The Messenger

MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LANT'S LINES

A Message from our Pastor





After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest...." Luke 10:1-2 (NRSV)

There must have been a hundred persons here Wednesday night! Despite inclement weather, the children and their parents turned out for our first "Trunk or Treat" in many years. This event, planned jointly by our Welcome and Outreach Committee and our Christian Education Committee, was a great success. Many thanks to Karen Ogle, Spencer Bissell, and Linda Speaker and their respective helpers. Many of the attendees were from our own church membership, and it was uplifting to see so many families with children there. Many also came from outside the church's membership—neighbors, Preschool families, and friends—which is a testimony to the widespread publicity that preceded the event. Although the weather prevented us from decorating the trunks of our cars, we simply moved activities indoors; chairs and corners of the floor were festooned with bats and cats and spiders. All the farmers, cowboys, Power Rangers, mummies, ballerinas, dinosaurs, Draculas, grim reapers, and wolf-men had a good time.

It reminds me that the church always must be reaching out into the world around us. Yes, we gather each week to celebrate and build up the faith that we have in common. However, our real work of ministry is not only in the church, but especially in the neighborhood that surrounds us. Of course, the children (and maybe the adults!) came for the candy and the fun. But who can say? —perhaps there were some who needed community and friendship more than they needed the jollity. I'm confident they found it among those present last night.

There's a powerful message in the traveling ministry of Jesus. Once he left Galilee, he had no home base (and even in Galilee he seems to have moved around). He taught and healed and prayed while traveling. Even the homebodies among us have a traveling ministry—in the grocery store, the football game, the hallways at school, our social events, and our civic activities. Just imagine what would happen if we all could show the love and wisdom of Jesus in all those places outside the church!

Please continue to be a welcoming church. I know, sometimes it seems like an uphill path. However, that is the way that this church will grow. Now, congratulate yourselves on a terrific event last night!

Help!!!

Request from Florence Cole

Items are still missing that were used for the centerpiece & reception for the Boy Scout Sunday Reception back in February. The items include a cub scout cap, compass, scout knife, scout hanker chief, merit badges, pictures, lanyards, sash and patches. All these items were in a brown paper bag. If you have any information on the whereabouts of the missing bag, please contact Florence Cole at (205) 967-2416 or the church office.

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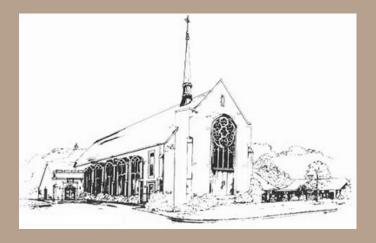
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Decorating for Advent

The Chancel Guild would like to invite all families and friends to join us after worship on Sunday, November 24th, for decorating the sanctuary for Advent Season. We extend a special invitation to the children of the church to help in decorating the Chrismon Tree. There will be leaders/teachers to help direct the decorating.

Parents: this is a good time to have your cameras on hand!



The "First Sunday" Food
Drive is still going strong.
The items to donate
November 1 is a box of
corn bread or biscuit mix.
Thank you for your
continued support!

Poinsettia Orders Due Sunday, December 1



Poinsettia Orders

It is time to place orders for POINSETTIAS to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. To enter your order, please complete this form or call the church office at 967-5037, designating how many plants you would

like and whether each will be a memorial or in honor of someone.

Orders must be received no later than **Sunday, December 1**. Plants may be picked up after the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. Any plants remaining will be donated to New Beacon Hospice.

Trunk or Treat 2019

Karen Ogle, Welcome & Outreach Committee

Always have a Plan B and thank goodness, we did!! The rain – and an afternoon power outage at the church– didn't stop us. A "spooktacular" time was had by all at our Trunk or Treat community event. Goblins, ghosts, witches, cowboys, princesses, a very scary Dracula all KINDS of great costumes wandered the halls of the church playing games, catching up with friends, enjoying a pizza party and filling their buckets with candy. All of our "trunks" did a FANTASTIC job with Plan B; the hallways, narthex, reception room and our entrance were all decorated – even the baby grand in the reception room became a "trunk".

There were over 100 people in attendance, many from our preschool and our Mountain Brook neighborhood. It was so wonderful to welcome them into our church.













Christian Education

The youth at MBPC had an amazing time at the October youth event! Children and their parents went to Topgolf for an evening of fun and making friends. We had 11 youth come out and enjoy a fun-filled time to take a break in the middle of the week from school and busy schedules (and Spencer showed off his "amazing" golf skills). If you have any ideas or your youth have an idea for an exciting group outing for the future please let Spencer Bissell know. Be on the lookout for an event this November and we hope to see as many of you out there as possible.













Missions Committee Update

Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church Living a Friendly Faith.

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The Mission Committee is sponsoring a drive to support the mission of First Light and their Emergency Shelter Gift Bags project. This drive is being conducted in November and is specific to new women's warm socks, inexpensive earrings and large, reusable decorative tote bags (for example, 18" square, opens wide, \$.99 a piece, made from recycled materials and available from places like TJ Maxx, Target or other discount stores). As a participating organization, MBPC has committed to donating at least 60 of each of these items. Donated items will be collected and stored in the closet in the narthex and then transported to First Light by December 16.

MBPC has a long history of supporting First Light. In addition to this drive, the session and the Endowment Fund Management Committee have approved a contribution in the amount of \$500 to support this hands-on project.

Mission

First Light's mission is to work with homeless women and their children to create hospitality in a safe and nurturing community, to encourage them to maintain dignity, to find hope, to seek opportunity, and to grow spiritually, thereby achieving their full potential.

www.firstlightshelter.org

History

First Light began in the basement of First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham in 1983 as an emergency night shelter operated solely by volunteers. The basement shelter accommodated 15 women and children, but would sometimes provide safety to over 40 women and children. It was soon evident that more space and services were required for the homeless women and children in Birmingham. First Light was incorporated on March 13, 1998 and a capital campaign was begun to renovate the old Granada Hotel, which was located just two blocks away from the church and had recently burned. The old hotel was renovated to accommodate more women and children, to provide space for social services and day programs, and to have living space for permanent residents who were unlikely to live independently again. Since its inception, First Light has grown considerably due to the generous support of local faith communities, corporations, individuals, foundations and civic groups.

COLOR INVIORATION TO TO THE PROPER HOUSE/ WORK DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

OPEN HOUSE

<u>WHEN</u>: Gates open at 8 AM and close at 5 PM) SIGN IN AT OFFICE.

<u>WHO</u>: All are welcome! (Kids, Youth, College Students, Adults, Older Adults)—Load up your church vans, cars...travel together, travel alone, just come to LIVING RIVER!

<u>WHAT TO BRING</u>: Comfortable clothing, closed toed shoes, bug spray, folding chairs, lunch, snacks, drinks, fishing gear...

WHAT IS THERE TO DO? Hike, Hang Out, Fish, Look for Fossils, Tour the Buildings, Have a Picnic, Play Disc Golf, Play in the GaGa Pit, Make S'mores, Participate in Work Projects, and more

WORK PROJECTS

CHURCH TEAMS/ORGANIZATIONS

Several churches and Scout troops have formed teams and are recruiting members for specific projects. If you have a small group and would like to select a project, contact Jenny at

office@livingriver.org

<u>INDIVIDUALS</u>—Wear old clothes and come prepared to stain decks or work on the small group lodge.

LIVING RIVER: A RETREAT ON THE CAHABA

is the camp and retreat center developed by the Presbytery of Sheppards and Lapsley.

MBPC Preschool 2019

We had a blast at our Costume Parade! Thanks to all the teachers and parents who participated!

















