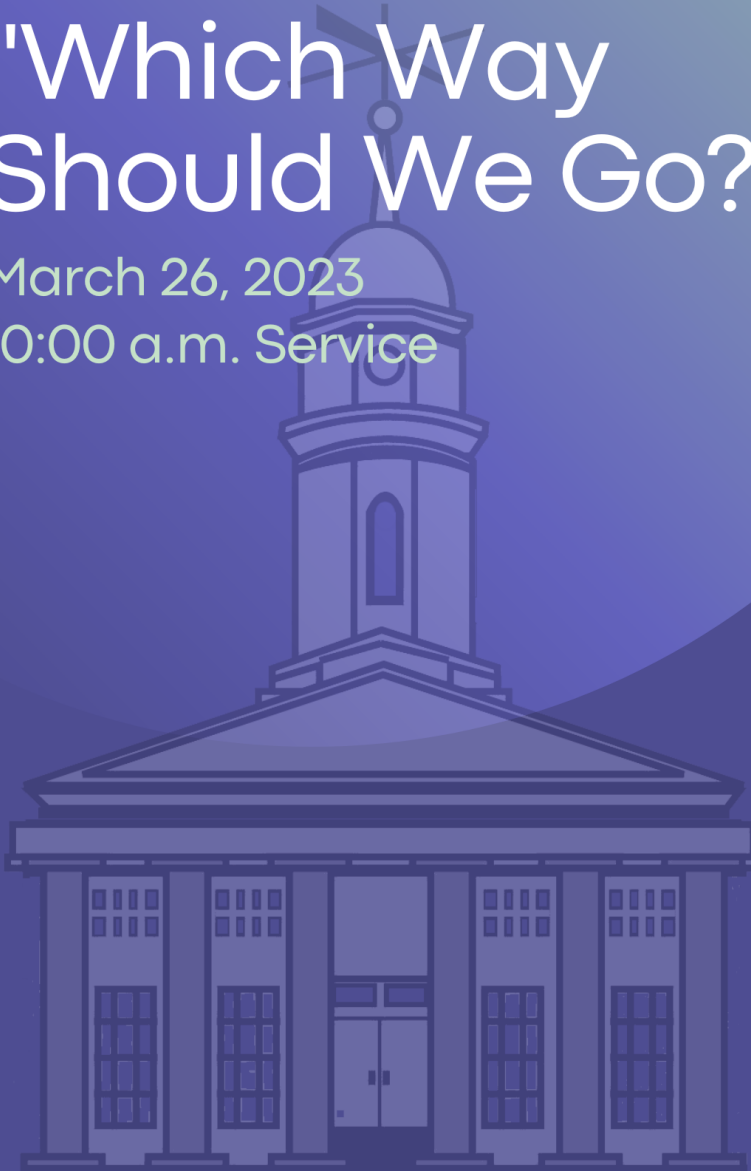


Media Presbyterian Church

"Which Way Should We Go?"

March 26, 2023

10:00 a.m. Service



OUR MISSION AND VISION

Our Mission is to love God and love our neighbor.

Our Vision is to be a Christian Community that worships together, serves together, and grows together in faith.

Welcome

VISITING TODAY?

If this is your first time worshipping with us, we hope you will feel welcome. If you have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us by phone at 610-566-3944. We also invite you to visit our website at www.mediapresbyterian.org.

Leading worship this morning...

Reverend Dr. David Cagle, Transitional Pastor

Reverend Rose Sparrow, Parish Associate

Lisa VanHeldorf, Director of Traditional Music

Sebastian Carpenter, Director of Contemporary Music & Worship, Director of Youth Ministries

Andria Kaskey, Director of Children's Ministries

Emily Barth, Organist

Joe Hare, Worship Leader

GATHERING

Prelude *Meditation (Three Watercolors No. 2)*
Gregory Hamilton

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Missions Belle Patton, Mission Committee
Cindy McPeak, Hope Café
Brooke Seeger, Habitat for Humanity

Sharing the Joy of Our Faith

Call to Worship (Psalm 100) Graham Beaumont

Leader: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before
Him with joyful songs.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made
us and we are His;

All: **We are His people, the sheep of His pasture.**

Leader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His
courts with praise; give thanks to Him and
praise His name.

