

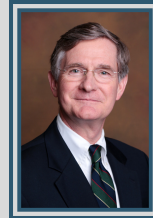
THE MESSENGER

MOUNTAIN BROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 2019

LANT'S LINES

A Message from our Pastor

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Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. Luke 4:1-2 (NRSV).

Lent. On March 6 we enter into the season of Lent, as we gather in the sanctuary on Ash Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. That service traditionally reminds us to consider our mortality, as we have the option of receiving on our foreheads the imposition of ashes. Yet the service can never be morbid or pessimistic because even the fact of our mortality lies in the rich network of the eternal life that we have in Christ. Thus, at the same time that we recognize the importance of the limited time we have in this life, we also affirm that life continues after death. While it is true that we “return to dust,” it is also true that we will “rise from the grave.” These affirmations are not limited to the next life. As Christians we know that eternal life begins now. Because of our Christian hope, the most difficult times in our lives, when we feel we are “walking through the valley of the shadow of death,” need not make us afraid. Through the grace of God, resurrections from those difficult times are always possible.

Lenten small groups. Lent is a penitential season, and we are encouraged to examine our lives. Be on the lookout for announcements coming soon about the formation of a few small groups at MBPC that will meet during Lent to study a common resource. Our Samford intern, Connor McCraney, has graciously agreed to coordinate the formation of these groups.

Interesting resources. I want to recommend some resources that might be helpful to our congregation. The first is a relatively new publishing imprint from Westminster John Knox, our denominational publisher. The imprint, which is intended for children, is called Flyaway Books (www.flyawaybooks.com). The books are intentionally multicultural in their artwork and characters and carry themes of diversity, inclusion, self-esteem, kindness, and compassion. I plan to give one of them each month to my granddaughter, Amzi.

Another resource—a podcast called “The Bible for Normal People”—was recommended by my son, Lee. The series, which is issued weekly and is now up to about 75 episodes, includes interviews with notable writers, preachers, and theologians like Rob Bell, Barbara Brown Taylor, Richard Rohr, Brian McLaren, and Beverly Gaventa. The episodes are very informal in tone—a discussion rather than a lecture—and they cover really up-to-date topics like “The Bible and Film,” “Womanist Theology,” and “What Is the Bible & What Do We Do with It?” You can find out more, and can download the podcasts, from their webpages on Podbean (<https://thebiblefornormalpeople.podbean.com>). Great resource for a long car trip, for listening while you exercise, etc.

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The governing board of our church is called the "session," and the current members of the session are listed above.

Please don't hesitate to communicate with them concerning any matter in the church.

We will begin Lent with an evening service at 7p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6, 7P

Sunday, March 10th



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24	25	26	27	28	1	2
Dr. Suess Week						
9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 11:15am - Sunday	3	4	5	6	7	8
	8am - Body Works 5pm - Lion's Den	8am - Body Works 1pm - Worship Staff 6:30pm - Christian	5pm - Hand Bells 5:30pm - Bible Book 6pm - Dinner 7pm - Ash 7pm - Chancel Choir	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	Summer Fun 8am - Body Works	Van Reservation - Boy Scouts 8am - Body Works
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Teacher Appreciation Week						
Van Reservation - Daylight Saving	8am - Body Works	8am - Body Works 1pm - Worship Staff	5pm - Hand Bells 5:30pm - Bible Book 6pm - Dinner 6:30pm - "Let's Talk 7pm - Chancel Choir	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	8am - Body Works	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
St. Patrick's Day 9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 11:15am - Sunday 1pm - Reid Eagle	8am - Body Works	8am - Body Works 9:30am - Prayer 11am - Worship 1pm - Worship Staff	9am - PEO Meeting 5pm - Hand Bells 5:30pm - Bible Book 6pm - Dinner 6:30pm - "Let's Talk 7pm - Chancel Choir	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	8am - Body Works	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Spring Break						
9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 11:15am - Sunday	8am - Body Works	8am - Body Works 1pm - Worship Staff	4:30pm - Property 5pm - Hand Bells 5:30pm - Bible Book 6pm - Dinner	deposit 8am - Body Works 10am - Bible Study	8am - Body Works	
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
9:30am - Sunday 10:15am - Chancel 11am - Worship 11:15am - Sunday						

