

Encouraging Each Other in Faith

*Worship, Study, &
Fellowship Opportunities
at MacPherson Presbyterian Church*

Adults • Youth • Children



“The creation of a thousand forests is in one acorn.”
- Ralph Waldo Emerson



What a year it has been! COVID. Quarantine. Economic shutdown. Vaccine. Reopening. Delta variant.

We've come so far . . . and yet there's much more road to travel—together.

Consider this word from 1 Thessalonians 3:15: “And we sent Timothy, our brother and God’s fellow worker in the gospel of Christ, to strengthen and encourage you for the benefit of your faith....”

Where do you need encouragement? Who might need *your* encouragement? A study note in my personal **Bible notes**, “**When Christians are facing difficulties** because of their faith, other believers should hold them up in prayer, offering words of compassion and encouragement as they seek to follow God. Whether it is a child with an unsympathetic teacher or a church in a persecuting country, we can pray for **them and offer encouraging words.**”

As Emerson observes on the front cover of this booklet, one acorn can be the genesis of a thousand forests. Who knows where your participation in even one of the following activities might lead? Take advantage of these opportunities at MacPherson to worship, study, and fellowship—to encourage and be encouraged in Christ.

~Dennis Reid
Christian Education Team Chair

Monday

Monday Morning Prayer Group

7:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

The morning begins with a short devotion to focus our prayers for the people and ministries of MacPherson Church and for our ministry partners. The format is informal as we gather for coffee, conversation, and occasionally light refreshments before we pray.

Monday Morning Korean Bible Study

11:00 am in the Parlor, every other week

Currently studying the book of Genesis.

Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts

7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall & Other Rooms

Pack and Troop 771 are always welcoming new Cubs and Scouts for fun life-skill, camping, and leadership activities.

Tuesday

Bible 101

6:00 pm in Session Room (#205) and via Zoom

Digging into God's Word is what Bible 101 is all about—digging into the Word and applying it to our lives. In Bible 101 we talk about God's Word in a relaxed, unintimidating atmosphere where you can ask questions about faith or what you're reading, share real-life experiences in confidence, and find plenty of support and encouragement. We are currently studying the Immerse Bible book titled "Messiah." Immerse is a different kind of Bible experience where the Bible text is laid out in a simple, single-column setting with no chapter and verse numbers, section headings, or footnotes. It looks and reads like any other book - though it is, of course, unlike any other book in the world!



Tuesday (continued)

Girl Scouts

6:00 pm in various rooms upstairs

This troop is always welcoming girls of all ages, from Daisies on up, to take part in the fun activities and leadership development Girl Scouting is known for!

Wednesday

BYOB Supper & Bible Study

6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall & On Zoom

Tune in on Zoom or come socially distant in-person to study **God's Word. Led by Pastor Jim using study booklets he personally writes** (and provided by the church free of charge). The fall study will look at the book of Proverbs. Bring your own bag supper and feel free to eat during the study. Children welcome, too.

Sanctuary Choir

6:00 pm in Choir Room

All singers and music lovers welcome as we prepare music for Sunday worship, Homecoming, and the upcoming Advent and Christmas season!

Handbells

6:45 pm in Choir Room

Novice and experienced ringers welcome as we prepare music for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season!

AA (Freedom in Growth)

7:00 pm in Session Room (#205)

Women-only meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous. See the website www.fayaa.org for additional information.

Thursday

Fireside Chat

6:00 pm on YouTube

Tune in for thought-provoking discussion on a variety of spiritual topics. Past episodes available on the Colin MacPherson YouTube channel.

Friday

AA (SOS: Seekers of Sobriety)

7:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

An open meeting of Alcoholics Anonymous; anyone may attend. See the website www.fayaa.org for additional information.

Sunday

8:45 Worship Experience

In the Sanctuary & Broadcast on YouTube

A more casual worship experience that features the same Scripture and hymns as the 11:00 service.

Sunday Morning Fellowship Breakfast

9:30-9:55 in the Fellowship Hall

Join us for coffee, conversation, and a light breakfast (all free of charge). The tables in the Fellowship Hall are socially **distant and masks are encouraged when you're not eating. If you're new to MacPherson, we'd love to meet you (and there's no better way to meet others than over a nice breakfast). If you've worshiped here awhile, this is a good time to catch up with folks you might not have seen lately.**

Sunday (continued)

Sunday Morning Korean Fellowship

10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

A time of relaxed fellowship for Korean-speaking members and their guests.

Children's Sunday School

10:00 am in Various Rooms

PreK-1st Grade, Room 122

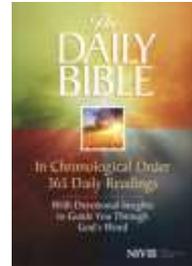
2nd-5th Grade, Room 224

6-12th Grade, Room 204

Adult Sunday School: Chronological Bible Study

10:00 am in the Parlor (Room 110)

The class is currently in the New Testament at the point where Jesus is sending out the Apostles before the death of John the Baptist. Plenty of reading and discussion left before the class begins a new study at the start of the year!



11:00 am Worship Experience

In the Sanctuary & Broadcast on YouTube

A traditional worship experience generally featuring the same hymns as the early worship but with additional special music by the choir and other musicians.

Sunday Morning Nursery Inspiration

11:00 am in the Nursery

Playtime, music, and learning for the youngest crowd at MacPherson.

Sunday (continued)

M&Ms and Young Disciples, Grades K-5

12:00 pm in various rooms

This younger youth group focuses on fellowship and the spiritual development of youth. The 1st and 3rd Sundays are focused on Bible and character building activities; music activities take place on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays. Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch/snack before activities begin!

Youth Group, Grades 6-12

12:00 pm in various rooms

This older Youth group offers fellowship and spiritual development for teens. In addition to their weekly gatherings, this past year the Youth conducted service projects, ran two yard sales, helped with Vacation Bible School, attended a winter and summer retreat, started attending Session regularly, and conducted two different worship services. New members warmly welcomed! Meet in the Fellowship Hall for a light lunch/snack before activities begin!

Summary of Opportunities

Sunday Morning

- 8:45 am Worship Experience (Sanctuary)
- Sunday Morning Fellowship Breakfast (9:30 am/Fellowship Hall)
- Sunday Morning Korean Fellowship (10 am/Fellowship Hall)
- Children's Sunday School (10 am/Various Rooms)
- Adult Sunday School (10 am, Parlor)
- 11:00 am Worship Experience (Sanctuary & YouTube)
- Sunday Morning Nursery Inspiration (11 am/Nursery)

Sunday Afternoon

- M & Ms/ Young Disciples (12:00 pm/Various Rooms)
- Youth Group (12:00 pm/Various Rooms)

Monday Morning

- Monday Morning Prayer Group (7:30 am/Fellowship Hall)
- Monday Morning Korean Bible Study (11:00 am/Parlor/Biweekly)
- Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts (7:00 pm, Various Rooms)

Tuesday Evening

- Bible 101 (6:00 pm/#205 & Zoom)
- Girl Scouts (6:00 pm/Various Rooms)

Wednesday Evening

- BYOB Supper & Bible Study (6:00 pm/Fellowship Hall & Zoom)
- Sanctuary Choir (6:00 pm/Choir Room)
- Handbells (6:45 pm/Choir Room)
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Thursday Morning

- Fireside Chat (6:00 pm/YouTube)

Friday Evening

- AA-Seekers of Sobriety (7:00 pm/Fellowship Hall)

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