



**MORROW
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH**

Rev. Dr. John V. Callahan Jr
P. O. Box 316
6171 Huie Drive
Morrow, GA 30260

Phone: 770-961-5444
Fax: 770-960-0334
E-mail:
mpcpastor@bellsouth.net
mpcsecretary@bellsouth.net

"Reflecting Christ Together"

We're on the Web! Visit us at
www.morrowpresbyterian.org

Spotlight on...The Newsletter Staff



Your Newsletter Staff

We hope you are reading and enjoying your newsletter each month. A lot of time and effort goes into getting it to your mailbox.

I don't know what I would do without my trusty, devoted, and reliable newsletter staff. **Mary Butler** (also known as my Mom) and **Libby McNair** (also known as my Right Hand) come each month to proof, make suggestions, fold, stuff, label, stamp, tape, and deliver your newsletters to the post office.

These ladies bring joy to my newsletter day as we work, fellowship, and eat Chick-Fil-A. Many hugs and thanks to my crew!! *Dianne*

Volume 7, Issue 12

December 2014



MORROW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**Morrow Presbyterian
Herald**

The Pastor's Pen



This Christmas season, while you traverse the aisles and push through crowds to find that perfect gift; even as you brave the traffic getting from Point A to B, may you and your family be filled with the gift of Jesus Christ, following him wherever he leads you, finding peace in his arms wherever you are. Merry Christmas – Hail, hail to bring him laud, the Babe, the Son of Mary!

"Gifts from God" by Ann Weems
(from her book, *Reaching for Rainbows*)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end. They are new every morning.

The Lord God gave the people of the earth a garden, and the people said, "That's very nice, God, but that's not enough. We'd like a little knowledge, please."

The Lord God gave them knowledge. And the people said, "Now that we have knowledge, we'd like things."

The Lord God gave the people things, but they always said, "That's not quite enough." So the Lord God gave them gifts unequalled:

The Sun, Lightning and Thunder, Rain and Flowers, Animals and Birds and Fish, Trees and Stars and the Moon. God gave the Rainbow. God parted the Red Sea and gave them Manna. God gave them Prophets, and Children, and Each Other...

But still the people said, "That's not quite enough."

God loved the people, and out of ultimate merciful goodness, God gave them the Gift of Gifts

– A Christmas present never to be forgotten –

God gave them Love in the form of God's Son, even Jesus Christ.

There are some that don't open their eyes or their ears or their hearts, And they still say, that's not quite enough.

They wander through the stores looking for Christmas;

But others open their whole being to the Lord

Baring their knees to praise God,

Carrying Christmas with them every day.

For these the whole world is a gift!

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Spencer Grant (Allen Grant's father), Family of Dahlia Minton (requested by Rita Coughlin), George Kempson, Allene Rowland (former mbr Bonnie Ray's mother), Epetacio Sebilis (Grandma's son-in-law), Terry Dyche, Ruth Batchelor, Jeanette Adams, Jennifer Barber, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Esther Bland, Patty Bormolini, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Vanessa Buck, Wendall Byars, Janis Campbell, Marcia Cartledge, Cathy Chambers, Betty Colwell, Ilona Dorsey, Mary Dyche, Bob Eskew, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Meg Gore, Allen Grant, David Hadler, Bob Hardy, Erin Harkens, Beth Harper, James Harvey, Steve Hayner, John Henrickson, Laura Johnson, Vickie Loper, Suzanne Lukat, Noli Luna, Richard & Florence McCray, Julia McLeod, Sammy Miller, Sue Mitchell, Bernard Mock, David & Faye Moss, Florette Njonu, Nan Norton, Nuss Family, Breanna Ordaniel, Shanti Paramanandam, Beverly Pruett, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Justin, Jennifer, & Madison Thraikill, Laraine Tinsley, Morse UpDegraff, Eddy Wheeler, Pat White, Barbara Whitfield, Terry & Margie Williams, Drew Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; SPC Kevin & Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeremy **Butler** - Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; SPC Joseph **Eason**, Fort Bliss, TX; Jonathan **Johnson** - National Guard - GA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos**. U.S.; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, TX.

Santa Claus Express



Santa Claus Express 2014.

Choo...Choo...The Santa Claus Express is coming our way to benefit the Presbyterian Homes of Georgia. Please donate toiletries and small gift items for nursing care residents and seniors in need of such things as lipstick, robes, dusters, nail polish, toothbrushes, tissues, lotions, body wash, small, stuffed animals, sunglasses, stamps, and calendars. **The drop-off deadline is December 1, 2014.**

"Let us consider how to provoke one another to LOVE and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

Christmas Trees

Narthex Tree. If you would like to send a Christmas card to everyone in the congregation to share your Christmas message, a good way to do that is to send one to the church to be placed on the narthex Christmas tree. The money you may wish to include in your card this year will go toward one of our church expenses.

Fellowship Hall Tree. We will continue our new tradition of having a family tree in the fellowship hall. Please bring an ornament with your name on it to represent your family, and place it on the tree in the fellowship hall.

Advent Devotional Booklets

The First Sunday of Advent is November 30. Daily Family Devotions for Advent are available in the narthex. This year our devotion booklet is, "Joy in Jesus" Make sure you pick up a copy for your family.

Christmas Eve Service—7 p.m.



