



GOOD TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

April 2010

Special points of interest:

- **Invite someone to worship on Easter**
- **Children, ages 5 and older, please worship with your family on Easter Sunday. All younger children may go to child care.**
- **Survey Says...! Small Groups are forming for like minded people in... Travel Movies Dining & Cooking Gardening Bible Heroes See Page 2 for details.**
- **Volunteer now for Vacation Ventures, our exciting Summer Vacation Bible School program. See Page 3 for more info.**

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Notes from the Pastor...

I still have a special gift I was given by my Godmother when I was baptized, a small silver butterfly necklace which I always pull it out to wear during Easter. The butterfly has been a Christian symbol of new life throughout the ages as it transitions from a caterpillar, into the chrysalis, and then breaking forth as a beautiful new creature, the Butterfly. Something that once crawled, miraculously becomes something, that now, can fly.

As we celebrate this Easter season, I wish to share a piece of an article by Martha Beck. She writes: "I used to think I knew how some caterpillars become butterflies...I figured if I were to cut open a cocoon, I'd find a butterfly-ish caterpillar, or a caterpillar-ish butterfly...I was wrong. If you were to look inside the cocoon early on, you'd find nothing but a puddle of glop. But in that glop are certain cells, called imago cells, that contain the DNA-coded instructions for turning bug soup into a delicate, winged creature, the angel of the dead caterpillar."

She goes on to use the life stages of the caterpillar/butterfly as a way to explain our own life transitions. "The first phase of change is the scariest...It's the time when we lose our identity and are left temporarily formless: person soup. Most people fight like crazy to keep their identities from dissolving." Have you ever felt that? Completely formless, a person soup? Transitions are not an easy time and as

we continue in our journey together here, at the Morris Plains Presbyterian Church, we too may have moments where there is a sense that we have lost our identity or have been left temporarily formless, a congregation soup. But just as that caterpillar is not becoming a glob of glop only to remain in that stage forever, there are cells at work bringing a new creation out of a complete mess.

The Good News of Easter is that God is not leaving humanity with a lost identity or as formless void. Transition we must, and leaving behind one identity only to gain something new we will learn to do. This is the story of faith, being transformed by God's living word in our lives. As we celebrate the gift of the Resurrection, God continues to work with us as a community of faith, slowly, in God's time, turning this place into a wondrous new creation.

Peace and Blessings
this Holy Season,

Carie

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

Community News + Events

Holy Week Schedule

- April 1: **Maundy Thursday**
Worship 7 PM
- April 2: **Good Friday**
Worship 7 PM
- April 4: **Easter Celebration**
Worship 9 & 11 AM

CD Recordings

Recordings of the 9am Sunday service are available by request. Please contact Ginny Jerr in the office with your request.

Survey Says...

We're glad to announce the new groups that will be forming as a result of the Small Group survey! They are: Discovering the Bible and It's Heroes, Gardening, Reel to Reel (Movies), International Dining and Cooking, and Travel.

If you're interested in joining with others who share these interests, come to an organizational meeting to get the details:

Monday, April 12th 7pm

Discovering the Bible and
It's Heroes
Gardening

Monday, April 26th, 7 pm

Reel to Reel (Movies)
International Dining and Cooking
Travel

It's okay if you didn't answer the survey, come anyway! See Jess Fisher or Karolyn Hagadorn with any questions or if you can't make the meeting. While the interest meetings are on Monday nights, the groups will not necessarily meet on Mondays in the future.

Esther Bible Study

Two separate groups continue this study on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM. Contact Shelly Housel at publicity@morrisplainsmops.org or 973-627-2256 for details.

Annual Spring Banquet

Friday, May 7, 2010 - 6:30 pm, Westminster Hall Always a wonderful evening of faith and fellowship for women of all ages! *Mark your calendar now.*

Ladies Ocean Retreat

"Down the Shore" May 15-16, Ocean Grove, NJ. Ladies' Overnight Getaway to scenic Ocean Grove. The retreat will provide an opportunity to nurture old friendships and build new ones, while we take a break from our hectic lives to refresh and renew - and grow closer with God in the beautiful surroundings of His creation.

