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Communicants Class



Pastor John Callahan and Dianne Hooten will be teaching a Communicants' Class beginning on January 27, during the Sunday School hour. The communicants will join the church on Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013. All young people who are in the 5th grade and up are encouraged to attend this class. Students will learn about what Presbyterians believe, making decisions, living their faith, growth, and serving others. If your child is interested in joining the church, and you feel that he/she is ready, please contact Pastor John or Dianne Hooten to register for this class.

Young at Heart News

THE YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP will begin the New Year with a trip to **PROVIDENCE CANYON**, Lumpkin, Georgia, on **Wednesday, January 16**. We will have lunch at Cheddar's Cafe in Columbus, Georgia. A light snack and drinks will be provided due to the late lunch time. We will depart at 8:30 AM. You may want to take a camera. Cost of the trip is \$20.00 plus lunch. Call Ken Campbell by January 14.

Then on **MONDAY, JANUARY 28**, the motorcoach for the folks planning to go to **New Orleans** for 5 days will leave the church at 8:00 AM.

January 20—Family Night Supper



Four-Given. Make plans to attend the January 20th Family Night Supper at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a covered dish with enough food to feed your family and share with others. Drinks will be provided. The program will be a gospel singing group named "Four-Given". Bruce Campbell, our choir director, has arranged for them to sing for us after the dinner as one of the men is one of Bruce's neighbors. The Four-Given Quartet began in the Fall of 1999 at First Christian Church of Jonesboro, GA. They have sung for many events and in several churches in the Atlanta area. They are regularly featured at Buckner's Restaurant and Music Hall in Jackson, GA. They recorded their first CD, "Heavenward Bound," in 2005. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend and join in the fellowship.

Youth is when you're allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you're forced to. Bill Vaughan

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The Pastor's Pen



"The love for equals is a human thing – of friend for friend, brother for brother," writes Frederick Buechner (pronounced "Beak-ner). "It is to love what is loving and lovely. The world smiles.

"The love for the less fortunate is a beautiful thing – the love for those who suffer, for those who are poor, the sick, the failures, the unlovely. This is compassion, and it touches the heart of the world.

"The love for the more fortunate is a rare thing – to love those who succeed where we fail, to rejoice without envy with those who rejoice, the love of the poor for the rich, of the black man for the white man. The world is always bewildered by its saints.

"And then there is the love for the enemy – love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens, and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world."

The apostle Paul wrote to the Romans, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Paul could easily have said, "While we were still sinners, Christ *was born and died* for us."

God's love runs deeper than we may ever understand. God the Father came to us through God the Son to be born unto us, so we can have an Emmanuel, God-with-us. Through the Son, God the Father lived among humans, in order to love the unlovely, the outcast, the less fortunate, and the poor. God taught the truth about God's love, so people may come to believe in Christ and become co-heir of God's kingdom (cf. Romans 8:16-17).

God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit still influence today. By Christ's example we learn how to love as he does. We are presented with the unlovely, the outcast, the less fortunate, and the poor, and God tells us to share with them the same concern and guidance as we would with those we may easily love. We have compassion for those who do not succeed where we might, and those who do not receive basic needs which we might take for granted. When we don't think we have much more love to offer, the Lord provides that love to share so that compliancy and apathy are conquered.

"God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son" (John 3:16), and through his love the world has been conquered for God's kingdom. It feels great to be a part of it all.

Have a Happy New Year!

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Frederick Buechner, *Listening to Your Life: Daily Reflections*, 302-303.

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS David Laster, Margaret Strelsky, Virginia Cagle, Ramon Gonsalves (Mary Ann Moriles' father), Frank Archer, Wilma Bell, Jo Bevil, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Lou Brown, Emily Cain, Brian & Angela Cartledge, Marcia Cartledge, Kathryn Cartledge-Eve, Jean Costa, Ralph Fadner, Will Felt, Sherri Frye, Earl & Connie Funk, Victor Garaffa, Don Garner, Spencer Grant, Gene Hammond, Bob Hardy, Gail Hardy, Eddie Hooten, Adolpho Incerry, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Jean Kester, Mike Martin, Julia McLeod, Grandma Moriles, David Moss, Josiah Moss, Jane Pate, Cathy Purvis, Donna Randolph, Keith Rhoden, Gordon Richardson, Luis Saavedra, Michael Scott, Ellen Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Vrinda Stebbins, Forrest & Ann Thornton, James Tinsley, Ian Turner, Edith Walston, Beth Wheeler, Eddy Wheeler, Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan **Amason**, - National Guard, Afghanistan; Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jaime **Brown** - Army - Fort Benning, GA; Kevin **Brown** - Army - Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Jeremy **Butler** - Japan; 1st Sgt Chris **Chastain**, Kosovo; PFC Daniel **Costa** - Afghanistan; Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PVT Joseph **Eason**, Germany; Najee **Hall** - San Diego, CA; SR Drew **Hayes** - Navy; Great Lakes, IL; Kevin **Krebs**, Tennessee; Capt. - Adam **Martin**; SGT Edward "Buddy" **McKenzie**, III, - Milledgeville; Brent **Paul** - Military College of GA; SrA Richard **Venizelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Afghanistan; Aaron **Wescott** - Navy Special Forces - Afghanistan

