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Fall Festival— Sunday, Oct. 27



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Sunday, October 27th

5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Please make plans now to enjoy an evening of fun at MPC's Fall Festival. A hot dog dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m., followed by tons of games and prizes (and lots of candy!). If you would like to help with games, decorations, or cakes/cupcakes for the cake walk, please let Andra Gammage or Sheila McKee know.

Candy donations and small items for prizes may be placed in the box in the Fellowship Hall.

Youth will meet from 5—5:30 p.m. and then help with the Fall Festival.

Pumpkin Patch—October 6



PUMPKIN PATCH TIME!!

Sunday, October 6, 2013

Kids' Club - 4 to 6 p.m.

Youth - 5 to 7 p.m.

(the youth — Middle & High school only—will experience the Grant's *Fear the Woods* attraction, if they desire)

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.

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The Pastor's Pen



I came across an interesting article the other day, involving Quebec and racism. Apparently the Premier of Quebec proposed barring public employees from wearing religious symbols on the job. Canadian newspapers erupted in outrage, the article said, and felt that it discriminated against certain people such as Muslim women who wear *hijads* (head coverings), not to mention those wearing crosses or Stars of David on necklaces. Apparently French Canadians (Quebecers) believe in secularism when it comes to church and state. They expect public employees such as secretaries, teachers, and nurses to set aside their private religious identities while at work. Go to your place of worship and be religious there, but when you are with us leave the religion at the door.

Thank you for being patient in reading the last paragraph, because I am now getting to my thought :D. Nobody can and should leave their religion at the door. It doesn't matter if you are a French-speaking Canadian or an English-speaking American, faith cannot be separated from work or politics or anything else.

I cannot speak for other religious beliefs, but I can speak for Christians... Our identity is in Christ. Our thoughts, words, and actions are for the sake of Christ. In John 14, Jesus argues that the Father is in him, and that he and the Father are one. Of course, this is the core of the Trinity, the Father and Son being one with the Spirit. Jesus then goes on to say that we are one with the Father and Son (and Holy Spirit). "Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you" (John 14:19-20).

One chapter later, Jesus talks about vines and branches. Jesus is the Vine and we are the branches, which means we cannot *be* without our Source. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If [anyone] remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Even Paul says to the Philippians, "I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, so that I may gain Christ."

So how does this "leave your religion at the door" work? Is a person supposed to cut himself or herself from the Vine while working? If so, he or she can do nothing. He or she is nothing: no meaning, no salvation, and no existence.

It doesn't work that way. Sure, people try to leave their faith somewhere on the side, so they might have a good time and/or be somebody else. But it just doesn't work, not as Christians. We cannot turn off our faith like a light switch. We cannot ignore Christ's sacrifice and resurrection any more than we can ignore a spouse or a child. We may never cut off Christ, or else we lose everything.

There is no separation of church and state within us. In every public and private space, God and we are one.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

¹ *The Week: The Best of the US and International Media*, September 13, 2013.

² Philippians 3:8. Actually, *rubbish* is not strong enough a word. Think of something lumpy and smelly. Sorry, but that is the Greek word Paul uses, and thus the impact of his statement is more powerful.

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Grandma Moriles (Atlanta Medical Center), Alex Buchanan (Pauline's grandson), Brenda Gossett (friend of Shirley Thraillkill), Connie Funk, Charlotte Colwell (Jo Bevil's sister), Keith Stanley (Carol Oswalt's son-in-law), Jeff Yarbrough (Atlanta Med. Center), Frank Archer, Ruth Batchelor, Jo Bevil, Mae Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Charlie Brown, Christopher Carlton, Christiana Corley, Bobby Costa, Tom Darga, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Ann Goza, Spencer Grant, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Eddie Hooten, Sherry Johnson, Berniece Lillegard, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, David Moss, Beth Newman, Keith Rhoden, Luis Saavedra, Stephanie Smith, Joe & Betty Spier, Vrina Stebbins, Margaret Strelsky, Forrest & Ann Thornton, Josephine Tinio, Edith Walston, Beth & Eddy Wheeler, Terry Williams. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** SPC Jonathan **Amason**, - National Guard, Anniston, AL; Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; Jaime **Brown** - Army - Fort Benning, GA; 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.*

PW News



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting — Sunday, October 20, 12:15 p.m. All women are invited to attend the Annual Presbyterian Women's General Meeting on Sunday, October 20, immediately following the worship service.

