



# MPC News

McDonough Presbyterian Church  
May 2017

Rev. Dr. Olin McBride  
**Pastor**

Destiny Williams  
**Director of  
Youth Ministry**

Sophe Pope  
**Director of  
Children's Ministry**

Julie Garcia  
**Director of  
Children's Choir**

Jason Montague  
**Director of Music**

Jane Robinson  
**Organist**  
Wes Shannon  
**Pianist**



## ELDERS

Jay Fisher, Clerk  
Danny Brown  
Reid Burch  
Bob Crane  
Emerson Elliott  
(Youth)  
Julie Garcia  
Ginger Irby  
Warren Nesbit  
Mary Plishker  
Chuck Standard  
Eddy Smith  
Peter Thornton  
John Wadsworth

## DEACONS

Kevin Fisher - Moderator  
Catherine Engelbracht  
Doris Griffin  
Todd Harvey  
Cheryl Joyner  
Lynn Lowrey  
Cindy Murray  
Tony Okrutny  
Bob Phillips  
Jill Shedd  
Ruth Rucker  
Tyler Standard (Youth)  
Jill Stroud

**At our last Deacons meeting, Doris Griffin shared a poem by Amy Carmichael called *Calvary Love*. I offer a portion of that poem for you to read....It is very appropriate these days after Easter. Amy Carmichael was a Protestant Christian missionary in India, who opened an orphanage and founded a mission in Dohnavur. She served in India for 55 years without furlough and wrote many books about her missionary work.**

If I belittle those whom I am called to serve, talk of their weak points in contrast perhaps with what I think of as my strong points; if I adopt a superior attitude, forgetting "Who made thee to differ? And what hast thou that thou hast not received?" then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can enjoy a joke at the expense of another; if I can in any way slight another in conversation, or even in thought, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I can write an unkind letter, speak an unkind word, think an unkind thought without grief and shame, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I do not feel far more for the grieved Savior than for my worried self when troublesome things occur, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I am afraid to speak the truth, lest I lose affection, or lest the one concerned should say, "You do not understand," or because I fear to lose my reputation for kindness; if I put my own good name before the other's highest good, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I am soft to myself and slide comfortably into self-pity and self-sympathy; If I do not by the grace of God practice fortitude, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I take offense easily, if I am content to continue in a cool unfriendliness, though friendship be possible, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I feel bitter toward those who condemn me, as it seems to me, unjustly, forgetting that if they knew me as I know myself they would condemn me much more, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If souls can suffer alongside, and I hardly know it, because the spirit of discernment is not in me, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I refuse to allow one who is dear to me to suffer for the sake of Christ, if I do not see such suffering as the greatest honor that can be offered to any follower of the Crucified, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I slip into the place that can be filled by Christ alone, making myself the first necessity to a soul instead of leading it to fasten upon Him, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If my interest in the work of others is cool; if I think in terms of my own special work; if the burdens of others are not my burdens too, and their joys mine, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If the ultimate, the hardest, cannot be asked of me; if my fellows hesitate to ask it and turn to someone else, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

If I covet any place on earth but the dust at the foot of the Cross, then I know nothing of Calvary love.

That which I know not, teach Thou me, O Lord, my God.

*From the book 'If' by Amy Carmichael*

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**LAST WONDERFUL  
WEDNESDAY OF  
THE SEASON**  
MAY 3

**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
MAY 7

**COMMUNION  
SUNDAY**  
MAY 14

**MOTHER'S DAY**  
MAY 14  
*\*Presbyterian Women  
Birthday Offering*

**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
MAY 20  
8 a.m. in the Anchor

**CHURCH OFFICE  
HOLIDAY**  
MONDAY, MAY 29 FOR  
MEMORIAL DAY

**SAVING GRACE CIRCLE**  
THURSDAY, MAY 11  
5 p.m. at the home of  
Teresa Staten

**GO-GO'S**  
MAY OVERNIGHT TRIP  
FRIDAY, MAY 19 -  
SATURDAY MAY 20  
The Go-Go's will travel to  
Columbus, GA for a weekend  
filled with fun!  
For more information and to  
reserve your spot on the bus  
please call Carly in the church  
office.

**EARLY RISERS CIRCLE**  
THURSDAY, MAY 25  
8 a.m. in the  
Fellowship Hall.

**RESURRECTION GARDEN**  
Resurrection Garden has been  
beautifully refurbished and is  
open for prayer & meditation  
each day sunrise to sunset.  
Come and be still and know  
that God is God.



