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January 12, 2025

Embodying Jesus' All-Encompassing Hospitality

*Please stand as you are able

11:00 a.m.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Children's bulletins are available at each door for children to take upon entering the sanctuary and use during worship. Activity bags will be available during the Children's Moment. Please leave the bags in the pews after the service.

GATHERING

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

The prelude marks a time of preparation for worship. Please be considerate of those who seek to use this time for prayer and reflection through the gift of music.

PRELUDE

"Fountain Reverie"

Percy Fletcher

INTROIT "Down to the River to Pray" (*Ian Denby and Greer Sullivan, soloists*)

Traditional American Folk Tune

As I went down to the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown Good Lord show me the way

> Oh sisters let's go down Let's go down come on down Oh sisters let's go down Down to the river to pray

As I went down in the river to pray Studying about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown Good Lord show me the way

Oh brothers let's go down ...

GREETING (responsive)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us take a moment of silence to center ourselves on God.

*LITANY FOR THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (responsive)

O Christ, by Your epiphany Your light shines upon us, revealing the fullness of God's love. Help us to live in Your light.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ of glory, You humbled Yourself to be baptized, showing us the way of humility. Help us to live with humility.

Lord, have mercy.

O Christ, by Your baptism You revealed the closeness of the Creator when the voice from heaven proclaimed, "This is my beloved Son." Help us to worship You with our whole heart and mind.

Lord, have mercy.

A brief silence is kept

Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep us faithful in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

*HYMN NO. 667	"When Morning Gilds the Skies"	LAUDES DOMINI
	(words and music on next page)	

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

The children of the church gather at the baptismal font

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the Friendship Registers

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MLK Breakfast



FIRST LESSON The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.	Isaiah 43:1-7	O.T. pg. 631
GOSPEL LESSON The Gospel of the Lord Praise to You, O Christ.	Luke 3:15-22	N.T. pg. 52

SERMON

"Like a Dove"

Dr. Camp

Silent meditation on sermon

REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*PROFESSION OF FAITH (responsive)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, our baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being engrafted into Christ. I ask you, therefore, to once again reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

I do.

Who is your Lord and Savior? Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying His Word and showing His love? I will, with God's help.

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

*THE PEACE (responsive)

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we also ought to forgive one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Please greet those around you with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.

CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please use this time to reflect on how we might offer ourselves, and our resources, to God

Four ways to give: Please drop a check in the offering plate as you exit the sanctuary, mail a check to the church office, click the GIVE NOW button on our website, or text STAMPC to 73256

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Deep River"

Traditional Spiritual

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground. Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast, That promised land where all is peace?

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

(some substitute "God" for "Him")

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*responsive*) Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We praise You, God, for You are the Ruler of the world. We rejoice that Jesus has triumphed over all the powers of this world. We celebrate His victory in His life, death, resurrection, and ascension. By Your Spirit, claim our complete loyalty, and establish Christ's rule in our church and in every heart.

Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 475	"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"	NETTLETON
	(words and music on next page)	

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL R	RESPONSE
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*POSTLUDE

"Hornpipe" from Water Music

"Danish Amen"