Of course for the most fulfilling experience, we encourage an overnight stay, but if you are unable to spend the night at the retreat, and would like to join us

just for the day on Saturday, we would love to have you with us. The cost would be reduced to \$40, and your commitment would be needed by April 18. (Ocean Grove is approximately a 70-minute drive from Morris Plains.)

Presbyterian Women of Newton Presbytery Spring Gathering

"Caring for Ourselves, Caring for Others" All women are invited to attend this Spring Gathering to be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna on Sunday, April 25 from 2 to 7 PM. Guest Speaker Carol Kleinrick, breast cancer survivor and author of the book, *"It Is What It Is."* RSVP by April 16 to Janet at 973-584-5238 or via email at fpcsunna@optonline.net. Cost for the day is only \$5 to cover dinner. Child care provided upon request. Come and spend the afternoon with other women from our area. Invite someone to come with you!

Integrating Ministry & Technology

Website, Facebook, Commentaries & more...

WHO: Everyone

WHAT: 4 Workshops (1/2 hour each)

WHEN: April 13, 2010, 6 to 8 PM

WHERE: Community Presbyterian Church
220 Main St., Chester, NJ

RSVP by April 6 to the Presbytery Office at 973-361-0084 or at office@newtonpresbytery.org. Bring your laptop!!!!

Kids + Students

Every Sunday...

Kid's Own Worship (Sunday School)

- 9 AM Infants thru Grade 7
11 AM Childcare Only for Infants & Toddlers. All others worship with your family.

Camp Scholarships

Mission Ministry has announced that there are only a couple of scholarships left worth \$100 to attend camp this summer at our Presbyterian Church Camp in Johnsonburg, NJ. Located in nearby Warren County, *only 30 miles from Morris Plains*, Camp Johnsonburg offers 400 acres of fun and exciting programs for all ages from 2nd grade through high school. To register for the scholarship, please contact the church office. Visit the camp website at campjburg.org.

Used Cell Phone Drive

Drop off all cell phones, PDA's, MP3 players, laptops and digital cameras in the collection bin near the mailboxes. Your donation supports the youth programs and helps the environment.

Youth Group—Grades 8-12

Our Youth Group meets on most Sunday evenings from 7 to 9 PM upstairs in "The Attic" and welcomes new members and friends in Grades 8-12. Don't hesitate to become a part of the Youth Group! Make new friends, explore your faith & have fun! See the schedule online at www.mppresby.org/ and join "Morris Plains PYC" on Facebook to get all the latest news and schedules.

Club Fifty6

Youth Group for Grades 5—7 meets on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in The Attic. Stop by and get in on the fun! Club Fifty6 is invited to attend Battlecry with a parent on April 16-17.

27 Hour Teen Event: Battlecry

April 16 & 17 at the Meadowlands IZOD Center. Bands, Speakers, Tailgate BBQ, 27 Hours to focus on your relationship with God and others all while hanging out and having a ton of fun. Limited tickets available. Cost: Food, Souvenirs and possible hotel overnight. RSVP to Kim Smith as soon as possible.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains is accepting applications for the full-time, year round salaried position of DIRECTOR and HEAD TEACHER of JOYFUL NOISE PRESCHOOL and DAY CARE PROGRAM.

Contact the school for complete details. 973-539-9514.

All resumes should be emailed to joyful.noise@mppresby.org or submitted to the Joyful Noise main office.

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**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER**
ARTICLES IS
APRIL 26

office@mppresby.org

Get to Know Your Elders

Each month, one or two Ruling Elders will be featured here to help you get to know them better.

Featured Ruling Elder: Karolyn Hagadorn

Karolyn joined the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains in spring, 2005, and became a Deacon (now combined with Elders) in 2007. She had been searching for a church she could call home for a few years and the first time she attended a service at PCMP she knew this was the place she would call her church home. Karolyn lives in Randolph, and prior to that she lived several years in Guam and the Virgin Islands, but was born and raised in Syracuse.

