



currents

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Pastor's Pen

Dearest friends,

What are you giving up for Lent? Unfortunately, the practice of entering into the Lenten season has often been reduced to this question. It's a fine question, but it can only take us so far. The *real* questions of the Lenten season are: How will I find ways to return to God with all that I am and all that I have? And where in my life have I gotten away from God, and what are the disciplines that will enable me to find my way back? Sometimes we hear these questions and are inspired by the challenge to live a life of greater faithfulness. But other times these questions can feel overwhelming and leave us wondering, "where do I even begin?"

But the season of Lent is not meant to leave us scratching our heads wondering how to begin. The season of Lent is meant to be a time for honesty, reflection, repentance, and prayer. The season of Lent is meant to be that time each year when we're willing to hold a mirror up to our own hearts and ask the very hardest questions of ourselves. And as members of Christ's church, the season of Lent is also a season we journey into together. And so, this Lent, we are going to embark upon this exploration together during worship. Using the hymn, *Take My Life*, as our guide, we're going to explore what it means to live a life of faithfulness. How does God want to use our moments and days, our hands and feet, our heart and mind for God's glory? How can I offer these parts of myself more fully and freely to God?

As we journey into these 40 days of Lent, I invite you to use the hymn, *Take My Life*, as a prayer. A prayer for the life of discipleship we long for; and one where we offer to God all that we are and all that we have because we want to live "ever, only, all for thee." As we seek to live as God's faithful people, may this hymn be our prayer.

With gratitude that we never journey alone,

Rachel



DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Take My Life

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1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with - hold;

take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as

cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

TEXT: Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874
MUSIC: H. A. César Malan, 1827

HENDON
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KEEPING THE FIRE BURNING

Dear Priesthood of All Believers,

In the far reaches of the Daranjir Desert there stands a fire that has been blazing for over 1,500 years. The Atash Behram is a fire made from dried wood that sits in a bronze vessel located in Yazd, Iran. This sacred flame is a ritual from the Zoroastrian religion—the religion of ancient Persian Empires—that recognizes fire as a source of warmth, light, and comfort. So every day, since 470 AD, a Zoroastrian priest places wood in the fire, piece by piece, to keep the eternal flame going.

As I think about how these past several months have fit into the MPC program year, I keep returning to this image of keeping a fire going for several hundred years. Immediately following our Christmas celebrations, we were thrust into the concern of the omicron variant. We saw spikes of cases. We rushed to get at-home tests. We prayed for family members, friends, and ourselves. And we also had to adjust as a church family. This January and February our faith formation programs saw a stop to the momentum we had been building from the fall of 2021. We paused in-person Sunday School. We were not allowed to go indoors for Youth Club. For a time, we were not even able to gather in-person for worship. As I was approaching a new 2022 this is the last thing I wanted, even though it was the right decision to keep our church family safe. It was the last thing I wanted, because I was worried about losing that momentum we built after finally being able to gather in-person for Sunday School and continue our gatherings for Youth Club. So when we were forced to pause, because of another change in the pandemic, I was deflated.

And yet, the fire still burned. Like a Zoroastrian priest placing wood in the eternal fire, or the Holy Spirit blazing within the disciples on a Pentecost morning, there is a greater continuity that keeps us going even when we think the momentum is extinguished. These past two months I saw volunteers show up to create space of belonging for young people. I saw youth heed the call to gather for service on Martin Luther King Day. I saw adults continue to deepen their understanding of the Word through Zoom Bible Study. All of these are examples of the continuity of faith that shows up, even when momentum seems lost or we are unsure of the future. When I think about these last few months the image that burns in my head is an eternal fire. A fire kept by faithful people who continue to show up even when we are unsure of what the future holds. A fire that has served as a bridge, in the bleak midwinter, between Christmas and Lent.

As we approach our new season of Lent, my hope is that you will join us in the fire of faith that continues to burn. We will continue to have Adult Sunday School over Zoom where Rachel will lead us in Bible study, and mission partners will show us how they offer their lives to God in their work. We have re-started our in-person Sunday School classes for Pre-k through high school, including launching our Confirmation class! We have created space for youth to gather on Wednesday nights for Youth Club as we seek to cultivate deeper connection with one another and with God. All of these things will continue to take place in the coming months and demonstrate that even though the fire of faith may expand or shrink over time, it will never be extinguished. We hope you will join us.

