



GOOD TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

August 2010

Special points of interest:

- "Skip Yingling and The Wright Experiment" concert at Roberts Garden in Morris Plains on Sunday, August 15, at 6pm. It is the last night of the Morris Plains Summer Concert Series.
- NEW MEMBER CLASS contact Bob Lipka at rlipka@optonline.net or Carie Morgan at c.morgan@mppresby.org.
- SUMMER WORSHIP Now through Sept. 5 ONE WORSHIP at 10:00 AM on Sundays. Wednesday Night Praise will continue through the summer from 7 to 7:30 PM each week.
- Beginning in Sept...



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Notes from the Pastor...

It's been a fun summer so far with Vacation Ventures, the Walsh Memorial Bell Trip and our Game Show Sermon Series!

The Summer Sermon Series: Games Shows continues with

- Aug. 1: Deal or no Deal (Communion Sunday)
- Aug. 8: Jeopardy
- Aug. 15: Family Sunday – Jungle Book (Baptism)
- Aug. 22: Hollywood Squares
- Aug. 29: The Price is Right (Baptism)

Don't take a vacation from church.....find a place to worship while on vacation or wherever your travels take you.



NEW

Mission Statement

Approved by Session:
June 29, 2010

Matthew 5: 14-16

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven."

Vision Statement:

God calls the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains to be a shining example to the world of God's love and grace.

Mission Statement:

The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains is called to be a caring family of Christians living out our faith together and building a contagious Christian community that spreads God's love into the world.

Joyfully, we celebrate the Word of God through Bible study, diverse worship opportunities, music, prayer, and the call to serve others.

Joyfully, we nurture connections deep and wide with all ages that they may grow in their understanding of Jesus Christ.

Joyfully, we serve using our individual talents to create a caring environment that supports others in their spiritual, emotional, physical, and social needs.

Many thanks to the Interim Task Force for all their hard work, prayer and dedication. The new Statements will provide potential pastors with a clearer picture of who we are.



New Church logo:

Our logo takes the informal "Mr. Joy" concept to a whole new level. We each are part of a church community, with Christ at our center, so it is fitting that our logo suggests new "joy individuals" coming together to form a cross. Some might see the logo forming a star or a beacon of light. The circle in the background symbolizes our world where we live, serve, and spread God's light.

Community News + Events

Meet Our Newest Staff Member!

It is with great excitement that we announce the newest member of our staff. **Jane Whitehead** has accepted the role as Director of the Joyful Noise Nursery School & Day Care. Her first day on the job was June 28. Jane most recently served 10 years as the Director of the Mendham Cooperative Nursery School. We are excited to have Jane on our staff and we are confident that Joyful Noise will continue its growth under Jane's guidance.

Presbyterian Women Retreat

On May 15th and 16th, The Presbyterian Women had a retreat at Grovehall Retreat Center in Ocean Grove, New Jersey. The theme of the Retreat was "Be still and know that I am God". The "Not Ready for PW Players" – Laurie Fu, Cathy Brabrant, Betsy McKeever, Karen Burke, Susan Cate, and Fran Spicer - presented a drama on "How's Your Heart?". Betsy was trying to find the best heart to do the Lord's work. She interviewed a "faint heart", "heavy heart", "cold heart", "Jarvic heart", "broken heart" and finally, her own "true heart". It was wonderful. We also worked on controlling our worry habit. We read the New Testament lesson on Mary and Martha when Jesus stopped at their home.



Family Fun Day

Interested in a short term ministry project? IT IS TIME to put together a **steering team to make this wonderful outreach a reality in our community.** Family Fun Day is scheduled for October 16. **Please contact Carie now at c.morgan@mppresby.org if you are willing to serve on this team!**

Volunteers... There is a place for everyone to serve the Lord here at PCMP. Where do your gifts and talents lie? What are your interests? Contact any Elder or Pastor Carie for assistance in getting connected to a ministry or volunteer group.

Martha was upset that Mary wasn't helping. Jesus told her it was more important to "be still" and listen to Him than to be busy preparing the home and food. We agreed that it is a challenge to "have a Mary heart in a Martha world". After dinner, we shared in devotions that taught us to try to discern what God is calling us to do in our lives and to avoid "loading our wagons" with burdens that we needn't carry. We were reminded that God does not give us larger loads than we can bear, and we must be care-

ful not to add to our loads so much that it is difficult to joyfully complete the tasks God calls us to do. Finally, we all wrote down our worries on smooth stones and then threw the stones into the ocean. It was a very calming and peaceful way to give our burdens over to God. It was wonderful. On Sunday morning, we gathered for an outdoor worship service and Holy Communion together before heading back home after this special time of sharing in fellowship and faith.

Kids + Students

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Through Sept. 5

Child Care will be provided for 2nd grade and younger. Infant Care is available in the Nursery just off the Narthex and Toddler Care is available downstairs in Room D. Grades K-2 will meet in Room B. (Room assignments may change.)

