



MDPC Concert Series 2014-2015  **Next Sunday, April 26**
7:00 PM | Sanctuary

EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN



Howard Goodall

The MDPC Sanctuary Choir and orchestra present an all-British Choral Concert featuring the U.S. Premiere of Howard Goodall's *Every Purpose Under the Heaven* (The King James Bible Oratorio). Program includes "Serenade to Music" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and "Te Deum" by Karl Jenkins. Conducted by Dr. Charles Hausmann.

Free Admission
Open to the Public

↑ concerts.mdpc.org

↓ women.mdpc.org



FIELD DAY

Saturday, April 25
3:30-5:30 PM | MDPC Ball Field

Join MDPC Singles and Single Parents for an old-fashioned, family-friendly afternoon of races, relays, and other silly games: 3-legged race, potato sack race, tug o' war, water balloon toss, and more. We'll finish it up with a game of kickball!

singles.mdpc.org

Contact Sarah Stone with questions: ssstone@mdpc.org, 832-605-8129

↑ singles.mdpc.org

↓ storytelling.mdpc.org

Sunday, April 19, 2015



Introducing the Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson as our Senior Pastor Candidate!

WORN Pages

Our Favorite Scriptures

John 6:1-14

Sitting on Your Lunch(es)

Alf Halvorson preaching his Candidating Sermon

We're so glad you're here for this historic day at MDPC as we meet the Candidate whom the Senior Pastor Nominating Committee has chosen. After two years of due diligence, screenings, travel, interviews, and much prayer, we will meet the man that the thirteen PNC members hope will lead MDPC into its next era.

Members, be sure and stay for the Congregational Meeting that follows each service so that you can participate in this important vote!

Please silence all devices, and refrain from consuming food or beverages during worship.

Mothers & Others

Moms of young kids and pregnant moms: We know how busy you are - this hour of coffee and conversation is worth making time for!

Thursday, April 30
9:30-10:30 AM | Parlor

Childcare available, just email childcare@mdpc.org to let them know your kids are coming!



↓ health.mdpc.org

The Power of Storytelling

Come hear stories from the Bible told by Sarah Stone in a fresh, lively way, then work on/tell your own story! We'll walk through the art of storytelling (what makes a good story?) and then give you an opportunity to share one of yours, if you want.

Wednesdays through April 29 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Summit Room
More info and registration: storytelling.mdpc.org

↓ events.mdpc.org

Stroke Scan at MDPC

Thursday, April 23 | 11:00 AM-8:00 PM

Prevent health problems with this affordable set of tests and scans. Three vascular screenings for \$135 - a fraction of what it would cost in a hospital! A Stroke Scan rep is in the Sanctuary Lobby this morning to answer questions.

Take advantage of this opportunity and schedule an appointment today! Visit the rep in the Lobby, or call 281-646-7766.




↓ summercel.mdpc.org

DECODING THE MILLENNIAL GENERATION

May 6 and 13 | 6:30-8:00 PM | Summit Room

The Millennial generation (b.1980-2000), the largest and most unchurched generation in American history, is beginning to come of age. Soon they'll be leading companies, churches, and the government. What does this mean for the future of our culture? This class, led by Rev. Brandon Gaide, gives special emphasis to parents of Millennials who want to understand the choices and values of their grown children.



↓ seniors.mdpc.org

LIVE like THE KING!

SUMMER CELEBRATION 2015
MDPC's version of Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday, July 13-17
9:30 AM to 12:30 PM

For children who have completed Kindergarten through 5th grade. Preschool children can attend if a parent volunteers.

Information and registration: summercel.mdpc.org



Prime Timers *Ready...Set...Glow!*

Prime Timers presents its annual fashion show featuring spring styles from Draper's and Damon's.

Tuesday, April 21 | Fellowship Hall

Free Program 10:30 AM-Noon
Lunch (\$9.50) Noon

Reservations for lunch are closed, but guests are welcome to join us for the fashion show at 10:30!



MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

MDPC to Vote on Calling a New Senior Pastor

Each of this morning's three worship services will be followed by a Congregational Meeting to vote on three motions:

- 1) Calling Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson as our next Senior Pastor
- 2) Approving his terms of call
- 3) Dissolving the Pastor Nominating Committee

Children's Ministries Is Looking for Summer College Interns

Do you like working with kids? Need a summer job? Then interning in MDPC Children's Ministries might be for you! Applicants must have completed one year of college. Contact Rachel Poysky for an application and more details: rpoysky@mdpc.org

Host Family Needed for Summer Youth Intern

Youth Ministries is looking for a generous family to host a summer intern, Stephen Lancaster, who currently is a sophomore at Taylor University in Indiana. Email Luke Gordon (lgordon@mdpc.org) if you're willing to host or interested in learning more.

Purely Parenting

Purely Parenting forums are for any adults who are currently in the parenting trenches. These stand-alone discussions are opportunities for the exchange of new ideas and proven strategies. Open to all. April Speakers: Fred and Susan Caldwell, "Letting Go of Control" Today at 11:15 AM | Amphitheater

Presbyterian Outreach to Patients (POP) Lay Chaplaincy Training

We need you, and you will love this ministry! Training as a POP Lay Chaplain prepares you for visiting patients and their loved ones in hospitals. You will join a ministry of folks who have a heart for listening and for sharing God's strength with people waiting for answers, trying to balance coping and healing. Lunch is provided free of charge. Saturday, April 25 | 9:00 AM-3:00 PM | Pines Presbyterian (12751 Kimberley Lane, 77024) Contact AnneMarie to register: annemarie@popministry.org

Venturers presents Texian Legacy

Nina Hendee, owner and operator of the Taste of Texas Restaurant (now in its 37th year!), discusses the rich heritage of early Texas cultures. Monday, May 4 | Social Hour 6:00 PM, Dinner/Program 7:00 PM Westchase Hilton (9999 Westheimer Road) RSVP by Wednesday, April 29 to Chuck & Linnie Edwards: 713-785-7115

Prom Dress Donations

Spring is in the air and school dances are around the corner! Female students at Spring Branch schools are in need of dance attire. Please consider donating your gently-used tea-length and long dresses and/or shoes to help students have a special evening. You can only imagine how much these gifts will be appreciated! Donations can be accepted in Outreach Ministries until Friday, May 1. Contact Maritza Pujols: mpujols@mdpc.org or 713-490-9556

Faith In Practice (FIP) Women's Luncheon: The Hands of God

FIP invites you to its Annual Women's Luncheon, *The Hands of God*, which will celebrate Guatemalan and American volunteers joining hands in service to the poor. FIP volunteers will share personal stories of patients in Guatemala who have changed their lives. Attendees also will enjoy shopping for authentic Guatemalan handicrafts at the Mercado and may participate in a raffle that includes an overnight stay and spa package at Hotel ZaZa. Thursday, May 7 | Hotel Zaza Tickets: faithinpractice.org/womensluncheon

Wanted: Clothes Closet Volunteer

Looking for a volunteer to assist three other ladies in sorting through donations of clothing, housewares, and miscellaneous items donated to MDPC's Clothes Closet. Wednesdays, 10:00 AM-Noon To learn more, contact Karen Cole: 713-532-0966

MDPC WORSHIP

*Please stand if able.