Grace and Peace to You,

Alex



LENTEN SEASON AT MPC

LENTEN MISSION PROJECT

This Lenten season we are collecting items to make a birthday cake for our Food Center clients. If you are able, we are asking you to fill a bag with the following items: cake mix, tub of icing, candles, and sprinkles for decorating. Bags can be dropped off in the Communication Center before/after Sunday worship, any Monday night from 7:00-8:00 p.m. or any Tuesday morning from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Thank you for helping to care for our neighbors!

LENTEN SERMON SERIES - "TAKE MY LIFE"

Join us during worship for our Lenten Sermon Series which will be led by our pastors based on the hymn, "Take My Life." Leading up to Palm Sunday, we will discover what it means to give to God our moments & days, hands & feet, voice & lips, will & heart and our love & whole self.

LENTEN BAGS

The season of Lent is approaching and your Worship, Education, and Congregational Ministry Committees assembled bags which include activities to do throughout the 40-day journey. Lenten bags will be available for pick up (one per family, please) in the Communication Center today, March 6. If you are unable to pick one up during these times, please contact the church office to make arrangements to get one.

CHRISTMAS THANK-YOUs

The Deacons would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who filled bags with toiletries and/or donated money to this year's Angel Tree project! It was an incredible success and exceeded our goal of 100 bags, we collected 130 toiletry bags for the Food Center Clients! Included in each Ziploc bag was the list of products collected and an angel blessing letting our clients know God loves them along with MPC's address, phone number and website. The Food Center started distributing these care bags to our clients in January. Again, thanks so much for the wonderful outpouring of generosity!

Boy Scout Troop 3 would like to thank everyone who purchased a Christmas tree and other decorations sold during the annual Christmas Tree Sale. We raised \$8000 on the sale this year which will go towards helping to offset expenses of camping trips, troop supplies, annual dues, and insurance cost to the national organization for each scout, along with other necessities making scouting an enjoyable experience.



A satisfied customer!

THANK YOU RON!

On January 9, Ron Workman was recognized for his 24 years of serving as MPC's Clerk of Session. Ron has stepped down from the position and Lisa Zazzu is the new clerk.



I'd like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many church members who took the time to send me personal notes acknowledging and thanking me for serving as MPC's Clerk of Session for the last 24 years. It was an honor to serve with many pastors and even more elders, and I am grateful that I had the opportunity to do so.

Ron Workman

A LENTEN REFLECTION ON SERVICE

Submitted by the Rev. Jack McAnlis, Minister of Visitation

Our time of Lent is here. While a lot of us are looking forward to Spring or some relief from COVID, we also are people of faith who look forward to the Easter Season. Lent is a pre-Easter time of reflection upon the meaning of the death of Jesus on the cross.

A road sign read, “Jesus died for our sins, let’s not disappoint him.” That sign holds a double meaning for me and both are negative. There is a cynical meaning in that Jesus died already, once and for all, and we are absolved from all behavior. We therefore have a license to sin boldly, and often, because that gives pleasure to Jesus in heaven and gives legitimacy to Jesus’ death and resurrection, fulfilling his reason for coming to Earth.

The other meaning – let’s not disappoint Jesus – when held tightly, that notion breeds a self-conscious existence with a mind cluttered with lists of what “Jesus would not want us to do.” This thinking breeds a conscience fearful of doing anything wrong, fearful of risking the wrath of God, and feeling guilty if we thought Jesus would be disappointed. Jesus did not die so we could live a life of licentiousness or to have a life burdened with guilt.

Jesus died that we might know forgiveness and how that can liberate humans to be responsible creatures of earth and serve their neighbors in love. Jesus reached out to the forsaken, the prostitutes, the poor, the rich who did not know that they were poor, the sick, the grieving, the lonely, and all those who are desperately in need of being in right relationship with God. His acts of compassion show the source of our ministry to others.

When we look upon the cross during Lent and remember Jesus hanging there, we need to reflect on the fact that he obeyed God totally and fully and died because of it. It gives us pause, because he shows us the way to right living as Christians.

