

Easter Sunday  
Mar 31, 2024



# CHRIST IS RISEN!

The Good News of Easter is that it is not relegated to history. It is live, breaking news, and it has the ability to reach across the centuries to touch our lives today. Romans 6:4 says, *“We have been buried with Him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.”* The invitation of Easter is received by personally accepting Christ’s death for your sins and inviting Christ’s Spirit to make you new and reside in you going forward.

Through the Spirit, God empowers us to walk in “newness of life” for our families, friends, and our God-so-loved-world. May this Easter give you joy, meaning, purpose, and hope.

In Christ’s Service Together,  
Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson, Senior Pastor

## Our Usual Sunday Worship Times

*We invite you to join us on a Sunday at one of five services offered in three languages!*

8:30am	Blended	Chapel
9:45am	Contemporary	Sanctuary
11:15am	Traditional	Sanctuary
11:15am	Spanish-language	Chapel
6pm	Portuguese-language	Chapel



## Alpha

Tuesdays, Apr 2-Jun 4

7-8:45pm (Launch Night on Apr 2 starts at 6:30 at White Elm Brasserie)

### Know someone curious about faith?

Invite them to join a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment.

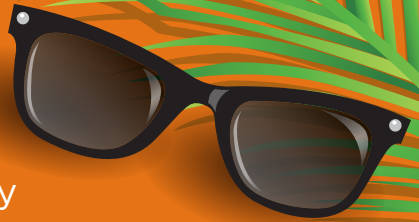
[alpha.mdpc.org](http://alpha.mdpc.org)



# Recreational Classes

Through our REACH Ministry

*Summer camps for every age and interest!*



# Preschool Parents



20s and 30s  
Sundays  
11am  
MC 127

BIBLE STUDY AND COMMUNITY FOR YOUNG PARENTS

**THE WELL**  
A SPEAKER SERIES FOR WOMEN

MDPC  
Women

# RESET



Thu, Apr 18 • 6pm refreshments • 6:30pm event

**Mission Extreme** is a chance for elementary kids to complete service projects here at **MDPC** or in our community. In addition to serving, we will have lunch, play games, and do a daily devotional. We hope you'll join us!



4th & 5th grade: Jun 4-6  
2nd & 3rd grade: Jun 11-13  
Kinder & 1st: Jun 18-19

Registration is now open.



# CONNECTION

**CONNECT WITH OTHERS**  
**CONNECT WITH GOD**

**SUNDAYS | 11:15AM-12:15PM**  
**ALL-YOUTH**

**YOUTH.MDPC.ORG**



**VA** YOUNG ADULTS  
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# EASTER EXTRAVAGANZA

Join us today for a meal, games, and a casual hangout with other young adults. We'll be in the Summit Room from 12:30-2:30pm. There are also prizes and raffle giveaways!

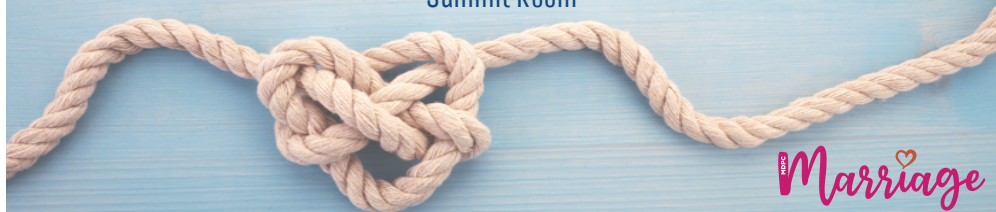
Check out **YA.mdpc.org** for more fun happenings.



# 3 STRANDS

A 6-week marriage series for couples married 0-10 years

Wed, Apr 3 – May 8 | 5:45 -7pm  
Summit Room



**MDPC** Marriage

# That's Not in the Bible!

  
**BUILDING YOUR FAITH**  
Sunday Morning Bible Study



Each Sunday, an **MDPC** Pastor will explore a popular saying often assumed to be from the Bible...but is it really?



**Popular Sayings Misconstrued: Sundays, Apr 7-Jun 9**

## MDPC Concert Series

2023-2024

Sun, Apr 14 | 6pm

Four choirs come together with one orchestra to perform Dan Forrest's *Requiem for the Living* and John Rutter's *Mass of the Children* in this **FREE** concert event.



## KIDS' MEALS



In Houston, one in four preschool children go to bed hungry. Through Kids' Meals, **MDPC** is able to provide healthy lunches to preschool-aged children living in poverty. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 4:30 to 6pm to make thousands of sandwiches! All ages are welcome but registration is required and opens at midnight on the first of each month.