G. F. Handel

*Please stand as you are able

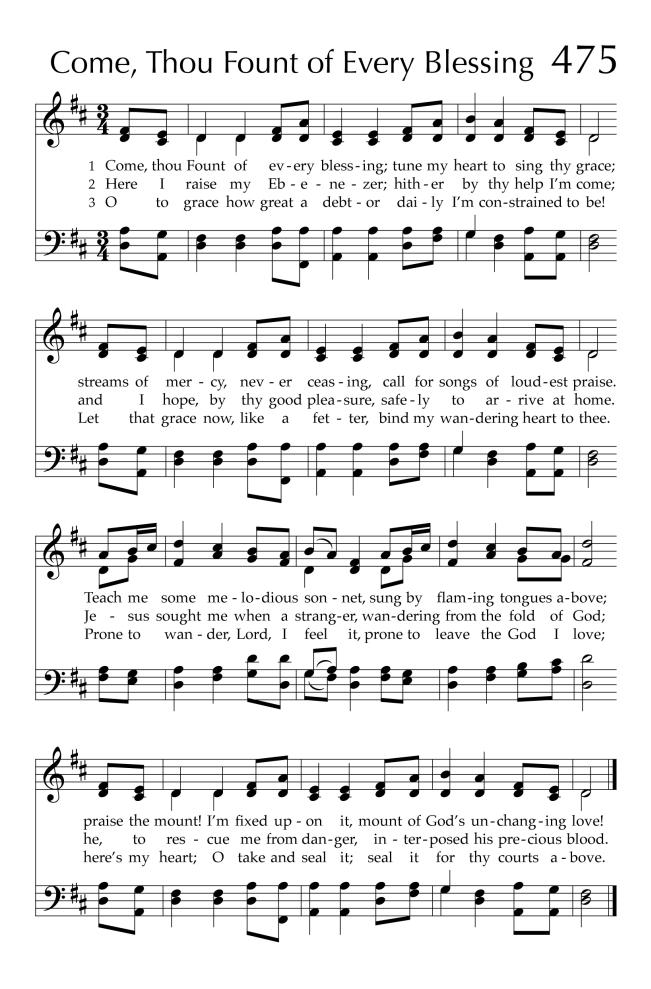
Children's Worship Activity Bags: Please leave activity bags in the pews at the conclusion of the service

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Called by Jesus Christ to love God, neighbor, and self by the power of the Holy Spirit

VISION STATEMENT

Embodying Jesus' all-encompassing hospitality



WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff: Greeting, Litany for Baptism of the Lord, Celebration of Community, Prayer for Illumination, Sermon, Reaffirmation of the Baptism Covenant, Charge and Benediction

Anne Reid Broos, Director of Children's and Young Family Ministries: Children's Moment, Gospel Lesson, The Peace, Prayers of People, The Lord's Prayer, Offering, Prayer of Thanksgiving

Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach: Confirmation Commissioning

Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist

Minute for Mission: Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate

Lector: Maggie Barbieri

MPC SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES January 12, 2025 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Children's Sunday School: "Snack & Chat/Recap"

- Preschool: Room 204 with Lindsey Nix
- K 1st: Room 209 with Beth Upchurch
- 2nd 4th: Room 224 with Judy Robb and Kimberly Budd

Youth Sunday School:

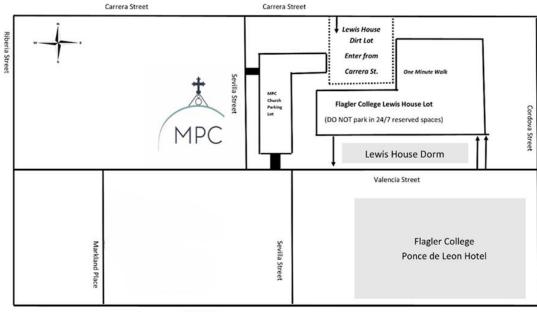
- 5th/6th: Room 207, "Stepping Out in Faith" with Robin Pyles
- 7th/8th: Youth Loft, "Creed (Believe)"
- 9th 12th: Youth Loft, "Creed (Believe)"

Adult Sunday School:

- The Friendship Class (Dr. Proctor's Class): "Do You Understand the Bible?", Chapel History Room
- APEX Young(ish) Adults:: "Where We Saw God" with Jim and Julie Reffel, Room 218
- Spiritual Formation: "Solomon", Lewis Hall Parlor
- New Perspectives: "The Road to Wisdom by Frances Collins", Room 205
- Christian Meditation: "Meditation and Contemplative Prayer", Room 215 and via Zoom (hybrid format). Contact Marc Craddock for any questions at <u>marccraddock@mac.com</u>. Join Zoom Meeting: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/371289063?pwd=NHdCdFU2THRUbVh4ZFpWTGsyR</u> <u>WV5UT09</u>; Meeting ID: 371 289 063; Passcode: 083593

MPC SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE PARKING:

In addition to the MPC lot and street parking, you may park in the Flagler College Lewis House dorm parking lots. The Lewis lots are accessed via the Valencia Street and Carrera Street entrances. These lots are only available to Memorial on Sunday mornings. At times, Flagler is charging for public parking. Please let the attendant know you are attending Sunday Services at Memorial and they will not charge you.



