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Operation Christmas Child Deadline : November 15

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child Boxes.

It's almost time to turn in our Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes!! Everyone is excited about the boxes! It is fun to know you are helping a child thousands of miles away learn about your love for them, God's love for them, and learn to know Jesus.

Boxes are still available in the church office.

- ◆ If you put a letter into the box, maybe even a picture of you or your pet, that will mean a lot to them.
- ◆ Remember to put *three* rubber bands around your box to keep it closed.
- ◆ If you are sending your \$7 check, make it payable to *Samaritan's Purse* with a note on the memo line, *Operation Christmas Child*. Then, put it in a plain envelope (or OCC brochure envelope) inside your box.
- ◆ If you donate your \$7 online, you can follow your box and discover the destination of your shoebox. Go to www.samaritanaspurse.org/occ.
- ◆ **On November 15, we will each take our shoeboxes forward to the altar so that Pastor John can have a prayer over all of them.** If you are unable to be here on the 15th, please leave your box in the narthex.

May God bless all of you that are participating, and may God bless the children and children's families across the world.



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The Pastor's Pen



I'm sure that you've heard the reports on the effect of cellphone usage. With everyone and their brother and sister owning smartphones, experts are concerned that people are becoming less social. We may be reaching out and touching someone we cannot see, but we fail to reach out and touch those right next to us.

I do not want to lift up smartphones as the sole culprit for our social decay. There may be other things that both Googlers and Gutenbergs use on a regular basis. Televisions, computers, portable CD players and their headphones, portable game consoles (and headphones again), even newspapers and magazines and books, as well as tablets and smartphones: Any one of these may ruin a relationship. We can stick our noses in them and completely ignore the people around us. Each one may stop a conversation dead in its tracks or keep a good conversation from ever getting started.


Now, should we ban them all from our homes? No, but we can be mindful of how they are perceived by others. Playing with a smartphone or reading a good book communicates to others that we don't want to be bothered. They think our attention is placed squarely on one thing, and so they don't want to annoy us. If this happens more and more, then no conversation ever begins. One of the basic foundations for building a relationship is lost, and so might the relationship altogether. So, we should be mindful of how others perceive us when we engage in the items above.

Also, we should divide the time afforded us between engaging said items and engaging others in conversation. Conversation always builds our relationships stronger. It is remarkable the things we can find out that give us a better appreciation of them. Yet, we might agree at times that it is time not to talk. It is the time to find out what is happening in the world via the TV or tablet. It is the time to post our status or divert our minds with some entertainment. We cannot spend all our time doing one thing. After some time, the time comes to stop using the smartphone or TV or whatever. It is then time to become connected with others.

We have many distractions that may ruin relationships, if all we do is pay attention to the distractions. The best time to start engaging others would be right after reading this article. Strike while the iron is hot. Another time would be on Thanksgiving, the major holiday of this month.

Most families gather in one home to stuff themselves with good food. Some family members spend much of the time watching several football games, while some may spend most of the time in the kitchen or dining area. This Thanksgiving, why not silence the smartphone and leave it in our pockets? Why not leave the tablet or videogame console at home, or if it has to come at all, leave the headphones at home? I know this is a scary challenge, but one we can do with God's help. Think less of our needs and more of the needs of others. Think of who we may connect with and what new thing we might find out from them. Look forward to building on relationships with others, not finding every moment to separate from them. Take up the challenge and enjoy.

There is always the alternative: Stay home in your little bubble with your smartphone, eat a peanut butter sandwich and a bag of Doritos instead of turkey and mashed potatoes and cornbread and "The Green Bean Thing," and miss all the fun.

Peace in Christ,
Rev. Dr. John 

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Ruby Avery (Brenda Garner's sister), Family of Gertrude Starr (Emily's sister-in-law), Kingsley Offer (MPC friend), Jennifer Barber, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Esther Bland, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Ray Cabayan, Charles Campbell, Betty Colwell, Craig Coleman, Janis Cone, Donald Dyché, Lei Eason, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Foss Family, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Ruth Ginsberg, Penny Gordon, Jaime Goza, Erin Harkens, Beth Harper, John Henrickson, Rev. Penny Hill, Betsy Hilliard, Tom Janes, Jim Jenkins, Vickie Loper, Ron Lukat, Noli Luna, Carillton Marsh, Marcia McCord, Glenda McCray, Richard McCray, Julia McLeod, Grandma Moriles, David & Faye Moss, Nuss Family, Sara Ruth Owens, Shanti Paramanandam, Gwen Pearce, Rick Peel, Beverly Pruet, Randy Ragan, Ray Ramos, Pat Randolph, Wendy Ray, Gordon & Shirley Richardson, Gary Robinson, Isabel Sierra, Georgene Sneed, Betty & Joe Spier, Keith Stanley, Carolyn Sterns, Kim Stonecash, Margaret Strelsky, Angel Thomas, Ann Thornton, Barry Weems, Eddy Wheeler, Terry & Margie Williams, Allen Wilson. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin **Brown**, Army—Fort Riley, KS; CPL Jaime **Brown**, Army, Kuwait; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joshua Easter—Navy, IL; PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venezelos** – Air Force, CO.; SPC Justin **Warlick** – Army, CA.

