



GOOD TIDINGS

A Monthly Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains

June 2011

Special points of interest:

- New Co-Pastors begin leading worship on July 17
- Men's Breakfast on Saturday, June 11 at 8:30 am. Free!
- Pentecost** and Confirmation Celebration will be held on June 12 at 10 am. Wear **RED!**
- Summer Worship at 10 AM Begins on June 12
- Church Picnic is on June 12 after worship. Dress casual in **RED!**
- CONCERT for all ages at Camp Johnsonburg on Sat., June 18 at 7 PM. Tickets \$12
- Happy Father's Day!
- Ice Cream Social at 11 AM on June 19 as a Mission Trip Fund-raiser. Get Dad an ice cream for Father's Day!

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The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains is excited to announce TWO new events!

1. The search is over!!!

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.

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 in July and we cannot wait to welcome them into our church family! *Praise the Lord!*



We're Getting New Co-Pastors!

2. Welcome to The Potter's House!

Please welcome the Casa Del Alfarero (CDA for short) Pentecostal Church, "The Potter's House," to The Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains! 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 on Sunday, June 5th at 1:00 PM.

Please welcome Pastor Juan Floriano and his congregation!

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



News & Notes

Annual Picnic

June 12 - Following 10:00 a.m. Worship

Downstairs in Fellowship Hall & Outside Rain or Shine! Come as you are!

Families whose last names begin with A-Q please bring salads.

Families whose last names begin with R-Z please bring desserts.

Hamburgers and hotdogs will be provided.

There will be fun activities for all ages! See you at the Annual Picnic!



Welcome New Members & Confirmands!

The Confirmation & Commissioning Class of 2011 will be received into full and active church membership on Sunday, June 12 at 10 AM.

We hope to see you all here to help these special young people celebrate their Confirmation!

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, June 19 after the 10 AM worship the 2011 Teen Mission Team will be selling ice cream on the front lawn

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.

Hey Everyone,

Let's face it, the view from the pews has been pretty lonely lately. I must say that on May 21 when new Pastor Scott gave the Children's Message and then Pastor Liz gave the sermon, and even when Brendan Barwick held his Eagle Court of Honor with the Revs. Blythe offering prayer, the pews were pretty full and I immensely enjoyed worshipping with everyone. It was exciting!

I hope that everyone continues to be involved because I truly hate to worship our Creator & Savior all alone.

Your Friend, *Timothy, the Church Mouse*

Copy Cats Luncheon

Ladies meet on June 28 at noon at Coco Pazo in Morris Plains. Please call Fran Stebbins at 973-887-6262 and join us!

Christian Softball League

Information about the league can be found at the league website: www.njcs.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!*

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, June 11 at 8:30 AM. Our meetings are held the first and third Mondays at 8:00 PM. **All men are welcome!**

Book Club Welcomes You

On Monday, June 27 at 7:30 PM in the parlor to discuss We Band of Angels: the Untold Story of American Nurses Trapped on Bataan by Elizabeth Norman. This is a heartbreaking and heartwarming story of valiant nurses who survived through the horrors of World War II in the Pacific. Elizabeth Norman has used interviews, diaries, letters and a wealth of research in telling this story. This is a unique experience for your July 4th weekend. We always welcome new members.

Students

Youth Groups

We would love to see you actively involved in youth group throughout the year. Bring a friend or two! We know your schedules are busy and homework loads can be heavy. Join us when you can!!!!

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.

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!

Nursery Child Care for the Summer

Are you able to provide child care in the AIR CONDITIONED Nursery during the 10 AM worship this summer—even for one week?

Please contact Becca Swope at swope@att.net

Sunday School

June 5: Kid's Own Worship 9:00 downstairs in fellowship hall Grades 3 and up come upstairs for communion

June 12: Pentecost/Confirmation 10 AM Worship with your Family. Celebrate the 8th graders joining the church. Followed by the Picnic!

Teen Mission Trip Next Month 30 people are signed up for our mission week in Auburn, NY this July.

There they will join 420 others from youth groups across the country to serve people in need with home repairs and a smile. We are still short of our financial need for the trip. Donations are being accepted. Thank you for your support.

With thanks for your support you are invited to a Celebratory 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.