**Volunteer  
with Kids'  
Meals!**

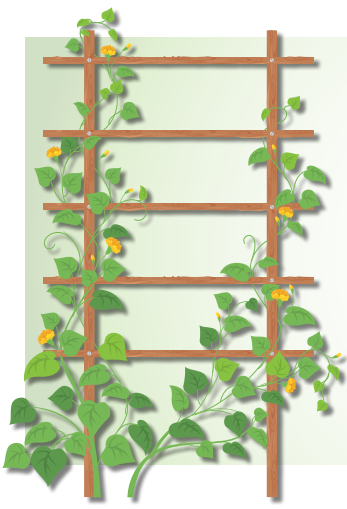
## TRANSFORMING Grief

Have you been grieving the loss of a loved one? Do you wonder where God is in your pain and if you will ever feel joy again? **If so, you are not alone.**

8-week program limited to 10 participants. Trained facilitators guide the group.

4:30-6pm on Wed, Apr 3-May 22 • [grief.mdpc.org](http://grief.mdpc.org)





# Vines that Give Life

Easter Celebrations at **MDPC**

8:30, 9:45, & 11:15am

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## 8:30am CONTEMPORARY

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Welcome / Invitation to Worship	Michael Middleton / Meliza Gómez
Paschal Greeting	
Leader:	Christ is risen!
All:	He is risen indeed!
Songs of Celebration	<i>King of Kings</i> <i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today / I Believe</i>
Moment of Confession & Assurance	Miah Collins
Songs of Worship	<i>Holy Forever / Because He Lives</i>
Message	<i>Oh, But God</i> Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSV Alf Halvorson
Song of Celebration	<i>Oh, But God</i>
Moment of Prayer	Dan Aikins
*Benediction	Alf Halvorson

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## 9:45am FAMILY-FRIENDLY

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Welcome / Invitation to Worship	Michael Middleton / Meliza Gómez
Paschal Greeting	
Leader:	Christ is risen!
All:	He is risen indeed!
Songs of Celebration	<i>King of Kings</i> <i>Jesus Christ Is Risen Today / I Believe</i>
Children's Moment	Rachel Poysky / Keri Mosk
Songs of Worship	<i>Holy Forever / Because He Lives</i>
Message	<i>Oh, But God</i> Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSV Alf Halvorson
Song of Celebration	<i>Oh, But God</i>
*Benediction	Alf Halvorson

**Musicians participating in the 8:30 & 9:45 services:**

Asher Pudlo • drums; Uvaldo Callejas • bass; Chris Parrott • guitar  
Daniel Martinez • keys; Tim Hughes • violin  
Michael Middleton & Meliza Gómez • worship leaders

To learn about more events and opportunities  
at **MDPC**, visit [events.mdpc.org](http://events.mdpc.org).

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11:15am TRADITIONAL

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Prelude	<i>Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee</i>	arr. McKechnie/White
*Hymn of Celebration	<i>Christ the Lord Is Risen Today</i>	arr. John Rutter Vs. 1 & 4
Welcome / Invitation to Worship		Clay Brown
Paschal Greeting		
Leader:	Christ is risen!	
All:	He is risen indeed!	
*Hymn of Praise #371	<i>Lift High the Cross</i>	CRUCIFER Vs. 3 & 4
*Prayer of Confession and Assurance		Beth Case
Anthem	<i>Lo, I Unfold Unto You a Mystery</i>	Johannes Brahms/arr. White
Moment of Prayer		Clay Brown
Anthem of Preparation	<i>Oh, But God</i>	Armstrong/Fowler/Flowers/arr. White
Message	<i>Oh, But God</i>	Alf Halvorson
	Ephesians 2:1-10 NRSV	
Choral Benediction	<i>Hallelujah Chorus</i>	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
*Benediction		Alf Halvorson
Postlude	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

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The Easter lilies that adorn the Sanctuary are in honor or memory of loved ones. To see the dedications, visit the Connection Center or [today.mdpc.org](http://today.mdpc.org).



## We'd Love to Help You Get Connected!

Meet **Dan Aikins**, our **MDPC** Evangelism Pastor. If you have questions about our church, our mission, or our ministries, get in touch with Dan. He'd love to talk to you about Next Steps: exploring membership, volunteering, or getting you or your kids connected to a vibrant community or Sunday school class.

Contact Dan at [daikins@mdpc.org](mailto:daikins@mdpc.org).