Karolyn loves gardening, tennis, traveling, her family, and our church. She works for ADP in the training development department, and found that the instructional design process and discipline has helped tremendously in organizing the Adult Nurture/Small Groups ministry.

Karolyn's three children are grown and live in Colorado (daughter Heather), NC (daughter Noelle, husband and their three children), and son Matt (who stayed a little closer -

in central NJ - and is married with two pre-schoolers) – finally some grandchildren close enough to dote on!

Karolyn treasures the PCMP church family, the spiritual growth she has realized here, and is grateful to being part of the growth and transition phase we're currently going through.

Featured Ruling Elder: Ruth Otey

Ruth was born in Dover, N J and currently lives in Morris Plains.

She is a retired text book designer from Silver Burdett Ginn and Houghton Mifflin.

Ruth joined the church 4 years ago after walking into the church office a week after Hurricane Katrina to ask what PCMP was doing for the people of New Orleans. At that moment Pastor Steve walked in and replied, "Do I have a ministry for you!" She then joined the church, became co-chair of the Mission Ministry, and the following year became the chair of that ministry.

At the Market Street Mission she volunteers with the Angel Food Ministry; and coordinates our MSM birthday ministry, wrapping presents that are put into bags decorated by our Joyful Noise Nursery School and are given out at MSM's

monthly birthday celebration.

She also volunteers at the Interfaith Council for Homeless Families for a half day on Fridays along with doing a birthday ministry for them.

Ruth has led a mission trip to Starks, Maine, has traveled three times to the Dominican Republic for the building of the church in San Cristobal, went with the teens on a mission trip to Branford, CT and worked on the Habitat for Humanity Build last year. She also volunteers at the Community Soup Kitchen with our church.

Along with teaching 6th and 7th grade students in Kids Own Worship (our Sunday School program) Ruth says she feels blessed that she has the opportunity to do this work with all the support that she gets from our church community.

Please take the time to get to know these two wonderful women.

If you are currently not connected to a ministry at PCMP, both Karolyn and Ruth are great places to begin your search.

You are the hands and feet of Jesus in this world.

Announcements

Youth Group Thanks

Thank you all for coming to the Benefit Dinner and Tricky Tray at the Hanover Manor. It was a spectacular event. Special thanks to organizers Kelly Caccavale, Ginny Fisher and Susan Weismantel as well as Staff for all their hard work.

Exciting Concert News

Skip Yingling and the Wright Stuff (Don Olson along with Beth, Andrew & Craig Wright) are planning a concert to be held here at the church. May 21 at 7 PM. Start spreading the news!

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir Program will present its annual **APPRECIATION CONCERT** on Sunday, May 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The concert, featuring the Mezza, Grazio and Walsh Memorial Bell Choirs, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served following the concert. This is an outstanding musical event for the whole family. Plan to come!!

Market Street Mission Invite

The Market Street Mission, a relief and rehabilitation center in Morristown will be holding their next **Life Change Class Graduation** ceremony at the First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway, 35 Church St., Rockaway, New Jersey, on Sunday, March 28th, 2010. The ceremony will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a reception. Please join the Mission as they celebrate the victories and accomplishments these men have made throughout their recovery program.

Summer is Coming! Get Ready for... Vacation Ventures! Volunteers are needed, adults & youth (8th grade & up).

Dates: July 12 - July 16 and July 19 - July 23

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Ages: Children entering Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. Call Susan Cate at 973-539-3481, ext.14 to volunteer or for more information.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sacred Spaces

March 29—31, Come to Westminster Hall at your convenience to experience various prayer stations.

Note: Simple Suppers ended on March 24. No Wednesday Night events during Holy Week. Wednesday Night Fellowship of Pot Luck Dinner and Praise resume on April 7.

Maundy Thursday

April 1

Worship & Communion—7 PM

Good Friday

April 2

Worship—7 PM

Easter Celebration

April 4

**Worship & Communion
9 AM and 11 AM**

Note: The Church Office will be closed on Monday, April 5th.

