



GOOD TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

July 2011

Special points of interest:

- New Co-Pastors begin leading worship on July 17
- Men's Breakfast on Saturday, July 9 at 8:30 am. Free!
- Vacation Ventures begins on July 11 and runs for 2 weeks from 9 am to 1 pm
- Handbell Festival in Kutztown, PA—pray for our handbell members at the festival
- Teen Mission Trip 7/23 to 7/31—pray for mission team members
- Continue to pray for the future of PCMP
- See the Missions Bulletin Board for opportunities for you and/or your family to serve locally. There are many ways to get involved with helping out in Morris County.

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Welcome to PCMP!

Our new Ministers are Rev. Scott Blythe & Rev. Elizabeth (Liz) Blythe.

Both Scott and Liz are ordained ministers and will serve as Co-Heads of Staff here at PCMP.



Rev. Liz Blythe and Rev. Scott Blythe will begin their positions here on July 17 and we cannot wait to welcome them into our church family!
Praise the Lord!

We have hired not one, but two new pastors who will share in serving our one full time position.

They will split the job of ministering to this Congregation. This is called Co-Pastoring. Both Scott and Liz are very excited to begin their lives and ministry here in Morris Plains.

More Exciting News!

Please welcome the Casa Del Alfarero (CDA for short) Pentecostal Church, "The Potter's House," to The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains!



Welcome!

Session has approved the lease of space to CDA in Westminster Hall for their Sunday afternoon worship service and Sunday School, Tuesday evening Bible Study and Friday evening Leadership Service.

The CDA has approximately 30 congregants and will conduct its first Worship in Westminster Hall in July.

Please welcome Pastor Juan Floriano and his congregation!

If you have any questions, please see John Cate, Chairman, Facilities Ministry.

News & Notes

Special Collection

You may have heard that a special collection is being gathered for a family in need. If you would like to make a donation or would like more information, please contact Kim Smith at k.smith@mppresby.org, 973-539-3481 ext. 14 or see Dave Johnson.

Copy Cats Luncheon

COPYCATS, a women's lunch group will meet on Tuesday, July 26 at noon at 4 Park Restaurant in Madison (formerly Top Notch). Please call Hildy Benjamin 973-625-7674 for your reservation. It's sure to be a treat to visit with your friends and have a delicious lunch!

Fresh Farm Vegetables!

Sign up on the Mission Bulletin Board if you would like to receive WEEKLY fresh garden vegetables for only \$25. See Anne Arp for more details.

Men's Ministry

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, July 9 at 8:30 AM. Our meetings are held the first and third Mondays at **8:00 PM. All men are welcome!**

Book Club

No meetings in July and August. New members are welcome. Book Club meets on the 4th Monday at 7:30 pm in the Parlor. Come join us in September!

Youth Group News

Youth Group—Grades 8-12

Make new friends, explore your faith & have fun! [See the schedule online](http://www.mppresby.org) 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 during the school year on Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 8:30 PM in The Attic. The [Club Fifty6 schedule](#) can be found on the church website!

Teen Mission Trip to Auburn, NY

30 people will join **420 others** from youth groups across the country to serve people in need with home repairs and a smile.

With thanks for your support you are invited to a REPORT BACK PARTY on Sunday, August 14th after Worship.



We'll supply the **ice cream and other goodies** as well as the stories of our experiences in Auburn. Please come and help us celebrate being the hands and feet of Jesus in Auburn, NY.

Handbell Festivals

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir will be participating in the AGEHR Area II Festival Conference, Thursday, July 7 – Sunday, July 10, at Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA.

More than 400 ringers will be ringing together under the direction of Debbie Rice. **The Festival will end with a final mass concert on Sunday, July 10 at 4:00 p.m.** The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir will also participate in a Solo Concert on Friday, July 8 at 1:30 p.m.

Skip Yingling and Melissa Csengeto will be participating in the Masterclass under the direction of Arnold Sherman, which will give their concert on Saturday, July 9 at 3:00 p.m.

The Walsh Mezza Bell Choir will be participating in the AGEHR Area II Young Ringers Festival, Tuesday, July 5 – Thursday, July 7, at Kutztown University. The Young Ringers final concert will be Thursday, July 7 at 2:30 p.m.



All concerts are free and open to the public. Please come to support and enjoy our bell choirs. Kutztown is less than a two hour drive from Morris Plains. For directions or further information, **contact** Carl Loutzenheiser, (973) 267-1258, carl.bells@mppresby.org.



A big Thank You to **Club 56** for helping sponsor Team Gigi for the **Relay for Life Cancer Walk** held May 14-15.