Joyful Noise Fall Registration Continues

Flexible hours
NAEYC accredited
Ages 2 ½ - 5 Years
Summer enrichment has been tremendous fun and a huge success. We continue to register for our fall programs; limited space is still available. Tell your friends and call the Joyful Noise office for information and registration. 973-539-9514 Joyful Noise Preschool and Daycare - a ministry of our church to the community – appreciates your prayers and support.

Graduates!!!

Many congratulations to the following

student: **Meg Lappe** graduated from Mountain Lakes High School and will be attending Villanova University in the Fall.

Youth Group—Grades 8-12

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. *We're looking for a place to host a pool party in August. Contact Kim Smith.*

Club Fifty6

Youth Group for Grades 5—7 meets during the school year on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in The Attic. **Stop by on September 15th!**

Morris Plains Garage Sale Days

Town-wide garage sales are usually held the second weekend in October. **The youth groups will sponsor a Sale in the church parking lot on Saturday, October 9 from 9 AM to 4 PM.** Hot Dogs, drinks and baked goods will be available for sale to draw people in! If you would like to rent a table for \$10 please contact Kim Smith or the church office. K.smith@mppresby.org

Projector Operators

We will be upgrading our projector software in September. Current operators should attend one of these training sessions to learn new features in MediaShoot:

- **Tuesday, August 9 at 7 pm, or**
- **Sunday, August 22 at 11:15 am**

If you are interested in becoming an operator for the first time, please contact Jessica Fisher. J.fisher@mppresby.org

RELIEVE EDITORIAL STRESS:

**TURN IN
YOUR ARTICLES
EARLY!**

RE M I N D E R :

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES IS**

AUGUST 26

office@mppresby.org

Serving Opportunities & More

Summer Child Care

Serve while enjoying the air conditioned rooms! Loving care givers needed for the Nursery, Toddler and K-2 Rooms on Sundays at 10 AM all summer from June 20 thru September 5. **Spend one or several Sundays showing love to our youngest members.** Contact Susan Cate at .cate@mppresby.org, 973-539-3481 ext. 14.

Handbell Opportunities

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir Program welcomes all adults and children third grade and above who would like to participate in the music ministry of handbells. It is not necessary to be a church member, or to have previous handbell or music experience. The Bell Choir Program includes several handbell choirs, with ringers generally grouped by age and experience. Handbell choirs rehearse each week and take part regularly in worship services. They may also have opportunities to play outside the church, including extending their musical ministry in the local community and participating in events with other handbell choirs. If you are interested in participating, or have questions about the handbell program, please contact Kathy Opsasnick, (973) 627-6425, or Carl Loutzenheiser, (973) 267-1258, carl.bells@mppresby.org.

Magic Pennies

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

Happy August Birthday to:

Carpenter, Bill	AUG 1
Ejdys, Troy	AUG 1
Minor, Eric	AUG 1
Beal, Kevin	AUG 2
King, Amelia	AUG 2
Miller, Jim	AUG 2
Bohn, Jake	AUG 4
Contreras, Matthew	AUG 4
Hernandez-Robinson, Katherine*	AUG 4
Petrucci, Olivia	AUG 4
Holt, Melanie	AUG 6
Batson, Peggy	AUG 7
Bergeron, Lori	AUG 7
Hagadorn, Karolyn	AUG 7
Hill, Robert	AUG 7
Inwentarz, Brian	AUG 7
Smith, Beverlee	AUG 7
Carman, Karen	AUG 8
Grefe, Mae	AUG 8
Houston, Doug	AUG 8
Rosenfeld, Michelle	AUG 8
Johnson, Dave	AUG 9
Trevena, Muriel	AUG 9
DiLemma, Wendy	AUG 10
Burke, Mike	AUG 11

Felts, Gabrielle	AUG 11
Caccavale, Julianne	AUG 12
Feeney, Alan	AUG 13
Rider, Eric	AUG 14
Jackson, Barry	AUG 15
MacHale, Timothy	AUG 16
Jain, Alec	AUG 17
Contreras, Ruth	AUG 18
Csengeto, Matthew	AUG 18
Annuik, Claire	AUG 20
Graziano, Kimberly	AUG 20
Studer, Molly	AUG 20
Rodino, Jennifer	AUG 22
Stock, Jared	AUG 22
Burke, Karen	AUG 23
Eapen, Keira	AUG 24
Pinto, Jessica*	AUG 24
Pinto, Katie*	AUG 24
Moore, Kim	AUG 27
Minor, Rachael	AUG 30
Nelson, Zack	AUG 30
Petrucci, Gabriella	AUG 30
Annuik, Samuel	AUG 31
Bergeron, Tom	AUG 31
Weismantel, Susan	AUG 31

Happy August Anniversary to:

