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MDPC Turns 60...

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

The Hey Lollies Square Dance club was organized at MDPC in 1965. This picture of their first-ever "learners' class" was taken in Fellowship Hall. You can still get involved with this fun, tight knit, and welcoming group. Visit heyloilies.org.

Do you have classic MDPC photos? Email scans to Eva Kaminski (ekaminski@mdpc.org) or drop prints at the Front Office. Originals will be returned.

Ministry Partners

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

Star of Hope is a Christ-centered mission for men, women, and children that provides shelter, meals, counseling, education, and childcare. It introduces each child to a loving relationship with Jesus. SOH programs support spiritual growth, employment, and recovery from substance abuse. sohmission.org

Stoney Creek Ranch helps young people come to know Christ and His role in their lives. It works closely with churches and organizations that support urban youth. These young people, who rarely experience the beauty of God's creation, visit Stoney Creek for a life-changing camping adventure in the great outdoors. stoneycreekranch.org

Faith Ministry serves the poorest of the poor in the colonias of Mexico. It builds homes, provides medical care and education, and teaches locals about Jesus Christ. In recent years, Faith has struggled due to violence from the drug war. faithministry.org

Please Pray...

The White Rose is in memory of
 • Beverly Jones, who passed away on October 22, 2015.

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

WEEKLY FINANCIAL UPDATE

OPERATING INCOME

2015 Budget	\$ 10,500,000
Expected Income to date	\$ 6,425,496
Actual Income to date	\$ 6,095,069
Current Income Deficit	\$ 330,427

Pictured: Children of homeless Houstonians are fed and sheltered at Star of Hope Mission, thanks in part to your giving.



*Please stand if able.

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9:45 CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

WORSHIP INVITATION

Meliza Gómez

*WORSHIP MUSIC

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Myers

GIFTS OF GRATITUDE

MESSAGE

11:15 TRADITIONAL SERVICE

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dave Steane

*HYMN OF PRAISE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick Myers

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

CHORAL ANTHEM

OFFERTORY

MESSAGE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE



MDPC HIGHLIGHTS

New Member Class Series

MDPC's New Member Class series is taught by the associate pastors and elders. The series includes a Saturday service project at one of our local mission partners.

Sundays, November 8-December 13 | Room 171-172 | 11:00 AM-12:15 PM

Contact Diann Turet: dturet@mdpc.org or 713-490-9553

Help Wanted: Special Blessings and Safe Haven

Special Blessings (Special Needs Ministry) and Safe Haven (Foster Care & Adoption Ministry) are in need of adults and teens to volunteer on Sunday mornings, as well as for monthly Parents' Night Out events. No experience is necessary and no prep work is required. We just need people to show up and love on some really neat kids!

Please contact Keri Mosk for more information: kmosk@mdpc.org or 713-490-9265

Refugee Crisis Update: Meeting Jesus on the Refugee Trail

MDPC Global Partner Tihomir Kukolja, Director of Renewing Our Minds, recently traveled to Serbia to mobilize his ministry to meet thousands of Syrian refugees on their journey to central Europe. Tihomir will share stories and photos of encounters along the Hungarian and Croatian borders where his team served, giving food and water, as well as hugs, kind words, and empathy. See how the love of Christ can transform lives.

Wednesday, November 4 | 6:30 PM | Parlor

Thanksgiving Meal-in-a-Bag

Families recommended by school counselors at local elementary schools will be given these bags of food, fresh produce, and a turkey. Last year we served 750 families! Just fill a paper grocery bag with the items listed below and **return it to MDPC by November 16.**

- 2 cans corn
- 1 can fruit
- 1 bottle vegetable oil
- 1 can jalapenos
- 1 can tomatoes/sauce
- 2 pkg. cookies
- 1 pkg. spaghetti
- 1 can olives
- 1 2-lb bag rice

Contact Maritza Pujols: mpujols@mdpc.org or 713-490-9556

Calling All Knitters!

Have you ever wanted to express your concern beyond using comforting words? Your knitting can reach out locally and globally through these quiet yet powerful MDPC ministries:

Knitting for Missions: Every Monday | 9:30 AM | MC Room 126

Prayer Shawl Ministry: November 9 | 6:30 PM | The Nook at MDPC

More information: outreach.mdpc.org

Kids' Meals: Meals on Wheels for Preschool Children

Texas is number one in the nation for food insecurity for children, according to The Houston Food Bank, and, here in Houston, 1 in 4 preschool children goes to bed hungry. You can make sure that there is one less hungry tummy! Just show up with two loaves of bread and be part of the sandwich-making team.

Wednesday, November 11 | 5:00-6:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Julie Hempel: hempeljulie@gmail.com

4th & 5th Grade Pizza Party

Come eat pizza & play games at a Pizza Party for 4th/5th graders!

Friday, November 13 | 6:00-8:30 PM

Contact Mallory Moore: mmoore@mdpc.org or 713-490-9262

Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteers Needed!

Volunteer Opportunities: Table Host, Waiter (need ~40 volunteers)

What it is: Evening of dinner, entertainment and hospitality for our newest Houston residents: refugees fleeing turmoil and horrific circumstances in their home countries. This is an evening for us to show them the love of Jesus. It's like going on a mini-global mission trip without leaving the comforts of home! A great family service opportunity. People from many nations we see in crisis on the news.

Tuesday, November 24 | 5:30-9:00 PM | Fellowship Hall

Contact Amy Delgado to volunteer: adelgado@mdpc.org, 713-490-9565

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL IN GREECE AND TURKEY

March 28 - April 11, 2016

Led by Rev. Dave Steane

Join Executive Pastor Dave Steane for a fantastic two-week tour following the footsteps of the Apostle Paul. You'll visit Athens, Thessaloniki, Philippi, modern-day Ephesus, Patmos, Crete, Istanbul, and more.

For more info: mdpc.org

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MDPC Blood Drive

Pre-register today in the Lobby or at giveblood.org. This helps the Blood Center schedule enough technicians—but walk-ins on the day of the drive are welcome!

**Sunday, November 8
8:00 AM-2:00 PM
Fellowship Hall**

*He shed His blood to save me,
I donate mine to serve Him.*

▼ women.mdpc.org



Therefore, I am going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. —Hosea 2:14

When was the last time you sat still and felt your breath slow? Join us for a spiritual retreat as we commune with God and one another in His beautiful creation. We will delight in God's goodness and love for His daughters.

**Saturday, November 14
9:30 AM to 4:00 PM
Brenham, Texas (option to stay overnight)**

The cost of the retreat is \$20, and spots are limited to the first 20 women who sign up.

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Partner In Prayer 2016

Your time given through PIP ensures thousands of people are prayed for every day! As Pastor Alf writes in his invitation letter, "Prayer is one of the key avenues God uses to transform us. We need your help in this ministry, but helping will help you grow in your faith as well."

To be a 2016 Partner In Prayer, **sign up today in the Lobby or register at pip.mdpc.org.**