Christmas Get-Togethers



Morning Glory Circle



Dorcas Circle



Virginia Dews Circle



Canterbury Choir



PWCT

Christmas Greetings

Christmas Card wishes from: Frank & Shirley Bradley, Ken & Janis Campbell, Bill & Lucie Cantrell, Bud & Judy Chapman, Margaret Cofie and Family, Jim & Ruth DeCamp, The Drake Family, Jesse, Melissa, and Noah Henderson, Jeannie Hodges, Gary, Annie, Jonno, and Garrett Johnson, Ronnie, Dianne, and Matthew Hooten, Don & Carol McGhee and family, Libby McNair, The Romeo Moriles Family, Cassandra Morrow (Presbytery of Greater Atlanta), Jean Peacock, Willie & Audrey Sharpe, Earl & Lucy Stewart, Susan Wolpin, Wooden Service Company.

Giving Envelopes

Your 2013 Giving Envelopes are available. They are on a table in the hallway next to the library. If you do not see your name, please check with Dianne Hooten.

Flower Calendar

Sanctuary Flowers. If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary, the new calendar for 2013 is now posted on the library window. You may put the flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one or for a special occasion. You will be billed directly by Morrow Florist.

New Church Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m.— 3:45 p.m.

Elder Ordination / Installation



Our Elder Class of 2013 will be ordained / installed on January 6, 2013. Frank Bradley, Sheila McKee, H. R. Tuttle, and Mary Ann Warlick will be installed. Mary Ann Moriles will be ordained and installed. We are grateful for these members who have agreed to serve a three-year term on our session. A special thank-you to all of our session members who give of their time to serve Morrow Presbyterian Church in this capacity. Please remember to pray for all of our session members as they make decisions regarding MPC, and especially our newest class of elders as they begin their service.

The Annual Ladies Retreat



Calvin Center, January 26. All women of all ages are invited to attend our annual retreat to be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013. This year's theme - "STOP, LOOK & LISTEN - Life Lessons Revisited" - will be led by our own Gail Hardy. We will convene at the Lakeview Meeting Room, Calvin Center, at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast and lunch included for \$30 per person. Please make plans to attend this wonderful time of fellowship and reflection as we explore our spiritual lives and walk with God. It's a great time to invite a friend or family member to join us.

Thank You Notes

From Ben & Marcia Cartledge... Thank you so much for taking care of me and, of course, Ben, during my surgery and recovery. From sitting with him during surgery, to bringing meals and flowers, your visits, calls, magazines to read, and more. You have been wonderful! Ben & I thank God for each of you and the blessings you have given to us.

From Pastor John... I want to thank everybody for your special Christmas card and gift. Last month was my fifth Christmas serving Morrow Church, and I have enjoyed every moment. I look forward to more Christmases and years together. God bless all y'all in this New Year.

From the Church Staff... Each of the church staff wishes to thank the congregation for the generous love offering Christmas Gift you gave us during the Joy Gift program. We all feel blessed to be a part of Morrow Presbyterian Church and to be able to use our gifts to serve our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

From Morrow Presbyterian Congregation... Many thanks to all who decorated our church building for Advent and Christmas. A special thank you to Susan Wolpin for the lovely new wreaths on the doors.

From Carol Oswald... Thank you to my Secret Santa for making this a very special Christmas.

From Dianne Hooten... Thank you to "Anonymous" for the poinsettia placed in my honor this Advent. That was very sweet!

Congratulations to Our College Graduates



Congratulations to Gabrielle "Gabby" Buck, daughter of Richard Buck, who graduated magna cum laude from Georgia Southwestern State University on December 8, 2012. She was the top BS in Early Childhood Education in her class. During school Gabby was on the Peach Belt Conference (PBC) All-Academic Team three times with a 3.86 GPA. She was also on the PBC Presidential Honor Roll three times. Way to go, Gabby!



Congratulations to Georgene Grant, who graduated with a BS in Civil Engineering from the Bagley College School of Engineering at Mississippi State University on December 15, 2012. She will now be an engineer for Georgia Power designing transmission lines. Way to go, Georgene!

Volunteers Needed

If you would like to serve as an Usher, Pastor's Aide, or Greeter, or if you would like to prepare a Children's Sermon, please see Dianne Hooten to volunteer.

Happy New Year!

from the MPC Church Staff

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