We raised over \$2000 as a team - including walkers **Juliann Caccavale, Jared Stock, Michael Fehrenbacher, Gabrielle Felts, Dylan Stock, William Lanza, Suzanne Young, parents and Julia Rossetti** for also selling footprints. The event was a great success for the Parsippany area raising over \$110,000. Hopefully we can do it again next year!

I'd also like to thank the congregation for your donations and support.

Virginia Lanza
team captain

Graduates Galore! Here are just a few...

Congratulations to All Graduates!

Mitchell Rider graduated from Morristown HS and will attend VA Tech Univ.

Caitlin McManus graduated from Morristown HS and will attend Montclair State University.

Chris McManus graduated from Morristown HS and will attend Johnson & Wales University.

Elizabeth Burke graduated from Morristown HS and will attend Univ. of Virginia.

Kelly Carman graduated from Morristown HS and will attend Moravian College for nursing.

Melanie Holt graduated from Morristown HS and will attend County College of Morris.

Frank Caccavale graduated from Parsippany Hills HS and will attend Millersville University and major in Technology Education.

Meghan Barwick graduated from Parsippany Hills HS and will attend Lehigh University.

Ryan Barwick graduated from Parsippany Hills HS and will attend Moravian College.

Brendan Barwick graduated from Parsippany Hills HS and will attend Carnegie Mellon University.

Derek Mull graduated from Morristown HS and will attend Ramapo College of New Jersey in the fall, majoring in biology.

Mark Granade graduated from Morristown High School and will be attending Fairleigh Dickinson University majoring in Graphic Design/Film Animation.

Chad Fu graduated from Morristown HS and will attend the University of Scranton.

Chris Hitchcock graduated from Morristown HS and will attend Penn. State University.

Brice Ludwig graduated from Randolph HS and will attend SUNY of Geneseo for biochemistry.

Lindsey Fu graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a Professional Writing Major and a Design Minor and is currently serving an internship with Vision Spring in NY.

Andrew Hill graduated from Virginia Tech University with a major in History.

Emily Janser graduated from Pennsylvania State University with High Distinction in Music Education.

Celebrations



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY TO:

Cantrell, Jenn	JUL 1
Nelson, Sarah	JUL 2
Martella, Cassandra	JUL 3
Laird, Ellie	JUL 4
Rossetti, Dave	JUL 4
Ulbrich, Donald	JUL 5
Housel, Michael	JUL 6
Petrucci, Suzanne	JUL 7
Bruhn, Jack	JUL 9
Kieliszewski, Ron	JUL 9
Nunn, Bill	JUL 9
Crain, Jillian	JUL 11
Jerr, Paul*	JUL 11
Van Eeuwen, Alyson	JUL 12
Van Orden, Mark Jr.*	JUL 12
Sheldon, Craig	JUL 14
Ulbrich, Barbara	JUL 16

Baloche, Shannon	JUL 21
Loutzenheiser, Carl	JUL 22
Weismantel, Alex	JUL 22
Ratti, Katy	JUL 23
McDermott, Alan	JUL 24
Sheldon, Sue	JUL 25
Thorne, Jennifer	JUL 25
Wurster, Lukas	JUL 25
Lappe, Meg	JUL 26
Lipka, Evan	JUL 26
Rushmore, Bill	JUL 26
Cusmano, Megan	JUL 27
Hyde, Lois	JUL 27
Begley, Michael	JUL 29
Nutter, Erik	JUL 29
Cady, Alison	JUL 30
Lappe, Doug	JUL 31

Please let us know your birthday and anniversary dates so we can update our church family database. Thank you!

If you'd like to know the secret to a successful marriage, just ask any of the following couples . . .

Happy Anniversary to:

Bill & Audrey Carpenter,	JUL 1, 1950
Pete & Karen Rodino,	JUL 4, 1981
Craig & Sue Sheldon,	JUL 18, 1987

AUGUST NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

is **July 20**. Email submissions to K.smith@mppresby.org

Presbyterian Women Plan Ocean Grove Getaway September 17 & 18

Share in creating joyful memories at our Ocean Retreat this Fall.

REGISTER TODAY...

for PW's "Getaway Retreat" at the Grove

Hall Retreat Center – just an hour away at the Jersey Shore. Questions? Call Laurie Fu at 973-605-8602.



Consider giving your offering before you go on vacation this summer

OR Consider setting up an automatic payment so you stay up to date on your pledge/tithe this year.



PYC Project

In mid August the youth group will be scraping and painting the windows and porch of this

local home. **Want to help?** See Kim Smith or Mike Grandusky.

It's Time for VBS! Register Now! Volunteer Now!

