



THE LIGHT



**"YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."
MARK 12:31**



Pastor's Page with Pastor Kim

As part of the church's Strategic Plan, the Session decided to create a new position, which would bridge the church and the school. I am thrilled that we have filled this position with someone who is a gift to our church and school community.

Renae Bonds serves as a chaplain at the school. She teaches Bible Classes weekly at the Elementary School. Next year, she will lead Chapel services. And, she also serves as a support and resource for our students, families, and staff.

Miss Bonds is also the church's new Director of Children's Ministry. She oversees all the programming for the children at MSPC. This currently includes giving the Children's Message during worship, teaching and leading Children's Church, and directing and overseeing our Vacation Bible School.

It has been a joy working with Miss Bonds, and seeing how she interacts with the children, families, and staff. She brings a positive energy, and she is a nurturing, wise spirit. If you, or your child(ren), have not met Miss Bonds yet, get yourself to worship and Children's Church on Sunday!

Children's Church lessons have been following alongside our Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood lessons. The first week the children talked about their own neighborhood and neighbors, and the importance of being a welcoming neighbor. Then they each made their own neighbor. The second week, they looked at the story of Jacob and Esau and talked about forgiveness and peace. Each of them also created a beautiful dove with an olive branch. The children walked out of the space very proud of their beautiful doves.

This summer promises to be a treat for our whole church. Miss Bonds is offering a full-day Vacation Bible School the week of July 8-12. She brings her energy and creativity to the program. This is a summer that you, your child(ren), and youth do not want to miss. Reach out to see how you can volunteer, or register your child(ren): rbonds@mSPCs.net

Please continue to help me in welcoming Miss Bonds to the church family and neighborhood! Miss Bonds, we are glad that you are here!

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 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:** *Discovering a new identity*

With the help of Mr. Rogers, we’ve been discovering our new identity. In September 2022, the Session completed the church’s new mission and vision statements, based on your insights through the Church Assessment Tool and listening Sessions. And, since then, the Session has been discerning how we live into our new mission and vision. Mr. Rogers has shown us that we “Welcome All” and “Build Community” by practicing kindness and respect with our neighbors. And we practice being a good neighbor by welcoming those that are new to our church. Our Deacons have helped us to facilitate practicing welcome and being in community with the beautiful fellowship that is available to all that walk through the doors of the Fellowship Hall. If you have not experienced this fellowship, then please find a Sunday to stay for the fellowship after worship. Come be a part of MSPC community!



MIAMI SHORES
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



MSPC VBS 2024

JULY 8TH-12TH

FOR CHILDREN ENTERING K-5TH GRADE

REGISTRATION IS OPEN: *9 AM-12 PM \$53/PER CHILD
OR *9 AM-5 PM \$103/PER CHILD -

*EARLY DROP-OFF AVAILABLE FROM 8-9 AM
TO REGISTER, EMAIL RENAE BONDS: RBONDS@MSPCS.NET.

WELCOME OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Renae Bonds

We are thrilled to introduce our newest addition to MSPC: Our Director of Children Ministry, Renae Bonds! With over 25 years of experience in education, Renae brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to our community. Originally from Miami, FL, she has returned after 20 years away, eager to share her love and guidance with us. Renae sees the heart, joy, and humor of God in children, and she believes her calling is to help them become resilient, resourceful, and ready in Him. Beyond her dedication to her calling, Renae enjoys learning, reading, arts and crafts, listening to music, and beach outings. We feel immensely blessed and honored to welcome her into our amazing church and school!

"I Greet you all with heart-felt appreciation and gratitude,

*My name is Renae Bonds (Ms. Bonds as the children refer to me). I am an ordained Minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ since 2018. I received my Chaplain certificate in 2020. I have worked with various Children's Ministry for over 20 years. I have also worked in the education and childcare fields for over 20 years. I am overjoyed with the opportunity to work with the children, families, staff, and Leadership of Miami Shores Presbyterian Church and School. Everyone has been so very welcoming. I love seeing the joy and excitement in the children as they discover, relate, connect, and create in their experiences with the word of God. It is my prayer that each child finds love, safety, and valuable life lessons as we travel this part of the journey together. This year I will be Directing the "**Vacation Bible School Program**" Rocky Railway- Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through", during the week of July 8- 12, 2024. It is my heart's desire that everyone connected to this endeavor be richly blessed with wonderful memories and experiences.*

*Peace and Blessings,
Ms. Bonds*



*In the spirit of **Easter**, we express our sincerest thanks to all who gathered with us. Your presence made our celebration truly meaningful!*





BUILDING COMMUNITY

Easter blessings abound!

