



THE LIGHT



**"WHY DO YOU LOOK FOR THE LIVING AMONG THE
DEAD? HE IS NOT HERE BUT HAS RISEN."
LUKE 24:5**



ASHES & PRAYERS

THANKS TO EVERYONE THAT WAS ABLE TO STOP BY DURING ASH WEDNESDAY!
WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR THE MEANINGFUL TIME TOGETHER!



Pastor's Page with Pastor Kim

We are created to be creative. During this season of Lent, we are invited to come to God with the creativity, play, and spirituality of children. We will do so in partnership with our friends at Riviera Presbyterian Church in a new, experimental project called Creative Spirits.



Along with our individual practices, our communities will be offering three collective in-person creative worship opportunities at different points through the season:

Taizé Worship and Reflection – Miami Shores Presbyterian Church Chapel, Wednesday, February 28th, 7 pm **“Stillness, Prayer, and Song”**

Worship with the community in a contemplative way. Chant with the group and experience a deep level of centering, gratitude, and love with the community and the spirit of God.

Bring a dessert to share for after worship. This is a moment for MSPC to offer hospitality to our partners and friends in Christ at Riviera Presbyterian Church, and beyond!

Creative Movement and Body Prayer – Riviera Presbyterian Church, Sunday, March 10th, 3 pm **“Movement is Life, and Life is Movement”**

During this sacred time, we will connect to our spirits by moving our bodies, exploring our relationship to God in space, in ourselves, and in one another.

People of all ages, body types, and experience levels are welcome.

Whether your movement style is gentle or bold, quick or relaxed, big or small... we can't wait to share in this time of holy motion with you!

Worship will be held inside our church sanctuary. Wear your most comfortable clothes. Bring a friend! Shoes are optional.

Ancient and Modern Psalms – Kendall Indian Hammocks Park, Shelter 5, Sunday, March 17th, 3 pm **“Poetry of Joy and Lament”**

Bring your favorite Psalm or poem to share with those who come. We also hope for this to be a time to be in community in a setting that our Creator has made. Bring a dish to share!

Everyone is welcome to participate in these special Creative Spirit spaces, regardless of age, skill level, faith, or how creative we might think ourselves to be.

You will be hearing more about these offerings in worship these upcoming weeks! If you would like to participate, have any questions, or aren't sure how to get there, contact me: kim@mspc.net

May we connect with our God and Creator in new ways as we create alongside God and each other!

Peace and blessings,

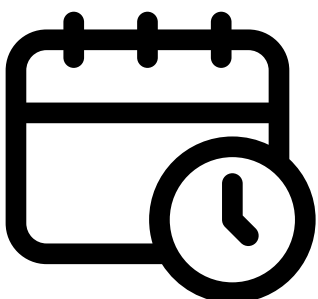
Pastor Kim

Transitional Ministry Column

As MSPC continues in this time of transition, it would be helpful for the wider church to understand the tasks (or the job description) that was given to me, and the Session, by the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, when I said "yes" to the call as Transitional Pastor of MSPC in July 2020. Each month, I will focus on a different task.

- **Task for Transitional Pastor:** *Renewing the Spiritual Life of the Congregation*

Creative Spirits is a new effort that the Sessions at both Miami Shores Presbyterian Church and Riviera Presbyterian Church have agreed to try together. This is an experimental project that Rev. Melanie Marsh and I have been discerning and praying about for some time now. And, we are both excited to see what the Spirit might do with us in this time of creativity. The hope is that as we attempt to use our creativity – to go beyond the worship that we know – that we will experience something renewing with our God. Perhaps this will spark new ways to pray and new ways to be in community with God and each other. It will allow us to get out of our usual spaces, perhaps allowing new participants to enter into prayer with us. May the Spirit of God lead us in the season of renewal.



Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, March 10th at 12 PM in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.



LENT TAIZE SERVICE

Join us every Wednesday during LENT,
in the Chapel.

