

Good Tidings

The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

Special points of interest::

- **Presbyterian Women Lenten Breakfast Wed., Feb. 17**
- **Simple Suppers of Soup & Bread during Lent begin Feb. 17**
- **Per Capita Time is Here**
- **Director of Joyful Noise, Jeanne Frost is retiring. Our gratitude and appreciation toward Jeanne for her years of faithful service are overflowing.**
- **Live Comedy with Charles Marshall on Saturday, Feb. 27 Tickets on Sale Now**

“Where does our Fuel Come from?”

inspired by C.S. Lewis - Daily Lenten Reflections “A Clean Heart Create in Me”
Luke 4:1-13

Everything in life needs some sort of energy or fuel in which to run. Our cars need gas, our computers need electricity, many of our games need batteries, and we as people need food and water. But is that enough? Can people live on bread alone? That is the very response that Jesus gives to the devil during his forty days in the wilderness. During this time of temptation the devil says to him: “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread. Jesus answers him, ‘It is written, One does not live by bread alone.’”

As we enter into the season of Lent, let us reflect on where our fuel comes from. Where is it that we get our daily energy, our passion in life, our joy and wellbeing? This passage from the Gospel of Luke is filled with many clues on how it is that we should be fueled. We are told that before Jesus enters into the wilderness - he is filled with the Holy Spirit. Each and everyone of us face periods of wilderness in our lives. Do we stop and remember during those times that we are fueled by the Holy Spirit?

And then, Jesus while tempted, retorts back with scripture. Do we know scripture well enough that it has settled into our inner most beings that it can be drawn upon in times of trial as fuel to move us through?

C.S. Lewis writes this: “God made us, invented us as a man invents an engine. A car is made to run on gasoline, and it would not run properly on anything else. Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on.”

How many of us are trying to run on something else? God calls us during this season of Lent to re-examine our practices of faith. Do we read scripture? Do we find time to pray? Do we seek to love our neighbor as ourselves? Will we walk humbly with our God, loving our creator with all of our mind, soul, strength, and heart? Begin anew this Lenten season, ground yourself in the loving grace of your God and allow the fuel of the Holy Spirit to guide you through your journey.

Rev. Carie Morgan

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**We wish we had good news
to report however as you heard at the
Annual Meeting, pledges are down over
\$110,000 for 2010.**

**Please consider making a pledge or increasing
your pledge to enable YOUR church to meet
basic operating expenses
and to be a beacon of light in your community.**



**Stewardship
Update**

**UPCOMING
PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
EVENTS . .
SAVE THE DATES!**

LENTEN BREAKFAST

Wednesday, February 17, 2010
9:45 am, Westminster Hall

Join us for our annual Ash Wednesday breakfast program in observance of the beginning of the Lenten Season.

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!

OCEAN RETREAT

"Down the Shore"

May 15-16, Ocean Grove, NJ

Don't Miss This!!! Plans are underway for this 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. **PLEASE plan NOW to JOIN US!!!** *Reservations will be taken soon!*

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FEBRUARY 22

Join Our Church Family



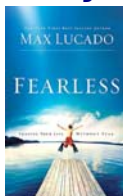
Do you know someone looking for a church home?

Are you interested in joining this Body of Christ at PCMP?

We'd love to have you join us!

"Fearless" Study

This timely study will guide us on a journey to the day when we can trust more and fear less.



Topics include: Why Are We Afraid?, Fear of Not Mattering, Fear of Disappointing God, Fear of Life's Final Moments, Fear of Global Calamity, Fear of God Getting Out of My Box.

The sessions will be structured with DVD clips and conversation. Participants will be asked to read a chapter between each session. Wednesdays at 7:30 in the Parlor with Jess Fisher.

Camp Scholarship

Mission Ministry has announced that **\$100.00 scholarships** are available to each of the first ten campers signed up from our church 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.

**New
Member
Class
Sunday
Feb. 21
at 12:15**

Do you desire to become a full and active member of this congregation?

A light lunch will be served.

RSVP to 973-539-3481.

FUNdraiser Dinner

**Thursday, March 25
Dinner & Tricky Tray
at the Hanover Manor.**

Tickets sold in advance only.
\$40 per person.

