

September 16th, 2018

Grow in a group this season! If you've been thinking about taking a next step at church, an excellent step is to join a group. Stop by the groups table in the Lobby on Sundays during the month of September or visit mpcc.org/groups to sign up for one of two types:

- **Community Groups** - Our primary group type where members practice "doing life" together. These groups have rhythms of discipleship, fellowship, and mission. Most groups will kick off the first week of October.
- **Freedom** - A powerful and engaging eight week presentation of truth led by Pastor Alan that will challenge you and move you into freedom. Freedom kicks off October 3rd.

Night of Prayer. Come take part in a night of concerted prayer as a church family on Wednesday, September 26th at 7 pm in the Auditorium. We'll spend time in worship and pray intentionally for our church, community, and world.

Widow's Might Dinner on Friday, September 21 at 6:30 pm. Linda Hostetter has been ministering to widows around the world and sharing the love of Christ abroad through Widow's Might. You are invited to a dinner at Mount Pleasant Community Church to hear stories of this ministry and potentially partner with what God is doing through Widow's Might Ministry International. There is no cost to attend. Visit the Info Center or email Pastor Wally at wally.hostetter@mpcc.org to RSVP.

Embraced By God Widows Luncheon! Widows, please join us for fellowship and lunch, today after the second service (11:30 am) in the Chapel area.

uLife, our College Ministry, meets on Tuesday nights at 7 pm in the Loft. This month we are exploring the answer to the question, "what makes you happy?"

Stay Connected

Fill out a **Connection Card**, available in the seat in front of you, to let us know you worshiped with us. You can also submit a prayer request, ask for information, or update your contact information on the card. If you happen to be new, bring your connection card to the Info Center after the service. We'd love to meet you!

Giving is an act of worship and there are several ways you can participate: cash or check in the offering, online at mpcc.org/give to give once or setup recurring gifts, or text 'mpccgive' to 77977. Thanks for your ministry partnership!

There are many ways to stay connected at Community Church! Visit us online at mpcc.org, follow us on **Facebook**, or stop by the Info Center!

Last Week

Attendance: 1677

4 Month YTD Giving: \$524,330

4 Month YTD Budget: \$500,936

4 Month YTD Expense: \$491,578

Worship • 8:30 am, 10:15 am, and 12:00 pm

kidLife • Infants through 6th grade • During worship

studentLife • Jr & Sr High • Sundays Nights 6 - 8 pm

uLife • College age • Tuesday Nights at 7 pm

Momentum • Young Professionals • Wednesday at 7 pm

General Info: info@mpcc.org (989) 773-3641 • **Contact an Elder:** elders@mpcc.org

Pastors: Wally Hostetter and Alan Cullen

Week 2: What is my Purpose?



NAVIGATING THE SPACE BETWEEN FACT AND FICTION
SEPTEMBER 9TH - 30TH

Message Notes, Scripture, & Questions
can also be found on the
YouVersion Bible App under Events.



Digging Deeper: Group Questions & Personal Reflection

1. How would you have answered the question of your personal purpose before and after this sermon? Also, define the difference between God's revealed will and his hidden will.
2. Read Romans 8: 29. This sums up our purpose very well. How do we accomplish this?
3. Read Matthew 16:25. This scripture can seem quite cryptic. How would you explain this to someone who does not know Christ at all?
4. Christians should be able to look back and see change happening in their lives all the time. In the last year, how has God prompted personal change in you and how does that reflect Galatians 5:22 in your own life?
5. Honesty Time! Are you truly passionate to be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ right now? What are the competing passions for you?
6. We talked about being emptied. God created into that which was void and formless. We see the example of Christ emptying himself (Phil 2). Jesus says "blessed are the poor in spirit". What does all of this mean in our efforts to be Christ-like?

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