IOC: RESPONDING THROUGH COMMUNITY STEWARDSHIP

Submitted by the Kathleen Foster, Volunteer and VP - Ivins Outreach Center Board of Directors

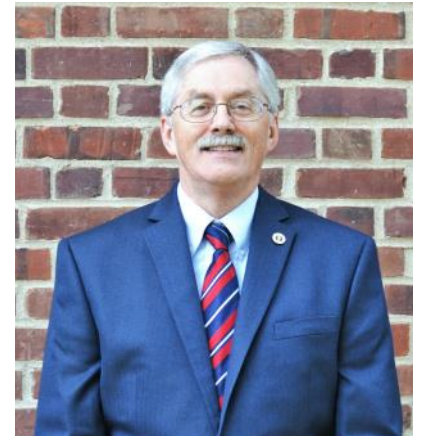
In March 2020 with the onset of COVID-19, the Ivins Outreach Center (IOC) had to shut down our *Staying Put* program, which assists older adults to remain safely in their homes by providing some essential services, such as transportation, and shift our focus. Our 21st Century Grant after-school and summer enrichment camps continued throughout the pandemic even when we had to go from in-person to virtual and then to hybrid classes.

By early April 2020, the Morrisville Giant supermarket reached out to the Director, Darletta Berry-Johnson, and stated that they have food to donate that has hit their shelf life, but not their expiration date. Pre-COVID this food had been picked up by various organizations, but due to the pandemic they weren’t picking up, and asked if the IOC could find a way to use the food.

That was the catalyst for the IOC becoming the “point of contact” for community outreach; to modify current programs and to grow and enrich our partnerships with many other agencies, organizations, businesses and churches. The Ivins Outreach Center became the administrators, facilitators, coordinators &/or initiators of new programs that focused on those who have been significantly impacted by the effects of this pandemic. Individuals and groups turned to us asking how they can help, our volunteer “pool” increased dramatically and our presence in the community became more wide-spread and visible.

And it kept growing, in ways we never anticipated, expected or felt equipped to handle, yet through God’s grace and our incredible volunteers, we somehow managed.

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2022 MPC OPERATING BUDGET

Submitted by the Patrick Gilbride and Caroline Thompson

On behalf of the Session and the Budget Committee, please find this report on the approved MPC Operating Budget for 2022, as it was presented at the Congregational Meeting on January 9, and updated to include final figures for 2021. Key highlights (See Exhibit A):

1. Calendar 2021 saw our highest level of pledge giving since 2013! 2021 Pledge giving reached \$472K, which is more than \$25K above Budget (\$445K). Thank you to God, to our Stewardship Committee, and to all members who have contributed. For 2022 we are expecting this positive trend to continue. 35% of members increased their pledge for 2022. 4% of members doubled their pledge. Nearly 100% of members who joined MPC in the last three years pledged. The average pledge increased by over \$200. Thank you for being part of this incredible movement.
2. More good news to share, we are at full staff! For the first time in many years, all open positions have been filled, most recently filling our Property Manager, Administrative Assistant and Principal Organist positions. The impact of being fully staffed is that we will no longer run favorably vs budget. Additionally, we have budgeted larger than typical increases for the staff due to two factors:
 - a. High Cost of Living adjustment as recommended by Presbytery due to global inflation.
 - b. 2021 Compensation Benchmark study that revealed certain positions as being below market for our region.
3. Building and Grounds expenses have increased with inflation, similar to what people are experiencing at home. For example, heating (gas) costs in 2021 are up \$7K. Snow removal also increased \$5K. We have reflected these increases in 2022, but have found some other savings opportunities to help offset.
4. Despite income being higher, the increased expenses (staff and building) are expected to generate a net Ordinary deficit of \$75K. This deficit is slightly higher than the deficit budgeted in 2021 (\$63K). We fund operating deficits from our Unrestricted Savings (see below). Despite budgeting a deficit in 2021, due to higher than expected investment income in December, on top of the high level of Pledge giving, we realized a net Ordinary surplus of \$40K.
5. Extraordinary income includes generous bequests received in 2021. Extraordinary expenses include building and grounds capital projects funded from our savings (Temporarily Restricted).

