

The Lion's Share

Morgan Hill Presbyterian Church * Holidays 2011

Dear Friends,

The Christmas season will be upon us before you know it – and with it a flurry of activity in the life of the church. In this newsletter you will find lots of activities for those of all ages. Below are some of the things that affect the life of the whole church:

Christmas Concerts: On Friday December 16 (7:00 PM), and Sunday, December 18 (2:30 PM) we will be presenting our annual Christmas concert – this year entitled, *How Great our Joy!* Featuring our choir and full orchestra, this will be a great way focus on the real meaning of Christmas. Tickets are available for sale following services on Sunday mornings or in the church office (\$4 or \$12 for a family).

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services: We will again celebrate with two candlelight services. The 5:00 PM service is our family service, and will feature a special Christmas musical presented by children, (child care available). The 9:00 PM will have a more traditional feel, and feature our choir (no child care).

Sunday Morning Worship, Dec. 25: We will gather for worship on Christmas Sunday morning at a special time (10:30 AM) for a special “family friendly” Christmas worship service. No need to get “dressed up” – come as you as we celebrate Jesus’ birthday on His birthday! Nursery care available, but no Sunday School for children or youth.

Sunday Morning Worship, Jan. 1: We will welcome in the New Year with one joint worship service, again at 10:30 AM. Sunday school for children and middle school students, with nursery care available.

While I know there is a lot to do over the Christmas season, I’d like to encourage you to do three more things that I believe will add to your Christmas celebration. First, find some time during this season to read the Christmas story and reflect on what it means to you (Mt 1:1-2:12, Lk. 1:3-2:40, and John 1:1-8). If you have children, do it as a family!

Second, would you be praying about the above activities – asking God to use them to help people focus anew on the true meaning of Christmas?

Finally, as a way of reaching out with the good news of Jesus Christ, please consider inviting someone who isn’t a regular churchgoer to come to one of these events. I believe there are many who would love to come to church during this season if only someone would care enough to invite them.

Have a blessed Christmas!

Mark

LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Lynn Wong, 779-2820, ext. 10

Our church supports Boy Scout Troop 799 who have had guys working on Eagle rank. Garrett Taylor (In blue tee shirt below) weeded and leveled the volleyball court getting it ready for use again. He is still hard at work. Alex Schnorr built picnic tables and benches under the pine tree area along DeWitt Avenue to complete his Eagle. Congratulations & thanks again, guys!



As we approach the holiday season, be sure to let me know if you would like to purchase a memorial for a loved one or have any special concerns about our holiday schedule.

Thank you so much for your gracious love and understanding as I've adjusted to serving as the church Administrative Assistant this last year. I couldn't have done it without your help! Here are some church bloopers for your enjoyment which are hopefully funnier than my own have been:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Merry Christmas and may your new year be filled with fellowship and joy!

CALENDAR

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR - "Reason for the Season," rehearsals will be every Sunday 10:45 in Room 3 starting on Dec 4th. Performance Christmas eve family service, 5pm Sanctuary.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE has begun its annual work for the positions of Deacon or Elder. Please submit suggestions of church members whom you believe should be considered to any committee members: Carol Kral, Janet Baker, Liz Quaday, Bob Mancini, Mark Markham, Ann Raymaker or Stephen Beard.

GILROY RESIDENT NEEDS RIDE TO 1ST SERVICE - please phone the office if you can drive an older woman with walker who really loves coming to MHPC.

November

- **19th MEN'S BREAKFAST** - Get your tickets - great food and fellowship - 8am, call Raymond Wynn for more details 776-3658!
- **19th PERSIMMON PICKING** Toombs annual invitation to join in the harvest! 11-4pm at 12401 Merriman Lane in Gilroy. Call 779-2311/email pt6384@att.com for additional directions.
- **20th MISSION'S POTLUCK** featuring Bret and Mindy Taylor of Wycliffe/JAARS in Fellowship Hall right after 2nd service coffee time at 12:20PM. Please bring hearty lunch salad to share.