Thank You for Your Prayers!

Joyful Noise PreSchool

Joyful Noise PreSchool & Daycare

Another school year is about to come to a close! In the meantime, each day is filled with fun, and anticipation for the summer ahead. We have fire truck and ambulance visits. Our Pre-K's are traveling to a local playground to play in the sun and enjoy a picnic. Jack's Petting Zoo will be coming to Joyful Noise for all of our children to get up close with the animals. Then before we know it, 87 Pre-K students and their families will gather in the sanctuary for graduations.

A few days later our summer programs will begin and then Vacation Ventures! We still have some space available for the summer, and also for the fall, so please tell your friends and neighbors!

As always, we thank you for your prayers and support!

Jane Whitehead
Dir., Joyful Noise



Celebrations



Carman, Kelly	JUN 1
Cumming, Andrew	JUN 1
Frazzano, Celina	JUN 1
Laconi, Sharon	JUN 2
Becht, Danielle	JUN 4
Thomson, Bob*	JUN 4
Ludwig, Brice	JUN 6
McManus, Susan	JUN 6
Cusmano, Terri	JUN 7
Rossetti, Elena	JUN 7
Tryon, Jillian	JUN 7
Eapen, Ryan	JUN 8
Traub, Daniela	JUN 9
Malpere, Pat	JUN 10
Liotto, Monica	JUN 11
Hegeman, Ed	JUN 13
Housel, Thomas	JUN 13
Ramirez, Marti Ann*	JUN 13
Swope, Peter (P.J.)	JUN 15
Poage, Cathy	JUN 16
Silvestri, Anthony	JUN 16
Falcone, Anna	JUN 17
Thorne, Brian*	JUN 17
Ciaramella, Cara	JUN 19
Cancilla, Charlie H.	JUN 20
Seeger, Gary	JUN 20

Jorgensen, Margaret	JUN 21
Granade, Kristin	JUN 22
Jerr, Ginny*	JUN 22
Fu, Lindsey	JUN 23
Case, Megan	JUN 24
Case, Robert	JUN 24
Seeger, Barbara	JUN 24
Burke, Emily	JUN 25
Johnson, Steve	JUN 25
McNall, Kathy	JUN 25
Minor, Juliet	JUN 25
Cantrell, Dan	JUN 27
Ruiz, Katie	JUN 27

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:		
Robert and Phyllis Case		
JUN 14 1980		31 years
Herbert and Lorraine Blaicher		
JUN 18 1949		62 years
Mike and Karen Burke		
JUN 21 1986		25 years
Eleanor and Clarence* Evans		
JUN 27 1953		58 years
June 25th Wedding Wishes & Prayers to: Cari Yingling and Darren Cregan!		

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.

JULY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Is June 24. Email submissions to K.smith@mppresby.org

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

Vacation Ventures:

For Grades Rising 1st to 4th



Join us this summer for Vacation Ventures. This year, we will be offering two different programs for the two weeks. **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 (or temple)

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 –



Get to Know Elder, Chip Frost

Chip Frost was raised in the New Vernon Presbyterian Church. After falling in love with his high school sweetheart, Jeanne Quintana, he and Jeanne were married by Rev. George Vorsheim at the Pres. Church of Morris Plains in 1972.

Clerk of Session

More than one relationship took off that day; three years later, Chip joined this church. As each of their three children were raised in this church, Betsy (now 34), Sheri (now 31), and Scott (now 27) attended Joyful Noise Nursery School with their mother who started JN as a teacher and later served 13 years as its Director.

In the 1980's, Chip served as a Deacon and then as an Elder, with multiple terms on ministries that included Stewardship, Property, Joyful Noise, and Finance. Even now, more than thirty five years later, Chip remains a vital part of this congregation. You may see him on Sunday mornings singing with the Chancel Choir or in the back of the sanctuary operating the projector. He is an enthusiastic and active member of Men's Ministry, and plays a vital role as **Clerk of Session.**

Chip has been employed over 35 years in commercial banking, lending to NJ businesses, and currently works for TD Bank. As busy as all these commitments keep him, his favorite hobby is gardening, or is it being a new grandfather?!

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.

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
June 11
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