Our Christmas Eve Candle-light/Communion service will be on December 24, 2014 at 7 p.m. Please bring your family and join with your friends as we celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Youth Christmas Party



Youth—December 7, 5—7 p.m. The Youth will have their annual Christmas party at the home of Ronnie, Dianne, & Matthew Hooten during the regular youth fellowship time of 5 - 7 p.m. on Sunday, December 7. They will have pizza and subs for dinner. Youth with last names beginning with A-H, please bring a 2-liter drink. Youth with last names beginning with I-Q, please bring dessert. Youth with last names beginning with R-Z, please bring chips. Please bring a wrapped ornament for the exchange.

Children's Christmas Party

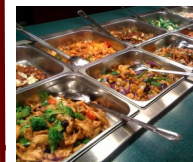
Children's Christmas Party, December 13, 11 a.m.—1 p.m. Lunch Provided. Bring your children (ages Toddler to 5th grade) and enjoy spending time with them while they do crafts, hear Christmas stories, sing songs, eat lunch, and have their picture made with Santa!

Special Music Programs

Canterbury Choir's Christmas Cantata
December 14, 11 a.m.

Kids' Club Christmas Program
December 14, 6 p.m. FNS and 7 p.m. Program

Young at Heart—December 17



The Young-at-Heart Christmas get-together will be at the new Golden Corral on Hwy 138 in Stockbridge. The group will meet there at **1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17.** Looking forward to a large group getting together and enjoying a Christmas feast!!! See you there!

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11



Church Office Closed

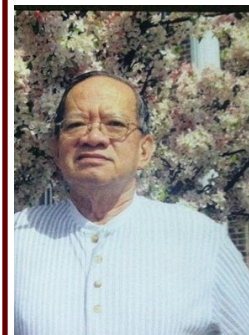
December 24 & 25, 2014

The MPC Church Staff wishes everyone
a Merry Christmas!



Thank You Notes...

From Romy & Mary Ann Moriles and Family... To Our



Beloved Church Family, On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for all the expressions of sympathy and acts of kindness shown to us in the loss of our beloved father, Ramon Gonsalves, Jr. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, food, and encouragement you all have given to us. Ramon Gonsalves, Jr. suffered a massive stroke in the last 7 years of his life that had paralyzed one half of his body thus making him unable to move and talk. Your continued prayers for our mother, Claudia, and for the whole family has made

us go through with the ordeal a little easier knowing that people are praying for us. Now, we believe that our father, Ramon Gonsalves is with God, free of all earthly suffering and is in peace. May God continue to bless you and fill you more with love each and every day. Thank you once again.

From Fellowship & Congregational Care... We all enjoyed the delicious Thanksgiving turkey, dressing, and cobblers prepared by the Turners, and the great stories of Thanksgiving told by some of our members at our November Family Night Supper. It's always nice to break bread and fellowship with our church family. Many thanks to all the hands that prepared food and the youth and elder care groups who helped to set up and clean up.

Operation Christmas Blessing

Operation Christmas Blessing. Operation Christmas Blessing was started in 2007 as a ministry of the Uptown Congregation Church in the Philippines. As an Uptown Church representative, Grandma Moriles is asking your help once again in supporting this ministry through your prayers and financial help. Checks to MPC, earmarked *Operation Christmas Blessing* may be placed in the offering plate along with your regular contributions.

Youth 2015 Summer Conferences

Register Now for FITS & TGE. It's time to register for the Early Bird Discount for the 2015 Great Escape (Middle School) and Fun in the Son (High School) conferences. **Please give a \$100 non-refundable deposit to Andra Gammage by November 30 to receive a discounted rate.** The Great Escape: June 14 - June 19 at Lee College (Early Bird: \$379; Before Feb 1: \$395; After Feb 1: \$409). Fun in the Son: July 13 - 18 at Hilton Head (Early Bird: \$399; Before Feb 1: \$415; After Feb 1: \$439.)

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:14 KJV

Presbyterian Women



PWCT—December 21, 12:30 p.m.

The PWCT December Meeting / Luncheon will be held on Sunday, December 21 at 12:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall following the Worship Service. All 2014 and 2015 members are invited to attend. Meat and beverages will be provided and we are asking attendees to bring a side dish or a dessert to share. Also please bring a gift to swap (\$5.00 limit) for "Dirty Santa."



**The Virginia Dews Circle—
December 8, 6:30 p.m.**

The Virginia Dews Circle will meet in the fellowship hall on Monday, December 8. Ham and potato salad will be furnished. Please bring sides or dessert. They will be collecting money or gift cards for Thornwell.



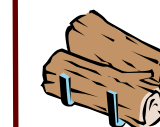
**The Dorcas Circle— December 9,
10 a.m.**

The Dorcas Circle invites all ladies to join them for their annual Christmas meeting at 10:00 a.m., December 9, in the Fellowship Hall, followed by their famous "alphabet soup" luncheon. Bring a vegetable or other food item corresponding to your name, (i.e. beans for B, rice for R) to add to their turkey or beef soup base to simmer during the meeting. Always a unique soup and fun time. In lieu of exchanging gifts, please bring money or items to be packaged and given to the Rainbow House.



**The Morning Glory Circle—
December 28, 9:45 a.m.**

The Morning Glory Circle will meet for breakfast and devotional on Sunday, December 28 at 9:45 a.m. in the McNair/Seekers classroom. Please bring a breakfast item to share.



The Annual Ladies Retreat will be on **Saturday, January 24, 2015**, at Calvin Center from **8:30 a.m. to 2:00 pm.** **Be sure to save the date!**