December

- **3rd PRAYER AND WORSHIP WITH THE WORD** - Sanctuary 7:30pm to 8:30pm. Flyers in Narthex. Phone Bonnie Lira for more information at 309-2616.
- **4th ECHO @ ELM STREET MISSION** - Meet 3pm in parking lot and return about 8:30pm.

- **9th - 11th SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT** Winter Weekend at Mount Hermon.
- **5th MHPC/RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** - Noon-5pm at church. 152 units collected for local care so far! 2012 dates: Feb 6/Apr 2.
- **16th & 18th CHRISTMAS CONCERT!** Mark your calendar! The annual MHPC Christmas concert with orchestra and choir ~ 7pm Friday evening performance; Sunday 2:30 pm both with childcare. Tickets on sale in Fellowship Hall!
- **24th CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** : 5PM Family friendly with nursery; 9pm no childcare.
- **25th CHRISTMAS SUNDAY:** 10:30 am special single service today and New Year's Day. All other Sundays resume normal 9am Blended and 10:45 Contemporary format. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

SESSION NOTES

MJ Heacox, Clerk of Session

David Frederick reports he is looking into Costa Rica as the destination for the 2012 youth mission trip June 17 through June 23. Session gave tentative approval dependent upon the results of investigation into health issues and government stability issues.

Meanwhile the high school and junior high school students have been busy with a trip to Elm Street Mission in Santa Cruz, the youth leaders retreat at Mt. Hermon in October, Fall Frenzy in November and senior high camp in December.

Children and family ministries sponsored another successful MAD Friday program.

The church picnic was well attended and there were people from the community who saw what was going on and decided to join in. The new classroom was officially opened the same day.

Session approved funds for roof repairs to the classrooms and library. Work is scheduled to be completed in November.

Adult Ministries sponsored Fiesta Night as a kick-off for the all church study of "A Hole in Our Gospel". Several new Grow Groups have been established.

The Missions' Conference, Oct. 22-23, was a success with Edwin Caruana as the featured speaker, a chili cook off at the Schnorr's on Saturday and a tea for the missionaries Sunday afternoon.

The Nominating Committee is seeking God's direction in selecting nominees for elder and deacon positions. Liz Quaday is the acting chair of the committee with Ann Raymaker the session representative.

Session received Joseph and Teresa Roush as members of MHPC in October and three were baptized: Steve Quaday, Allana Quaday and Ali Hofer.

DEACONS DEN

Stephen Beard, Moderator

I'm settling into my new role as Deacon Moderator at a busy time. During November and December, the Deacons have several projects going on:

- We recently concluded a successful Military Footlocker drive for Veterans Day, sending lots of supplies to our troops in the field. Thank you to our congregation for your unfailing support!
- November 20th, with support from several volunteers, the Deacons will be delivering Thanksgiving meals to over 30 needy families in the South County area. The meals will consist of a Safeway gift card, allowing families to purchase what they desire for their meal and a pumpkin pie. Along with this gift, we will include a note from MHPC explaining that our inspiration for grace based giving comes from our savior, Jesus. We will spend nearly \$1,700.00 on this project this year, 100% going directly towards providing food to the needy. This is the Deacon's single largest expenditure of the year. Please consider making a donation to the Deacon's fund if you would like to support this effort.
- In December, we will be conducting a Christmas Cookie drive for our troops. We'd like to send a little taste of home to those serving away from home this

Christmas. If you would like to help bake your favorite Christmas cookies for active duty soldiers, or volunteer to pack and ship cookies, please let us know. Please email me at sfo1sjb@yahoo.com to participate.

- Sunday, December 4th is can Sunday. Please bring a can of food or non-perishable food item with you to service and leave it at the Reach Out cart in the Narthex. If you forget to bring food on the 4th, bring food some other Sunday. We can make any Sunday can Sunday! Help us feed those who are hungry in our community.