King Street

MISSION & MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS THIS WEEK 1-12-25

Condolences: It is with a heavy heart and in the hope of God's promises that we share that Judy Alden joined the saints eternal on January 4, 2025. Thank you for your prayers for Judy's family and many colleagues and friends. An internment will take place today at 2:30. Jesus said, "Peace I leave you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." – John 14:27

The flowers in the chancel this morning are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Allen Crosby by his family.

Happy Birthday to our members and friends celebrating birthdays this week, January 12 - 18: Ashley Adams, Roger Alt, Mark Bailey, Ally Buckland, Hannah Buening, Barbara Cone, Jill Craddock, Deb Cuellar, Terry Gray, Colin Griffin, Alison Heffner, Karen Hoffman, Neil Houston, Sarah Hunt, Vicki Rodgers, George Schruefer, Dan Sharpe, Bob Sauerhoff, Ron Stanley, Vic Yerrill

Deacons Retreat: Deacons Retreat is today from noon until 2:30 on the upper landing of LFH. Bring a writing instrument and your copy of "Stretch Out Your Hands".

Today we celebrate Epiphany Sunday and Star Gift Sunday: After the service, ushers will have baskets of star words and you will select one as you depart. The one you select is the one for you! Please take the word home and let the word resonate with you. Hang it up in your home where you will see it and reflect on it often. The wise men gave gifts as they received God's great gift to us in Christ. As we commemorate the arrival of the wise men and remember their offerings, we delight in

this paper reminder that symbolizes God's generosity in our lives. If you would like to know more about this practice among other Presbyterians you can read more here: <u>https://www.reformedworship.org/article/september-2009/star-gifts</u> <u>https://pres-outlook.org/2016/01/star-words-a-spiritual-practice-for-epiphany/</u>

FEAST Wednesday Night Dinner and Program: Come to the church for dinner at 5:15 p.m. and programs (Children's Choir, Youth Lounge in the Loft, and Adult Program) at 6:00 p.m. It's a great opportunity to get to know your church family with a shared meal. The Nursery is available as well.

This Wednesday, January 15, 2025:

- Dinner at 5:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Swedish Meatballs. Cost is \$7.00/Adult and \$4.00/Child. Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread.
- **Grab 'N Go Meals:** If you would like a Grab 'N Go meal, please text your order to Chef Cheryl at 240-285-3731 by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday to pre-order. Pay at the front door of Lewis Hall.
- **Program at 6:00 p.m.: "Creative Worship"**, Creative Worship Team, including Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach, Chapel

Office Supplies Needed at the Wildflower Clinic: Volunteer medical professionals at the non-profit Wildflower Clinic provide free medical and dental services to underserved, uninsured St. Johns County residents. Last year, more than 5,381were served. The generosity of MPC members helps to keep the clinic's staff equipped with office supplies. During the week of January 5 - 12, bins will be placed on the office porch for your kind donations of the following items: printer paper, highlighters, pens (blue, black and red ink), markers, manila file folders, paper towels, toilet paper, Post-it notes, postage stamps, bug spray, sunscreen.

New Member Orientation: The next New Member Orientation will be held in-person meeting two times. Attending both sessions is necessary. We will meet on Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. If you would like to become a member of Memorial Presbyterian Church, please email Elder Marie Mercready at <u>membership@memorialpcusa.org</u>. She will send you some paperwork that will help to expedite the process. NOTE: You MUST contact Marie Mercready before Thursday, January 16th if you desire to be included in this Orientation. Meeting space is at a premium and the number of people who desire membership will determine where we will meet. Thank you!