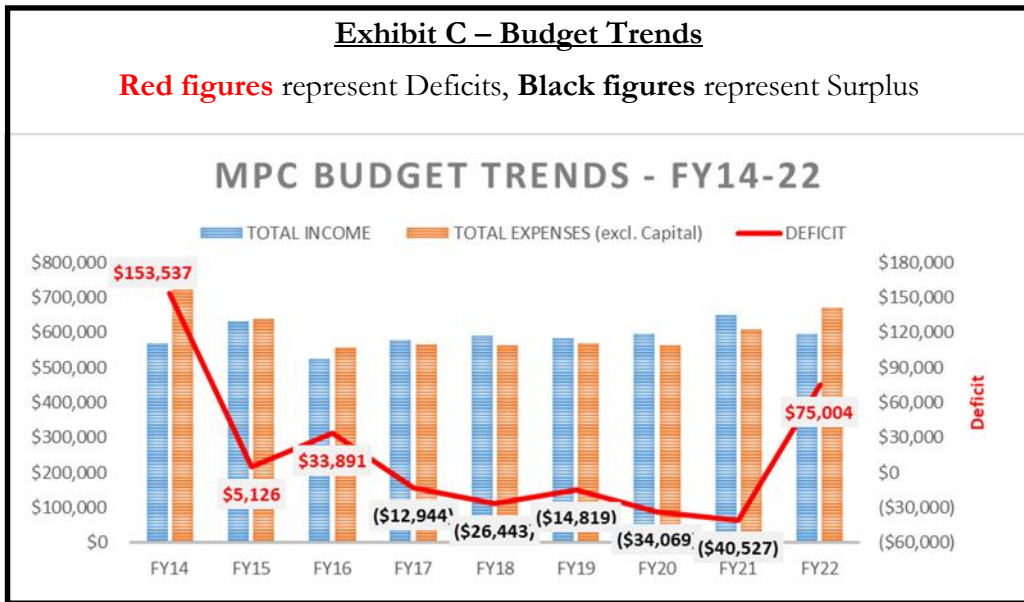
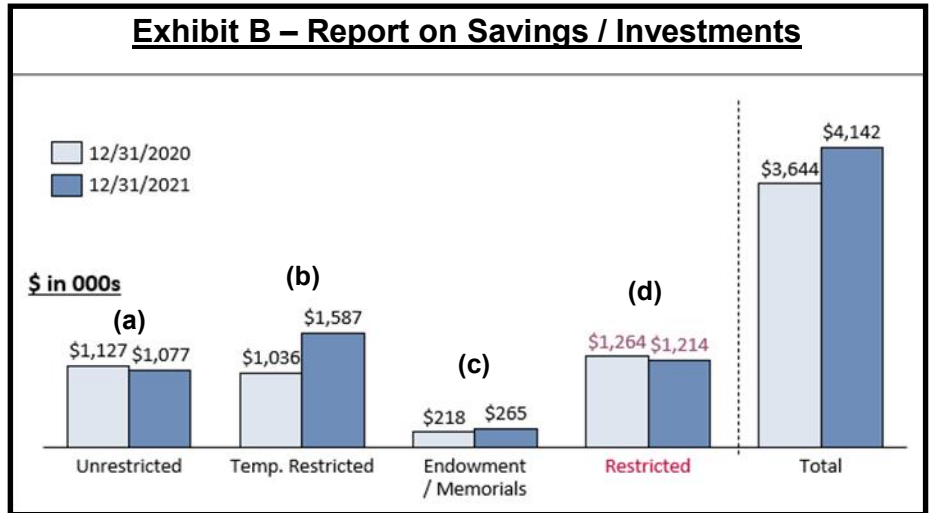
Exhibit A – 2022 Budget Summary					
	2021 Budget	2021 Estimate	2021 Actuals	2022 Budget	
CURRENT YEAR PLEDGE	445,024	460,000	472,229	470,000	(1)
INVESTMENT INCOME	55,050	65,047	108,776	65,000	
ALL OTHER	55,301	53,966	67,870	59,800	
Total Income	555,375	579,013	648,876	594,800	
ADMIN. & FINANCE	75,166	79,930	76,233	80,485	
BENEVOLENCE	55,000	56,537	60,736	58,280	
BUILDING AND GROUNDS	164,788	179,728	173,840	168,981	(3)
Total MINISTRY	208,061	208,062	202,044	227,203	(2)
Total MUSIC MINISTRY	61,309	46,927	52,551	70,906	
ALL OTHER	54,432	44,394	42,945	63,948	
Total Expenses	618,756	615,578	608,349	669,804	
Net Ordinary Income / (Deficit)	(63,381)	(36,565)	40,527	(75,004)	(4)
Total Other Income	10,000	123,697	124,429	3,000	(5)
Total Other Expense	(41,000)	(56,644)	(53,278)	(40,000)	
NET OPERATING FUND INCOME / (DEFICIT)	(94,381)	30,489	111,678	(112,004)	

