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Fall Festival—October 26



Fall Festival

Sunday, October 26th

5:30 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 Fellowship



**Saturday,
October 4, 2014
3:30 p.m.**

Michael Lee Concert (3—5 p.m.)

6:00 p.m. - ???

**Youth Fellowship
and Haunted House**

Michael Lee, a Christian Country artist, will be performing at the Pumpkin Patch on Saturday, October 4. The Youth group will meet there at 3:30 p.m. to hear the concert and then have a time of fellowship from 6—7 p.m. At 7 p.m., those youth that want to go through *Fear the Woods* may.



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The Pastor's Pen



When we consider all the classic monsters that could scare us, the vampire would probably top the list. Movies have been made about them, even vegetarian ones. People have written folklore about vampires, and children may dress as them on Halloween. As much as I know about them, I never read the original book from Bram Stoker called *Dracula*. A few months ago I did.

It was not as gory in its descriptions as modern-day novels and movies would be, although it was scary enough to keep a young child from going to sleep at night. One of the more dramatic scenes occurs at the end, when a small group of hunters confront Dracula at his castle and engage in a fight to the death. Sorry to ruin the ending, but the Count finally gets his. As he is dying, something odd occurs. The one female of the group, Mina Harker, notices that Dracula's body falls to dust and almost instantly passes out of sight. But before this she says, "I shall be glad as long as I live that even in that moment of final dissolution there was in the face a look of peace, such as I never could have imagined might have rested there."

That brief sentence caught my attention: "a look of peace" on Dracula's face? For one of the scariest monsters to ever live? The author Bram Stoker is suggesting that although the Count had done some dreadful things, he was relieved to be released from it all. Dracula could finally escape his undead body and the desires of his corrupt heart, and be at true peace.

During Halloween (and possibly for most of October), we think of monsters that do cruel things to people. We dress as them and act like them, although we don't go so far as to injure people. Some might even dress as vampires and strut around like they are up to no good. But it is interesting to think that from a book that gave rise to this vampire craze, there is a glimmer of light. There is the hope that evil is overcome by good. Death is overcome by new life.

The base and immoral things of life may persuade us. If we pursue them, they will only make us emptier inside. In the light of God, however, they lose their power. They fade away to dust. We may ask forgiveness, and God liberates us from our prison of sin. We may venture in a different life where pure joy resides. God "is faithful and just to forgive our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (John 1:9).

During this month we may think of death. With summer ending, we consider trees that bear no more fruit and fields that bear no more grain. Maybe it is natural to think of "the end of things" at this time. Yet death is not our final end. For we who believe in Christ, life is our final destination. "Death is swallowed up in victory," says Paul in 1 Corinthians 15. "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting? But thank God! He gives us victory over death and sin through our Lord Jesus Christ" (vss. 54-55, 57). We may think of death and dying things for a time, but it doesn't occupy our thoughts for long. Life is what we focus on. Being one with God and free from corruption and pain, that is our hope for the future.

So this month if you put on a costume and dab your face with paint to distort your features, take a moment to thank God that you don't have to remain that way. We don't live or act as monsters who do cruel things to people. We have the potential to live a different life. God releases us from cruel and base things. God releases us from fear. We are called to be disciples of Christ who live out and share the greatest news a person may hear.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Ramon Gonsalves (Mary Ann Moriles' father), Todd Bruno (Virginia Cagle & Shirley Bradley's dentist), Family of Kevin Funk (Connie Funk's son; Stacy Weems' brother), Jackie McLeod, Richard McCray (Ruth Laster's father), Justin & Jennifer Thraillkill (nephew & niece of Bill & Shirley), Drew Yarbrough (custodian's grandson), Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Patty Bormolini, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Marissa Buck, Wendall Byars, Janis Campbell, Lucie Cantrell, Marcia Cartledge, Mandy Chapman, Ugo Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Brittany Conrad, Maria Cruz, Sonja Delgado, Mary Dyché, Sherrie Esquivel, Will Felt, Connie Funk, Jessica Giddens, Meg Gore, Allen Grant, Spencer Grant, David Hadler, Bob Hardy, Erin Harkens, Beth Harper, Steve Hayner, Tom & Alice Headlee, John Henrikson, Lisa Hulbert, Laura Johnson, Marsha Ann Kempson, Walter Krauth, Noli Luna, Carrilton Marsh, Julia McLeod, Dahlia Minton, Bernard Mock, Kevin Moriles, David & Faye Moss, Florette Njonu, Nan Norton, Nuss Family, Breanna Ordaniel, Sara Ruth Owens, Shanti Paramanandam, Karen Poole, Donna Randolph, Kay Shaffer, Joe & Betty Spier, Keith Stanley, Carolyn Sterns, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, Madison Thraillkill, Joy Tinio, Mary Ann Warlick, Ginny Webb, Barbara Whitfield, Terry & Margie Williams. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** - Madagascar. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; Shaun **Bland** - Navy, Georgia; SPC Kevin & Jaime **Brown**—Army—Fort Riley, KS; Jeremy **Butler** - Marines; Sk2 Robert **Crain**, Tennessee; SPC Joseph **Eason**, Fort Bliss, TX; Jonathan **Johnson** - National Guard - GA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** - Afghanistan; SPC Justin **Warlick** - Army, TX.

Pastor John's Video Series

Pastor John has a new Bible study video series on the Internet. Scan this on your phone or tablet to check it out. Or, visit www.vimeo.com/AtOneBibleVideos.