Come One, Come All To The Outreach Fair! How many Outreach programs does MPC's have? A fun way to learn more about them all is to come to the Outreach Fair from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 pm. on Sunday, January 26 in Lewis Hall. Exhibits will be set up to explain how each ministry serves the underserved in the St. Augustine area – and around the world. You may be looking for an opportunity to be the "hands and feet of Jesus," or you may already know about the amazing ways that your fellow members are helping those in need. All are all invited to come have some of Chef Cheryl's delectable refreshments while strolling around and checking out the displays and talking with representatives of each ministry. Participants will receive a passport and chance to win a prize!

VBS Save the Date: Vacation Bible School will take place this summer on June 9 – 12th with our theme, "Egypt: Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace!" Participants and volunteers, save the date. We're excited for a wonderful time!

Meet One of Our Elders: Barbara Alford has been married to Gary for 50 years. They have two amazing daughters, great sons-in-law, four adorable granddaughters and one handsome grandson. Barbara began her nursing career in 1974 as a L.P.N., earned a BSN from Florida State University-GO NOLES in 2001 and a Masters in Nursing at the age of 61. Barbara retired as Chief Clinical and Nursing Officer in 2019. After over 30 years of living, working, and raising a family in Tallahassee, Barbara and Gary chose to settle in St. Augustine to be near the ocean. Soon after arriving, a friend, invited Barbara to a Memorial Presbyterian Church service. What an awesome experience! Barbara knew God had placed her in exactly the right neighborhood, right town, and right church. Barbara joined MPC in 2019 and volunteered with many outreach ministries and serves as chair of Food 4



Kids/Christmas 4 Kids. Barbara was elected Elder in 2024 and is the Peace-making Committee Chair, and the Outreach Committee Co-chair with Becky Maguire. The Peacemaking Committee oversees, participates in, and supports peace and justice ministries; including Matthew 25; Just Coffee; Earth Care; and Interfaith services. The Outreach Committee works locally and globally. Locally feeding children, youth, and elders; providing handmade clothing, furniture, household items; readying new homes and supplying washers & dryers; mowing lawns and trimming shrubs; mentoring children and youth; and sheltering families in an emergency. Globally supporting missions in Africa, Cuba, Haiti, Mexico and Christmas International.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING? You are not alone. Call the church office 904-829-6451 and make an appointment with one of our pastors.

Church Officers: Are you curious about our Elders, Deacons, and Trustees---who they are and the capacities in which they serve? If so, please check out the page on our church website called "Church Officers." It can be found under the "About" tab at memorialpcusa.org. We're thankful for all of our leaders who have been called to serve as church officers!

Al-Anon at MPC: Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. and Saturdays 9:30 a.m. in Room 205. You will find love, understanding, and a lot of hope from the Al-Anon family groups, where we share our experience, strength and hope. This helps us focus on ourselves and our recovery from the effects of the disease of alcoholism. It's a safe place, the right place to be. Your anonymity is protected at all times.

Need Prayer? Prayer Request Cards are in the pews. Feel free to fill one out and place in the offering plate as you leave Sunday services, or you can email <u>amycamp@memorialpcusa.org</u> for private prayer or <u>krissings@yahoo.com</u> for MPC's public prayer chain.

We are a Matthew 25 Congregation: For more information about what that means for MPC, contact Julie Reffel, Chairperson of our Session's Peacemaking Committee <u>jreffel@valdosta.edu</u> or Tom Eyerly, Matthew 25 Point Person: <u>tom@eyerly.org</u>. Visit this website for more information: <u>https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/</u>.