OPERATING BUDGET (CONTINUED)

We are grateful to report that our savings balance is \$4.1M, up from \$3.6M a year ago (Please refer to “d” in Exhibit B). It is important to note that \$1.2M of this savings is "Restricted" where, per the terms of the gift, we are only permitted to use the earnings.

So, excluding the "Restricted" portion, we have:

- a. \$1.1M of unrestricted savings (used to fund cash flow and operating deficits),
- b. \$1.6M of temporarily restricted savings (used to fund larger capital projects like the roof or the parking lot)
- c. \$265K designated funds / memorials that are ear-marked for particular line items (e.g, music, scholarships, etc.)



And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8)

We remain so grateful for our congregation and for God’s abundant blessings, so that we can continue to do good work in this world, on behalf of Christ’s church.

If anyone has any questions or would like to see additional details, please reach out to the church office at office@mpcusa.org.

MPC IS OUTREACHING NEAR AND FAR

Provided by Ray Hendrickson, Chairperson, MPC Outreach Committee

Here are a few organizations that **YOU** have helped!

Advocates for Homeless & Those in Need (AHTN) is a Bucks County interfaith nonprofit that serves the homeless and those in need by providing year-long access to emergency shelter, food and other life-sustaining services with dignity and compassion. Those in Need, Shower Mission, Wheels to Meals, and Code Blue are but a part of AHTN! Visit their website at ahtn.org and see that MPC is a Sapphire Sponsor.

The Morrisville Presbyterian Towers provides nursing care and assisted living to seniors in Morrisville/Yardley. Located within walking distance of MPC, this facility has long been assisted many members and pastors of MPC. The commissary located within its facilities, and supervised by our own Linda Seaman, has become an invaluable source for groceries and apartment necessities. Over the years, MPC has provided thousands of dollars in Giant gift cards to supplement the lower costs of items in the commissary.

Philabundance, the largest hunger relief organization in the Delaware Valley, seeks to drive hunger from our community today and end hunger forever. This is being done thanks to thousands of donors and hundreds of partners like MPC! Every week you will see a large Philabundance truck in the parking lot of MPC delivering food to the MPC Food Center. Over the years MPC has donated thousands of dollars to Philabundance, thanks to your generous donations. *Lets End Hunger For Good!*

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) is the emergency and refugee program of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.. This organization enables congregations (MPC!) and mission partners of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A) to witness to the healing love of Christ through caring for communities adversely affected by crisis and catastrophic events, both here in the US (Hurricane Ida and floods in North Carolina/Tennessee/Kentucky) and worldwide (Ethiopia, Mozambique and Malawi). Your MPC donations are helping millions affected by disasters.

Should you have any questions on the above organizations or any of the other many organizations MPC has supported, suggestions for other organizations “outside the walls of MPC”, or better yet, want to help MPC in the many opportunities of “outreaching”, feel free to contact MPC Outreach Chairperson, Ray Hendrickson, or Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla.

Thank you for being a part of MPC’s Outreaching near and far!

For more information about the Holistic Evangelism Project in Tete Province in Mozambique that the Outreach Committee supports, please see page 10.

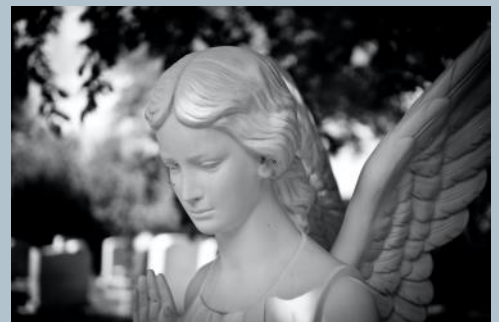
Each of you must give as you have made up your mind...for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

In Loving Memory

Our sympathy goes out to the families of those who recently passed away:

- Lester Wright, on Sunday, January 30, 2022.
- Frank Queen, on Monday, February 7, 2022.
- Anthony Scarano, on Tuesday, February 15, 2022.

