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**Vacation Bible School—June 7—11, 2015**



**June 7 - 11**

**6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.**

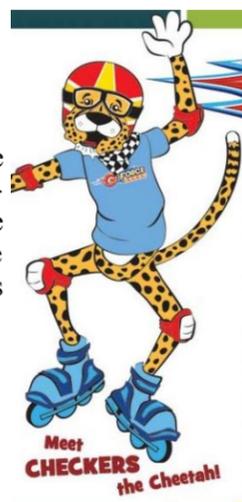
Vacation Bible School will begin with a covered dish supper on Sunday, June 7. At G-Force VBS, kids will explore how to put their faith into action. Kids will experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God. Watch the G-Force meter climb illustrating how God is at work around the world and how God's people are on the move. Please feel welcome to come help set up on Saturday, June 6, around 11 a.m. Volunteers still needed! If you would like to help, please see Maria Cruz.

**Sunday** - Covered Dish **Monday - Thursday** - Supper is catered

**Shirt Colors:**

**Sunday** - Purple **Monday** - Yellow **Tuesday** - Blue

**Wednesday** - Black **Thursday** - Red



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**The Pastor's Pen**



"Why don't people write letters anymore?" I've heard it said before. This lament usually comes from a person who likes to write letters but never receives any from adult children or young grandchildren. The lament goes even further to suggest that not writing letters adds to the moral decay of our society. Well, maybe they don't go that far, but the suggestion is darn near close.

I have a confession: I don't write letters. Never have. My family and I wrote nice comments to each other in birthday and Christmas cards (still do), and a postcard could come my way when I spent two weeks at summer camp. Otherwise, our main form of communication came through phone when we were separated. We used our voices and not our pens to stay connected.

In one way I do not understand the issue of writing or not writing letters, but in another way I do. Does the frustration come from the idea that letter writing is going the way of the dinosaurs for many people, or does it reach down deeper to the thing that troubles them the most, mainly a lack of communication with loved ones? We all want to be connected and stay connected. That's easy when we see each other almost every day, but when distance and time separate us we need some way to connect. We don't want those bonds of familial love to break apart.

Remember the Googler and Gutenberger newsletter from last month? Still have your copies? Most of the time Gutenbergers work with printed letters, while Googlers work with digital letters. If a print person is trying to write to a digital person, and vice versa, ne'er the two shall communicate. The Gutenberger gets frustrated that letters are not answered, and Googlers get frustrated that mom or grandpa won't get on the computer to send an email or on the phone to send a text. What shall we do?

Simple: understand who you are communicating with and use his/her main form of staying connected. This means that Gutenberger needs to learn how to use computers and cell phones, and Googlers need to learn how to put pen to paper. This doesn't have to happen all the time, but if you want to stay connected, you may have to step out of your comfort zone once in awhile. Using the other form of technology isn't going to kill you. Writing in pen makes the Gutenberger feel loved. Writing with a keyboard makes the Googler feel loved. If you want to stay connected, one way is to think less of oneself and more of the other person.

Now, people might be stubborn about all of this, so here's something else to consider. A Gutenberger might still want to write a letter, but don't expect a letter back. It most likely isn't coming. Instead, in your letter ask for a text or email. Encourage them to use their form of communication to stay connected. A Googler may only want to send digital communique, but don't expect one back. Again, it ain't coming. Instead, in your text or tweet ask for a letter or phone call. Encourage them to use their form of communication to stay connected.

What do we really want here? Connection. Family bonds staying strong despite distance. "[Let] us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near" (Hebrews 10:24-25). Face to face connections, nothing could ever beat. If that cannot occur all the time, then find ways to connect. The relationships are most important – keep them strong. Step out of your comfort zone and use every avenue at your disposal. See it as a blessing from God that we can stay connected through more than one method.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Chip Blankenship (Presbytery) and family, Bob Lukat, Mary Butler, Chris Dyche, Medical Mission Trip, Ugo Chukwura, Melissa Cook (former member), Family of Regina Babb (former member), Family of Tony Couch, Family of Willie Haynes (Shirley Thrailkill's aunt), Betty Janes, Linda Reece (Libby McNair's sister), Jennifer Barber, Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Esther Bland, Laura Bland, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Nora Byrd, Ray Cabayan, Jack Candy, Cathy Chambers, Betty Colwell, Shannon Delgado, Donald Dyche, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Jeffrey Frysh, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Shane Giddens, Penny Gordon, David Hadler, Erin Harkens, Beth Harper, Lizzie Hendrix, John Henrickson, Rev. Penny Hill, Jim Jenkins, George Kempson, Carl Kirkley, Berniece Lillegard, Vickie Loper, Barbara Lukat, Noli Luna, Carillon Marsh, Marcia McCord, Glenda McCray Julia McLeod, David & Faye Moss, Jimmy Mullinax, Nan Norton, Nuss Family, Breanna Ordaniel, Sara Ruth Owens, Shanti Paramanandam, Rick Peel, Beverly Pruet, Gordon & Shirley Richardson, Epetacio Sebilis, Keith Stanley, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Cathy Thomas, Emily Thompson, Ann Thornton, Mary Ann Warlick, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin & Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeremy **Butler** - Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** - Air Force, CO.; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, TX.



### Father's Day Breakfast, June 21, 9:15 a.m.

**Father's Day Breakfast and Man of the Year - Sunday, June 21.** Make plans now for a time to honor and remember our dads and other important men in our lives. Breakfast will be provided during the Sunday School hour. We will then present the "Man of the Year" during the worship service. This will be a special day to honor and remember the Godly men in our lives.