Please Remember in Prayer or Correspondence:

Bayview: Bill and Verna Bacon; The Haven at Regency Point, Rainbow City, AL: Eileen Coleman; Moultrie Creek: Barbara Michael; Riverside Cottages: Carolyn Smith; Wellington Place of Brentwood, Brentwood, TN: Sue Holder

Recovering at Home:

Vickie Gard, Betsy Haynes, Bob Mullen

Our Military Personnel Serving Overseas and at Home:

Private 1st Class, Jackson Arthur Sharpe, serving at Ft. Hood, TX; Air National Guardsman Medic, John David Sessums, serving on the Medical Team with the National Guard; Sgt. Max Worthington deployed to Washington DC with his FL National Guard Unit

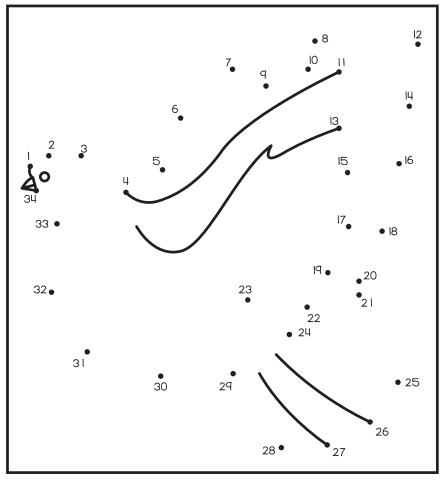


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CHURCH CALENDAR			
Sun. 1-12-25	8:30 am 9:30 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 12:30 – 3:30 5:00 pm 5:30 pm	Worship Service Sunday School (Dr. Proctor's Class starts at 9:40) Worship Service (also Live-Streamed on Facebook Live and the church website) Deacons – LH Upper Landing Peacemaking Committee – Room 205 Sanctuary Open for Tours Youth Group – LH & Youth Loft Seekers Group Study – Zoom	
Mon. 1-13-25	10:00 am 11:00 am 3:30 – 8:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:00 pm 4:45 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Garden Club – LH Mary Circle PW Meeting – LH Parlor Sacred Music Academy – Rooms 204, 205, 207, 215, 218, Nursery, Choir Room Outreach Committee Meeting – LH Parlor & Zoom Trustees Meeting – Zoom Homeless Coalition Dining with Dignity – 62 Chapin Street Admin/Finance – Zoom Youth Committee - Zoom	
Tues. 1-14-25	8:30 am 10:00 am 5:30 – 9:00 pm	Stewardship Meeting – LH Parlor Al-Anon Meeting – Room 205 SACC Rehearsal - LH	
Wed. 1-15-25	10:00 am 2:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:15 – 7:00 pm 6:00 pm 7:00 pm	Gentle Easy Outdoor Yoga Stephen Ministers Training – Room 205 Handbell Choir – Room 211 FEAST Dinner (LH) and Program (Chapel) Children's Choir Rehearsals – Rooms 224 and 215 Adult Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room	
Thurs. 1-16-25	8:30 am 1:00 pm	Sew and Sow – LH Upper Landing Caregivers – LH Parlor	
Fri. 1-17-25	11:00 - 3:30	Sanctuary Open for Tours	
Sat. 1-18-25	9:00 am 9:30 am	Beginners Al-Anon – Room 205 Al-Anon – Room 205	



Luke 3 describes Jesus' baptism. Connect the dots to see what form the Holy Spirit came down in from heaven after Jesus was baptized.