**February 14th to March 27th
7:00 pm in the Chapel**

Ancient and Modern-Day Psalms Poetry of Joy and Lament



Join Us!

Sunday,
March 17th,
3PM, Shelter 5,
Kendall Indian
Hammocks Park



Bring your favorite poem or Psalm to share. Bring food to share for continued fellowship.



MIAMI SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Easter **SUNDAY**

MARCH 31ST

**6:30 AM Sunrise Service
on the Front Lawn**

**11:00 AM Worship Service
in the Sanctuary**

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Easter Egg Hunt

SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST - 10:30 AM ON THE FRONT LAWN

Everyone is Welcome! - Bring Your Own Basket



Easter Lilies Dedications!

AVAILABLE FOR \$15

Collection runs from March 10th to 24th



Mission Corner

By Marta Lavandier & Leslie Wallace



SAVE THE DATE!

SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024

After Church

MISSION LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Missions Committee will be sharing with the Congregation updates about an exciting new Missions venture. Please be part of the venture.

Sign up for reservations will be on March 17, March 24, and April 7, in the Breezeway.

The \$10.00 donation will be sent to one of MSPC Mission partners.

HOUSE OF HOPE

Supplies are starting to arrive and thanks are sent to MSPC from the House of Hope for ongoing prayers and financial support in 2023.

SAFESPACE

MSPC is partnering with Safespace, a new local mission partner. Safespace is a non-profit organization founded in 1978. They provide safety and support to victims of domestic violence and their children. They assist with a safe place to live, food, counseling, emergency assistance, information and referrals. The closest Safespace shelter is a few blocks from MSPC. They have 63 single beds and 14 cribs. Most people seeking refuge from domestic abuse stay at Safespace for 6-8 weeks.



Safespace is in constant need for the following items:

- Toiletries- Full size preferably
- Gently used children's and teen clothing and shoes
- Flip flops- All sizes

Bring your donations on the first Sunday of the month. A table will be set up in the breezeway. Please label the bag.

FIRST SUNDAY DONATIONS - MARCH 3RD, 2024

Collections in the Breezeway - Pass it On-Canned goods and non-perishables.
Chapman Partnership - New underclothes and gently used clothes for adults.
Safespace - Please see the information above.

Collection in the Narthex - Old, no longer used prescription eyeglasses. The lenses will be evaluated and then sent on to assist people with their vision.

Thank you for your generosity!

Please contact **Marta Lavandier** (MLavandier2000@yahoo.com) or **Leslie Wallace** (lesliead.wallace@gmail.com) for more information.

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GARDEN MINISTRY

Garden lovers weeded tilled and added new dirt to five planting beds around MSPC. We plan to install new tropical and native plants. We'll announce the day soon. This landscape project is made possible by your 2022, 2023 donations from the Give Miami Day fundraiser. If you are interested in volunteering at a future workday, please contact Marta Lavandier at MLavandier@ap.org.

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THE CASE FOR CHRIST

By Craig Swanson

*On Sunday, February 25, we began a 6-week video series entitled **The Case for Christ**. You may still join the class even if you missed the first week. The video series is written and narrated by Lee Strobel. Lee was the lead investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune. He was also a confirmed atheist. After his wife accepted Christ, Lee set out to disprove the diety of Christ. As a result of his investigation, he accepted Christ. This is a well done, interesting, and compelling video series. Please join us in the Library at 10:00 on Sunday mornings.*

BUDGET & FINANCE

By Terry Rodriguez



Budget & Finance is tasked with the job of being faithful stewards of our donations and meeting the needs of our large campus while acknowledging the abundance that we have been given.

Discussions around budgets and having enough money to pay necessary expenses don't sound like fun to most people and I understand that. However, it is the desire of the committee that MSPC members have a clear understanding of the budget.

