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**Mission Trip Fundraiser**



**Dinner & Auction, November 10, 6 p.m.** Please join us on Sunday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. for dinner and an auction to raise money for our Mission Trip to Costa Rica. The youth & adults will be preparing a spaghetti and salad dinner and will also provide entertainment while you eat. After dinner, there will be an auction of a variety of items. Anyone who can't make this event, but would like to support the Mission Trip, may make a donation anytime, just earmark it "Mission Trip". The youth and adults planning to go thank you in advance and appreciate your support as they prepare to do God's work.

**November Family Night Supper**



Make plans to join together as we share a time of thankful fellowship at our Thanksgiving Family Night Supper, **Sunday, November 17 at 6:00 p.m.** Delicious turkey, dressing, and gravy will be prepared by David and Angela Turner. You are invited to bring your favorite side dish to complete our dinner. Please remember to indicate how many members of your family plan to attend the dinner on the sign-up sheet in the narthex.

**Santa Claus Express**



**Santa Claus Express 2013.** Each year the Presbyterian Women celebrate the holidays with the residents of the health services centers at Presbyterian Home, Quitman, and Presbyterian Village, Austell. Gift tags of suggested gift items will be available on our bulletin board beginning Sunday, November 3. Please place your gifts in a clear, plastic sandwich or storage bag. Santa's sleigh will be located under the bulletin board to collect the items. Share the joy of the holidays! Please have your gifts in by December 1, 2013.

**Congregational Meeting, 11/17**



**Congregational Meeting November 17, 12 noon.** There will be a congregational meeting following the worship service on Sunday, November 17 for the purpose of electing elders.

*Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ. Romans 10:17*

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**The Pastor's Pen**



I love listening to classical music on 90.1FM. I love to hear their programs such as *Car Talk* and *Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me*. What I don't like is when the station puts on their pledge drive during the fall, interrupting the music I want to hear.

A few years ago, I decided to answer the request. I made the phone call and pledged my money. It felt good to do so. I felt like I was contributing to the station in a large, positive way. At the top of the hour, the hosts thanked everyone who had contributed (not by name but we were thanked nonetheless), and then they announced a challenge for the next hour (200 calls would bring in \$2000 to the station), and that was it. The hosts talked about the benefits of pledging, and that good feeling inside me soon dissipated.

Every time I pledged I felt really good, and then the feeling would die. It seemed as though I was dropping pennies down a well that only made a hollow sound at the bottom. The station would always ask for money and people would always pledge, and the cycle would never stop. How could I add to it and make a difference? Did it really matter if they had my money or not?

Let me tell you that when you tithe to Morrow Church, it makes a huge difference. Every dollar counts.

Your tithe helps to put food on people's tables through the Food Pantry. It puts Christian materials in the hands of our children and youth through Sunday School. It also puts Communicant booklets in the hands of youth who want to join our church on Palm Sunday. It helps in the planning of fun and exciting programs such as the Choir's Christmas Cantata, the children's Christmas and Spring music programs, and Vacation Bible School that has featured the likes of Telly Ticket-taker and Godwin Merryfeather.

A portion of your tithe goes to electricity and plumbing, which doesn't seem to mean anything, until you consider the importance of having these things. Electricity and plumbing give the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts a safe place to meet on Monday and Thursday nights. They allow for children to come to Kids' Club and for youth to come to Youth Group, so they may all have fellowship, worship, and learning. These same children and youth are fed during their Sunday night meetings, since we have to fill the stomach as much as the spirit. Electricity and plumbing offer us an excellent space to worship our Lord every Sunday morning, and even on those special times of Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Christmas Eve.

Did you know that Morrow Church tithes to mission projects? If we ask our members to tithe 10% of their income, then the Elders have determined to tithe 10% of the church budget every year. These dollars are distributed between the Thornwell Home, the Uptown Church in the Philippines, the Turk's mission in Madagascar, the Good Shepherd Clinic, the Rainbow House, and the Calvary Refuge Center, just to name a few. Your tithe helps us to stick to this commitment. The dollars go straight out to aid missions that share the love and peace of Jesus Christ with people we may never see.

When you tithe to Morrow Church, it makes a huge difference. Every dollar counts. You will not hear your money dropping into a deep pit, only to make a hollow sound at the bottom. Your generous tithe makes a loud sound that resonates throughout the congregation. Just look around and see the activity. Hear the joyful noise we are making. Let us continue to do so throughout the years.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests

**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Bobbie Burke (requested by Pauline Buchana), Cielle Tewksbury (requested by Pat Randolph), Family of Lynne Burke (requested by Mary Dyche), Megan (friend of Stephanie Grant), Ken Reichert (Cagle & Bradley friend), Mery Saavedra (Rita Coughlin's mother), Michael Thraillkill (Bill's brother), Allyson & Brad, Frank Archer, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Mae Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Charlie Brown, Charlotte Colwell, Christina Corley, Bobby Costa, Tom Darga, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Alex Foss, Connie Funk, Brenda Gossett, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Eddy Hooten, Sherry Johnson, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Grandma Moriles, David Moss, Beth Newman, Keith Rhoden, Stephanie Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Vrina Stebbins, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Josephine Tinio, Edith Walston, Beth & Eddy Wheeler. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeffrey & Maribel **Brown** - both in Army Reserves, Georgia; Kevin **Brown** - Army, Afghanistan; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; Jeremy **Butler** - Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; SPC Joseph **Eason**, Fort Bliss, TX; Kevin **Krebs**, AL; SrA Richard **Venizelos** - Colorado Springs, CO; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, Killeen, TX; *A full prayer list is available in the narthex near the library.*