All: **For the Lord is good and His love endures
forever; His faithfulness continues through all
generations.**

*Opening Song

Graves Into Graves

Elevation Worship

Worship Team

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough

Then You came along and put me back together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your love

Chorus: *Oh there's nothing better than You*
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

You turn mourning to dancing
You give beauty for ashes
You turn shame into glory
You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
You turn bones into armies
You turn seas into highways
You're the only one who can

You're the only one who can

Chorus x2

Evidence

Josh Baldwin

Worship Team

All throughout my history
Your faithfulness has walked beside me
The winter storms made way for spring
In every season from where I'm standing

**please stand in body or in spirit*

Chorus: *I see the evidence of Your goodness*
All over my life, All over my life
I see Your promises in fulfillment
All over my life, All over my life

Help me remember when I'm weak
Fear may come but fear will leave
You lead my heart to victory
You are my strength and You always will be

Chorus

See the cross the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You oh Jesus

See the cross the empty grave
The evidence is endless
All my sin rolled away
Because of You oh Jesus (oh)

Chorus x2

Why should I fear, the evidence is here
Why should I fear, the evidence is here

Living Hope

Phil Wickham

Worship Team

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Chorus: *Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope*

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Chorus

Baptism of Gabriella Lee VanDeBoe

Children's Moment

Blessing of the Children (*All*)

“Almighty God, from whom we receive our life: We thank you for blessing us with the joy and care of children. Give us calm strength and patient wisdom, that we may teach them to love you, and to love whatever is just, true and good. Protect them from danger and hold them safe in your arms. In Jesus' name. Amen.”

Call to Confession (Based on Isaiah 58:6-8)

Leader: “Is not this the fast I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice; to share your bread with the hungry; to bring the homeless and poor into your house; to clothe the naked? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly. Having heard these promises,”

All: *Let us confess our sins.*

(Now, take a few moments of honesty before God in silent confession)

Prayer of Confession (*All*)

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Lenten Response (Blue 82) (*All*)

O Lamb of God Most Holy!

Nikolaus Decius

*Oh Lamb of God most Holy!
Who on the cross did suffer
And patient still and lowly,
Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken,
Or hope had us forsaken.
Have mercy on us, Jesus!*

Assurance of Pardon (Based on Exekiel 36:26, II Corinthians 1:20)

Leader: The Lord God said: I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Brothers and sisters: In Christ, all God's promises are "Yes." Hear the good news: Through Christ, our minds and hearts are cleansed, healed, and renewed!

All: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.*

EQUIPPING

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading: Luke 4:16-21 (pg. 835)

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon The Great Ends of the Church
 The Promotion of Social Righteousness
 Exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
 “Which Way Should We Go?”

Reverend Dr. David Cagle

RESPONDING

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

All: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness

of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Stewardship

Song for Offering

Thy Perfect Love
MPC Choir

John Rutter

*Doxology

Hymn 592 (Blue)

OLD HUNDRETH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

CELEBRATING THE LORD'S SUPPER

After the Words of Institution, we invite you to celebrate Communion using your bread and your juice. If you are in the sanctuary, you will be invited to take a single-serve communion cup. Remove the first wrapper for the wafer, the second for the grape juice.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The prayer continues...

Sanctus (*All*)

Holy, Holy, Holy

Richard Proulx

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
2 Bless - ed is he who comes in the
pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

TEXT: Trad. liturgical text

MUSIC: American folk melody; adapt. Marcia Pruner, 1980; arr. Richard Proulx, 1984

Music Adapt. © 1980 Church Pension Fund

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LAND OF REST

The Lord's Prayer (*All*)

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
sins, as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and
lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.*

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer of Affirmation

SENDING

***Closing Hymn (Blue 76)**

My Song is Love Unknown

John Ireland

Charge and Blessing

Postlude

Fanfare (Three Watercolors No. 3)

Gregory Hamilton

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Join Us For Holy Week

PALM
SUNDAY

April 2nd
10:00 a.m.

In-Person &
Online

MAUNDY
THURSDAY

April 6th
7:00 p.m.