We deeply appreciate your presence in worship and fellowship



MSPC - FIRST QUARTER 2024 INCOME AND EXPENSES

by Terry Rodriguez

Hello MSPC Community. This month's FAITH & FINANCES is dedicated to the first quarter income and expenses. See notes for clarifications and feel free to reach out with any questions.

INCOME	
Contributions	\$79,604.66
Offerings	\$630.00
Subtotal CONTRIBUTIONS	\$80,234.66
Other Income	\$166,152.94
Income	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$246,387.60

PLEGDED, NON-PLEGDED, LOOSE PLATE
62% of Active Members Pledged for 2024

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

TOWER INCOME
MSPCS FACILITY USE FEE

EXPENSES	
PROGRAM EXPENSES	
Family Ministry and Youth	\$3,954.75
Adult Christian Education	\$0.00
Schools	\$0.00
Congregational Life	\$373.46
Music	\$13,925.00
Missions	\$2,223.32
Pastoral Care	\$0.00
Worship	\$1,601.26
Facility Use Expenses	\$0.00
Living Nativity	\$0.00
Communications	\$603.68
Subtotal PROGRAM EXPENSES	\$22,681.47

SOLOIST, ORGANIST, MUSIC DIR., TAIZE &
EASTER SPECIAL MUSIC

INCLUDES PROPERTY INSURANCE
INCREASED \$59K 2022-24
Approx 2024 cost \$166k

OPERATING EXPENSES	
Finance/Admin/Stewardship	\$55,466.55
Operations	\$32,997.71
Personnel	\$124,385.72
Addition to Reserve	\$0.00
Revitalization/Renovations	\$0.00
Subtotal OPERATING EXPENSES	\$212,849.98

MAINTENANCE/REPAIRS
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS
CHURCH, SCHOOL & CHAPEL

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	\$0.00
EXPENSES	\$0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$235,531.45
NET TOTAL	\$10,856.15



Mission Corner

By Marta Lavandier & Leslie Wallace

Thank you to all of those who were able to attend the Mission Luncheon and supported this MSPC Mission effort with your presence and generosity. Thanks again to Anne Paulk for sharing memories of Jim Davis, whose bequest started the mission with the Lomagundi Clinic in Zimbabwe.

House of Hope began its humanitarian efforts in Haiti in 1956. It includes a clinic and a home for orphaned, abandoned, disabled, and displaced children. About 100 children live at House of Hope at any time. We have partnered with House of Hope for several decades. The church supports them with an annual financial contribution.

You can help HOH by purchasing a "Most Wanted" items from their Amazon wishlist at [-HOH Wish List | Amazon Gift List](#) .



You can also make a financial contribution at Extreme Response International at: extremeresponse.org/us-donations/ Choose: "Other designation: "Ministry partners" in the "Give to" drop-down menu. Then in the "Ministry Partner" drop-down box, you'll see the "House of Hope"

What's Up Next? BACKPACKS!! (June to August)

While school is not yet over for this year the Missions Committee is looking ahead to be ready in August to help area elementary school children with school-supply filled Backpacks. Lists of suggested supplies will be included in the June "Light" and financial contributions are also welcome. (If a donation is made via an electronic transfer, please include a notation "Missions/Backpacks"). Early in August, after church, the backpacks will be filled. A light luncheon will be served in Fellowship Hall. Please come!

First Sunday Donations- April 7, 2024: Collection Tables are in the Breezeway. Many thanks for your generosity.

The Eyeglass Collection box is in the Narthex: two full bags were delivered in March.

Pass It On: Canned goods and non-perishables.

Chapman Partnership: New underclothes and gently used clothes for adults.

SafeSpace: toiletries-full size preferable and gently used clothing for teens and children.

