


THANKS FOR JOINING US TODAY!



Please take a moment to sign the Welcome Book, located in your pew. Members, please greet any guests seated near you.

If you're joining us virtually, sign easily at mrcc.org/welcomebook.




Please Join Us For

First Cup

First Cup is an opportunity for newcomers to learn more about MRCC

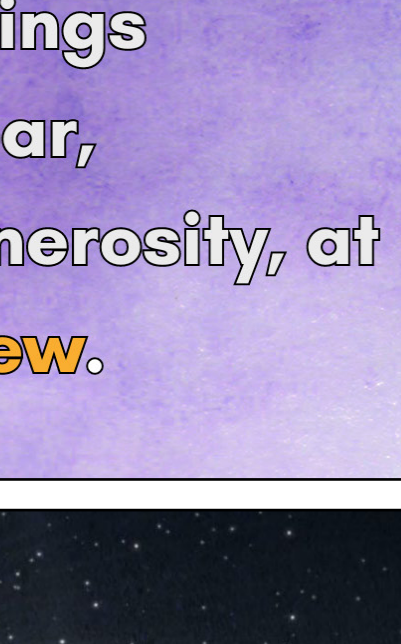
Every Sunday at 9:35 a.m. in the Welcome Center

Visit mrcc.org/firstcup for more details



WELCOME MUGS AND BASKETS

These simple gifts are available at Information Central. Mugs are intended for first-time, local guests to MRCC, while baskets are for newcomers to your neighborhood. Deliver a mug or basket today!



FEATURED ITEMS



Purpose Cards are available today at Information Central and all our pickup locations. Pledges can also be emailed to Tammy McKeever at tammy.mckeever@mrcc.org



See all the amazing things God has done this year, through your service and generosity, at mrcc.org/yearinreview.

Let the weary world REJOICE!

Join us on Sunday mornings at 8:15 am or 10:45 am and for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on December 24 at 5 pm

PICK UP INVITES FOR OUR HOLIDAY SERVICES!

Share the love of Jesus and invite your neighbors, co-workers, and friends to our services this holiday season. Invites are available at our regular pickup locations.

MINISTRY UPDATES



JOIN US THIS WEDNESDAY FOR FAMILY CHRISTMAS WOW, DECEMBER 20 AT 6:30.

ONCE UPON A ROOM

Our final special giving project of the holiday season is to bless kids going through extended hospital stays. New toys of all kinds and for all ages are welcome and can be placed in the boxes in the lobby throughout this month. If you're interested in volunteering in this cool ministry, contact Taylor Steele at taylor.steele@oc.edu.

women's ministry

Winter small group Bible studies and classes for women begin January 10, and registration is open! Wednesday morning options include *Abide: A Study of 1, 2, & 3 John* by Jen Wilkin; *God of Deliverance: A Study of Exodus 1-18* by Jen Wilkin; and *Mom Set Free: Good News for Moms Who Are Tired of Trying to be Good Enough* by Jeannie Cunnion. Wednesday night options include *Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?* by Philip Yancey and a CWBS study of *2 Peter & Jude* (starts January 24). Register at mrcc.org/women by December 27. The *Come As You Are* option on Wednesday nights is *Then Sings My Soul*. No need to sign up, just come to A119!

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

MEETS EVERY FRIDAY

6 PM - DINNER

1ST TIME GUESTS EAT FREE!!!

7 PM - LARGE GROUP

A TIME OF WORSHIP FOLLOWED BY PERSONAL TESTIMONY OR RECOVERY LESSON

8 PM - OPEN SHARE GROUPS

GENDER AND ISSUE SPECIFIC SMALL GROUPS

9 PM - COMMON GROUNDS

FELLOWSHIP, COFFEE & DESSERT

PARTICIPANTS RECEIVE

FREE CHILDCARE 6:45-9:15

MRCC.ORG/CR

celebraterecovery@mrcc.org

MEMORIAL ROAD

Holiday Schedule

OFFICE HOURS:

- DEC 22-26 - CLOSED
- DEC 27-29 - 9-3
- JAN 1 - 2 - Closed

WORSHIP & CLASS TIMES:

