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**Kids' Club Kick-Off, Sept 11**

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Sunday, September 11  
5 – 7 p.m.**

All children ages 4 years old through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to start coming on Sunday nights from 5-7 p.m. for singing, Bible study, recreation, and food. **On Sunday, September 11, we will have WET NIGHT!** Wear your bathing suit under your clothes and bring a towel.



**Youth Kick-Off a Success**



**Youth Schedule**

Join the youth each Sunday night at Morrow Presbyterian for Bible Study, fellowship, food, and fun.  
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

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**LABOR DAY**



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**The Pastor's Pen**



The Henri Nouwen Society sends me an email every morning. Inside is a devotional that comes from the renowned priest and spiritual director Henri Nouwen. The Society takes excerpts from his writings and creates devotionals through them.

One of these had to do with the hidden life of Jesus. Nouwen says, "The largest part of Jesus' life was hidden." That sparked my curiosity. "When we think about Jesus we mostly think about his words and miracles, his passion, death and resurrection, but we should never forget that before all of that Jesus lived a simple, hidden life in a small town, far away from all the great people, great cities, and great events. Jesus' hidden life is very important for our own spiritual journeys."

I imagined how I could live as simply as Jesus. Would I need to move to the country and surround myself with farms (I did serve in two rural areas in two different states)? Would I have to prune away many of the busy activities with which I get involved? It sounded like Nouwen was calling his readers to a radically different life that they might find difficult to adopt.

The next day a new Henri Nouwen devotional came, and the title was "Hiddenness, a Place of Intimacy." The devotional from yesterday was continuing. "Hiddenness is an essential quality of the spiritual life," Nouwen says. "Solitude, silence, ordinary tasks, being with people without great agendas, sleeping, eating, working, playing.... all of that without being different from others, that is the life that Jesus lived and the life he asks us to live."

I was getting it. Nouwen was urging his readers to make a change in their lives, but not one that involves moving house and living in the most remote place on earth. It involves being less active and less harried. It involves not keeping agendas and schedules all the time. It involves getting together with God in some quiet place at home or church, and just being together for a time.

We all need this. We cannot be on the move all the time. We know what happens when we are: we burn out, we become angry with and snippy toward others, and we are no fun at our jobs, church, home, or anywhere. We need to take breaks from time to time. A quiet breakfast or lunch or both. A moment in the morning or evening in a solitary corner. Nouwen encourages his readers to be alone with God and even suggests to be alone with a friend or two (at a coffee shop, for example) without having to do or plan anything. God is invited in that space, too.

Look at the following Scripture passages that tell us about Jesus' hiddenness (Matthew 14:22-23, Mark 1:35, and Luke 5:15-16, to name a few). Jesus hid himself once in awhile from all the people and situations, so that he could be prepared to face them eventually. If our Savior did this, how much more should we? When we find those spaces, we discover how essential they are. They make our public lives so much more fruitful. We have energy to do what needs to be done. We have the enthusiasm to help others and work together toward a common goal. When the energy is depleted, we go back to our hiddenness, and then we are recharged for the next round.

We all need a little time off now and again. We hide ourselves with God, and we become better people all around.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

## Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** – Earthquake victims in Italy, Ashlyn Tuttle, Ruth Batchelor, Carol Bevil, Jo Bevil, Jeff Blanton, Frank Bradley, Allie Brandon, Mary Bridges, Allene Brown, Susan Brown, Dr. Todd Bruno, Mary Butler, Rey Cabayan, Grace Cabrera, Betty Colwell, Corey Costa, Tanya Costa, Rita Coughlin, Felix Cruz, Ilona Dorsey, Ophelia Dunn & family, Lei Eason, Sherrie Esquivel, Alma Evans, Will Felt, Jessica Giddens, Wayne Goza, Myron & Betty Ann Harris, Rev. Penny Hill, Charles Hoequist, Kissa Howard, Laura Howard, Otisha Howell, Corrine Jackson, Jeanine Jenkins & her sister Wanda, Charlie Johnson, Leah Lipps, Missy Luce, Ron Lukat, Noli Luna, Maliki Marshall, Rev. Elizabeth “Libby” McAilley, Jeanne McElrath, Velma Miller, Linda Morgan, Grandma & Grandpa Moriles, David & Faye Moss, John Mullane, Nan Norton, Oba Odu, Michelle Oswald, Janice Palmer, Breckin Parton, Destiny Perry, John Popovich, Beverly Pruet, Kenneth Roberts, Sr., Gary Robinson, Linda Souza, Keith Stanley, Margaret Strelsky, Ann Thornton, the country of Venezuela, Eddy Wheeler, Gene & Willis Williams Terry & Margie Williams, Susan Wolpin. **OUR MISSIONARIES:** Rev. Al **Tinio** & family in the Philippines; Dan & Elizabeth **Turk** – Mission Haven. **OUR MILITARY:** Scott **Bland** - Navy, Virginia; SPC Kevin **Brown**, Army—Afghanistan; CPL Jaime **Brown**, Army, KS; Jeremy **Butler** – Marines; Joseph **Eason** – deployed to Iraq, PFC Najee **Hall**, Army, CA; Kevin **Krebs**, AK; SSG Richard **Venizelos** – Air Force, CO. **Our Many College Students. A full prayer list is available in the narthex next to the library.**



### Welcome Aboard the Steward Ship

During the month of October, we are going to reveal the many ways we serve our church.

