

The Venturers at MDPC

ANNUAL DUES and MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

\$20/individual; \$30/couple. You will receive the monthly Senior Adults Newsletter and Dinner Reservation Form and a Venturers Membership Pictorial Directory.

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MDPC

MEMORIAL DRIVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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2024-2025 SEASON

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WHO

All MDPC
50+ Adults:

Couples

Singles

Working

Retired

Guests and
visitors always
welcome.

WHAT

Monthly Dinners

Distinguished
Speakers

Informative
Programs

Enjoyable
Fellowship

Fun Evenings



ven'tur-er:

one who undertakes
or embarks upon a venture

Venturers 2024-2025 Season

Dinner Meetings: 1st Mondays at 6:00pm (exceptions noted)
Fratelli's Restaurant, 1330 Wirt Road

seniors.mdpc.org

Visit our webpage for the most current information.

September 16, 2024 (Third Monday)

Why Being a City Church Matters to God

Rev. Dr. Alf Halvorson is the senior pastor at Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church.



October 7, 2024

Texas Titans

Charles Denyer will speak about his book, *Texas Titans*, which provides an in depth look at the relationship between George H. W. Bush and James A. Baker III.



November 4, 2024

Frauds & Scams

Dan Parsons has been with the Better Business Bureau since 1983, and president since 2002. In that time, he has seen every type of bad business practice and dishonest scam. Parsons worked his way up in the BBB, at one point serving as Director of Investigations. No one in Houston knows business practices and problems better than Parsons.



December 2, 2024

Christmas Party

Harpist Mary Jane Sinclair will entertain with songs from the American Songbook and a variety of Christmas music.



January 6, 2025

Wimberly Flood Tragedy

Jonathan McComb will tell the story of the Wimberly flood in May 2015, how things unraveled, and the unsuccessful struggles to rescue his spouse, Laura; his sons, Andrew and Leighton; and friends in the pitch dark. He was barely able to hang on to be the sole survivor. He will talk about the decisions he faced after the tragedy to either live with God or without Him and whether to keep on dying or keep on living.



February 3, 2025

A Virtual Tour of Houston's Holocaust Museum

Robert Westheimer, a volunteer at Houston's Holocaust Museum, has taken on the role of ambassador for the museum to Houston's Christian Community. During the past 18 months, he has hosted monthly docent-led tours of the museum, with many of the guests joining the museum as a result. Robert will lead the group in a virtual tour.



March 3, 2025

Theatre Under The Stars

Dan Knechtges is the Artistic Director at Theatre Under The Stars, where he most recently directed and choreographed the 2023 production of *Sweeney Todd*, as well as *The Ugly Xmas Sweater Musical*, which he co-wrote. He is a Tony-nominated director and choreographer working in theater, opera, concert dance, television, film, and music videos. Come hear Dan speak about TUTS, its history, its current offerings, and its future.



April 7, 2025

Tales from Texas History

Justice Ken Wise, a wonderful storyteller of known and unknown Texas characters and events, will entertain us again with a fascinating tale from Texas History. His award-winning Texas history podcast, "Wise about Texas," has reached 1.6 million people in 165 countries. He has given hundreds of speeches on all aspects of Texas history. He is President of the Texas State Historical Association.



May 5, 2025

Adventures of Being the Mayor of a Small Texas Town

Marcus Vajdos is MDPC's Chief Operating Officer and Mayor of Spring Valley Village.