Julie Sargent is home from the hospital healing, recovering, awaiting more tests. She would like to thank everyone for the prayers, for the cards and visits. It meant the world to her, "like sunshine on a rainy day!".

Thanks to the support from MPC, our Relay for Life team raised over \$13,000 again this year! The 2016 quilt has a new home at the Hope Lodge in Decatur, which is a lodge where a cancer patient and a caregiver can stay for free while undergoing daily outpatient treatments. The 2017 quilt is in the Tartan Hallway through May, so be sure to take a look before it heads out on it's travels through Henry County.  
MPC Relay for Life Team

The Local Missions Committee would like to express appreciation to MPC members and the Henry County Fire Department for collaborating to *Show Albany Some Love!* We collected toiletries, baby food, and diapers to help people in Albany and Dougherty County who endured devastating storms earlier this year. A special "thank you" goes to Andy and Caleb Welch, and Kay and Eddy Smith, for delivering full truckloads of donated items to Albany. Many people offered to make deliveries and many donated. It's wonderful to be a part of a giving church and community!

### Special Thanks!

Tyra Crowe has blessed the MPC Music program and especially the Children's Choir with her amazing talent. I want to thank her for her years of time and dedication to the Children's Choir. Congratulations on your graduation and best of luck in college!  
We all love you,  
*Julie Garcia*



Tyra will present a piano and organ recital ON Sunday, May 21st in the sanctuary.  
Everyone is invited.



### Vacation Bible School is right around the corner!

Register now to volunteer or participate in  
"HERO CENTRAL, Discover your Strength in God!"  
The dates are June 26-30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am through 12:00 pm.  
*Volunteers are still needed!*

Please register online at [mcdonoughpresbyterian.com](http://mcdonoughpresbyterian.com) or contact Sophe Pope at [mckids@mcdonoughpresbyterian.com](mailto:mckids@mcdonoughpresbyterian.com). **Registration closes June 4<sup>th</sup>.**

For a list of supplies needed, please see the display outside the Anchor.  
Thank you for your support!

*In the meantime, please be collecting empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls!*

## FINANCIAL UPDATE

	Actual YTD 03/31/2017	Budget YTD 03/31/2017	Difference
General Fund Receipts	\$ 155,593	\$ 168,086	(12,494)
Disbursements:			
Operating Expenses	41,332	45,367	(4,035)
Personnel	111,283	111,284	(1)
Programs & Missions	12,547	19,445	(6,898)
Payment on Debt	12,318	12,318	0
Total Disbursements	177,481	188,415	(10,934)
	<b>03/31/17</b>	<b>12/31/16</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Debt (Journey of Faith)			
Long Term (Building)	361,535	388,958	(27,423)
Total Debt	361,535	388,958	(27,423)



## CHURCH SURVEY

Have you completed the Church Assessment Tool (Survey)? You should have received an email with a link that will lead you directly to the survey. If you need a paper copy, please obtain one from the church office and return to office when complete.

If you take the survey on-line, please allow about 30 minutes to complete survey and once you begin please don't stop until finished or information will be lost.

Thank you.



**MPC Legacy**

What part of church life means the most to you?

Is there a ministry or program that has made a difference in your life or a family member's life? A gift to the church in your Will can keep that vital aspect of our community growing so it can bless others in the future.



**STEPHEN  
MINISTRY**

"No one can feel angry, happy or sad on command. For this reason, feelings are not right or wrong." As I read this statement in the Stephen Ministry Training Manual (SMTM), I realized how enormous this simple statement was.

I have felt shame and guilt because of something I have no control over. I have tried to hide my feeling at times. I have learned through the Stephen Ministry that there is healing in sharing our feelings in a confidential, non-judgmental Christ-centered environment. The Stephen Ministry trains us to work through those uncomfortable, sometimes shameful feelings instead of packing them away. Christ wants us to share and not to endure trouble alone. Our honest feelings are an offering we can bring to God, and even ugly feelings can point the way toward God. I have learned that God is big enough to shoulder our anger and pain.