In Person &
Online

GOOD
FRIDAY

April 7th
7:00 p.m.

In-Person &
Online

EASTER
SUNDAY

April 9th
10:00 a.m.

In-Person &
Online



Media Presbyterian Church

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Restrooms – A restroom is located in the parlor in the back of the sanctuary. Handicap-accessible restrooms are located through either side door at the front of the sanctuary, then around the corner.

Nursery – Our Nursery is available for infants and children up to 3 years old during our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School and 10:00 a.m. worship service.

Sunday School-All groups meet at 9:00 a.m. Adults meet in Room 102. Youth meet downstairs in the Youth Room. Children meet downstairs in the Children's Wing.

Prayer Chain – If you are in need of prayer or would like to receive prayer chain updates, please email Reverend Rose.

Attention Mothers of Infants – The parlor at the back of the church is available for privacy during church services.

The Church Office Hours will be Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. During inclement weather, please call to make sure staff is present before coming to the office.

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive our weekly digital newsletter by going to our website or by emailing rebecca@mediapresbyterian.org.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Like and follow us on Facebook (Media Presbyterian Church) & Instagram (@mediapresby).

ONLINE GIVING

Visit MediaPresbyterian.org/GiveOnline or scan the QR code to give your tithes & offerings.



THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Today in our worship, we celebrate the baptism of Gabriella Lee VanDeBoe, daughter of Christopher and Marianna VanDeBoe and sister of Sophia. We welcome all of Gabriella's family and friends who are worshipping with us this morning!

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join Reverend Dr. David Cagle as he goes through a Lenten Bible Study either on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. or Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Both are in Room 102 and via Zoom link, which can be found in the newsletter. Email Reverend David (david@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

ALL-CHURCH WORSHIP NIGHT

All are welcome to a Worship Night at MPC this Wednesday, March 29 from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Come out and sing praises to our Lord and Savior! Email Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

EASTER PARTY

MPC is having an Easter Party on Saturday, April 1 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.! There will be a bounce obstacle course, crafts, lawn games, and snacks! All are welcome! Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to this fun event! Contact Jeanne Cunningham (fuselloj@gmail.com) for more information.

MPC YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Sunday School meets from 9-9:45 a.m. in the Youth Room. Youth Group meets on Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. Email Sebastian (sebastian@mediapresbyterian.org).

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The Property Committee would like to thank Doug Crosby, Jim Archambo, David and Belle Patton, Betsy Long, Dave Kolva, and Chris Hannemann for their contributions to the Spring Clean-Up last week. We truly appreciate you all coming out to help! The church yard looks amazing!

MISSION COMMITTEE-HOPE CAFE

Join the MPC Mission Committee as we serve dinner to the community at Hope Café, City Team Ministries, in Chester, PA on Saturday, April 22 from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Volunteers will serve as waiters, waitresses, dishwashers and hosts. Children, ages 6 and over, are welcome. A chaperone is required for any volunteer under age 18. Please visit mediapresbyterian.cityteam.volunteerhub.com/ to register and sign a waiver. If you have any questions, please contact Belle Patton at 610-613-2403.

PHILLY UNION-FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

MPC will be joining the Philly Union for Faith & Family Night on Saturday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Subaru Park when they play Toronto. Come out for a great evening of soccer and discussion after the game. Tickets are \$30 per person. RSVP by April 5. Email Sebastian (sebastian@medipresbyterian.org) for more information.

CORNERSTONE KIDS

Cornerstone Kids Wednesday Nights are happening the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. Children ages 4 and under are in the Nursery, children in Kindergarten to 5th grade meet in The Post.

MOYC-MOTHER'S OF YOUNG CHILDREN

The MOYC Wednesday group meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Room 103 and via Zoom. They are continuing their study of “Understanding the Gifts of the Spirit.”

The MOYC Monday group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month on Zoom at 8:00 p.m. This group is continuing their study of “Walk and Not Grow Weary.”

Please contact Reverend Rose Sparrow (rose@mediapresbyterian.org) for more information.