Vacation Ventures:

For Grades Rising 1st to 4th

Join us this summer for Vacation Ventures. **Join us for one week or join us for both.** 5th Grade+ contact office if interested.



Week One: Hometown

Nazareth: Where Jesus was a Kid

July 11 – 15 from 9-1 **Registration cost \$50 for BOTH WEEKS!**

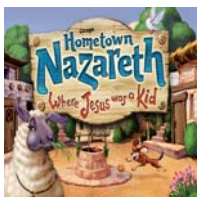
Day 1: Jesus had a family

Day 2: Jesus had a name

Day 3: Jesus had a home

Day 4: Jesus went to church

Day 5: Jesus served others



Week Two: Shake it Up Café

July 18-22 from 9-1

In this kid-friendly café full of chef's hats and aprons, pots and pans, checkered tablecloths, and chalkboard menus, kids explore the Bible as a cookbook filled with recipes for living out God's word. Through interactive lessons, that are



easy for kids to apply to their lives today, boys and girls will celebrate biblical festivals that reveal ingredients for being a follower of God.

- Day 1: be ready for God
- Day 2: Give happily to God
- Day 3: Believe fully in Jesus
- Day 4: Remember Jesus often
- Day 5: Celebrate God forever



Adult and teen volunteers are needed to help out too. We can use people all week or for just one day.

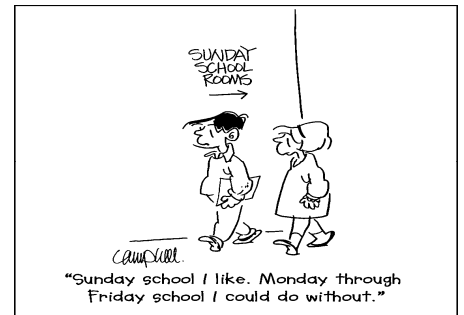
DECORATORS ESPECIALLY NEEDED BEFORE & AFTER EACH WEEK! Thanks

Creation Festival 2011

A group of 10 people from PCMP got together to attend this 4 day Christian festival in central PA at the end of June. Over 20 speakers and 60+ bands as well as children's events took place. It is truly an amazing and wonderful event.

Check it out at www.creationfest.org and plan to attend in 2012!

Sunday School



Sunday School is a wonderful place!

It is a place where all children feel loved and treasured. It is a place where they learn about God's love and the love of their church family.

The curriculum we use is extremely flexible and user friendly. The kids love it too.

Will you take a turn teaching Sunday School to our youngest members?

Usher Schedule for July

7/3	C. Traflet, B. Stefancik, K. & M. Burke
7/10	G. Olson, A. & L. Fu, R. & P. Pitts
7/17	Barwick Family, P. Glass
7/24	R. Hitchcock, D. & D. Hill, B. Thompson
7/31	R. Hill, R. Herzog, S. Weismantel

Everyone is Welcome to Worship the Lord

welcome to MORRIS plains!

This is what you'll be hearing a lot in July as our community Welcomes two new Ministers On July 17th at The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains!
Rev. Elizabeth Johnson Blythe & Rev. Scott Blythe

Rev. David Lawrence will preach and lead worship through July 10th. *Welcome!*

Serve at the Soup Kitchen

The next serving opportunity for our congregation is **Wednesday, August 24th** from 10:00 - 1:30 at the Church of the Redeemer on South Street. Park at Morristown Presbyterian Church Parish House and use their parking placard. We need 4-5 volunteers. We are partnering with St. Luke again so we will not be providing food, **only serving** it. If you're interested in signing up, see the Mission Bulletin Board or contact Michelle Rosenfeld at morlans71@yahoo.com or by calling 973 267 2599. Thank you!

Magic Pennies—Scrip Program

Did you know that if each family bought only one \$100 grocery store gift card each month that it would bring in over \$4000 in 2011?

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.

Stop by the Magic Pennies table in Westminster Hall to **see just how easy and convenient** this program is and how it can benefit **your church!**

Contact Susan Weismantel for info at psaweismantel@optonline.net or visit the www.glscrip.com website for full details.

Christian Softball League

Information about the league can be found at the league website: www.njcsf.org. If you're interested in participating or have questions please contact either Mark Ruiz (201 602-9583), Rob Hill (201 874-4239) or Eric Huff (917 902-4300). *We'll see you at the game!*

Joyful Noise PreSchool & Daycare

It's almost time for Vacation Ventures! We still have some space available for the summer, and also for the fall, so please tell your friends and neighbors! 973-539-9514

Everyone is
Welcome Here!

Worship Schedule

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

**Summer
Sundays
at 10 AM**

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



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Sun. at 10 AM Begins June 12 Wed. at 7 PM