I am thrilled and honored to be able to serve with our wonderful Deacons. We are a reflection of our church body that has embraced the mission statement of our church, "Connect, Grow and Serve". We look forward to the projects underway and in the New Year as opportunities to serve. Deacons aren't called to serve for our church. We coordinate the service of our church. With so many exciting things happening within the Deacons, I invite you to find a project that speaks to you, and find a way to join us in service of our church and our community.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Shari Grover, Director
779-2820, ext. 13



SUNDAYS: Nursery - Birth up to age 4, lovingly cared for in our *Shepherd's Gate Nursery* program, offered during both the 9am and 10:45 am services.

All other children begin in the worship service in the Sanctuary, then are led by a teacher to Sunday School after the Children's Sermon.

Grades P-2: Our Preschool through 2nd graders grow in faith through Bible stories and activities in Room 6, both services.

Grades 3-5: An exciting large group/small group program is happening in Room 8 during both services.

This is a wonderful season to let special people know how much we appreciate them. This year, I am extremely grateful for all the faithful, caring friends here at Morgan Hill Presbyterian Church. All of you help to make **MAD Friday's** activities possible.



This fall's "Rev it Up!" program reached 80 children and their families with the love of Christ. We couldn't offer such an effective outreach to our community without all of you. Your prayers, generous support and hard work are GREATLY appreciated. And you should know that the feedback from parents is very positive. One mom recently wrote that her daughter's least favorite part of MAD Friday was when it ended! We pray that the seeds that are planted for the gospel will bring forth much fruit. But in the meantime, please know that you have helped to serve Jesus here in Morgan Hill (Matthew 18:5).



WINTER 2012 MAD Friday

Our next, eight-week **MAD Friday** program will be Jan. 27 – March 23, 2012, except for Feb. 24 when we will not meet during winter vacation. The spring performance is on Sunday, Mar. 25 at 4 pm. Once again, we look forward to more music, art and drama, as well as lots of delicious dinners, Bible times and FUN! Loving volunteers ALWAYS needed, to make our program a success. Please contact Shari if you are interested in being part of this important outreach ministry in our community. Registration forms for children will be on our church web site shortly, and we expect the program to fill up quickly. The deadline to sign up is Jan. 20, 2012. **REGISTRATION FORM coming soon!**

Please use or give to any family you know with children between 4 and 12!

Here's a picture of Al Pompa, one of the many "Table Parents" who help make **MAD**



Friday a success.

If we don't have enough folks volunteer to staff each table, we have to turn away children – we need people who can point them to Christ's love. If you're a caring adult who likes to eat and talk with kids, God may be calling you to be a part of helping children grow closer to Him.

Let Shari know if you feel the call to serve. You can reach Shari at , 408-779-2820, ext 13, or email her at church, sharig@mhpc.org.



**Our Faithful MAD Friday
Kitchen Crew Volunteers!**

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE ~ THE STREETS OF BETHLEHEM!

For a memorable evening experiencing the "real meaning" of Christmas, join the excitement of the "Streets of Bethlehem" in Santa Clara. Over 100 actors, live animals, inter-active booths and free refreshments make this a great way to celebrate the holy season of Christmas. Five 30-minute performances make the ancient, Christmas narrative come alive. This free event takes

place **Dec. 8-12, from 6:30-9 pm** at Santa Clara First Baptist Church. For the thirteenth year, hundreds of volunteers work tirelessly to make this event happen on 40,000 square feet, with actual size buildings and bridges. 27,000 visitors attended the last two years. Some of us will be meeting at 5 pm to car-pool there on one evening, TBA, so stay tuned for more details. And, visit www.streetsofbethlehemsc.com for more information.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR

As we look forward to celebrating Christmas, we invite all children, from Kindergarten – 5th grade, to be a part of our Christmas choir! We will be singing as part of the Christmas Eve service here at the church on **Saturday, Dec. 24 at 5 pm**. A family-friendly, candlelight service, the children's choir is a fun way to be involved. Rehearsals will be held on **three Sundays, starting Dec. 4**, in room 6. The rehearsals will take place during our 10:45am Sunday School time, led by Renee De Villez. Everyone is welcome!