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8:30 BLENDED SERVICE

WELCOME		Dave Steane
*SONGS OF PRAISE	<i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>	LOBE DEN HERREN
	<i>Great Are You, Lord</i>	Ingram/Jordan/Leonard
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Brett Hurst
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE	<i>Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)</i>	Crocker/Houston/Lighthelm
MESSAGE	Sitting on Your Lunch(es)	Alf Halvorson
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING		Mike Handel and John Hartman

9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

*SONGS OF PRAISE		
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		Rick Myers
GIFTS OF GRATITUDE		Dave Steane
OFFERTORY		
MESSAGE	Sitting on Your Lunch(es)	Alf Halvorson
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING		Mike Handel and John Hartman

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

PRELUDE	<i>Choral in E Major</i>	Cesar Franck (1822-1890)
WELCOME		Dave Steane
CALL TO WORSHIP		
*HYMN OF PRAISE	<i>Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty</i>	#482; Vs. 1-3 LOBE DEN HERREN
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON		Kristin Huffman
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	
ANTHEM	<i>Praise His Holy Name</i>	Keith Hampton (b. 1957)
	Julio Sanchez, drums; Kathryn White, piano; Dennis Whittaker, bass	
OFFERTORY	<i>The Majesty and Glory of Your Name</i>	Fetke (b. 1951); arr. White
MESSAGE	Sitting on Your Lunch(es)	Alf Halvorson
*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	#276; Vs. 1, 3 FAITHFULNESS
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING		Mike Handel and John Hartman

OTHER WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SPANISH SERVICE	11:15 AM Chapel	spanish.mdpc.org
FIFTH SERVICE	5:00 PM Chapel	fifthservice.mdpc.org

MDPC INFO

Coordinating Team

Mauricio Chacón | Associate Pastor for Fuente
 Brandon Gaide | Associate Pastor for Next Gen
 Ginny Glass | Communications & Media Dir.
 Meliza Gómez | Contemporary Music Dir.
 Luke Gordon | Youth Ministries Dir.
 Charles Hausmann | Traditional Music Dir.
 Kristin Huffman | Associate Pastor for Outreach
 Brett Hurst | Relationships Minister
 Gena Kookan | Sr. Leadership Ministry Coor.
 Rick Myers | Associate Pastor for Caring
 Rachel Poysky | Children's Ministries Dir.
 Becky Riggs | Business Administrator
 Dave Steane | Executive Pastor & Head of Staff
 Kathryn White | Coordinating Music Dir.
 Karen Winship | Human Resources Dir.

Dave Peterson | Pastor Emeritus
 Gary Bowker | Pastor Emeritus
 Charlie Shedd | Pastor Emeritus

MDPC Foundation
 For information, contact Business Administrator
 Becky Riggs at briggs@mdpc.org or 713-953-2570.

Ministry Partners

Pray for these MDPC partners working to make a difference in the lives of others:

Cornerstone Family Ministries is a multicultural, faith-based nonprofit in Spring Branch that believes in the fact that when parents do well, their children do well. It partners with churches to address practical and spiritual needs in a less threatening setting outside the institutional church. cfmhouston.org

East Spring Branch Food Pantry is a small, completely volunteer-run organization. Located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, it distributes food four days per week to families residing in the 77055, 77043, 77024, 77092, and 77080 zip codes. eastspringbranchfoodpantry.com

China Resource Center equips and strengthens the growing Chinese church and fosters constructive Western engagement in China by building churches in rural areas and distributing Bibles. This ministry is dedicated to reflecting the relevance and love of Jesus Christ as it shares the Good News. chinarresourcecenter.org



In 2015, we celebrate 60 years of faith and ministry!

The red floral-patterned carpeting that originally covered the upstairs-west hallway was donated by the Rice Hotel in a carpet drive held during the 1959 construction of the wing.

Do you have classic MDPC photos? We'd love to share them! Email scans to Eva Kaminski (ekaminski@mdpc.org) or drop prints at the Front Office.

Today's Chancel Flowers:

- are given by Jim Townsen, in memory of Carol Townsen.

Please Pray...

For What Lies Ahead
 As we reflect on our denominational alignment, please pray for peace in the hearts of your fellow MDPC family members, and sage discernment for our leadership. Visit denom-issues.mdpc.org for information.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME	
2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 2,622,883
Actual Income to Date	\$ 2,140,926
Current Income Deficit	\$ 481,957



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