Presbyterian Women



PWCT Meeting, November 8, 12:30 p.m.— Devotion by Stephanie Lozel; Light refreshments by Jo Calhoun.

Dorcas Circle—November 10, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet at the church on November 10 at 10:00 a.m. Hostesses: Roxie Romine & Marilyn Mitchell Devotion: Janis Campbell; Bible Study: Suzanne Lukat - Women of the Bible. Project: Money for food pantry Christmas family.

PW Installation, November 15, 11 a.m.— The installation for our 2016 PW Officers will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 15. All women are encouraged to be here to support our new slate of officers.

Virginia Dews Circle, November 16, 6:30 p.m.—The meeting date for the Virginia Dews Circle has been changed to November 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers' classroom. Shirley Thraikill will serve refreshments and Pauline Buchanan will have the devotion. They will continue their study of Women of the Bible.

Morning Glory Circle— November 22, 9:45 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, *"The Best Yes,"* by Lysa TerKeurst.



Santa Claus Express 2015. 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, 2015. *"Let us consider how to provoke one another to LOVE and good deeds."* Hebrews 10:24

A Note of Thanks to all ladies who attended the October General Meeting and brought a salad to share. Special appreciation goes to Mary Ann Moriles for organizing the event, Bruce Campbell, Shelby Turner, Alyssa & Ashlyn Tuttle, and Amanda Callahan for sharing their beautiful music with us, Tamara Callahan and Tricia Koehler for opening and closing the program; and Maria Cruz, Pauline Buchanan, and Jo Calhoun for sharing their reports. We had a productive meeting and enjoyed the fellowship!

Veterans Dinner, November 7, 4:30 p.m.



Veterans Appreciation Dinner, November 7, 4:30 p.m. The Scouts of our church are sponsoring our annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 7. The program will begin at 4:30 pm. We would like to invite the entire congregation to join us in honoring all of those who have served our country. Please contact Twarna Johnson or any of our Scouts for more information.

Mark your calendars for:

December 13

Cantata - 11 a.m.

FNS Covered Dish - 6 p.m.

Kids' Club Program - 7 p.m.

Young at Heart, Thanksgiving Luncheon, November 18, 11 a.m.



YOUNG-AT-HEART GROUP (and everyone who would like to attend): Our **THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** will be on **Wednesday, November 18**, at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Turkey, dressing, gravy, and beverages will be provided. Please bring side dishes of veggies, salads and desserts. **SEE YOU THERE!**

Welcome, Maliki Kari



Congratulations to Kelisha Silas-Morgan and Artist Marshall on the birth of their baby boy, **Maliki Kari Marshall**, who was born on September 23, 2015, weighing 6 lbs. oz. and was 20 inches long. Maliki joins his big sister, Myiah Woods. His proud grandmother is Linda Morgan and his aunts are Jeanelle McElrath and Katherine Morgan. A rosebud and cradle cross will be on the pulpit this Sunday and are provided by the Presbyterian Women in Maliki's honor. Welcome little Maliki!

In Memory of Amy Bailey



Amy Bailey was born on January 9, 1926. She went home to be with the Lord on September 29, 2015.

Amy joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on Christmas Eve 2000. She shared her God-given talents with us by playing the piano and her violin.

She was an active MPC and Young at Heart member until she moved to Atlanta. She loved being involved in MPC activities. Once she moved, she continued to play the violin and piano for Hammond Glen. While at Hammond Glen, she joined a Japanese book club.

Amy will be missed.



Hanging of the Greens



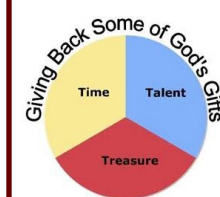
Hanging of the Greens – December 5, 10:00 a.m. Many volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent season. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!

Advent Devotion Books



The First Sunday of Advent will be November 29. Daily Family Devotions for Advent will be available beginning November 15. These booklets will be in the narthex. This year our devotion booklet is, *"Living the Gospel Life: The Season of Advent"* Make sure you pick up a copy for your family.

Tithing? Why not JOIN IN!



Stewardship Sunday Luncheon, November 1, 12:15 p.m. This Sunday we will present our completed pledge cards during the morning worship service. **REMEMBER: No one ever sees your pledge card. It remains sealed. It is a covenant between you and God.** We do look at the time/talent cards to share with our ministry teams. We do much for God's kingdom, and it's not just our time and talent that makes it happen. It's also our dollars. Please prayerfully consider how our resources give glory to God.

Following the worship service on November 1, we will have a **chili/soup luncheon** provided by the Administration/Stewardship Ministry Team. Each Sunday this past month, we have been highlighting areas of ministry in which our church serves the community inside and outside our building.

If you have not picked up your pledge card by Sunday, it will be mailed to you. If you do not receive your Stewardship packet, you may obtain another packet at church.

November Family Night Supper, November 22, 6 p.m.



You are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, **November 22, 2015, at 6 p.m.** Please enjoy sharing stories about your favorite Thanksgiving with your church family. The Turners will cook the turkey, stuffing, and our favorite chocolate and peach cobblers. **Please bring a side dish to share.** The elder care groups of Mary Ann Moriles and Rebekah Venezelos are in charge of bringing tea and drinks. **Please indicate how many members of your family plan to attend the dinner on the signup sheet in the narthex.**

"Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1