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Director: David Frederick

779-2820, ext. 14

SUNDAY EXPERIENCE: 9:00 a.m. in the FLC Youth Room. We worship together and then split (6-8 and 9-12) into different classes.

JUNIOR HIGH (Grades 6-8)

RAD NITE: Meets every Friday 6:30- 8:30 pm.

Sabbatical:

Long term ministry is awesome! You get to see long term growth in the lives of students, experience a lot of growth spiritually yourself... and, you get to have a sabbatical! I am appreciative to the MHPC Elders for granting me an 8 week sabbatical from Dec 18-Feb 11. The generosity of this sabbatical is truly humbling. I am going to use these 8 weeks for four things. I want to deepen my relationship with my family

(especially with the new addition of our daughter Katie), have some focused rest, read a bunch on bible/theology/ministry and study and take the pastoral ordination exams for the PC(USA).

I want to emphasize a couple things in light of the sabbatical. First, **nothing in changing!** We are still meeting for youth groups and Sunday morning studies and the format and leadership is staying the same. Students can still expect the same awesome experience as they have right now. It is my prayer that we will still see students coming to faith in Jesus and growing in faith in Jesus.

If you have questions regarding the Mission Trip, Echo or Rad Nite please call Janet Baker at 408-782-9374, for questions regarding Sunday morning please call Julie Bayle at 408-375-8926. Need a form or permission slip? Look it up on the website at www.mhpc.org/student.htm or contact Lynn at the church office.

Your prayers for this time are appreciated!

Here is what I will be reading:

Speaking to Teenagers by Doug Fields
After You Believe: Why Christian Character Matters by N.T. Wright
The Way of the Heart by Henri Nouwen
The Forgotten Ways by Alan Hirsch
Leap over a Wall by Eugene Peterson
Essential Leadership by Kara Powell
Sticky Faith by Kara Powell
The Book of Order and *the Book of Confessions*

UPCOMING DATES:

Echo High School

Nov 27th Guys night/Girls night.

Girls meet at Janet Baker's, guys meet at the church (but we will go offsite). Both are from 6:00-9:00. The ladies can expect a fun night of dessert and a movie. Guys... we are keeping it a secret (depends on the weather a bit). Let's just say if it isn't raining you should wear some shoes you can run around in.

Dec 4th Elm St. Mission

Elm St. Mission is a homeless mission in Santa Cruz. We will get to be part of the worship service and serve food/eat with the homeless folks at Elm St. We meet at

3:00, remember your permission slip, which can be found on the website.

Dec 9th – 11th Winter Weekend @Mount Hermon Space is still available for this fun weekend.



Mount Hermon has packed the weekend with a great speaker and band + tons of opportunities to connect with friends. There is a loaded craft room, a ropes course, paintball, laser tag, etc. Plus Mount Hermon has dessert about 4 times a day. Cost is \$179, talk to Tato to sign up before spots run out.

The Band: the Mark White Band
Speaker: Charlie Broxton – Mount Hermon Youth Program Director

Dec 17th – Echo Progressive Dinner

We will be celebrating with a progressive dinner, where we go house to house for each course of the dinner. We will end with dessert and the white elephant gift exchange. Bring something wrapped that is either used or new (but cannot be trash, a living animal or offensive) for the gift exchange. Value can be up to \$10, but the best gifts are ones found in your closet! Dress up for the event, let's have some fun. We won't shun you if you come in pajamas, but wouldn't it be more fun wearing a dress or a shirt and tie?