Let us continue to remember these individuals and all members of their families in our prayers at this time.



YOUTH CORNER

Submitted by Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla

In the next couple of Currents issues we hope to hear from various youth about their experience at MPC. This season, Pastor Alex interviewed a high school student and middle school student who have long ties to the church. Ahnika Hernandez-Feehan is a sophomore at Pennsbury High School who has shown significant growth in leadership at Youth Club this year. Vincent Kutch is a seventh-grader at Carl Sandburg Middle School who is a regular Youth Club participant and one of our greatest game players.

Interview with Ahnika Hernandez-Feehan

How would you describe yourself?

I think I am outgoing in some situations...I have a lot of interest in art—I don't do it a lot, but I like admiring other peoples' art. And I like playing music...I play a lot of rock music. I think I can appreciate all art and music. I'll admit I do listen to classical music sometimes (chuckle).

Why do you come to Youth Club?

I think I just grew up at this church so I am really comfortable with everyone. It kind of feels like a giant friend group and we always have fun.

What are some of your earliest memories of growing up in the church?

I know I was baptized here and I think I was baptized pretty young. I don't know when my family started going here, but I think my brother was also baptized young. So I knew that we went to church every week, unless there was something going on. Like...every week since I was born (laughs). Confirmation, that was fun. It was interesting forming our statements of faith and we did a lot of fun activities along the way, like when we did our retreats. We had the one retreat at a camping-type place.

What is your favorite thing that we do at Youth Club?

I'd have to think about that. Favorite thing...has got to be the games. But, I like that we incorporate our games into our lesson because, you know, our games have more meaning behind them.

Are there any games in particular that you...?

GROG! I like Grog and Manhunt.

Interview with Vincent Kutch

How would you describe yourself?

I am not sure really. I like coming to Youth Club. I like doing activities here and they are pretty fun here actually.

What do you like to do when you are not at Youth Club?

When I am not at Youth Club, I usually just play with my friends or go for bike rides. I play video games or sometimes I go on bike rides with my friends.

Why do you come to Youth Club?

Because it is VERY fun.

What makes it so fun?

We do some fun activities together like when we were in the Escape Room when we all banded together to try to get out of it. We went mini golfing once...that was fun. And we do tons of other fun things here at Youth Club. We play games here like Broom Ball and other games like that.

How would you describe an escape room?

It is basically like a room locked on the outside. And there is a certain amount of time you get to solve it. And if you solve it in time you win and if you don't you lose.

How would you describe Youth Club?

It is pretty fun. And even if you don't like going to church it is still fun and sometimes you even learn about the religion.

OUTREACH IN MOZAMBIQUE

Dear Friends of Tete Province,

I have been asked about the state of our Holistic Evangelism Project in Tete Province, Mozambique as our work winds down for this year and we prepare for the new year. In spite of the challenges from COVID-19, 2021 has been a busy and productive year, and 2022 is full of promise.

We celebrated the formal opening by the government of our new clinic in the village of Madzimaera. This much needed clinic is very busy and is making a vital impact on the health of the many surrounding villages.

We were able to drill 15 new wells this year. Nine of the wells were in Tete Province, and six were drilled in Malawi. These wells not only alleviate the heavy burden that women and girls have in collecting the family's daily water, but a nearby well allows girls to attend school after completing their chore of getting water.

We are currently constructing three churches, and we were able to reroof three churches earlier in the year. I am happy to report that we were able to complete the building of a much needed manse for the Zobue church. Rev. Valentim Manuel is the pastor of the Zobue church and about 30 other churches near Zobue.

We have nearly completed the addition of an additional classroom and some office space for an existing school. To finish our construction report, we also built two new toilet blocks for existing schools.



Liziyi church construction



Khanga school block

We were able to complete many of our lay leadership training events during times when group activities were permitted under the constantly changing COVID restrictions. COVID cases have not been as numerous as originally feared, but now the new Omicron variant has been detected in Southern Africa. Please pray that it will be contained.

We are excited about the coming year. We are busy making plans for more well drilling and construction of churches and a school. We hope to offer many of the leadership training seminars that will provide evangelists and church leaders in an environment of 90 churches with just three full-time pastors.