INTERCESSORY PRAYER & PRAYER CHAIN UPDATES

Calling all Prayer Warriors! Join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays from 12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m., along with Prayer Chain Updates. Call 425-436-6394, use code 338523#. To submit prayer requests or updates, email Reverend Rose.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

Join us March 27 and every 4th Monday in Room 102 and via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. to discuss a new book. The book for March is “The Christy” by Catherine Marshall. See the website for a full book list for the year or email Jean Furey at (jeanfurey@yahoo.com).

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

If you are a homebound member or a virtual attendee of MPC and would like a care package delivered to you, let the Outreach Committee know! The package will include communion elements and a special gift crafted by our Cornerstone Kids. Please email your name & address to Karen Gibble (karenegibble@gmail.com).

MEDIA FOOD BANK

Volunteers are always needed to help support local families facing food insecurities.

Please consider the list below and ask God where you may be able to lend a helping hand.

- Donate food items-See newsletter or website for current list of needed items and drop off in the designated bins around the church.
- Deliver items from MPC to Media Food Bank-Use the Sign-Up Genius in the newsletter or website.
- Buy fresh produce from Produce Junction & deliver it to the Media Food Bank, (you will be reimbursed up to \$125 by MPC). Use the Sign-Up Genius to volunteer.

Go to the website, newsletter or contact Brian McLaughlin (brianmclaughlin363@gmail.com) for more information.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION COMMITTEE

PICK UP THE SWORD THIS YEAR!

The Spiritual Formation Committee would like to invite you to participate in their 52-Week Bible Reading Plan for 2023!

The entire plan can be found on our website.

Sunday	Epistles:	1Cor 9-10
Monday	The Law:	Gen 48-50
Tuesday	History:	1Sam 11-15
Wednesday	Psalms:	Ps 36-38
Thursday	Poetry:	Job 25-26
Friday	Prophecy	Jer 1-6
Saturday	Gospels:	Mark 5-6

FAITH AND FILM GROUP

Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 13th at 7:00 pm in Room 103 and via a Zoom conference. The next assignment is to watch the 1988 film “The Last Temptation of Christ,” directed by Martin Scorsese. Please email Steve Beckley (strybeck242@gmail.com) to request an invitation to the Zoom conference or for any questions.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Update for March 2023 & Year To Date Totals:

	Month As Of 3/25/2023	Year to Date Total for 2023	Giving Needed Year To Date	2023 Budget
Receipts:	\$36,638	\$147,873	\$183,615	\$868,000
Expenditures:	\$38,399	\$189,957		\$868,000
Receipts minus Expenses	<u>\$(1,761)</u>	<u>\$(42,084)</u>		

Thank you so much for your continued support of our ministry
at Media Presbyterian Church

Deacons Fund:	
Beginning balance in 2023	\$17,103
+ Received YTD	\$1,738
- Spending for Benevolence	-\$2,739
Total balance to date	\$16,102

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE

LENTEN LOAVES OF LOVE is 20 years old! Since 2003, MPC has provided well over \$50,000 via LLL to show our love for God and for our neighbors during this reflective season that culminates in the triumph and joy of the Resurrection. Once again, this year, our gifts to *Lenten Loaves of Love* will enable us not only to beautify our sanctuary with flowers, but also to share our love in a concrete way.

During Lent 2023 we are supporting two ministries familiar to many here at MPC:

Chester Eastside Ministries

Chester Eastside Ministries (CEM) shines a light in the heart of the City of Chester, PA. It provides food and clothing as well as after-school activities, a library and computer lab and programs for GED and other adult education. Media Presbyterian Church looks forward to renewing our long-time partnership with CEM.

Frederick Douglass Christian School

Hundreds of children throughout the economically-distressed community of Chester have found a safe, nurturing environment to learn, to grow and to be challenged at Frederick-Douglass Christian School (FDCS). Its curriculum stresses both the academic and spiritual development of students and meets all Pennsylvania state requirements. MPC members have volunteered in all aspects of the school since 1995.

In addition to these special Mission/ Ministry opportunities, your contribution to Lenten Loaves of Love enables us to provide tulips and daffodils to make our sanctuary beautiful for Easter and to send cheer to our shut-ins after the service. If you would like to reserve flowers to take home after the worship service on Easter, please make a note on the dedication form below when you make your contribution to LLL. After we pay for the flowers, all other contributions will be divided evenly between our designated ministries.