Dec 25th & Jan 1st – No Echo

Jan 4th – Echo Ice Skating Night

Permission slips are available on the website and in the church office. We will meet at 4:30 pm to go downtown San Jose for some dinner and ice skating. Ice Skating tickets are \$8 + bring some money for dinner.

We also need a new Medical Release form for the 2012 year, just in case you fall and break something!

RAD Jr High

We had a great time at our Fall Frenzy event. RAD took their biggest group ever,

over 30 jr. highers! God has been doing some cool things with the jr. high group this year.



No RAD the Friday after Thanksgiving (11/25)
Dec 16 – Elf Movie Night 6:30-8:30pm

We will be getting into the Christmas spirit with the classic movie ELF. This will be a fun night with Christmas cookies, hot chocolate and the movie. The point is to give you a chance to hang out and invite friends to come experience RAD.

Dec 23rd – Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange Night 6:30-8:30 pm

Our annual Christmas dinner and White Elephant gift exchange. There is no cost, just show up for good food and the fun gift exchange. Bring something wrapped that is either used or new (but cannot be trash, a living animal or offensive) for the gift exchange. Value can be up to \$10, but the best gifts are ones found in your closet!

High School Mission Trip:

Right now the youth committee is seriously exploring the opportunity of serving in Costa Rica with Experience Mission (www.experiemission.org). EM is the group we went with last year to minister at Black Mesa Reservation in AZ. They are a group that partners with existing church ministries. The exciting part of working with EM in Costa Rica is that the group they minister to are relatively unreached. The pastors of the Bri Bri people in Talamanca CR are first generation Christians. We've desired to have a cross cultural exposure to missions for our students and the prospect of ministering to a people group who have not heard about Jesus is exciting. Estimated cost is between \$1300-1400 for the week of June 17-23. We will have a lot more information out in the next few weeks including an application and a fundraising plan to help bring the cost down.

ADULT EDUCATION

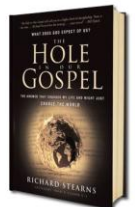
Ed Wong 776-0306

SUNDAY MORNINGS:

8:30 am Intercessory Prayer in room 2.
Led by Aveline Holland, this is a time to pray for our church and for one another.
10:45am Adult Sunday School in Library.

GROW GROUPS:

Please let Ed Wong, Elder of Adult Ministries, know how this study has touched you and moved you to action.



ED.WONG.MORGANHILL@GMAIL.COM

Grow Groups meet offsite in homes on a variety of days and times. Please contact Ed for more information.

MARRIAGE MENTORING:

The Adult Education Committee sponsored the **Art of Marriage** series on 9/16-17. Over 10 couples enjoyed the series, a wonderful picnic on the new lawn and tables under the giant pine tree

and some wonderful connection time to explore their relationship and the marriage design God created. Keep watch for another opportunity to be part of this exciting exploration when a new time is announced in early Spring!

MEN'S MINISTRIES

Coordinator: Ray Wynn 776-3658

BIBLE STUDIES:

Monday Nights (2nd & 4th of the month) at 7:00 Meets in the Library. Currently studying the book of The Hole in Our Gospel. Contact Ed Wong at 776-0306.

Wednesday mornings at 7:00 in the Fireside Room. We are currently studying 1st Peter. For more info, contact Mark Markham at 778-6234.

Looking forward to the Men's Breakfast with Mark Miller sharing on November 19th! Get tickets in Fellowship Hall.

WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Coordinator: Sue Sholer 779-2689

BIBLE STUDIES:

Thursday Mornings - 1st Corinthians

EVENTS: Coming in the Spring - 9:30 - 4pm our 5th annual **Spa Fellowship Day will be sometime in May!** Peggy Schnorr is hosting our annual Spa Day again at her home 12285 Heritage Way in Gilroy. Spots fill fast and it's a wonderful time to fellowship and relish in the love of the Lord through sisters in Christ. Invite friends to join us!

