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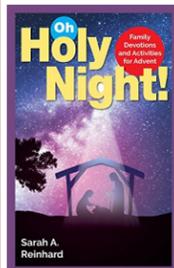
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Let Advent Prepare You for Christmas



The First Sunday of Advent will be December 3. Daily Family Devotions for Advent will be available beginning November 12. These booklets will be in the narthex.

This year our devotion booklet is, *Oh Holy Night!* by Sarah A. Reinhard. "Invite the whole family to embrace Advent as a purposeful and prayerful journey, preparing for the arrival of the newborn Savior. *Oh Holy Night* offers a prayer, reflection, and suggested activity for each day of the season, helping the entire family to prepare together. 'Let Advent be your gift to the baby Jesus,' says author Sarah A. Reinhard, 'a way to get your heart and soul ready to receive him on Christmas Day.'"

Make sure you pick up a copy for your family.



- Sunday, November 26** - Hanging of the Greens with lunch provided (12:15 p.m.)
- Sunday, December 3** - First Sunday of Advent
- Saturday, December 9** - Kids Club Program Rehearsal (9 a.m.—11 a.m.)
- Children's Christmas Party (11 a.m.)
- Sunday, December 10** - Second Sunday of Advent; Choir's Christmas Cantata "Breath of Heaven"
- Kids' Club Christmas Program and Family Night Supper
- Sunday, December 17** - Third Sunday of Advent; Contemporary Christmas Service (6:16 p.m.)
- Saturday, December 24** - Fourth Sunday of Advent
- Christmas Eve Candlelight/Communion Service (7:00 p.m.)
- Monday, December 25** - Christmas Day - *Happy Birthday, Jesus!*

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The Pastor's Pen



The way we communicate is more complex than we might think. Believe it or not, only 7 percent of what we say are words. Words are important, but if we just rely on them, we do not get all of what somebody is telling us. So, 38 percent of all effective communication involves the way we say those words, such as a raised or lowered voice, speaking quickly or slowly; and 55 percent involves our nonverbal communication such as body language and facial expressions.

So, let's try this. If I were to say, "Today is an awful day," would you know what my mood is through the words only? Am I serious or am I joking? Am I really upset or am I just being sarcastic? You cannot tell, if you are unable to read my body language or listening to my tone of voice.

Let's try this: "I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE STORE RIGHT NOW!" Those words probably grabbed your attention before you started reading from the top of the article. Capitalized letters and an exclamation point suggest to us urgency, but you cannot tell if I am angry that you haven't gone to the store yet or I am trying to get you to do something that I think is a priority. Communication needs more than just words. We should talk to each other clearly, so we need every element, all 100%, to be used.

If you haven't figured it out, the best way to communicate is face-to-face. If we want to understand each other, we need to be in the same room where we can hear the tone of voice and see the body language along with the words. When important things need to be discussed, there is no other way.

We cannot rely on texting or emails to express ourselves, because we only get the words. We miss out on the other 93%. Facebook is a TERRIBLE way (note the emphasis) to communicate one's frustrations. It should NOT be (emphasis again) a place that a person goes to express a disappointment about something that happened. There is no proper resolution to the issue, and so it goes unresolved and the person remains frustrated.

"[Let] us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). God built us for community, and that comes through face-to-face communication. Whether we are frustrated with or appreciative of somebody, there is no other way to communicate other than sharing the same space and looking at each other. Whether we are simply saying "Hello, What's up?" or we are hoping to spend an hour catching up, we must be able to see the ways the eyes and mouth move, to listen to the excitement or alarm in the voice, and to feel that deeper connection with the other person.

Thanksgiving is one of those excellent times to reach out to others. Find out how other family members are doing, tell the story of your life over the last few months, and connect with those you love. You may discover something about a brother or sister or uncle or aunt that you did not know before, and then you are better informed. You have a better chance of sympathizing for them and caring for them. You now have somebody for which to pray.

So, THINK about how we TALK with others. DO NOT HIDE behind technology. GET OUT THERE! Use ALL the communication skills that GOD has GIVEN us. (There, was I able to communicate that well?)

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Terry Dyche, Anne Fordham, Family of Mike McNair (Libby's cousin), Doug Duvall (requested by Mimi England), Jesse Wood, Sharon Veldsma, Carol Bevil, Shirley Barnett, Shirley Bradley, Ken Campbell, Maria Cruz, Jo Bevil, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Pauline Buchanan, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Joyce Cagle, Bill & Lucie Cantrell, Marcia Cartledge, Paulette Clark, Betty Colwell, Albert Coughlin, Laura Dempsey, Ilona Dorsey, Mary Dyche, Pilar Fabella, Jessica Giddens, Gary & Janice Grant, Judi Greene & Puddles, Eddie Greer, Lila Haney, Robb Haney, Mary Ann Hathaway, Charles Hoequist, Carson Knoll, Tricia Koehler, Leah Lipps, Stephanie Lozel, Suzanne Lukat, Nancy Matthews, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, Jimmy Mullinax, Nan Norton, Enyidia Onuoha, Onuoha Onuoha, Virginia Oswalt, Rick Peel, John Popovich, Beverly Pruett, Pat Randolph, Wendy Ray, Linda Souza, Keith Stanley, Emily Starr, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Laurel Underwood, Stuart Updike, The Uptown Church, Lori Warlick, Eddy Wheeler, Steve White, Gene Williams, Terry & Margie Williams, Bruce Winkles. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** SGT Kevin **Brown**, Army—Kansas; SGT Jaime **Brown**, Army, Kansas; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joseph **Eason** – Army - Texas, PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; TSG Richard **Venzelos** – deployed to Iraq. **Our College Students.** *A full prayer list is available in the narthex.*

Presbyterian Women



PW Installation, November 5, 11 a.m.— The installation for our 2018 PW Officers will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 5. All women are encouraged to be here to support our new slate of officers.