Belated Happy March Birthday

Poage, Katrina	MAR	1	Barwick, Ryan	MAR	16
Frazzano, Pete	MAR	2	Falcone, Michael	MAR	16
MacHale, Emily	MAR	2	Baloche, Clayton	MAR	17
Robinson, Troy*	MAR	2	Cady, John (Mac)	MAR	17
Bohn, Cheryl	MAR	3	Beeck, Ryan	MAR	18
Cantrell, Maddie	MAR	3	Foley, Colin	MAR	20
Ricker, Justin	MAR	3	Iovino, Maria	MAR	20
Rosenfeld, Jillian	MAR	3	Rossetti, Erica	MAR	20
Rosenfeld, Ted	MAR	3	Talbert, Grant	MAR	21
Thorne, Melissa	MAR	3	McKeever, John	MAR	22
Oakley, Judy	MAR	5	Lomax, Connor	MAR	23
Hicks, Lauren	MAR	7	Granade, Michael	MAR	25
Lucia, Christian	MAR	8	Risko, Judy	MAR	25
Mendez, Isabella	MAR	8	Foley, Lisa	MAR	26
Robinson, Seth	MAR	8	Crain, Kevin	MAR	29
DiNapoli, Carol	MAR	9	Csengeto, Melissa	MAR	29
Martella, Mae	MAR	9	Fisher, Jessica	MAR	29
Rushmore, Susan	MAR	9	Martin, Kelsey	MAR	30
Jackson, Dorothy	MAR	12	Rosenfeld, Rich	MAR	30
Lanza, William	MAR	12	Janser, Sarah	MAR	31
Mitchell, Betty Lou	MAR	12	MacHale, Cameron	MAR	31
Gibson, Sandra	MAR	14	Toye, Camryn	MAR	31
Morgan, Deborah	MAR	14			
Smith, Joshua	MAR	14			
Wilce, Cooper	MAR	14			
Wilce, Josie	MAR	14			
Janser, Emily	MAR	15			
Barwick, Brendan	MAR	16			
Barwick, Meghan	MAR	16			

Happy Anniversary to:

Ann & Robert Fawcett	March 22
Bill & Sally Rushmore	April 17
Katy & Stephen Ratti	April 21
Bill & Caral Harrison	April 25

You can help by sending us your anniversary and birth dates.

Happy April Birthday

Frazzano, Daniella	APR	2	Foley, Fiona	APR	22
Merrick, Jeffrey	APR	2	Cate, John	APR	23
Cancilla, Amanda	APR	3	Dawley, Dennis	APR	23
Rodino, Steven	APR	3	Smith, Alan*	APR	23
Sempier, Joshua	APR	3	Spicer, Fran	APR	23
Rider, Lynne	APR	4	Britcher, Caity	APR	24
Raymond, Brandon	APR	6	Stabbert, Aimee	APR	24
Hartle, Ava	APR	7	Fisher, Ginny	APR	26
Hutchinson, Melanie	APR	7	Hartle, Josh	APR	26
Huhn, Erich	APR	8	Hill, Sarah	APR	26
Reimer, Gerda	APR	8	Klepper, Janet	APR	27
Baloche, Clayton	APR	9	Roos, Ed	APR	27
Hartle, Andrea	APR	10	Fretwell, Grace W.	APR	28
Van Eeuwen, Trevor	APR	10	Minor, Michael	APR	28
Olson, James	APR	11	Sherman, Jane	APR	28
Granade, Mark	APR	14	Bushong, Cathy	APR	29
Haas, Terry	APR	14	McManus, Caitlin	APR	30
Roberts, Linda	APR	14			
Smith, Marianne	APR	14			
Risko, Sarita Evelyn	APR	15			
Dawley, Elaine	APR	17			
Wilson, Christopher*	APR	19			
Caccavale, Tom	APR	20			
Studer, Kim	APR	20			
Annuik, Maxwell	APR	22			
Cate, Susan	APR	22			



Pastoral Care Workshop

**Saturday, April 24
from 8:30-12:30**

I would like to invite any of you that are interested to a Pastoral Care Workshop that I will be leading here at the church on Saturday, April 24 from 8:30-12:30.

