



**MORROW
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Youth Program— October 28

Our **October Family Night Supper** will be followed by a great program led by our Youth. Bring a covered-dish and then stay to hear our youth perform. During the supper, the youth will be hosting a missions fundraiser.



Youth Deposit Needed

The Great Escape & FITS Deposits Due. If you know you are going to attend either The Great Escape or Fun in the Son next summer, you can **SAVE \$26!!!** by giving Andra your \$90 deposit no later than November 25, 2012.

The Great Escape - June 10—15 (\$389)
Fun in the Son (FITS) - July 14—18 (\$399)

Fall Festival—Saturday, Oct 27

**FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2012
6 P.M.**

PLEASE NOTE: The Fall Festival will be on *Saturday* instead of Halloween night this year.

If you would like to help with any of the games, decorations, cake walk items, etc., please contact Andra Gammage or Tamara Callahan.

Candy donations may be placed in the box in the fellowship hall. If you have any small items that would be great for prizes, please place them in the box, also.



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The Pastor's Pen



One of the teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Of all the commandments, which commandment is the first of all?"

Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and 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.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:28-31)

Tamara and I once read an article from *Newsweek* entitled "Loving My Neighbor Can Be Hard Work". The woman who wrote it, Christy Lenzi, grew up in a small Midwestern town where her only neighbors were her family. Grandma and grandpa, aunt and uncle, and siblings. Of course, she could love her neighbor! Her family moved to New York City when she was 13, though, and was provided with their first opportunities to love a neighbor who was not a relative. A homeless man in the train station asked Christy for a Sno-Kone, and she was more than happy to give hers. She was thrilled at the chance to love another person as a Good Samaritan, but she did not realize that she would soon have to love more people after him.

Loving neighbor came easy to Christy in a small Midwestern town, but in the city she looked for loopholes and excuses for not loving neighbor. Life did not become easier for her, when Christy married and moved to West Philadelphia. There her neighbors shot at each other, used her garbage can as the communal trash, and ignored her when she passed by. She then moved to Chicago where her neighbors honked their horns and allowed their dogs to bark all hours of the night. With an infant trying to sleep, Christy lost her patience a number of times and failed to love her neighbors.

By the end of the article, she says that she finally moved back to a small Midwestern town, not close to her family but close to more tolerable neighbors. Ironically she missed Chicago. Of all the un-neighborly people she could think of, she remembered a man named George who walked around the neighborhood, saying hello to everyone he passed. George was able to rise above the unfriendliness to love his neighbor. Christy realized this man truly knew what loving neighbor was all about: actively being kind when no kindness seems to come our way.

Loving neighbor can be hard work, especially when we don't receive neighborly love. Those unloving people are the ones who need more of our love, believe it or not. They need our neighborly love to brighten their days and fill the empty places in their hearts, where only surliness or anger reside. Maybe all they encounter are surly and angry people, so they believe there is no hope of acting any other way. We may give them hope. We may change the pattern and help them realize that there is more to life than crabbiness.

Neighborly love allows people to experience God's love, because that is where love originates. God's love fills the empty places where grudges remain and records of wrongs are kept. God's love helps them (and us) to see the sadness and frustration of this world, not as bad things that cause pain but as bad things that cause people to pray. God's love may give all of us sympathy for what another person is going through and even how they are acting out amid the struggle. God can never be depleted of his love, for it flows endlessly every day. There is always enough to go around.

We have to experience all sorts of people every day. No getting around that. However, they are people whom God loves and calls his children. They are people whom God puts in our paths so we may love them.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests

PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Maria Cruz, Margaret Strelsky, Ugo Chukwura, Frank Archer, Richard Banks, Wilma Bell, Robbie Benson Jo Bevil, Cindy Bond, Allie Brandon, Charlie Brown, Jo Calhoun, Jean Chase, Rose Dills, Ralph Fadner, Will Felt, Earl Funk, Heather Gerald, Spencer Grant, Delores & Jack Hall, Gene Hammond, Howard Harden, Kelley Harden, Bob Hardy, Eddie Hooten, Adolpho Incerry, Gabyjudy Jeffrey, Sherry Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Barbara Lester, Bob Lukat, Julia McLeod, David Martinez, Linda Morgan, David Moss, Josiah Moss, Gladys Parkerson, Keith Rhoden, Gordon & Shirley Richardson, Ellen Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Shirley Thrailkill, Ian Turner, Beth Wheeler, Mollie Williams, Terry Williams, Pat Willingham, Jeff Yarbrough. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. Bryant **Harden**, Peace Corps, Mongolia. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Stephen **Brown** - Army Reserves, Arizona; 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; Cole **Springer** - Army; SrA Richard **Venizelos** - Scott AFB, Illinois; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Afghanistan; Aaron **Wescott** - Navy Special Forces - Afghanistan

Christian Love and Sympathy to the Family of Laura Mease, former charter member of Morrow Presbyterian, who passed away on September 14, 2012. Don & Laura Mease were members of MPC from 1964 until 1976 when they moved to Virginia. Please keep Don and their children in your prayers during this difficult time.