MISSIONS

Barbara Mancini 779-8944

How I love the word of God! It comforts us, corrects us, guides us, and shapes us. As Isaiah 55:11 says, it always accomplishes God's purposes --"My word...which goes forth from My mouth, it shall not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." The word is living-- "living and active

and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit...and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Heb. 4:12) It is living, I believe, because Jesus, the One who overcame death, is the living word--"the Word become flesh and dwelt among us." (Jn. 1:14)

Our missions calling is to "make disciples of all nations." (Mt. 28:19) What is discipleship but to bring people into a transforming relationship with Jesus the living Word? This calling is the center of all we do through MHPC missions. It is our connect-grow-serve. This year it has been fleshed out—as the Millers and Advent have come along side teens fighting addiction---as the Branners love and provide opportunity for marginalized minority children in Asia---as the Caruanas evangelize and pastor their neighbors, and support the persecuted church in Africa---as Nancy Corbridge and Informed Choices bring truth and help to teens---as the Kresonias pastor and evangelize in Bosnia Herzegovina---as the Oldenburgs and Send teach the word and mentor their team---as Michele Rickett and SIS pull women and children from the worst of circumstances on our planet---as Dave Robinson and CIC bring the validating love of Jesus to inmates---as the Shanks and Wycliffe/Seed Co. translate the Scriptures in dangerous places---as the Taylors and JAARS comfort and counsel the children of front-line missionaries—as Donna Zimmerman and Young Life bring Christ to local teens---as Mary Fisher and Eric Gould helped renovate the JAARS youth room---as the Genesis Choir served troubled teens and adults---as our MHPC youth ministered on a Native American reservation--as the missions committee has regularly prayed for all these--and even as I traveled to meet the Tsakhur of Azerbaijan, for whom I have advocated these last twelve years.

Won't you join us every second Wednesday of the month for the missions prayer meeting? We meet in the MHPC library at 7 p.m. "Prove yourselves doers of

the word, and not merely hearers...fervent in love for one another...through the living and abiding word of God." (Ja. 1:22; I Pt.1:21,22)

ADVOCACY ALLIANCE for SUDAN

Advocacy Alliance for Sudan
www.4Sudan.org



Our Advocacy Alliance for Sudan is committed to providing relief for the abused and exploited women, children and families in Sudan, Africa. We give praise and admire

your missionary support for She Is Safe who invited us to utilize their advocacy program. We are focused on providing prayer, raising awareness and to fundraising for the benefit of the devastated Sudanese innocents. We hope to reach out and contribute to the end of the evil hard-hearted human slave and sex trafficking that is an ongoing battle for millions of truly under-protected captives who have no exposure to the Scripture and what? Do not know the name of **JESUS ?** : (! Therefore, THANK YOU for your inspiration and for your support of SIS!

We Invite You, Friends & Family
To Take Part In Our Upcoming Event

COMPASSION OPPORTUNITY

**Equipping Families Devastated by the GENOCIDE and
WAR in SUDAN**
Saturday, January 21, 2012

There is suffering in Sudan today like we have never experienced or would ever want to imagine. "Please, help us," is their cry, so we are writing to urge you to consider joining in this important effort. Advocacy Alliance for Sudan is teaming up with She Is Safe and Morgan Hill Presbyterian Church to present a fundraising event for the local community. We are seeking your support and hope you will

participate in this opportunity to raise awareness and to exercise your compassion for the beleaguered families in Sudan who have endured long decades of genocide and starvation.

The number of Sudanese who are devastated by unimaginable circumstances is staggering. Due to increased human atrocities and political tensions those numbers continue to rise. So, please, be the body of Jesus Christ, Yahweh, by simply attending this Christian inspired fundraiser for our neighbors, the Sudanese. Save the date, raise your ear, grace and attention, open your heart and mind and invite others to do the same. Remember the Golden Rule: Do Unto Others as You Would Have Others Do Unto You. Visualize the smiles on the beautiful faces of babies, kids, moms, dads, & grandparents in Sudan as they experience the love, relief and awareness of God's realness and your acknowledgement of their lives being connected to Him and yours just by coming.