Budget & Finance, along with Pastor Kim, David Kinchen, and Steven Silvestro worked hard to create a 2024 Budget that we believe is as realistic and faithful as possible. I encourage you to pick up a 2024 Budget, review it, and reach out to me or anyone on Budget & Finance with your questions. Budgets can be found on the table in the Narthex. And be on the lookout for the Narrative Budget coming soon!

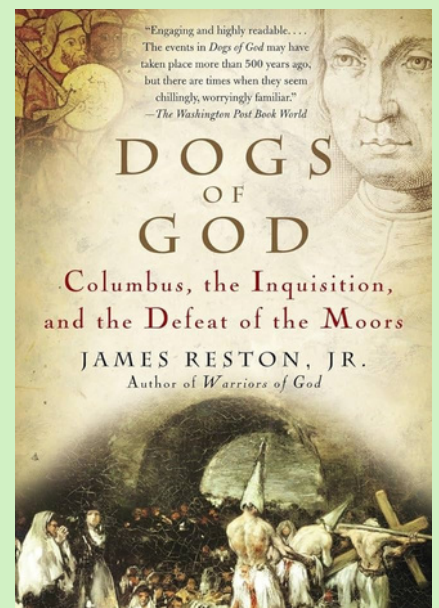
Peace,
Terry Rodriguez

PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH, 9:00 TO 10:30 AM

"Dogs of God: Columbus, the Inquisition and the Defeat of the Moors" by James Reston, Jr

Writing about the pivotal events of 1492 and Spain's efforts to consolidate its own burgeoning power by breaking away from the Vatican.



MSPCS NEWS

Happy Easter from MSPCS!



February was the month of love, and our students LOVED the annual Valentine's Day carnival on February 9 on the school field. There were games, food trucks, and music! The students also enjoyed a visit from children's author and illustrator, Jonathan Miller, and our teachers participated in "Schools United Professional Development Day" (SUPD), one of the largest Christian education conferences in the country.

In March, as Easter approaches, our students are looking forward to:

- Picture Day on March 6;
- The Spring Book Fair starts on March 11; and
- The Spring Show on March 14.

And don't forget about Spring Break during the week between Palm Sunday and Easter! Everyone at MSPCS wishes you a blessed and happy Easter!



If you are interested in scheduling a tour for either the Elementary School (K-5th grade) or Preschool (6 weeks – PreK), Please call 305-759-2548 or email schools@mspcs.net.

Upcoming Dates & Events

First Sunday of the Month: Pass It On Collection,
Chapman Collection, Serve at Chapman Partnership,
Safespace Donation

Sundays: 11 AM Worship Service

Sundays: 10 AM "The Case for Christ"

Thursdays: Children's Choirs*

Fridays: 6:30 PM Youth Group

Saturdays: 9 AM "Antiracism Book Club"

Wednesdays: 9 AM Soft Dolls Workshop

Wednesdays: 7 PM LENT TAIZE SERVICE

Thursday, March 8th: International Women's Day

Sunday, March 10th: 12 PM Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 10th: 3 PM "Movement is Life, and Life is Movement" - Rivera Presbyterian Church

Thursday, March 14th: 9 AM Presbyterian Book Club

**Sunday, March 17th: 3 PM Ancient and Modern-Day
Psalms Poetry of Joy and Lament**

Sunday, March 24th: 11 AM Palm Sunday Service

Friday, March 29th: 7 PM Good Friday

Sunday, March 31st: EASTER SUNDAY

6:30 AM Sunrise Service on the Front Lawn

10:30 AM EGG HUNT

11:00 AM Worship Service in the Sanctuary



*Children Choirs

Choir Offerings will be on Thursdays:

- K-2nd, "The Orchids"
4:15 - 4:45 pm
- 3rd - 5th, "The B Naturals (B 4's)"
4:50 - 5:35 pm

Church singing: First Sunday of every month (Oct. - June 2nd).

To sign-up for a choir, and/or to receive more information, please contact Phil Woodard at pwoodard@mshpcs.net.

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