PWCT Meeting, November 12, 12:30 p.m. Mary Dyche has the devotion and refreshments.

Virginia Dews Circle, November 13, 6:30 p.m.—The next meeting of the Virginia Dews Circle will be on November 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers Classroom. Pauline Buchanan will provide refreshments and Judy Chapman will share the devotion. Lei Eason will continue our Bible Study on *The Armor of God*, The Breastplate of Righteousness.

Dorcas Circle, November 14, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet at the church on November 14 at 10:00 a.m. Hostesses: Betty Janes and Roxie Romine. Devotion: Tricia Koehler; Bible Study: Suzanne Lukat; Project: Bring cookies for police and firefighters.

Morning Glory Circle, November 26, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, "Jonah," by Priscilla Shirer. They will review *Chapter 4* and watch the DVD for *Chapter 5*.

November Santa Claus Express - Arts & Crafts Supplies / Stationery

Mission Possible Update— \$ 3,280 October contributions: \$548

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.
Mark 12:30

Veterans Dinner, November 11, 4 p.m.



Veterans Appreciation Dinner, November 11, 4:00 p.m. The Scouts of our church are sponsoring their annual Veterans Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 11. The program will begin at 4:00 pm. They would like to invite the entire congregation to join them in honoring all of those who have served our country. Please bring in pictures of your veteran for our veteran wall at the dinner.

Mark your calendars for:

December 10

Choir Cantata - 11 a.m.

FNS Covered Dish - 6 p.m.

Kids' Club Program - 7 p.m.

New Members' Class, Nov 11, 9 a.m.

A New Members' Class will be offered on Saturday, November 11 from 9 a.m. – 12 Noon. All who would like to become members of Morrow Presbyterian Church are invited to attend. This class will be led by Pastor John. Sign-up sheet in the narthex.

Young at Heart Corner

Clayton State University presents the Georgia Tech Chorale Glee Club

November 16, 9:15 a.m. leave church

Cost: \$5.00 plus meal. Sign up in narthex.

Thank You Note



From Pastor John

I want to thank everyone who set aside time a few Sundays ago to show appreciation to me. It warmed my heart to receive cards and cake from everyone, and also to hear your words of thanks. I have been at the Morrow Church for 9.5 years and have delighted in every minute of it. I continue to be God's servant in this place and to join with you in doing more great work for God's kingdom in this community. Thank you again so much!

From Rev. Lauren Patrus... Dear MPC Family, Thank you so much for your ongoing love and support! It was such a joy to see so many familiar faces in the congregation for my ordination service. I certainly wouldn't be where I am today without the encouragement and example of Christ's love that I found in this church. Your presence meant more to me than you could ever know. Thank you!

From Onuoha Onuoha... Thank you for all of your prayers and well wishes. My family and I appreciate all that you do!! "Because of you, there's someone who is thanking God today, Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way, Someone who's remembering the special things you do And wishing you His blessings every day the whole year through."



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New Food Pantry Hours

Thursday, 4—5:30 p.m.



Hanging of the Greens – November 26, 12:15 p.m. Many volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for the Advent season.

We will first have lunch in the fellowship hall. Having been fortified, we will then decorate the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and narthex.

Your help would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work!



Operation Christmas Child

Packing of the Shoeboxes, November 11, 10 a.m.—12 noon

Blessing of the Boxes, November 12, 11 a.m. We are rounding up our OCC shoe box ministry. On November 12, we will have our annual "Blessing of the Boxes" during the morning worship service. Please bring your box(es) on this day to bring forward to the altar. They will then be delivered to the Collection Site in Jonesboro. From there they will travel all over the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child, the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has collected and delivered more than 146 million shoebox gifts to children in more than 160 countries and territories. In 2017, Operation Christmas Child hopes to collect enough shoebox gifts to reach another 12 million children in countries like Peru, the Philippines, Rwanda and Ukraine. Nearly 11.5 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide in 2016, with more than 9.1 million collected in the U.S.



Thanksgiving Supper/Contemporary Worship, Nov 19, 5 p.m.



You are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 19, 2017, at 5 p.m. Enjoy sharing Thanksgiving with your church family. The Turners will cook the turkey, stuffing, and our favorite cobblers. **Please bring a side dish to share.** The Session is 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.**

Following dinner, we will go into the sanctuary to worship God in message and song. "Give thanks to the Lord for He is good! His faithful love endures forever." Psalm 107:1