Houston, Doug & Evelyn	AUG 1 '81
Nutter, Brad & Angie	AUG 2 '03
Haas, Russ & Terry	AUG 8 '64
Smith, Kim & Alan*	AUG 14 '82
Davitt, Lillian & Frank*	AUG 23 '41
Eisnagle, Harry & Marg.	AUG 26 '56
Frost, Chip & Jeanne	AUG 26 '72

Groups + Communities

Men's Ministry

Our bus trip to see the Sussex Skyhawks play the Worcester Tornadoes was a great success. In an exciting game, the Skyhawks won 2-1 with the tying run on third base in the 9th inning. We sponsored 17 men from Market Street Mission for the trip, and a wonderful time was had by all. Thanks to all who supported this trip.

We will not be meeting for the remainder of the summer. Our next breakfast will be Saturday, September 11th. Our next meeting will be Monday, September 20th. Have a great summer!
Doug Yingling, Men's Ministry

Entertainment and Dining Group -

Contact Jeanne Frost at 973-539-1518 for details on the next event.

Bible Study

Meeting all summer on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 PM to 8:45 PM in the Parlor. All are welcome.

Gardening Group

Contact Anne Arp at 973-206-1173 for more info.

Discovering the Bible and It's Heroes: The Life of Abraham

In the Parlor. Contact David and Joan at 973-627-9210. Join us!

DISCIPLE Bible Study - Read through the whole Bible from September to June! Contact Pastor Carie.

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

Possible date Jan. 13-17, 2011. Contact Ruth Otey if interested. 973-267-9154

Horizon Bible Study—Fall Schedule

Presbyterian Women will study **Revelation** in the Fall. We fell challenged to do this study and know it promises hope for our future. A life in Jesus! This study is filled with hymns of praise and adoration. This study is OPEN to all the women of our community. We meet the third Monday of the month at 7:30 PM and the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM. Study Books will be ordered in August. The cost is \$7. For further information contact Fran Spicer at frandspicer@aol.com or at 973-895-2293.

Book Club

Will meet on Monday September 27 at 7:30 PM to discuss My Life in France by Julia Child. Julia Child single handedly awakened America to the pleasures of good cooking with her cookbook Mastering the Art of French Cooking and her television show The French Chef, but as she reveals in this bestselling memoir, she didn't know the first thing about cooking when she landed in France. Indeed, when she first arrived in 1948 with her husband, Paul, she spoke no French and knew nothing about the country. She dove into French culture, buying food at local markets and taking classes at the Cordon Bleu her life changed forever. Join us to discuss this amazing book.

Why Be A Christian? Why Is Jesus So Important?

Join us on Sunday mornings at 11 AM in the Parlor as we explore Christ's wide-ranging impact on our lives. This study is open to all who desire to learn more about the roots of their faith. Friends are welcome! Contact Bob Lipka for more info at rlipka@optonline.net.

Retirement Thanks

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope you are enjoying the summer. I have eased into retirement with very little effort and find that time has a way of just disappearing – every day it's 5:00 PM before I know it and already we are heading to the end of July!!!! Before too much more time passes, I want to thank you for your part in my wonderful retirement send off. The retirement reception was terrific and I am so appreciative of the very generous monetary gift which I have set aside to cover lots of plane tickets to Chicago and Minneapolis. I can't express how special and appreciated it made me feel! That God blessed me with a calling and a job that has brought me joy, fulfillment and the opportunity to teach the values of the Christian life to the children of the community and to bring Christ into the lives of these children and their families are blessings for which I will be eternally grateful.

Thank you for your support, friendship and dedication to the school and to me. I will always remember your great kindness. I will miss working at Joyful Noise, but I know that God has more plans within the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains ahead for me.

Love,

Jeanne Frost

September Worship

On September 12 we say goodbye to our summer worship schedule and return to our regular worship times of 9 AM with music led by the Chancel Choir and 11 AM with the music led by the Praise Team.

Invite a friend, neighbor or co-worker to worship! Share the love of Christ.



Celebration & Thanks

Once again we are helping the Market Street Mission with their Backpack Ministry to local school children. **THANK YOU for your generous donations. We met our goal of 500 packs of 100 count regular index cards and 500 pocket folders!** Thank you from the Missions Ministry of PCMP.

Everyone is Welcome Here!

Worship Schedule

Wednesdays
7 to 7:30 PM
With the Praise Team
(Pot Luck Dinner 6:15)

Sundays
Summer Worship
10:00 AM
BEGINS JUNE 13

2nd Saturdays
WILL BE HELD
September 11th
8:30 to 9:30 AM
At the MEN'S
BREAKFAST & PRAISE
(Except August)



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EVERYONE is welcome here to worship the Lord!

Summer Sundays at 10 AM Wednesdays at 7 PM

NOTE: Beginning Sept. 12 Sunday Worship is at 9 AM and 11 AM