Love Our Lord



Onsite in Sudan, Michelle Rickett: She Is Safe founder & Erika Holtzclaw of She Is Safe assisting in Sudan

For more information contact fundraising coordinator, Leslie @ (408) 840-6958 & visit www.4Sudan.org & www.ShelsSafe.org

CHOIR

Director: Stan George
779-2820, ext. 17

The greatest music ever written was inspired

by the Christmas story, the coming of Jesus to earth.



The Celebration Choir and soloists from the choir are preparing for the 2011 MHPC/ Community Christmas Concert.

The concert dates are Friday, December 16 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 18 at 2:30 p.m.

The concert this year has the theme "How Great Our Joy" and will feature Christmas carols and Christmas music that expresses the joy of the Christmas season. Put one of these dates on your calendar.

If you would like to sing, it is not too late to join us in our Saturday and Thursday practices. Contact Stan George at 408-847-4605 or join us for our rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:30 p.m.

What a privilege it is to prepare our Christmas Concert once again for the 2011 Christmas season. Plan to join us in our audience or in our choir and share in our beautiful music.

Harmoniously yours,
Stan

ADMINISTRATION

Elders: Gary Winzeler and Ken Oliver



In addition to the green grass some very beautiful new flowers and trees have been cropping up around our campus.

Thanks be to God and the many helping hands that have made this happen - Leigh and Cordelia Beveridge (and crew), Mark Markham, Jim Sugiyama, Ken Love, and Akimi Irino.

New flower beds, pathways and expanded lawn are cropping up all over campus!

There are many more items to plant and purchase before we complete the Landscaping Plan.



If you are interested in helping out with the improvements going on around our campus please contact Gary Winzeler or Ken Oliver.

A big THANK YOU to the many hours some people have spent putting the final touches on our new bathrooms - Mark Markham, Paul Jennings, Larry Toombs, as well as committee members Ken Oliver, Gary Winzeler and Mark Inouye.



New Bathrooms are fully operational so please check them out.



There are *many other projects* to be done around our campus and if you are interested in helping out in any way *please contact Gary Winzeler or Ken Oliver.*

Thank you to Stephen Beard for his serving on the Admin Committee, as he leaves us to head up the Deacons. That leaves us with an opening if anyone is interested in serving on the Admin Committee please contact Gary or Ken.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Connie Jimenez, Elder

"Today in the city of David there had been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord."

How wonderful it will be to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior on Sunday, the Lord's Day! You and your family are invited to gather with us to worship at 10:30am on Sunday, December 25, 2011. How marvelous

to be reminded on a day crowded with family traditions that we are gathered to remember the birthday of Jesus Christ!

Here at MHPC, we are preparing for the Advent Season by getting God's house ready. We are cleaning and decorating and putting up the Advent Tree in the Narthex. The choir and musicians are rehearsing for special music during the Advent Season and for our annual Christmas Concert, "How Great Our Joy!" And our traditional Christmas Eve Services will glow with candlelight.

We know that your families will be doing the same in your homes, also decorating, baking, thinking about special gifts for loved ones and others we deeply appreciate. Our worship service for the family on Christmas morning will be an opportunity to celebrate the greatest gift of all, the love of God come down to earth in Christ Jesus.

It will take a little extra work in our households to fit in a worship service, but what a lovely memory for our children to bless the sweet Lord Jesus on His birthday...and for us as adults to remember the Lamb who came to be slain for the sin of the world.

We hope to see you there to wish you a blessed Christmas! ~ Worship Committee, Session, and Staff of MHPC

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John 1:1-5 ¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *He was with God in the beginning.* ³ *Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.* ⁴ *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.* ⁵ *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*



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Connect ... with God and God's People

Grow ... in our relationship with God and God's people

Serve ... as witnesses to Jesus in word and deed

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