Young at Heart News

Young At Heart Apple Trip, October 29, 8:30 a.m. The fruit trees in Blue Ridge, Georgia, are loaded with delicious apples...and MERCIER'S APPLE BARN is just waiting for our Young-at-Heart group to be there to stock up on them, those wonderful fried pies, all kinds of fresh breads and lots of other goodies! Be sure you have **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**, marked on your calendars for our APPLE TRIP. We will leave the church at 8:30 AM and return approximately 4:30 PM. We plan to eat at our favorite restaurant, "THE LAST CATCH", in Jasper, Georgia. **Cost of the trip will be \$20.00 per person.** Make your reservations with Ken at 770-961-2272.

Church Work Day



Church Work Day, October 18, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Please mark your calendar for Saturday, October 18, to help clean and make repairs within and without your church building. All members should want to help make MPC sparkle and shine.

October is Stewardship Month

October is Stewardship Month! Yes, it's that time again when we consider our financial commitment to Morrow Presbyterian Church. Each Sunday during this month, we'll be highlighting areas of ministry in which our church serves the community inside and outside our building. 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. -The Stewardship/Administration Team

We now have online giving! You may tithe to the church from your couch. Along with placing your tithe in the offering plate, there is another way to donate to Morrow Church. Maybe you missed a Sunday worship service and don't like to overlook giving to the church. Our new online service may help you to keep up with your weekly giving. Or, maybe you like paying bills online. This is another easy way to send monies to the church. Just visit our website (MorrowPresbyterian.Org), and find the GIVE NOW button to the left. Click it and enter your information. It is preferred that you donate via direct transfer from your bank, although you may give via credit or debit card. The site is secure and your tithe is monitored by Morrow Church. You will receive an email verification of your tithe, which may be kept for tax purposes. Now you have two options to choose from: placing your tithe in the offering plate during Sunday worship or through the Morrow Church website. Please ask Pastor John, if you have any question.

Continue to support the ministries that make our church a great church for the kingdom of God!



Family Night Supper, October 19, 6 p.m.



Sports Team Night at MPC, October 19, 6 p.m. Please join us at our Family Night Supper on October 19, 2014 at 6 pm. The theme is **Sports Team Night**, so wear your favorite sports jersey and bring your favorite sports dish/dessert to share. Come and have a ball with your wonderful church family.

Relay for Life Kick-Off, October 27, 7-8:30 p.m.

There will be a Relay for Life informational celebration/meet and greet on Monday, October 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. at the church. This is open to everyone. Participation in past or future Relay for Life fundraisers is not a requirement. For more information, contact Albert Coughlin at 404-384-0977.

Thank You Notes...

From Janis Campbell and family... TO OUR DEAR FRIENDS AT MPC! There are just not enough "thank you's" to adequately show our appreciation to all you folks who have been so attentive to our family during the past several weeks during my surgery and recuperation period. Most importantly, we could feel the many, many prayers that were being sent up on our behalf and know that is why I came through the surgery as well as I did. God is good and we know He was there leading the surgeon and hospital staff in everything they did to take such good care of us. Thank you so much for remembering us so faithfully. Each day our mailbox was filled with so many beautiful get-well cards, sweet notes and gifts. We enjoyed them all. Also, a big thank-you for the visits, the delicious food, and pretty floral arrangements that were delivered to us. My family and I love each of you and will remember you for all your goodness to us throughout this time of distress and healing. May He richly bless you and keep you in His care. Our thanks to all!!!

From Lucie Cantrell ...To my church family, Thank you for all of the prayers, cards, and calls while I have been home healing from my fall and my fractured ankle.

From Mary Ann Moriles & Tanya Costa...A big thank you for all that made the Men of Cornerstone concert a success. It was a great FNS event where we all worked together setting up, cleaning up, brought enough food to share and enjoyed the beautiful music that Dick Shaffer and his group brought to our church. It was indeed a blessed and wonderful evening!

From Noli Luna (friend of Mary Ann Moriles) ...Thanks a lot for all the prayers that Morrow Presbyterian Church is offering me. I appreciate it very much.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women General Meeting, October 12, 12:30 p.m. All women of the church are invited to attend the General Meeting on Sunday, October 12th at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. We will be having a salad luncheon and ask all attendees to bring a salad to share. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the PWCT. We will be approving next year's budget, approving next year's officers and chairs, and receiving the Thank Offering. Please make plans to attend.

Virginia Dews Circle, NO Meeting. The Virginia Dews Circle will not meet in October due to the General Meeting on October 12. Please plan on attending the PW General Meeting/Salad Luncheon following the worship service that Sunday.

Dorcas Circle—October 14, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet in the Fellowship Hall for brunch followed by their Bible study of the Book of James, Chapter 2:1-13 led by Suzanne Lukat. Their project for October and November will be bringing toiletry items for bags for the seniors of the food pantry. Janis Campbell has the devotion. Emily Starr and Marcia Cartledge are the hostesses.

Morning Glory Circle—October 26, 9:45 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle has begun a new Bible study using the book, "The Best Yes," by Lysa TerKeurst. If you would like to join the group in this study, you may want to purchase your book from Amazon.com or LifeWay. See Andra Gammage for a study guide. The group will be watching the video for Chapters 4-6, and receiving the study guide for those chapters. The group meets in the McNair/Seekers classroom.

Presbyterian Women's Project. The project for the rest of the year is to buy a washer/dryer for the Costa Rica Mission. Save your change!

Save the date, Saturday, January 24, 2015 for the Women's Retreat at Calvin Center.