There is a wonderful Pastoral Care program available to churches called: Stephen Ministries. The Morristown PC and the Rockaway PC both have this program in place. We will not be launching Stephen's Ministries this year, but I would like to create a prototype of the program and will be using their resources for the workshop.

Are you interested in having some training/instruction on making hospital visits, home visits, nursing home visits?

Are you interested in serving home communion?

Will you prayerfully consider being partnered with a church family that is currently wrestling with a terminal illness, job loss, or the recent loss of a family member?

Together, we can be in ministry together – we are the Priesthood of all Believers – but sometimes getting started is the hard part. Personally, when I began seminary, I was nervous and afraid to go into hospitals. I only had negative memories of nursing homes. I was not comfortable praying out loud and really not comfortable talking to strangers. But with some training and lots and lots of practice, it has become easier and easier. I was required to spend 10 weeks as a hospital chaplain – talk about facing our worst fears!

Together, we can create a church that is not just a caring and friendly place to worship, we can create a church of compassion and love that walks with our brothers and sisters in times of celebration as well as times of trials and tribulations –

Let me know if you can make it or if you have any questions...
973-539-3481 ext. 13

*Blessings,
Carie Morgan*

Serving Opportunities

Community Soup Kitchen

Our congregation had a very successful experience with the Community Soup Kitchen of Morristown in 2009. We served approximately 475 people during the three times we participated. Thank you to all of you who helped.

Our first serve date for 2010 is **Tuesday, May 4th**. We need volunteers to both serve and cook for that date. Times for serving are 10 am - 2 pm. There is a signup sheet on the Mission Bulletin Board or you can contact Michelle Rosenfeld at morlans71@yahoo.com, or at 973 267 2599.

Our menu is going to be Italian-inspired with spaghetti and meatballs, baked pasta dishes (lasagne, ziti, etc.) and soup. Recipes will be located on the Mission Message Board. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle.

Photographers Wanted

We want to gather photos that can be used in a variety of our church communications - and we need your help. If you are part of a group that is having an event PLEASE TAKE PICTURES and share them with the Church Office. If you just like to take pictures, please bring your camera each time you come down to church. Snap anything and everything you see and we'll find a way to use them! One of our goals this year is to reflect the

life of our church and inspire others to get involved - and what better way to do that than through pictures. Please help us! Contact Donna Ward at donnaward@verizon.net

Magic Pennies

Gift cards are available each week during Coffee Hour for gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, Visa, hotels, stores and even online stores such as Amazon.com + more. A percentage of your purchase supplements the church budget.

Child Care

Loving care givers needed for the Nursery on Sundays at 11 AM and for Bible Studies at 9:30 AM on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Contact Jess Fisher at j.fisher@mppresby.org.

Sunshine Ministry

Brighten someone's day by delivering the chancel flowers after worship on Sunday. Contact Melissa Csengeto at 973-539-6837 or mcsengeto@yahoo.com.

Coffee Cans Needed

Calling all coffee drinkers! Your empty one pound cans can be used by the Sunshine Ministry. Cans are used to display and deliver fresh flowers to shut-ins and others. Simply drop off your empty

coffee cans in the church office.

Kid's Own Worship Music Leader

9—9:30 AM each Sunday, help children as they sing praises to God in worship. Music and lyrics are pre-recorded. Contact Sue Cate at s.cate@mppresby.org.

Wednesday Night Fellowship

All year long help is needed on Wednesdays to set up and clean up the Pot Luck Dinner in Westminster Hall. Dinner is held from 6:15 to 7 PM. Contact Ben Lanza at 973-625-5989.

Gardeners

As Spring approaches, the Facilities Ministry would appreciate help preparing the gardens around the church. Contact Leo Ramirez at 973-539-3481 if gardening brings you joy.