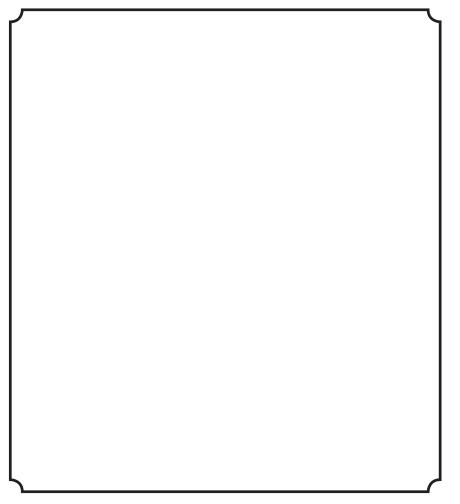


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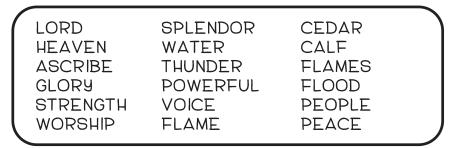
God says in Isaiah 43:4, "You are precious in my sight and honored and I love you." When we face hard things in our lives, God is with us and will help us through them. How does it make you feel to know God will help you through these times? Draw a picture of something hard you've faced in your life—maybe even something right now. And draw God with you in the picture.



WORDSEARCH

Try to find the words from Psalm 29 in the word search below. Words may go diagonal, up OR down and forward OR backward.

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April

<u>April 2</u>

"Lenten TAIZE Prayer Service", Ministry Staff with Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist, Chapel

<u>April 9</u>

"Lenten TAIZE Prayer Service", Ministry Staff with Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist, Chapel

<u>April 16</u>

NO FEAST—HOLY WEEK

<u>April 23</u> "God-Talk", Rev. Dr. Justin Forbes, Sanctuary

<u>April 30</u> "Children's Spring Concert", Lewis Fellowship Hall

FEAST ends on April 30th and will resume in September.

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Winter and Spring 2025 Wednesday Night FEAST Schedule

Faith Energized And Spirits Transformed

Dinner 5:15 p.m.

\$4 Children's Meal: Chick-fil-A with side, sweet treat & bread \$7 Adult Meal

Programs 6-7 p.m.

Nursery Open (Infant to 3YO); Children's Choir (4YO-5th Grade) Youth Lounge in the Loft (6th-12th Grade); Adult Program (offerings listed below)



January 8

"New Year's Spiritual Journaling/Visioning/Epiphany", Create a Spiritual Journal or Vision Board with Rev. Amy Lehr Camp, Parish Associate, Lewis Hall

<u>January 15</u>

"Creative Worship", Creative Worship Team, including Rev. Rachael McNeal, Associate Pastor of Youth and Outreach, Chapel

January 22 (two options)

"New Member Class", Marie Mercready, Membership Elder, location to be announced, (pre-registration required, membership@memorialpcusa.com)

"Love-Talk & Making Valentines", with Hayne Sheen, LMHC, Lewis Hall

January 29

"Learning Resilience: Developing a Sense of Self That Endures", Val DeVille, LMHC, Chapel

FEBRUARY

February 5 (two options)

"Jonah & the Whale, Chapter 1", Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff, Lewis Hall

"Doing Life with Your Adult Children, Parenting Book Study", (free books available in the church office), Pastor Amy and Terri Bailey, Room 218

February 12 (two options)

"Jonah & the Whale, Chapter 2", Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff, Lewis Hall

"Doing Life with Your Adult Children, Parenting Book Study",

(free books available in the church office), Pastor Amy and Terri Bailey, Room 218

February 19 (two options)

"Jonah & the Whale, Chapter 3", Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff, Lewis Hall

"Doing Life with Your Adult Children, Parenting Book Study",

(free books available in the church office), Pastor Amy and Terri Bailey, Room 218

February 26 (two options)

"Jonah & the Whale, Chapter 4", Rev. Dr. Hunter Camp, Pastor and Head of Staff, Lewis Hall

"Doing Life with Your Adult Children, Parenting Book Study", (free books available in the church office), Pastor Amy and Terri Bailey, Room 218

March

March 5

ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary

<u>March 12</u>

"Lenten TAIZE Prayer Service", Ministry Staff with Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist, Chapel

<u>March 19</u>

NO FEAST—Spring Break

<u> March 26</u>

"Lenten TAIZE Prayer Service", Ministry Staff with Matt Daniel, Director of Music and Organist, Chapel