Each \$10.00 gift provides a single Lenten Loaf of Love. There is no limit to how many Loaves you may give! Gifts received by Sunday, April 2, will be guaranteed acknowledgement in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Fill out the information below and enclose it with your gift in the LLL envelope found in the pews (also fill out the info on the envelope) and place the envelope in the offering plate.

 I/we donate \$10.00 for each Lenten Loaf of Love Total gift \$ _____
(make checks payable to MPC)

Your name & phone number: _____

Please print legibly so that we are sure to have your dedication listed properly

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

I/we would like to take a flower home How many? _____



Due Today!

In keeping with Paul’s teaching in 1 Corinthians 12 that the Church is the “body of Christ,” with each member contributing to its overall functioning and health; Media Presbyterian annually selects members of its congregation for the roles of Elder and Deacon.

The Nominating Committee is in the process of evaluating possible candidates who would carry out the responsibilities and duties associated with the office as put forth in the Book of Order G-2.03 page 27.

We welcome your suggestions and ask that you prayerfully nominate individuals who you believe would make meaningful contributions in the roles of Elder or Deacon. Please complete the following form to submit a nomination.

Forms may be returned to the church office or emailed to LuAnn Crosby at luanncrosby@comcast.net.

The last day to hand in nominations is March 26, 2023.

Nominators Name:

Full Name of Nominee:

Nomination (Elder or Deacon): _____

How long have you known the Nominee? In what capacity?

Please describe in detail why you believe this individual would be an excellent choice for contributing to the work of our church community.

ELDERS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
LuAnn Crosby	Sandy Campbell	Jim Gatch
Jeanne Cunningham	Art Kalemkarian, Jr.	Julie Havel
Eileen McLaughlin	Elizabeth Rohr	Jessica Johnson
Robin Smith		Eric MacDonald
		Kate Meehan
		Paul Tutton

Moderator: Reverend Dr. David Cagle *Clerk of Session:* Joe Hare

DEACONS

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Jeff Beaumont	Elaine Fetterman	Suzanne Beaumont
Renee Erickson	Jeanne Furey	Doug Crosby
Kim Gilchrist	Karen Gibble	Susan Hare
Brian McLaughlin	Dave Layton	Dave Heckman
	Lynne McCone	Robin Kauffman
		Jill Lardon
		Betsy McKeone
		Pamela Orr
		Belle Patton

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2023

Sunday, March 26

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Children's Sunday School
Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service with Baptism & BLOC,
Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

Monday, March 27

- 12:00 p.m. Prayer & Devotion, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Women's Book Club, Room 102 &
Zoom
- 8:00 p.m. MOYC, Zoom

Tuesday, March 28

- 10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, Room 102

Wednesday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. Woofies Baking Co., Kitchen
- 10:00 a.m. Prayer Warriors, Rev. Rose Sparrow,
Call 425-436-6394, Code338523#
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Night, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom

Thursday, March 30

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study Breakfast,
Court Diner Media
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study, Rev. Rose, Zoom
- 12:30 p.m. Intercessory Prayer & Prayer Chain
Updates

- 6:30 p.m. MPC Ringers Practice, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room
- 7:00 p.m. Yoga

Friday, March 31 No Activities Scheduled

Saturday, April 1

- 11:30 a.m. Easter Party
- 6:00 p.m. NA Meeting

Sunday, April 2

- 8:30 a.m. Choir practice, Sanctuary
- 9:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study, Room 102 & Zoom
Youth Sunday School, Youth Room
Children's Sunday School,
Children's Wing
- 10:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Worship Service with
BLOC, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Confirmation Class, Youth Room

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Facilities Manager	Scott MacDonald	Scott@mediapresbyterian.org Ext. 1008
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Organist	Emily Barth	Emily@mediapresbyterian.org
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	Main Kitchen	Ext. 1021
	Parlor <i>(back of sanctuary)</i>	Ext. 1022
	Nursery	Ext. 1023
	Benevolence Hotline	Ext. 2000



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