## Stop Hunger Now, June 6



**Stop Hunger Now** is an international hunger relief organization that coordinates the distribution of food and other life-saving aid around the world. Their meal packaging program provides volunteers the opportunity to package dehydrated, high protein, and highly nutritious meals that are used primarily to support development programs and to save lives in developing countries around the world.

Our three churches (Presbyterian, Baptist, Methodist) will gather together at **Morrow First United Methodist Church** on **Saturday, June 6, at 8 a.m.** to set up and assemble the boxes. The packing and assembling of the packets will begin at **9 a.m.** Our goal is 12,000 packages.

## Presbyterian Women

**PWCT— June 7, 12:30 p.m.** The PWCT will be meeting on Sunday, June 7, at 12:30 following the church service. Tricia Koehler has the devotion and will provide light refreshments.

**Virginia Dews Circle, June 15, 6:30 p.m.** The Virginia Dews Circle will meet **June 15, 2015** at **6:30 p.m.** in the Pacers' Classroom. **Date was changed so as to not interfere with VBS.** Lei Eason will continue the study of Women of the Bible.

**Dorcas Circle—June 9, 10 a.m.** The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, June 9. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible study. Hostesses are Janis Campbell and Mary Nell Winkles. Sara Gore has the devotion.

**Morning Glory Circle— June 28, 9:45 a.m.** The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, "The Best Yes," by Lysa TerKeurst.

## Young at Heart, Live Entertainment, June 24

**"YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP, A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!** Good food, fellowship, and LIVE ENTERTAINMENT are in store for you on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24!** Mark your calendars now for that date at 11:00 AM, and make plans to be at the church to enjoy it! You will surely like the entertainment. We will have a group of line-dancers perform for us. Jeanette Adams, one of our own members, will be a part of the group! Chick-fil-A chicken strips will be provided for the luncheon, but please plan to bring extra side dishes (veggies, salads, desserts, etc) since the visiting group of probably 10 or 20 folks will be joining us for lunch. Others who would like to join in the fun of the day are invited to join the Young-at-Heart for this very special day and program!"

## Congratulations to Roxie Romine—2015 PW Life Member



**Congratulations to Roxie Romine**, our newest addition into the Morrow Presbyterian Women's Honorary Life Membership. She was honored on May 10 for her many contributions to this church.

Roxie was born in Nagano, Japan: one of 3 children, with 2 brothers. Her parents owned a restaurant. Roxie worked as a Tokyo telephone operator from 1948-1952. During that time she became acquainted with a Sargent Major (Supply Sargent) Ernie Romine who used the Tokyo telephone operators to connect him to the numbers he needed. He would "request" a specific operator, Roxie. Ernie & Roxie dated for three years and were married on August 16, 1955 at the American Embassy in Japan. Roxie became a US Citizen on December 4, 1959. Ernie had a couple of requests...that she not work outside the home as he wanted to protect her from "mean" people, and he wanted her to go to church. Roxie was curious about what it meant to be a Christian, so she went to church. She initially thought that Christianity was "brainwashing" or a "fairytale." She was baptized in 1965 and heard God's voice saying "Follow Me."

Roxie has two daughters, Lillian and Brenda; five grandchildren - four granddaughters and one grandson; and five great-grandchildren - two great granddaughters and three great grandsons. Her husband, Ernie, passed away June 11, 2001.

Roxie's community volunteer work includes: Girl Scout Leader (1965-1968), NCO Wives Club (1963-1970), Protestant Women's Chapel, American Red Cross Volunteer (17 years) and First Responder until 2002; (her daughters told her it was no longer safe to continue after Ernie died.); Member of the Japanese Garden Club (since 1978); President of the Japanese Garden Club (1996-Present); Volunteer at the Morrow Visitor Center since 2006 (it was through this connection that MPC Women began hosting the college mission groups by serving the hearty breakfasts they enjoy.) Roxie has also been a volunteer at voting sites for many years.

Roxie joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on July 30, 1995. She has been an active member of the Dorcas Circle since 1987. Roxie has served as co-hostess of MPC since 1999. She is a charter member of the Living Branch Life Group. Roxie is also active in the Peacemakers Life Group. She attends Sunday school regularly. It has been said that Roxie is the liveliest and most energetic member of the Young at Heart group. Roxie is responsible for the lovely, new fellowship hall table coverings. We thank Roxie for her willingness to serve in many capacities and her commitment to the Presbyterian Women and MPC!

## Promotion Sunday / Teacher Appreciation, June 7, 9:45 a.m.



**Sunday, June 7 - Promotion Sunday/Teacher Appreciation.** Children in our youth Sunday School classes who are moving up to the next level class will be recognized during the Sunday School hour on June 7 at 9:45 a.m. **The congregation is invited to show appreciation to our teachers during a reception following the worship service. Please bring a pie of any kind.**

## Thank You Notes



**From Jeannie Hodges and Susan Wolpin...** Thank you! God directs our paths in life, the places we will go, the many ways our lives are changed by everyone we know...and sometimes He provides for us some very special friends whose love and understanding know no limit, know no end. Thanks for being so giving and loving, and sharing your joy with all who may come your way. God's presence is seen in you for all you do and say. We are so blessed to have this wonderful family and we praise God each day for you. God bless you all!

**From The Moriles Family...** To our Beloved Church Family, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." *Joshua 24:15* Thank you so much for all your donations of clothes, shoes, and money for our medical mission trip in the Philippines. Please continue to pray for our safe journey as we serve the people of Carcar. May you all be richly blessed back. We love you all.