



# Stewardship *focus*

Dear MVP'S,

May 12, 2011

Here's the second of three letters showcasing some of the opportunities for growth and service in our church. Too many ministries to fit in one letter is a great problem to have!

## Outreach

creating ways to connect with the congregation and community.



### Men's Basketball

Every Monday night, men in the congregation and community come together for a little friendly competition and exercise. It's a great event to invite a co-worker to.

Our Host Team rolls out the welcome mat each week, creating a welcoming atmosphere for regular attendees and guests to connect by greeting and serving at the Connection Center.

The Outreach Team has the great task of planning engaging events for the church and community that establish community and share God's love.



David Miles, who oversees outreach for MVPC, reports that since the first Sunday of 2011, 57 first time guests, and 42 second time guests have filled out Connection Cards. This means people are returning to Sunday service after their first time visit!



The Castle Brigade is one of our great volunteer groups. They meet weekly for breakfast, study and service projects around the church. The Castle Brigade keeps our building looking and working great. Anytime you notice a water fountain that got fixed, a hole patched & painted or a table that is no longer wobbly, it is because the Castle Brigade has been there and worked their magic.

# Worship & Music

is another area of ministry with numerous opportunities to use your talents and gifts.

## Music

We have an orchestra, adult choir, handbell choir, and praise team. Approximately 75 people currently participate in these musical groups,

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## The Creative Team

helps to plan worship, and the Tech Team operates the sound, projection, lights and recording of Sunday services and special events.



## Our Ushers

provide a friendly and welcoming atmosphere to all MVPC attendees before, during and after worship services. They greet attendees (free hugs available!), pass out bulletins, help with seating, direct and provide information.

# Children's Ministry

partnering with parents to reach the next generation.

Our Children's Ministry serves 175 children every Sunday morning for Sunday school and another 150 children and families through New Life Christian Preschool during the week.

There are numerous children's opportunities in the summer for kids! Over 400 children attended our summer programs including VBS, Performing Arts Camp and more!

Special events for families are offered throughout the year where kids and parents can learn and grow together.



Over 100 volunteers serve our children on Sunday mornings. We also are training up the next generation of volunteers by working closely with many teens to grow in their abilities and gifting to serve kids. Roughly 1/3 of our ministry volunteers are teenagers! We also train at least two college-aged interns each summer. We are investing in the future of Children's ministry leadership!

For more information on these and other opportunities at Maple Valley Presbyterian Church, go to [www.mvpc.net](http://www.mvpc.net)

Praise be to God, there is something for everyone at MVPC!

In His service,  
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