Groups + Communities

Book Club

BOOK CLUB meets on Monday, April 26 at 7:30 PM to discuss Someone Knows My Name by Lawrence Hill. An historical novel, the story is about a child abducted from Africa and enslaved in South Carolina. Aminata Diallo is thrown into the chaos of the Revolutionary War. Aminata helps pen the Book of Negroes, a list of blacks rewarded for service to the king with safe passage to Nova Scotia. She assists in moving 1,200 Nova Scotians to Sierra Leone, Africa and aiding the abolitionist cause by revealing the realities of slavery to the British public. The story spans six decades and three continents and brings to life a crucial chapter in world history. We meet in the parlor and all are welcome.

Men's Ministry

All men are encouraged to join us on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 PM and on Second Saturdays from 8:30 to 9:30 AM for a free pancake breakfast and a time of praise. The children in your life are also invited to break-

Retired Men's Group

Contact Gary Seeger at 973-539-9067 to make your reservations to join the retired men for lunch on Thursday, April 8 at 12:30 pm. Lunch will be held at Tabor Pizzeria on Route 53.

Presbyterian Women

Annual Spring Banquet, May 7, 6:30 pm. Always a wonderful evening of faith and fellowship for women of all ages!
Ocean Retreat, "Down the Shore" May 15-16, Ocean Grove, NJ.

Planet Mom

It's not unusual for a mother, especially a mom of a preschooler, to feel as if she's living on an alien planet all by herself! MOPS offers friendship, creative outlets, and instruction, helping women to understand that "mothering matters."

All of these things - community, education, outreach & renewal - come together to make a better Planet Mom! If you would like to join us as a MOPS Mom, a Care Giver, a Mentor Mom (an experienced mom offering perspective to new moms), or a Supporter of the

MOPS Ministry, feel free to join us at a MOPS meeting.

We will be meeting in West Minster Hall on April 20, May 18, & June 15, 2010, from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. You can also contact a member of the Steering Team: Angela Nutter, Audrey Eapen, Aimee Stabbert, Mini Samuel-Landtiser, Shelly Housel. Visit the MOPS Website at: www.morrisplainsmops.org

*Easter
Blessings
to All*



Joyful Noise Enrollment

Plan Now for Summer

Joyful Noise Enrollment Time is Here

Believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about next year!

Registration Now Going On!

Flexible Hours

NAEYC Accredited
Ages 2 1/2 - 5 Years

Registration for Joyful Noise Summer and Fall programs is currently underway.

There are openings in all age groups for pre-school and daycare.

Call the Joyful Noise Office at 973-539-9514 for information and registration materials.



NEW Summer Enrichment Program

At a time when our public schools are eliminating or cutting back on art, music and fine arts education, numerous studies from university research programs in the USA, Canada and England have provided statistical proof that education in these areas increases children's intelligence, academic success, social skills, and even physical fitness.

Joyful Noise Summer Enrichment will be offered on a daily basis in Literature, Physical Fitness Exercise Fun & Water Play, Performing Arts, Geo-caching and also in Art.. Classes will be offered over a seven week period, June 21—Aug. 20 for ages 2 1/2 to 6.

Instead of making family plans around your child's summer program...we let you design his/her summer program around your personal schedule! **Each class will be a complete experience so that you may enroll your child and pay for only the classes that you choose.**

Daily sessions are \$30, from 9 AM to 1 PM. This program is in addition to the Vacation Ventures program that is being offered July 12—23. Registration will begin on April 5th.

Joyful Noise PreSchool & Daycare - a ministry of our church to the community — appreciates your prayers and support. Call 973-539-9514 for enrollment info.

Everyone is Welcome Here!

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays

7 to 7:30 PM

With the Praise Team
(Pot Luck Dinner 6:15)

Sundays

9 AM

With the Chancel Choir

11 AM

With the Praise Team

2nd Saturdays

WILL BE HELD
APRIL 10

8:30 to 9:30 AM

At the MEN'S
BREAKFAST & PRAISE



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EVERYONE is welcome here to worship the Lord!
Sundays at 9 AM & 11 AM Wednesdays at 7 PM