News from Our PW



Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting—Sunday, October 14, 12:15 p.m. Ladies of all ages from first grade to 100+, please join your fellow Morrow Presbyterian Women for our General Meeting with soup and salad luncheon to be held on Sunday, October 14, immediately following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall. Plan to be a part of our annual meeting where we will receive the Thank Offering and approve next year's budget and slate of officers, and announce upcoming activities. Plan to bring a soup or salad to share while the guys enjoy some time together.

Young at Heart Activities

The Young-at-Heart will sponsor a "**50 and Over AARP Driving Training Class**" on Wednesday, November 7, beginning at 9:00 AM. This class is **FREE for VETERANS**, their spouses and children, widows/widowers. Non-veteran related will pay \$12.00 if AARP member; \$14.00 if not. This training may qualify you for an insurance discount. Please register using the sign up sheet in the narthex.. Call early to confirm your reservation (class may be limited). Should you wish to take the ON-LINE VERSION of training: www.aarpdriversafety.org:50%offforveterans. (use promo code "veterans")

October Activity—THE APPLES ARE ABOUT READY FOR PICKING!!! On Wednesday, October 24th, let's go to Mercier's and stock up and get some good fried pies, apple bread, etc.! We will depart from the church at 8:30 AM. Cost will be \$15.00 plus lunch. This is usually our biggest trip, so be sure to make reservations with Ken Campbell.

November Activity—Be sure to mark **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**, on your calendars for our **ANNUAL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON** at the church. We will meet at 11:00 AM. Ham and turkey will be provided. Bring salads, veggies, and desserts to go along with the meats. We look forward to our usual large crowd for this special time of fun, food and fellowship. See you there!!!



Young at Heart visited Southern Living Idea House on 9/19



Welcome New Members

A special welcome to our new members who joined MPC on Sunday, September 23, 2012.



Inez Coke joined by *Reaffirmation of Faith*. Inez is retired. She enjoys dressmaking. Inez has two daughters and a son. Inez lives at 2677 Old Rex Morrow Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294. Phone: 404-362-0298.



Dakota Skye Gammage joined by *Profession of Faith & Baptism*. Dakota is in the 10th grade at Union Grove High School. She is the niece of Dock & Andra Gammage. Dakota is interested in music and enjoys singing. She likes using her gifts for the glory of God. She also loves being around her best friends and church family. Dakota lives with the Gammages at 6235 Montlake Avenue, McDonough, GA 30253. Phone: 770-320-9633.



Otisi (Otis) & Nnenna Onuoha joined by Transfer of Letter from the Greater Atlanta Presbytery (due to the closing of Riverdale PC). Otis is a bank operations manager. He enjoys soccer, football, and other sports. He is also interested in computer software and programs. Nnenna is a customer service representative and a student. She enjoys singing, cooking, and reading. Otis & Nnenna have three daughters (Kibe - 10th Grade, Ndiya - 9th Grade, and Ebere - 1st Grade), and a son, Obasi (7th Grade). The Onuoha's live at 9064 Jimmy Lee Circle, Jonesboro, GA 30238. Phone: 770-472-6148.



Attention: Kids and Youth



PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!

Sunday, October 7, 2012

Kids' Club - 4 to 6 p.m.

Youth - 5 to 8 p.m.

(the youth — Middle & High school only—will experience the Grant's Fear the Woods attraction)

All children and youth should meet at the Grant's Pumpkin Patch.

Kids—meet in front of the milking cow!

Youth—meet near the petting zoo.

Directions: The Pumpkin Patch (Yule Forest) is located at 3565 Hwy 155 North, Stockbridge. Take Hwy 138 toward Conyers. When 138 and 155 intersect, turn right and go approximately 4 miles. Yule Forest will be on the right.



**Handbells
Resume**

Handbell practice will resume on Sunday, October 21, at 4 p.m. If you have played before or can read music, please join us as we prepare for the Advent season.



Flowers

If you would like to put flowers in the sanctuary, there are a few openings left for the remainder of the year.

Days available are: October 14, 28

November 4, December 2, 23, 30

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.

Exercise

Tuesdays

7:00 p.m.



Walk and Talk. The congregation is invited to join the exercise class for a walking workout. Different DVDs are used to do a low impact walking aerobics. The last Tuesday of the month is a Yoga class.