Thanks to some dedicated and generous donors, we have some dollar for dollar matching funds for two 2022 priorities. One fund is for \$10,000 to help us replace the project vehicle for Rev. Carlos Faquione who lives in Tete Province. The rugged roads of Tete Province have taken a tough toll on the truck, and we hope to purchase another good used vehicle for \$20000. The second matching fund is for \$30,000 for drilling new wells. Gifts of any size are welcomed for either of these two priorities.

The Lord has richly blessed our work in 2021, and I thank Him for your prayers and faithful support.

Blessings!
Berry Long



Zobue Manse

2022 Easter Memorials & Honorariums

Have you considered honoring, celebrating, or remembering a family member, friend, or loved one this Eastertide? Contributions to our Memorial Fund can be made, not just for remembering a loved one who has passed, but also for honoring someone in your life now. Once again this year, out of consideration for those who are allergic to lilies, our Easter Flowers will be beautiful, multi-colored tulips.



EASTER TULIPS

Tulips, which beautify the church on Easter, may be given as memorials. They can be taken home after Easter worship or delivered to a homebound member by the Deacons. **Please fill out the form below and return it with your check in the amount of \$8.00 per plant ordered to the church office by Monday, March 28.**

MUSIC MINISTRY

Memorial contributions to this fund help to supplement the music ministry program. In the past these funds have been used to invest in ORFF instruments for enhancing the children's music program, hand bell equipment, guest clinicians, and additional musicians for special music offerings. Contributions of any amount are welcome. **To be listed in the *Bulletin*, please submit the form below by Sunday, April 3.**

DEACONS' FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Three times a year the deacons of our church collect groceries, organize them into grocery bags, and give them to mission partners across Trenton and Lower Bucks County. The food that our church provides go straight to homes of folks who need them during the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter holidays. **To be listed in the *Bulletin*, please submit the form below by Sunday, April 3.**

Easter Memorial & Honorarium Contributions

Please do not add the memorial contribution amount to your weekly pledge payment!

Make checks payable to MPC with the type of memorial noted on the memo line.

I (we) wish to make the following contribution(s) to:

_____ **Easter Tulips** (\$8.00 each) _____ Number of Plants _____ Amount attached

_____ I will pick up the tulip plant(s) following the 10:30 a.m. Easter service.

_____ I wish to have the deacons deliver the tulips to a homebound member.

_____ **Music Ministry** - Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.

_____ **Deacons' Food Basket Program** - Please find \$ _____ attached for this fund.

Given by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

(Please circle one) "In loving memory of" "In celebration of" "To give thanks for"

Please print exactly as you wish it to appear in the Bulletin.

Please return completed form and payment to the Church Office by Sunday, April 3.

Tulip orders need to be submitted by Monday, March 28.

IOC (CONTINUED)

Due to the COVID 19 grants and donations we have received, we are offering free services to all seniors that register with Ivins. Services include “no contact” grocery shopping, pharmacy pickups, snack packs, wellness calls, and hot meal deliveries. The program has had extensive administrative support from other staff working at the Ivins Outreach Center.

We have 114 volunteers who have joined our “Angel Team” to serve not only our Staying Put members but also other area seniors, disabled individuals, homebound members of our community, and families in need.

Through God’s grace and as a Morrisville Presbyterian Mission, we will continue our endeavor to serve and meet the needs of our community in 2022 with the help of our volunteers, business partners, MPC members, other agencies/organizations and area churches.

New Members Class **Believing—Belonging—Becoming** **April 24, May 1, May 15**

If you are not a member at MPC, we would love for you to consider joining us in ministry and mission. This three-week class, led by Pastor Rachel Rhodes and Pastor Alex Lester-Abdalla, will be an opportunity to explore church membership, whether you’re ready to join or just curious about what that would mean.

We will explore topics like:

- What do we believe as Presbyterians?
- How are we called to be the church in the world?
- What does ministry and mission look like at MPC?
- Who is it that God is calling me to be and how can I seek to pursue God’s call more fully through membership at MPC?

This class will gather at 9:00 a.m. for three Sundays, and you’ll be welcomed into membership during worship on Sunday, May 22.

If you are interested in participating, please contact the church office at 215-295-4191 or office@mpcusa.net by Wednesday, April 20.

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