Sponsored by the Youth Group

PYC is accepting donations of new items or cash as well as **empty BASKETS and containers** for their upcoming Tricky Tray. Adults, this event is sure to be an exciting evening as well as a delicious meal. Reserve a table now for you and your friends. Call 973-539-3481 for reservations.

Souper Bowl of Caring

Every year on Super Bowl Sunday, youth groups across America collect dollars and cans of soup as well as give community service hours to bring attention to those in need on this day of parties and mega-media attention to football and commercials.

On February 7th our teens will be collecting dollars and cans of soup after worship. All donations will be given to the Interfaith Food Pantry on Hanover Avenue. You can help too by putting cash in the pot or bringing in a soup donation. Thanks.

Simple Suppers

On behalf of the Congregational Care Ministry and the Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, we cordially invite EVERYONE to attend Simple



Suppers during Lent. **Beginning on Wednesday, February 17th at 6:15 p.m. Continuing for Six Weeks Until March 24th. Just for Children: There will be a CRAFT relating to Easter!** Dinner is followed with the Celebration of Communion in the Sanctuary. **Take time this Lenten Season to break bread together.**

Book Club

Meets Mon., 2/22 at 7:30 PM to discuss *Rebecca*, a dark psychological tale of secrets and betrayal. It is Daphne du Maurier's best-loved work and was named **Best Novel of the 20th Century**. After a whirlwind romance and a honeymoon in Italy, the innocent young heroine and the dashing Maxim de Winter return to his country estate, Manderley. But the unsettling memory of Rebecca, the first Mrs. de Winter, still lingers within. An intriguing tale follows.

Join us in the Parlor on Monday, February 22 at 7:30 PM!



HOAGIE SALE

Every year on Super Bowl Sunday the youth group sells delicious sandwiches—Italian and Turkey. Don't cook — **Order hoagies for the Big Game!** Place your order now. Call 973-539-3481.

Esther Bible Study

Morris Plains MOPS is sponsoring a Bible study for all women of the community. So, bring your sister, mom, friend...

Child care will be provided at no cost, and we are offering the study books at a reduced cost of \$10, normally \$18.99.

The study began January 14, 9:30-11:30 am and will run 10 consecutive weeks, ending on March 18, 2010. **Don't worry if you miss a session, your book will keep you connected!**

Contact Shelly Housel at publicity@morrisplainsmops.org or by phone, 973-627-2256.

What is Per Capita?

The PER CAPITA apportionment is a PER MEMBER charge that we pay annually to Newton Presbytery. It represents our church's share of the administrative costs for Newton Presbytery, the Synod of the Northeast and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

The Per Capita for 2010 is \$29.00 per member. It does not include children who have not yet joined the church. That means if there are three church members in a family, the per capita amount would be \$87.00.

By paying your per capita amount, you enable this church

Men's Ministry

**Second Saturdays
Free**

Men's Breakfast & Praise

8:30 to 9:30 am

**Downstairs
February 13**

**For Men of ALL AGES
& the children
in their lives.**

Children's Ed

**Winter & Spring
Leaders Needed
For Our Children**

Kids Own Worship, with a half hour of worship and then a half hour of follow-up classroom time, has been working wonderfully for our children. **Stop downstairs and worship with us!**

One of the benefits of our new program is that the children are getting to know their teachers and vice versa! **Will you take a turn at leading a group for the Spring?**

Contact Sue Cate or Jess Fisher



Lenten Prayer Breakfast

ALL women of the church are encouraged to join us for the **Annual Lenten Breakfast on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM in Westminster Hall.**

We will have a brief devotional message and join in the sacrament of Holy Communion. **Please join us!**

February Birthday Wishes

Hill, Pat	FEB 1
Rodino, Karen	FEB 2
Wilce, Sien	FEB 3
Mendez, Juan	FEB 4
Fawcett, Ann	FEB 5
Griffiths, Judy	FEB 5
Caccavale, Frank	FEB 8
Arthur, Brinley	FEB 9
Huff, Kevin	FEB 9
Bohn, Jennifer	FEB 10
Barner, Terry	FEB 12
Becht, Kristin	FEB 12
Hill, Daniel	FEB 12
McKechnie, Ian	FEB 12
Trozinski, Casey	FEB 13
Merrick, Ryan	FEB 14
Ferrara, Elaine	FEB 16
North, Dudley	FEB 16
Swope, Emily	FEB 16
Bergeron, Andy	FEB 17
Liotto, Paula	FEB 18
Caccavale, Nicky	FEB 20
Ferree, Zachary	FEB 21
Benjamin, Hildy	FEB 23
Johnson, Nadine	FEB 23
Ayres, Jeffrey	FEB 26
Clark, Matthew	FEB 26
Granade, Shannon	FEB 26
Swope, Becca	FEB 27