### MPC Stephen Leader Team

Bob Griffin, Vivian Smith, Debra Brown,  
Jo Mercer, Debby Stellings, Greg Smith

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

### Ushers

#### 8:30 Service

7 Youth Sunday  
14 Lucinda & Tim Wirt  
21 Cathy & Bob Phillips  
28 Ann & Bill Cook

#### 11:00 Service

7 Youth Sunday  
14 Peter Thornton, Greg Cannon, Jim Stanton, Buddy Welch  
21 Steve & Mary Mellott, Jo Mercer, Bobbie Wingo  
28 Rodney & Kimberly Bowler, Eric Knoll, Chazz Gable

### Acolyte

May 7 Candler Irby  
May 14 Communion  
May 21 Logan Hawxhurst  
May 28 Jamie Gibson

### Cross Bearer

Rollins Irby  
Jaden Griffin  
Jessica Hawxhurst  
Christina Snider

### OFFICERS ON-CALL

**Elder:** Danny Brown

**Deacon:** Ruth Rucker

### PLEASE NOTE:

Children's Sunday School for ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will meet in the Chapel beginning June 4<sup>th</sup> though July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Gene Minter	21 Eddie Skelton
1 Greg Cannon	23 Matt Portwood
3 Brian Andrews	23 Sonny Copelan
3 Tyra Crowe	23 Allen Pace
4 Celeste Crane	23 Madison Creath
4 Rodney Bowler	23 Micah Creath
5 Jennifer Jones	25 Tom Green
5 Chris Redding	25 Amanda Standard
6 Arch Brown	27 Patrick Healy
9 Todd Schmidt	29 Bob Crane
9 Angie Ross	29 Mary Jane Portwood
9 Amanda Okrutny	29 Hayden Morgan
9 Emerson Elliott	30 James Withers
10 Marjorie Lacy	31 Peggy Minter
11 Kyle Bowler	31 Bill Reit
14 Kathi Lee	31 Rita Steele
14 Kiefer Wirt	
17 Karen Hinton	
18 Sally Hale	
18 Bob Phillips	
19 Aubrey Robinson	
19 Bruce Dickerson	



## McYouth Schedule

### May

3rd Youth Sunday Practice (6:30 pm)  
4th Confirmation Dinner (6:00 pm)  
5th Youth Sunday Practice (5:30 pm)  
7th Youth Sunday (8:30 & 11)  
17th Coffee & Devotion with Destiny  
at *Queen Bee* (5:00 pm)  
24th Coffee & Devotion with Destiny  
at *Queen Bee* (5:00 pm)  
TBD Messy Game Night

## YOUTH SUNDAY – MAY 7

Join us in celebrating God's faithfulness as our middle school and high school youth take part in leading both worship services. We will also be recognizing all of our Graduates (high school and college graduates) at both services. At the 11:00 worship services we will be celebrating our Confirmands faith journey.

*Nursery will be extended to age 4 and we will not have Children's Chapel. Children are encouraged to stay in worship.*

### Calling all RISING 6<sup>th</sup> Graders!

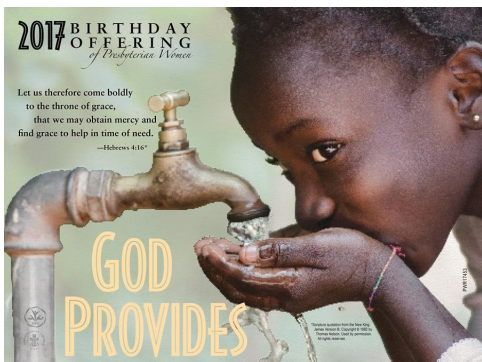
Are you ready to be a MCYOUTH???

The current McYouth are inviting all current 5<sup>th</sup> Graders (rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders) to join the youth for Sunday School and all youth activities beginning, June 4. So Mark your calendars. Please contact Destiny, if you would like to start receiving the Weekly McYouth Newsletter Emails.

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*“Serving Others  
Beyond Sunday Morning”*

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**Presbyterian Women  
Birthday Offering Collected May 14**

The Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering will be collected on Mother’s Day, May 14. Gifts contributed this year will help fund three important projects.

The First Hand Aid Rural Clinic Development Initiative will establish six medical clinics within local Presbyterian churches near communities in Cuba that have difficult access to health care.

Family Justice Center of Georgetown and Horry Counties’ Safe Haven for Victims of Domestic Violence, in South Carolina, will build a new shelter and increase the number of lives they touch from 11 to 35. They will even help family pets.

The Navajo Water Project will provide water systems to families on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico who do not have direct access to running water.

Please give as you have been blessed and support these life-changing projects.

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Worship: 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Sunday School: 9:40 a.m.

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

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