MBPC Mission's Update

The Mission Committee and members of congregation participated in **Rise Against Hunger**, a project in which they packed food for shipment to hungry people. The event took place February 12 at **Canterbury United Methodist Church**



CHANGING
LIVES
ONE MEAL
AT A TIME

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
TODAY



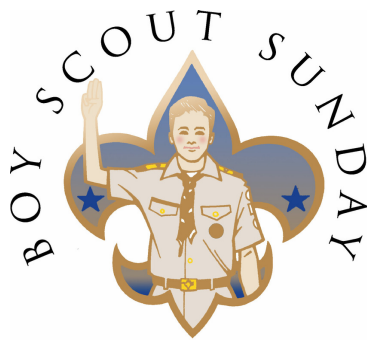
MAGIC CITY HARVEST "FIRST SUNDAY" FOOD DRIVE

The MBPC Mission and Outreach Committee invites the congregation to participate in a "First Sunday" monthly food drive to benefit Magic City Harvest. Please bring the following item to the collection area outside the sanctuary on or before the first Sunday of each month.

First Sunday of Each Month

- March - 15 oz. cans of VEGETABLES (corn, beans or black beans)
- April - 12 oz. SPAGHETTI NOODLES
- May - Box of JELL-O or INSTANT PUDDING
- June - 12 oz. box of CEREAL
- July - 12 oz. box of MACARONI AND CHEESE
- August - Bag of RICE
- September - Bag of DRIED BEANS
- October - 10 oz. cans of SOUP
- November - Box of CORNBREAD or BISCUIT MIX
- December - 18 oz. jar of PEANUT BUTTER

BOY SCOUT TROOP 320
SCOUTMASTER: FRANK TYNES
CUB SCOUT PACK 320
CUBMASTER: DAVE CASKEY

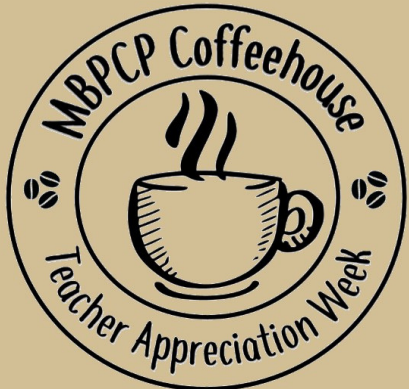


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THE BOY SCOUT LAW:
A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL,
HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND,
OBEDIENT, CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE,
CLEAN, AND REVERENT.



MBPC Preschool Uddate



MARCH 11 - 15, 2019

We are so grateful for the special staff here at MBPCP, the perfect blend of fun, love and learning! Help us celebrate our teachers by pitching in to give them a wonderful week filled to the brim with appreciation!

MONDAY ☕ TUESDAY: Infants, Toddlers & Twos provide a coffeehouse breakfast

WEDNESDAY: Threes, Fours & 5k provide a relaxing lunch

THURSDAY: bring a card or small treat for your teacher

Sign up to help and bring food with our Sign Up Genius link in our Monday Mailer email!

Thanks a Latte to our Teachers ☕

MBPC Preschool's new playground has been ordered.

Coming late Spring 2019!





Big Tent 2019 Dates and Location Announced

Baltimore selected as host city in advance of General Assembly 224

Baltimore, Maryland has been selected as the location for Big Tent 2019. The event will be held August 1-3 at the adjacent downtown Radisson and Lord Baltimore Hotels.



Announced today by Diane Moffett, Executive Director of Presbyterian Mission Agency, and J. Herbert Nelson, II, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), organizers say that by meeting in the city where the 224th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held the following year (2020), the educational and missional gathering will continue the tradition established in 2017 of introducing Presbyterians to the host city.

Big Tent began in 2009 as a way to join several distinct Presbyterian conferences into one event. It has met variously at hotel and convention centers, and most recently on the college campuses of the University of Tennessee in Knoxville (2015) and Washington University in St. Louis (2017).

The downtown Baltimore location offers “the most affordable and comfortable accommodations for individuals and families who want to attend the event,” according to Tom Hay, Associate Stated Clerk, Director of Assembly Operations.