Lent Begins On February 17

Magic Pennies

Magic Pennies Gift Cards are available each week during coffee hour. **Gift Cards are available for just about everywhere! Gas Stations, Hotels, Visa, Restaurants, Stores, even online stores like Amazon.com.**

You can purchase cards we have in stock or you can order cards for delivery the following week.

Please consider using gift cards for your regular purchases. Your usage will augment the church's income.

Citrus Fruit Sale

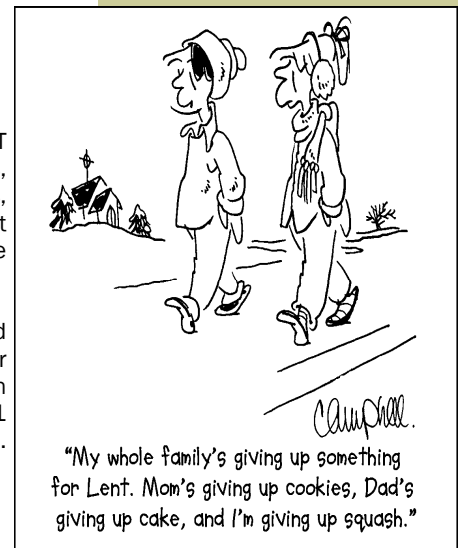
What-already?! Yes, even though you may still be enjoying citrus fruit from our December delivery, or wish you had more, it is time to think ahead to the spring sale by the Walsh Memorial Bell Choir to help **support its mission concert tour to Scotland and England.**

Fresh, delicious citrus fruit, including Florida Red Grapefruit, Florida Valencia Oranges, California Navel Oranges and a variety of mixed boxes, will be delivered on

Saturday, March 13.

NEW! - the MINI-GIFT Box, with navel oranges, grapefruit and apples, half the size of the Gift Box at about half the price.

Orders may be placed with the enclosed order form, and will be taken from January 31 through February 28. Don't miss out!



"My whole family's giving up something for Lent. Mom's giving up cookies, Dad's giving up cake, and I'm giving up squash."

CITRUS FRUIT SALE WALSH MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR PROGRAM

The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains
400 Speedwell Avenue, Morris Plains, NJ 07950
Delivery on Saturday, March 13, 2010

Name	Date
Address	Phone
Town	Email (opt.)

Item	Unit Price	Quantity	Cost
FLORIDA small box (16-20)	\$18		
RED GRAPEFRUIT large box (32-40)	32		
8 lb. bag (7-9)	11		
CALIFORNIA small box (28-44)	24		
NAVEL ORANGES large box (56-88)	39		
8 lb. bag (14-16)	15		
FLORIDA VALENCIA small box (40-62)	21		
(JUICE) ORANGES large box (80-125)	35		
MINNEOLA TANGELOS 5 lb. bag (18-22)	13		
HONEY TANGERINES tray box (30)	19		
SPECIALTY BOXES			
CITRUS SAMPLER (24 Navel Oranges, 12 Red Grapefruit)	\$34		
TRIO (12 Navel Oranges, 12 Red Grapefruit, 12 D'Anjou Pears)	36		
GIFT (12 Navel Oranges, 12 Red Grapefruit, 12 Red Delicious Apples)	37		
MINI-GIFT (6 Navel Oranges, 6 Red Grapefruit, 6 Red Delicious Apples)	19		
MEDLEY (10 Navel Oranges, 6 D'Anjou Pears, 6 Red Delicious Apples)	24		
DUO (10 Navel Oranges, 12 Honey Tangerines)	19		
MIXED (6 Navel Oranges, 6 Red Grapefruit, 6 Temple Oranges)	20		
TOTAL COST			\$

Sold by: **GOOD TIDINGS**

Please select one of the following:

To be delivered on Saturday, March 13. Indicate any special delivery instructions: _____

Customer will pick up at the church on _____ Saturday, March 13

_____ Sunday, March 14

_____ Later (specify date: _____)

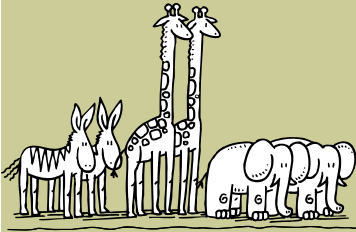
Order forms with payment may be given to any ringer, may be left at the church office, or may be mailed to:

Carl Loutzenheiser
36 Northview Drive
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

Make check payable to: WALSH MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR.

