

ASSISTING tonight from our Family Ministries Team are: Martha Daniel, Minister to Families; Hannah Gourley, Elementary Coordinator; and Jessica Parker, Early Childhood Coordinator.

OUR THANKS to the SNW Band for sharing their gifts of music with us tonight.

THE BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS in our Sanctuary were given in memory of and in honor of loved ones.

CHRISTMAS EVE MISSION OFFERING — This is the 22ND year that MPC has offered a gift during the holiday season to one of our mission partners, and EduNations is this year's recipient. The EduNations Ministry in Sierra Leone has become quite far reaching, making it necessary to travel between towns and remote villages to carry supplies, people, and information. It can be next to impossible to drive on their muddy, rut-filled roads. During our Christmas Eve services, an offering will be taken to purchase a new, heavy duty, four-wheel drive vehicle that will be used by our EduNations in-country president, Samuel Sesay. All loose cash and designated checks will be given to the mission offering. You can give online, as well. *"WE can do all things through Christ Jesus who strengthens US"*

THANK YOU, CHRISTMAS ANGELS — On behalf of the Deacon Board, we are grateful to all who participated in the *Giving Tree*. Volunteers distributed about 1,000 gifts thanks to your generosity.

CHILD CARE for ages up to 3 years old is available in our Nursery located just beyond the Welcome Center. We welcome your child's participation. In addition, we have a Comfort Room adjacent to the nursery where parents can listen to the service while caring for their child.

COMMUNION will be observed at all worship services next weekend. Please come with hearts and minds prepared to partake of this sacrament.

YEAR-END GIVING/HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS — The church will be closed over the Christmas holidays until Tuesday, January 2. **The business office will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, December 26 through Friday, December 29 to receive year-end contributions.** Please enter through the lower level doors to the Administrative office area. You may also make final gifts in worship on December 30/31, mail a check postmarked by December 30, or make an online donation through MPC CONNECT up until midnight on December 31. In the event of a pastoral EMERGENCY, please call the Church Office and choose option #3 for the Pastor on Call.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION! MPC offers a wonderful preschool program that is now in its 25th year! On **Friday, January 19, 2018**, online registration will open for the 2018-19 school year programs. Go to www.memorialparkchurch.org/preschool to learn more or to register. Tours are welcome and may be scheduled by calling the preschool office (412-366-8201).

SPIRITUAL PARENTING WEEKEND CLASS EVENT — Calling all parents and grandparents! Join us on **January 26 & 27** for a Spiritual Parenting Weekend Class Event. Spiritual Parenting is not perfect parenting. Spiritual parenting is creating an environment in your home and a rhythm in your daily life that points your family towards Christ. This is a class for parents and grandparents to help their children grow in a vibrant faith in God. The cost is \$10 per person, with the recommended option of buying the accompanying book for an additional \$12. This price includes snacks, lunch and all childcare costs. For more details and to register, please visit memorialparkchurch.org/kids. Please register by January 19.

STUDENT IMPACT —

- There will be NO Middle School Evening IMPACT on Wednesdays, **December 27 and January 3.**
- There will be NO High School Evening IMPACT on Sundays, **December 24, 31, and January 7.**
- There will be NO morning classes for all students on Sundays, **December 24 and 31.**

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN — All students in grades 6 – 8 are invited to our annual lock-in at the Clayton Center. It will be held **Friday, January 5** at 7:30 P.M. until **Saturday, January 6** at 8:00 A.M. We will be traveling by bus to Skyzone in Monroeville to jump from 9:00-11:00 P.M. and will return to the Clayton for the night. Cost is \$25 per person. Friends are welcome! **Registration is required by Friday, December 29** by emailing thawbaker@memorialparkchurch.org or online through our website.



Christmas Eve Service

December 24, 2017
5:00 P.M.

 **Memorial Park**
An Evangelical Presbyterian Church
8800 Peebles Road
Allison Park, PA 15101
412.364.9492
www.MemorialParkChurch.org





Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

December 24, 2017

5:00 P.M.

Prelude

Welcome:

Hannah Gourley, *Elementary Coordinator*

*Carol Medley:

"Joy to the World"

"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

"The First Noel"

"Mary's First Christmas"

Martha Daniel, *Minister to Families*

Offering Our Gifts to the Lord

Pageant Song: "Mary, Did You Know?"

Message: "There's More Here than Meets the Eye"

Isaiah 64:1-5a

Betsy Rumer

Executive Pastor of Ministry

Lighting of the Christmas Candles

*Carol

"Silent Night! Holy Night!" *arr. Mark Hayes*

Silent night, holy night! All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and Child,
Holy Infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!
Wondrous star, lend thy light!
With the angels let us sing Alleluia to our King!
Christ the Savior is born, Christ the Savior is born!

A Gift from the Christ Child

Benediction

Postlude: "Joy (Unspeakable Joy)"