Our Time and Talents are needed, and also our Tithes to do ministry.

Hop on board and make God's church great in our community!

## Presbyterian Women



**PWCT, September 4, 12:30 p.m.**— The next PWCT meeting will be on Sunday, September 4, at 12:30 p.m. in the Pacer's classroom.

**Virginia Dews Circle, September 12, 6:30 p.m.**—The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on September 12, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Pacers' Classroom. Stephanie Lozel will serve as hostess with light refreshments and provide our devotion. Our Bible Study will be presented by Anne Fordham. Please remember to bring any change you have been saving for the PWCT Water Project so we can turn it in to Marie Tuttle from the Virginia Dews Circle.

**Dorcas Circle—September 13, 10 a.m.** The Dorcas Circle will meet at the church on September 13 at 10:00 a.m. Hostesses: Sharon Goza & Jo Calhoun Devotion: Marcia Cartledge; Bible Study: Suzanne Lukat

**Morning Glory Circle— September 25, 9:30 a.m.** The Morning Glory Circle will continue in their Bible study using the book, *The Armor of God*, by Priscilla Shirer. They will review *The Shoes of Peace* and watch the DVD for *The Shield of Faith*.

**Presbyterian Women's General Meeting, October 9, 12:30 p.m.** All women are invited to attend our General Meeting which will be held Sunday, October 9 after the worship service. It will be a salad luncheon and all attendees are asked to bring a salad to share. More info will be forthcoming.

## Young at Heart, Bay Breeze, September 28, 11 a.m.



**Young at Heart, Bay Breeze, September 28, 11 a.m.** Please join the Young at Heart at Bay Breeze in Lovejoy on Wednesday, September 28. The group will meet at the restaurant at 11 a.m. for fun, fellowship and food.

## In Memory of Gordon Richardson and Julia McLeod



**Gordon Hayward Richardson**, 82, died July 27, 2016. Gordon joined Morrow Presbyterian Church on May 30, 1993.

Gordon worked as a Special Agent for the FAA for over 36 years where he received the Superior Achievement Award, was recognized as a founding charter member of

the Aviation Security Association of America-International, and honored for his outstanding contribution to the FAA mission in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Gordon enjoyed playing golf, taking care of his yard, and watching the Florida Gators.

Gordon, and his wife, Shirley, developed and implemented a Children's Church curriculum at Morrow Presbyterian which they taught for many years. They also worked with the Kids' Club program.

Please keep Shirley and their daughter, Shirl, in your prayers. Gordon—you will be missed.



**Mary Julia Elliott McLeod**, 95, died August 6, 2016. Julia was a charter member of Morrow Presbyterian Church having joined on March 15, 1964.

Julia was active in the church when she was able, and younger.

One of her favorite memories was of a cute prayer Bruce Campbell made in kindergarten class. Another is making delicious homemade wafers for com-

munion. She also cooked many meals for the sick.



Memorials in Julia's memory may be sent to the Morrow Presbyterian Women.

Please keep Steve, Jackie, Josh, Heather, Christian, Shiloh, and Phyllis in your prayers.

Julia—you will be missed.

## Operation Christmas Child



Don't forget that Operation Christmas Child is coming. Already it's that time of the year!! Once again the entire congregation is invited to join us and collect your NEW items to put in your box. Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, and Dollar General are great places to shop and you can find some things 2 for 1! Some places may still have sales on school supplies.

On Sunday, September 11, 2016, Marcia Cartledge will have the boxes to hand out after church so everybody can start filling them with special items. Remember - no military toys or liquids. Next year any candy will NOT be accepted, so maybe start that new rule this year. The boxes are free, and you will receive a list as to what you can pack in them. Usually it costs about \$21 to fill a box, but if you look around, you can find sales that will reduce the cost. Then, maybe, you can fill two boxes! You will have to pay for shipping, and that will cost \$7.00 per box. Don't forget you may want to have a packing party where everybody brings their "great buys" and shares them and everybody fills their boxes from the "bounty." **We will be collecting the boxes during the week of November 14 - 21.** The exact date within that week will be announced later.

OCC is a branch of Franklin Graham's ministry, and so far they have delivered millions of boxes to children all over the world. These children are thankful for items our children take for granted, such as underwear, washcloths and towels, balls, small dolls, toothbrushes and toothpaste, etc. Please pray over your box(es) and ask God what should be in your box. Then He will make sure they find the right recipient!

## Thank You Note



**From Kathy Prince...** Thank you so much for your prayers and concerns during my son, John's, surgery. He is well on his way to full recovery.

**From the Family of Julia McLeod...** Thank you all so much for the cards, prayers, and support following the death of Steve's mother, Julia McLeod. Also, a special thank-you to the Morrow Presbyterian Women for the beautiful reception. Julia would be proud! It gave the family a chance to reconnect with friends and family. It felt like home as our old church opened their arms to welcome us back. We have great appreciation!