We will vote on the 2014 Presbyterian Women's Coordinating Team (PWCT) Officers, approve the 2014 PW Budget, and receive the Thank Offering. Please bring a soup or salad to share, and be a part of the wonderful fellowship of women doing God's work at the Morrow Presbyterian Church.

New Roof



Many of you have noticed that MPC now has a new roof. Yes, thanks to hail damage and good insurance coverage, we have been able to replace our damaged roof.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Mark & Kristen Floyd on the birth of their baby girl, **Caroline Lillie Floyd**, who was born on September 2, 2013, weighing 5 lbs. 14 oz. and was 19 inches long. Caroline joins big brother, Jakob.

Her proud grandparents are Norman & Linda Lillie. Her uncle and cousins are Ben, Madelline, Nathan, and Camille Lillie. The rosebud and cradle cross on the pulpit September 8 were in Caroline's honor provided by the Presbyterian Women.

Thank You Notes

From Mark, Kristen, Jakob, & Caroline Floyd...

Dear MPC Women and Congregation—Thank you for your continued prayers, cards, phone calls, and support during our pregnancy and delivery of our precious and healthy baby girl—Caroline Lillie Floyd. We also dearly appreciate all of the goodies from the baby basket, and I look forward to using everything! Thanks again!

From Sharon Goza... Dear MPC Family, Thank you so much for honoring me on my 30th Anniversary. I love the beautiful celebration tray, and thank you for the lovely reception. It has been my joy and privilege to serve the Lord here at MPC, and I give Him all the praise and glory. Much love.

MPC's 50th Anniversary



The committee is busy planning the 50th Anniversary of Morrow Presbyterian Church. **The dates will be the weekend of April 5 & 6, 2014.** Make sure you put those dates on your calendar. **Do you have a picture of the white house where Morrow Presbyterian Church began?** If so, please let Libby know so she can make a copy. Thanks!



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.

Recognition of Sharon Goza— Sept. 15



Sharon Goza was recognized on September 15 for reaching the milestone of 30 Years of Faithful Service to Morrow Presbyterian Church as our organist/ accompanist. Sharon began with MPC back in 1983 and has been involved in and led many of the activities in our church. Sharon plays the organ and piano, co-leads the Kids' Club musical programs, acts as Storyteller for VBS, and many more services. The Canterbury Choir presented a choir throw to Sharon during the service. Bob Lukat and Mary Dyche, representing Personnel & Administration, presented Sharon with a celebration tray. Thanks, Sharon for sharing your talents with us.



Financial Update

Our stewardship over the last several weeks has left us behind in our ability to meet our tithing goal for this month. We are currently short approximately \$3,300.00. The areas that are awaiting our support include Camp Calvin, Calvary Refuge Center, Samaritans Together, Thornwell, Campus Ministry, New Church Development, Columbia Library, and our Madagascar missionary support.

Over the last several weeks we have not reached our needs in weekly giving of \$5,300. This shortage is putting us into a difficult position for meeting our commitments as we enter the month of October.

<u>Sunday</u>	<u>Offering</u>
8/25/2013	\$2,817.87
9/1/2013	\$7,268.64
9/08/2013	\$2,489.25
9/15/2013	\$3,984.15
9/22/2013	\$6,636.64



Please prayerfully consider your commitment to our mission here at Morrow Presbyterian Church as you make your weekly offering.

Children's Church

The Worship Ministry Team is looking for volunteers to help with Children's Church on Sunday mornings. If enough people volunteer, a rotation schedule can be made to reduce the number of times any one person will miss worship. Please contact Connie Bell to volunteer.

Youth News

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 money** by giving Andra your \$100 deposit no later than November 26, 2013 for a \$399 rate; by January 27, 2014 for a \$409 rate, and by March 31, 2014 for the \$435 rate.

The Great Escape - **June 9 - 14, 2014**

Fun in the Son (FITS) - **July 13 - 18, 2014**

Young at Heart



IT'S APPLE-PICKIN' TIME AGAIN! (and you might want to make the trip and pick up a few

FRIED PIES, TOO!) **October 16** is the day for this special trip. We will leave the church in a big van at 8:30 AM. Cost will be \$20.00 plus lunch. Mark your calendars and be sure to make your reservation with Ken Campbell (770) 961-2272.