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## EASTER LILY DEDICATIONS

*The Easter lilies that adorn our Sanctuary were given in honor or memory of loved ones.*



Anne and Terry Adams with Noel, Megan, and Lindsay in loving memory of Donalee and Noel Adams

Linda C. Anderson in loving memory of D. Kent Anderson

Linda C. Anderson in honor of our grandchildren: Sutton, Andy, and Quinn Walsh

Linda C. Anderson in honor of our grandchildren: Parker, Caroline, and Kent Kubitzka

Linda C. Anderson in honor of our grandchildren: Ellison and Evans Anderson

Chris and Meka Arend in memory of Meka's mother, Vicki Schrader

Chris and Meka Arend in memory of Meka's father, Larry Schrader

Nancy Beasley in honor of my grandchildren, Norah and Charlie Brock and Parker and Jordan Beasley

Nancy Beasley in loving memory of Steve Beasley

In loving memory of Dennis Beck by TJ Beck, Julie and Scott Waidelich, Melanie and Alan Beck, and his grandchildren.

In loving memory of Tommie and Ed Jaksa by their children, TJ Beck, Al and Melanie Jaksa, and Judie and Ridge Stockdale

Beth Black in memory of David Black

Mickey, Susan, and John Branisa in memory of Michael Ryan Branisa

Mickey, Susan, and John Branisa in memory of Richard James Pape

Mickey, Susan, and John Branisa in memory of Frank Branisa

Mickey, Susan, and John Branisa in memory of Sylvia Sorenson Pape

Ava Caliendo in loving memory of my dear brother-in-law, Gerald F. Caliendo

Debra Coole in memory of my husband, Cary Coole

Debra Coole in memory of my parents, Darwin and Kathryn Hopkins

Ryan and Courtney Taylor in memory of Iris Tyndall

Kirk and Margaret Dice Family in memory of Bruce and Charlene Dice

Kirk and Margaret Dice Family in memory of Fred and Katy Damon

Betsy and Tom Dodson in memory of Marion Hawkins

Betsy and Tom Dodson in memory of Marjorie Dodson

Lara Finnilla in loving memory of Peter Gregory Ham

Beverly and Bob Fluke in memory of Beverly's mother, Francis Hughes

Virginia, Bob, and Beverly Fluke in memory of George Fluke

Linda and Gail Fountain in loving memory of Jerry Fountain

Linda and Gail Fountain In loving memory of Diana Wisdom

Dale McAdams and Gail Fountain in loving memory of William and Nancy McAdams

Walter and Mary Lee Going in honor of Bill, Penni, Sidney, and Carter Going

Walter and Mary Lee Going in honor of John, Shannon, Jack, Henry, and Daniel Going

Meliza Gómez and the Mora Family in honor of our beloved Yayo, Tío Tete, Tío Nono, and Tío Josue

The Green family in memory of Margaret and Ira Green

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of her parents, Dorothy and Clayborn Blackford

Sara and Phil Hawk in memory of his parents, Clarice and Ira Hawk

Connie Hunker in honor of Mary Card for all she does!

Marc and Debbie Irvin in memory of Ralph and Martha Fluker

Marc and Debbie Irvin in memory of Don and Marina Irvin

Kay and John Krebs in honor of our three sons and their families

Kay and John Krebs in memory of our parents

Allison, Michael, Jeremy, Jackson, Gracie, and Janie Mitschke in memory of our wonderful grandparents, Grace and Bill Allen

John and Nancy Nowlan Family in loving memory of Ottie Zeier

John and Nancy Nowlan Family in loving memory of Marie and Mike Nowlan

Carrie and Greg Pearson in honor of Gloria and Tom Pearson  
Carrie and Greg Pearson in honor of Jane and Don Abston  
Carrie and Greg Pearson in honor of Lainey, Bennett, and Connor  
Beverly and Charles Roberts in memory of Beverly's mother, Dorothy Fitch  
Beverly and Charles Roberts in memory Charles' mother, Mary Roberts  
In memory of and gratitude for Peter Ham from the MDPC Sanctuary Choir  
Dawn Shelton in memory of my son, Louis Andrew Moreno  
The Siciliano Family in memory of Judy and Darold McCalla  
The Siciliano Family in memory of Ruth and Alfred Siciliano  
Ali Terry in loving memory of Joan Grayson ("GG")  
Kay Threet in loving memory of my parents, Forrest and Nina Moore  
Anne Turner in memory of Rupert Turner  
Whitney and Marc Walsh in memory of Monique and Frank Walsh and D. Kent Anderson  
Linda and David White in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ame Vennema  
Linda and David White in memory of Mr. and Mrs. G.A. White  
Mona Williams, the Rick Bradford Family, and the Chris Jaeger Family in memory of Barbara Smith,  
mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother  
Mona Williams, the Rick Bradford Family, and the Chris Jaeger in memory of Stuart Lang IV, son,  
brother, brother-in-law, and uncle  
Bonnie Yezak in honor of Charlie and Maryanne Bass

*We apologize for any omissions or errors in this list. If your dedication is missing or incorrect, please notify Eva Shaw at [eshaw@mdpc.org](mailto:eshaw@mdpc.org). We gladly will provide a corrected copy.*



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