- WED, DEC 6 & 13 - CHRISTMAS WOW AT 6:30, CHILDREN AND YOUTH MEET AS NORMAL
- WED, DEC 20 - FAMILY CHRISTMAS WOW AT 6:30 (NO CHILDREN'S OR YOUTH CLASSES)
- SUN, DEC 24 - 1 SERVICE AT 9:30 AM (NO CLASS) & 5:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
- WED, DEC 27 - 7:00 PM AREA WIDE SERVICE AT NORTH MACARTHUR
- SUNDAY, DEC 31 - 1 SERVICE AT 9:30 AM (NO CLASS), NO EVENING WORSHIP
- WED, JAN 3 - NO CLASSES



CARE & COUNSELING

MINISTRY

Visit mrcc.org/care for details on all our CARE Ministry offerings

GRIEFSHARE

is MRCC's annual program in support of those walking in grief.

Our church family cares deeply about those grieving in any way, and we don't want you to feel you are grieving alone. We want to offer you love, hope, and support in your journey. Professional counselor, **Cherry Hart**, leads this program at MRCC. If you have experienced the death of a loved one, please join us for this program of education and support. In an atmosphere of love, we discuss the journey of grief and acquire tools to handle this difficult time in our lives. *GriefShare* meets Wednesdays, January-March, from 6-7:30 p.m., beginning on January 10, 2024. There is no cost to participants. Learn more at mrcc.org/care.

Family to Family

is an educational program for family, significant others, and friends of people with mental health conditions. The material is provided by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) and is a very thorough, supportive program. *Family-to-Family* will be led by MRCC member Jeff Mager on Sundays, January 7 to March 3, from 2-4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. There is no cost to participants. Learn more at mrcc.org/care.

OTHER NOTES

Bible Hour

Children 3 years – Kindergarten are invited to join our weekly Bible hours.

Kingdom Kids meets in the Journey Land Game Room during first service, and Creation Station meets during second service in the preschool multipurpose room.

STAY CONNECTED & INFORMED

 Watch live or previous broadcasts of worship, sermons, or WOW at YouTube.com/memorialroad.

 Download the MRCC App (for iOS and Android) for easy access to all our resources. Check it out today!

SERMON INFO

DEEP

CALLS TO DEEP

This morning, Phil will preach our second lesson in the series *Deep Calls to Deep*. This message is entitled *Sing Through*, and we will talk about how the power of music can carry us through the difficult times in our lives. Phil will look at the songs in the nativity story and show how they help carry the characters through the twists and turns of the story. He will also use the back story to one of the most famous Christmas songs to drive home the idea that we are called to *Sing Through*.

Message in the Music

The Greatest Commands: A Sermon on Love

What does the song *The Greatest Commands* have to teach us about love? Each verse has been uniquely crafted right out of scripture to teach us how to live our best lives, especially during this time of the year. Join us on Sunday evening in worship as we unpack the song, *The Greatest Commands*!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If you would like to dig deeper into the sermon or Sunday class discussions, check out the MRCC App or visit mrcc.org/dq for supplemental material.

FAMILY UPDATES

12-17-23

Hospitalized

Ann Patterson

is in Mercy Rehab recovering from a fall. Wyatt Brown, newborn grandson of **Robert & Cari Phillips**, is in Children's NICU.

Prayer Requests

Gary Bodine

is recovering from surgery and awaiting pathology reports.

Our Sympathy

is extended to...

Trish Heath on the death of her father, Leo Harrington, Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Washed Anew

We Celebrate The Following Baptism:

Abby Evans, daughter of Patrick & Tina Evans, who was baptized Monday, Dec. 11.

Hayden Estes, son of Wade & Joyce Estes, who was baptized Wednesday, Dec. 13.

Ways to give

mrcc.org

mrcc app

text amount to: 884.311.2333

We would love to pray for you. Submit your prayer requests at mrcc.org/prayer, or on the MRCC App.

Weekly Budget: \$106,147 | Avg Weekly Offering: \$104,287 | YTD Budget Deficit: \$93,009

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