If you have questions or need further information please call Carl, (973) 267-1258.

ALL ORDERS (WITH PAYMENT) MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 28.



Children's Christian Daycare

Joyful Noise PreSchool & Daycare

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

Every Sunday...

Kids Own Worship
(Sunday School)
at 9 AM

Worship at 9 AM
with the
Chancel Choir

Worship at 11 AM
with the
Praise Team

Childcare Available
for Pre-Schoolers
and Infants
at 11 AM

Joyful Noise Re-Enrollment Time is Here!!

Believe it or not, it's already time to start thinking about next year! We try to make the re-enrollment process as "family friendly" and as fair as possible. Re-enrollment will be done first; enrollment of siblings of current Joyful Noise students comes next, followed by open registration for day care, nursery school priority registration, and finally, nursery school open registration. Below are the dates for each step of our 2010-2011 enrollment process. It is important that you get your re-enrollment and sibling enrollment forms in as quickly as possible because once priority and open registration occur, we have much less ability to give you the class sections you may desire. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak with Jeanne Frost or to give the office a call.

Re-enrollment applications for Day Care and Nursery School will be sent home with your children the week of Feb. 8th (Feb. 8th - Feb. 12th). Nursery School and Day Care Re-enrollment forms will be accepted by mail or by dropping them off in the Joyful Noise office from February 17th (7:30 AM) through February 23rd (5:30 PM). **First choices of placement are done on a first come basis, but every re-enrolling Joyful Noise student is guaranteed a space (it may have to be a second choice class section) in the program for the next year as long as the re-enrollment application is in to us by 5:30 PM on February 23rd.**

Enrollment of Siblings: Day care and nursery school enrollment forms for siblings of currently enrolled Joyful Noise students **may be picked up from the Joyful Noise office beginning February 8th (you need to come into the office and get a sibling application form, these will not be sent home with your children).** The enrollment forms of siblings will be accepted by mail or by dropping them off in the Joyful Noise office **no earlier than March 1st (7:30 AM) until March 5th (5:30 PM).** Openings will be filled on a first come basis according to the first and second choices as indicated on the registration forms. Special attention will be given to trying to have all family members attend the same days of the week.

Open registration for Day Care: Registration forms for new day care families will be accepted by mail or in person **March 8th at 7:30 AM through March 12th at 5:30 PM.**

Priority registration: Families who have been waiting to enter the program from the prior year's registration, families who have previously had children at Joyful Noise, and families who are members of the Morris Plains Presbyterian Church will register **IN PERSON** on **Monday, March 15th between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM** upstairs in Westminster Hall. Priority registration is done on a first come basis.

Open registration: Families new to the Joyful Noise program and not members of the Morris Plains Presbyterian Church may register in person on **Friday March 26th between 9:30 AM and 12:00 PM** upstairs in Westminster Hall. **REGISTRATION MUST BE DONE IN PERSON ON THIS DATE** and open registration is done on a first come basis.

Further details concerning the re-enrollment process will accompany your re-enrollment forms. **PLEASE REMEMBER THAT CLASSES FILL QUICKLY. SO TO INSURE GETTING YOUR FIRST CHOICE. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU GET YOUR APPLICATIONS IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!**

We remind you that a registration fee of \$60 and a guarantee deposit equal to one month's tuition payment must accompany each application in order to register your child for a 2010-2011 class section. The guarantee deposit will be used to pay the June 2011 tuition payment.

Requests for specific teachers and/or placements will be honored, if possible, but please **do not assume teacher and class placements will occur if not specified on the application form.**

(Teacher assignments and the age range of classes change each year. If you think your child would be better placed with a certain teacher or with a certain class, you MUST indicate it ON THE APPLICATION and we will attempt to honor your request.)

Joyful Noise is a GREAT place full of love...
Recommend Joyful Noise to your co-workers, friends and neighbors!
973-539-9514



Here you'll find jobs and projects listed from various ministries.