The next scheduled Missions meeting is **Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 7:00 PM**, in the Library.

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

GARDEN MINISTRY

The Garden Ministry is hosting a Plant Fundraiser on Mother's Day, **May 12th**. All proceeds will benefit the vegetable/flower garden and landscaping around the MSPC campus. All plants will be \$3-4. Please bring cash.

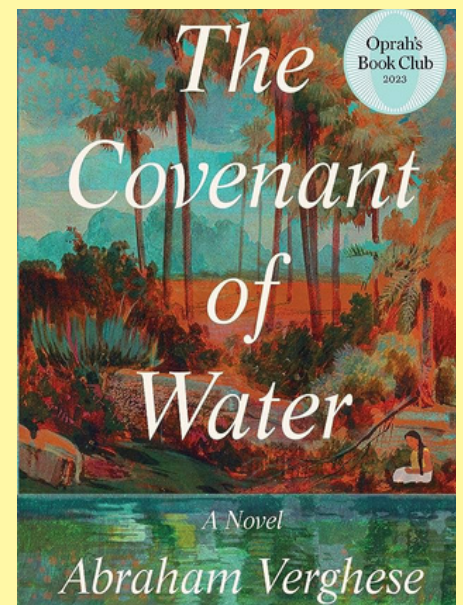


PRESBYTERIAN BOOK CLUB

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 9:00 TO 10:30 AM

"The Poisonwood Bible" by Barbara Kingsolver

Spanning years 1900 - 1977 in southern India. A 12 year old Christian girl is is sent to marry a 40 year old man and become the matriarch of the family and witness to all the changes of that century.



MSPCS NEWS

Spring Has Sprung at MSPCS!



Registration for the 2024-2025 is NOW OPEN! If you or someone you know is looking for a high-quality education and nurturing community environment, then this is the place for you! Please email (schools@mspcs.net) or call the MSPCS office at 305-751-5417 (for Nursery through PK4) or 305-759-2548 (for Kindergarten through 5th Grade) to arrange a tour.



MSPCS is thrilled to introduce our newest addition to the school: Our MSPCS Chaplain, Renae Bonds! With over 25 years of experience in education, Renae brings a wealth of knowledge and passion to our community. We feel immensely blessed and honored to welcome her into our amazing school and church family. (Read more about her on Page 5)

MSPCS also welcomes Ms. Jayleen who will be working as administrative assistant. We look forward to her sharing her gifts with our MSPCS family.

April was full of wonderful memories: On April 5, 2024, students and families enjoyed the MSPCS "Night Under the Stars Glow Party and Auction" - a "Glow Up" Dance Party in collaboration with the Parent Association and our amazing 5th-grade class! Students lit up the night with glow sticks, neon attire, and their best dance moves as 5th grade created a fun and luminous experience for our students and families. On April 19, 2024, parents and friends were treated to our student's Virtual Talent Performance – musical performances, martial arts, and dance were all on display.

As we get ready for May, MSPCS students are preparing for the end of the year, for their final MAP Testing, and for the Field Day/Fun Run on May 24th. The Fifth Grade Graduation on May 29, 2024 is sure to be special!



Ms. Bonds



Ms. Jayleen

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

**May 5th: End of "Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Sermon
Series and Fellowship Hour**

Thursdays: Children's Choirs*

Fridays: 6:30 PM Youth Group

Saturdays: 9 AM "Antiracism Book Club"

Wednesdays: 9 AM Soft Dolls Workshop

Thursday, May 9th: 9 AM Presbyterian Book Club

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH: MOTHER'S DAY

PLANT FUNDRAISER BY GARDEN MINISTRY

SUNDAY, MAY 19TH: PENTECOST

Thursday, May 30th: Last Day of MSPCS

JULY 8TH-12TH: MSPC VBS 2024!



*Children Choirs

Choir Offerings will be on Thursdays:

- K-2nd, "The Orchids"
4:15 - 4:45 pm
- 3rd - 5th, "The B Naturals (B ♯'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@mspcs.net.

**SAVE THE DATE!! On Sunday, May 19th,
Bellarmonia and Maverick Singers will be leading us
in song during 11 am worship!**

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