuary related to the renovations.
- Approved motion to accept bid from New Paradise Tree and Landscaping to remove a dead tree at the edge of the cemetery across the street from the church at a cost not to exceed \$1,600.00.
- Approved recommendation that the session approve up to \$3,000.00 to pay for the 2017 Financial Statement compilation required for the building loan with BB&T.
- Approved motion to purchase iPad for the incoming installed Pastor at a cost of approximately \$1,000.00 plus tax.
- Approved motion to purchase computers for the Administrative Assistant and Financial Secretary at a cost of approximately \$2,500.00 plus tax.
- DCE search update was provided. The current DCE search committee will continue to be in place and will continue to move forward with support from the new installed Pastor. They will be looking as seminaries and universities for potential candidates, in addition to other activities that have been underway.
- Approved the motion to accept the 2018-2019 Preschool Board members: Linda Kiser, Chair; James Killian, Sr., Elder; Bob Oehler, Elder; Christina DeKam, Parent Representative; Lorraine Lorraine Ndingwan, Parent Representative; Kim Tucker, Maria Menconi and Barbara Oehler.
- Approved recommendation from the Preschool Board of Directors for updated job descriptions for the preschool administrative team.
- Received reports from Pastor Moseley and Pastor Rasmussen on current activities.
- September Sunday Duty: 1. Paul Menconi, 2. Pam Whitmire, 3. Chris Mingus, 4. Sean English, 5. Sheila DeArmon.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1 style="color: #00AEEF; display: inline;">October Birthdays</h1>						
	1	2 Jeff Brown Amanda Murray	3 Kimberly Stiffel Will Oehler	4 Crystal Johnston	5 Gene Stone Margaret Kirk Terry Wilkinson Lynn Davidson Justin Alford James Kostrzynski	6
7 Ann West Madelyn Lazarus	8 Jack Miles Kyle Semon	9 Michele Rosenberger	10 Tommy Carter	11 Thomas Moss	12	13 Jessica Booth
14 Chad Killian Justin Beall Trent Spittle	15 Lynn Kelley Bobbie Misenheimer Scott Dixon Tammy Alford	16 Sally Tulbert Nell Lawing Linda Baker	17 Pam Whitmire Alex Busch	18 Jackie Oehler Carole Ostrander Jan Isenhower Laura Standish	19 Harlowe Miller Bobby Brown	20 Harry Kirk, Jr. Ginny Haas Shelly Haas Aubrey Wasko
21 Jimmy Walker	22 Ed Gullede III Jim Burroughs, Jr. Adelynn Zevan	23 Craven Benfield	24 Mary Jo Mizelle	25	26 James DeArmon Jr.	27 Shelley Schultz Connor Trimble
28 Katie Estes Deborah Wilson Phil Ashley Lorraine Ndingwan McKenzie Kimrey Erin Mitchell Ian Sangutei	29 Doreen Smith Ben Wilson Daniel McCraw II Blaine Kimrey	30 Jamie Garrison Austin Alexander Jay Burroughs III	31 Suggie Christenbury Sylvia Buchanan Debbie Faraone			



September Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship	3 6:00 Cub Scouts	4 6:15 Circle of Rebekah 7:00 Circle of Mary 6:45 Boy Scouts	5 7:00 Choir	6 9:00 Joy Ringers 10:15 Circle of Anna 6:00 Mallard Sq. Dancers	7	8
9 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship 11:30 Worship Comm. 11:30 Congregational Care Committee	10 6:00 Property Comm. 6:00 Cub Scouts 7:00 Circle of Ruth	11 9:00 Prayer Quilt Min. 6:45 Boy Scouts. 7:00 Diaconate Mtg.	12 6:00 Hansen Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	13 9:00 Joy Ringers 7:00 Educational & Spiritual Committee. 7:00 Boy Scouts	14	15
16 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship	17 6:00 Cub Scouts	18 Noon Lunch Bunch 6:45 Boy Scouts 7:00 Session Meeting	19 6:00 Hansen Bell 7:00 Choir	20 9:00 Joy Ringers 6:00 Thursday Night Fellowship 7:00 Boy Scouts	21	22
23 Blood Drive 8:30 Early Worship 9:15 Fellowship Coffee 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship	24 6:00 Cub Scouts	25 6:45 Boy Scouts	26 6:00 Hansen Bell 7:00 Choir	27 9:00 Joy Ringers 7:00 Mission Comm.	28	29
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"Growing disciples of Jesus Christ who bear much fruit."
Sunday Services 8:30 & 10:30 am

The Rev. Rob Watkins	Senior Pastor
Mr. David Barnaba	Director of Music
Mrs. Kerri Miner	Preschool Director
Mrs. Cathy Marlor	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Shawn Watkins	Administrative Assistant