Some are a one time thing, some repeat.

CONTACT the person listed and get started today!

THANK YOU!

If you have a job to list, contact Jess Fisher today!

Classifieds

Answer your call today!

Your church needs you!
Can you help?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Childcare for 11 AM Service

When: One Sunday Morning a month, 10:50 AM to 12:00 PM

Where: Nursery at Church

What: Care for infants while parents worship

Contact: Jess Fisher
j.fisher@mppresby.org
973-539-3481

Childcare for Bible Study

When: Wednesday Mornings, 9:15-11:30 AM

Where: Church

What: Volunteer to care for toddlers while parents attend Bible Study.

Contact: Shelly Housel, MOPS: Mothers of PreSchoolers
shelly_housel@yahoo.com with "Bible Study Babysitting" in subject line

Childcare for Bible Study

When: Thursday Mornings: Feb. 4, Feb. 18, & March 4; 9:15-11:30 AM

Where: Church, Rm. C Dwnstrs

What: Care for toddlers while parents attend Bible Study.

Compensation: \$25 each week

Contact: Shelly Housel, MOPS: shelly_housel@yahoo.com with "Bible Study Babysitting" in subject line

MUSIC AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Music Leader for Kids Own Worship

When: Sunday Mornings, 9-9:30 AM

Where: Church, Fellowship Hall, Lower Level

What: Help lead children as they sing praises to God in Kids Own Wor-



ship. Music and lyrics are prerecorded on CD or DVD Sing-a-Longs. Be up front to help kids learn words & motions.

Contact: Sue Cate, Director of Christian Education
973-539-3481,
s.cate@mppresby.org

SERVICE

Brighten Someone's Day

When: Sunday Afternoons, as often as you want!

Where: Homes or Hospitals

What: Deliver chancel flower's to congregation members who are mourning, ailing, or celebrating.

Contact: Melissa Csengeto, Congregational Care
973-539-6837
mcsengeto@yahoo.com

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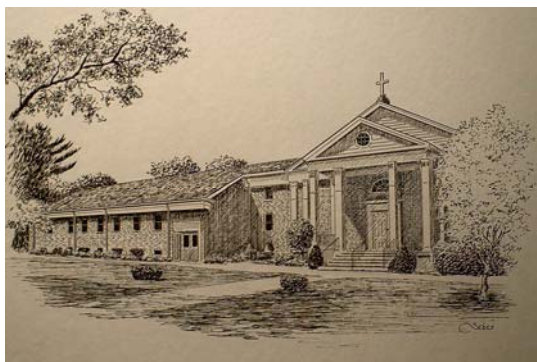
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FEBRUARY 22

The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

400 Speedwell Avenue
Morris Plains, NJ 07950

Phone: 973-539-3481
Fax: 973-539-1225
Email: office@mppresby.org



TO:

Joyful Celebration . . . Discover the Joy 

We're on the Web: www.mppresby.org

EVERYONE is welcome here to worship the Lord!



Upcoming Youth Group Meetings for students grades 8–12:

- 7 SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:
8 AM Make Hoagies
10 AM & 12 Collect \$ and cans of soup for Interfaith Food Pantry
No Meeting tonight.
- 13 2 PM Mission Team
- 14 Community Service to go along with Souper Bowl of Caring: Help make cards for shut-ins and military. Also Valentine Party!
- 21 Meeting 7 to 9 PM
- 28 Meeting 7 to 9 PM

Use center front doors and meet upstairs in The Attic for regular meetings.

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!

CLUB 56

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!**



DROP OFF all Cell Phones, PDA's, MP3 Players, Lap Tops and Cameras in the collection bin. The Youth Group will recycle them for you and receive a small percentage of their value. Thank you for supporting our youth programs.

**Professional Comedian
Charles Marshall
LIVE!**

**on Saturday
Feb. 27th
at 7 PM**

HERE AT THE CHURCH

*With Musical Guests
Skip Yingling and
the Wright Stuff*

Bring Your Friends to this laugh out loud evening of fun for the whole family!

**TICKETS ONLY \$15
in advance**

(\$20 on Feb. 27th)

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
FEBRUARY 13**

8:30 to 9:30 AM

**At the MEN'S
BREAKFAST & PRAISE**