**Christian Love and Sympathy to the Family of Jeff Yarbrough** upon his death on October 22, 2013. Jeff, along with his wife, Linda, served as custodian for our church since 2007. Jeff's friendly demeanor and concern for others will be greatly missed. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Please keep Linda in your prayers. Linda Yarbrough, 241 North Bridge Drive, Stockbridge, GA 30281.

## Financial Update

October has been a very busy month for the Session and the Stewardship & Administration Team. We have been working quite diligently to complete our proposed budget for next year. We are pleased to have completed our work in time for the Session to review and approve the proposed budget. The 2014 Budget will be presented to the congregation soon.

In addition, October has been a reasonably good month for the church financially. The giving for October averaged \$5,464.16 which is very close to what is needed to meet our expenses.

October 6	\$8,110.57
October 13	\$4,712.14
October 20	\$5,657.56
October 27	\$3,376.40

Further good news is that our expenses for the month appear to be somewhat smaller than we expected them to be. A significant contributor to this good fortune is cooler summer weather that reduced our utility costs over the last couple of months. God is good! He continues to bless us with a congregation of conscientious and devoted stewards of the blessings He showers upon us.

## Veterans Dinner— Nov. 9

**Veterans Dinner, November 9, 4 p.m.** The Scouts of our church would like to honor all of the veterans and active service members in our church family. Please join them on Saturday, November 9 at 4 pm for their Annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner. Please see any of our Scouts or leaders for an invitation.

## Handbells Resume



**Handbell practice will resume on Sunday, November 3, at 4 p.m.** If you have played before or can read music, please join us as we prepare for the Advent season.

## Welcome New Member



**Welcome to our newest member, Mike Sneed!** Mike joined MPC by *Profession of Faith* on Sunday, October 27, 2013. Mike is newly married to long-time member, Georgene Grant Sneed.

## Retired Educators Day



**November 3—Retired Educators Day.** It has become a tradition to celebrate retired educator day in Georgia on the first Sunday in November. This year Governor Nathan Deal has proclaimed November 3, 2013 as the day to honor the 103,000+ retired educators across the state. Morrow Presbyterian Church has several retired educators in our midst. We want to acknowledge them and let them know they are appreciated.

## Presbyterian Women

**Presbyterian Women Installation of Officers – November 3, 11 a.m.** The new officers for the Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team will be installed on Sunday, November 3, during the morning worship service.

### 2014 SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR THE MORROW PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

**MODERATOR** .....Stephanie Lozel  
**VICE-MODERATOR**.....Anne Fordham  
**MODERATOR-IN-TRAINING** ..... Open  
**SECRETARY** .....Maria Cruz  
**TREASURER**.....Carol Oswalt & Libby McNair

#### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

**SPIRITUAL GROWTH & ENRICHMENT** .....Mary Dyche  
**MISSIONS & OUTREACH**.....Mary Ann Moriles  
**SEARCH & RESOURCES** .....Pauline Buchanan

#### CIRCLE CHAIRS

**DORCAS CIRCLE** ..... Lucie Cantrell, Brenda Garner  
**VIRGINIA DEWS CIRCLE** ..... Connie Bell, Judy Chapman  
**MORNING GLORY CIRCLE** ..... Carol Campbell, Maria Cruz

#### CIRCLE BIBLE MODERATORS

**DORCAS CIRCLE** ..... Suzanne Lukat  
**VIRGINIA DEWS CIRCLE** .....Lei Eason  
**MORNING GLORY CIRCLE** ..... Donna Boggs  
**CHURCH HISTORIAN** ..... Berniece Lillegard  
**CHURCH HOSTESSES**..... Libby McNair and Roxie Romine

## Advent Devotional Booklets

**The First Sunday of Advent will be December 1.** Daily Family Devotions for Advent will be available beginning November 17. These booklets will be in the narthex. This year our devotion booklet is, *“Waiting for Jesus in a Hurry-Up World.”* Make sure you pick up a copy for your family.

## Hanging of the Greens



**Hanging of the Greens – November 26, 10:00 a.m.** Many volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

## Young at Heart



**Young at Heart Thanksgiving Luncheon, November 20, 11 a.m.** The Young-at-Heart Thanks-

giving Luncheon will be on Wednesday, November 20, at 11 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Meat will be provided. Please bring salads, veggies, and desserts to go along with the meat. This is always a special time for the group and we hope to see you there.

*For all those readers waiting with bated breath for the soprano and alto choir spotlights, due to technical difficulties, they will be in two future issues and not this month.*