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A Monthly Newsletter of The Presbyterian Church of Morris

October 2011

Special points of interest:

FAMILY FUN DAY on Saturday, October 15 from 10 am to 2 pm FREE and FUN for ALL AGES



Wednesday Night Pot Luck Dinner and 1/2 Hour Praise. Perfect for ALL AGES! Come for dinner and worship or just dinner or just worship! It's casual and upbeat—no worries if you are too busy to bring food—just show up!

Exciting New Bible Studies begin this month!

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A Big Thank You!

Friends, and that is the correct term from our point of view. We want to take this chance to say a huge Thank You to the whole congregation for a whole host of things. The first is to thank you for the generosity that contributed to a wonderful gift for our new home. We cannot say how amazed we were when Bill Nunn and John Williams arrived with a full pick-up truck and SUV containing our beautiful new Gas Grill and an amazing outdoor table a chairs set! We both later realized what a blessing we had received from God in being called to such a warm and generous congregation.

Equally, as if that was not enough, we were again presented with the extent of your energy and commitment in all that was done for our Service of Installation. Between your coming out again late in the afternoon to another worship service (even amidst the new football season!!!!); the incredible array of food put on after the service; the hard work of all those who hosted and decorated the Westminster Hall and transformed it into a beautiful venue for the reception; and finally, as if there could be any more, a big thank you to the

Rubin household for arranging for an evening meal for our visiting family and friends.

In all of these events and the other little gifts and care that we have received in the first few months of our time together, Liz and I are convinced of God's clear blessing of us in bringing us here to minster among and with you. We are deeply grateful for all you have done and look forward to many more years together where we might in response to your generosity meet you with our love and commitment to the task of ministry that is before us.



Friends, we are called always in faith to a new and exciting life with Christ. Liz and I are really looking forward to the months and years that are before us and to all the other opportunities we might have to be thankful and challenged by God's never ceasing Spirit. So, let us carry on the journey together and with much joy as we move further into the tasks before us!

With grateful thanks!
Scott & Liz

News & Notes

Men's Ministry

Our next breakfast will be Saturday, October 8th at 8:30 AM. Our meetings are held the first and third Mondays at **8:00 PM. Welcome to All!!**

Retired Men's Lunch

Meets monthly. Contact Ed Hill or Frank Poage for info.

November Newsletter Deadline is October 26.

Email submissions to K.smith@mppresby.org

PARKING REMINDER:

Do NOT park in our neighbor's lot on Rosedale at any time. On Sundays, you may park at the Provident Bank and in the lot between Friendly's and Dunkin Donuts.

Thank You To Local Businesses

for their contribution to the Reception held for the Blythes Installation:

Anthony's Bakery
Acme of Morris Plains
ShopRite of Morris Plains
Stop&Shop of Morris Plains
Swiss Chalet
Duncan Donuts
Edible Arrangements

We appreciate their support.

Women's Bible Study

Bad Girls Wanted for Bad Girls of the Bible

study. We'll begin on Wednesday, October 12 at 9:30am in the Adult Studies Room. Pastor Liz will lead the class as we begin with **the original bad girl, Eve.** If you are able, read Genesis chapter 3 ahead of time and write down the questions you have about it. Even if you can't do that, come anyway! All bad girls welcome!



Searching for an Adult "Sunday School" Experience? Or something better?

Search no further! Come to the Sunday Morning Bible Study! Leader, Bob Lipka and the rest of this vibrant group invite you to join them in the Parlor from 9:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. on Sundays. Worship at 11:00 a.m. Newcomers are always welcome!

Wednesday Night Praise Service Training and Collaboration

Tues. Oct. 11, at 7:30pm the Worship and Music Ministry would like to invite you to take part in planning the Wednesday night Praise and Worship service. No preparation is needed, just bring your interest and creativity. For more information, contact: Deb Rossetti, Pastor Liz, or Pastor Scott.

Inquirers' Class - Are you interested in becoming a new member of this church? Or are you not sure, but want to find out more? Join us for an Inquirers' Class Orientation on **Thursday, October 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Adult Studies Room.** We will discuss the 5 week course outline and select class times (multiple class times may be offered depending on interest). For more information contact: Bob Lipka at 973-334-

9783, or the Pastor Scott, or Pastor Liz at 973-539-3481.



FAMILY FUN DAY - Third Annual Fall Festival for Community Outreach

Saturday, Oct. 15. 10:00 am - 2:00 pm FREE. LIVE MUSIC, FOOD, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides & Pumpkin Patch, Games, Tattoos, Bounce House, Balloon Sculpture... Something for ALL ages!

To shine our best for God and to the community, we need your help.

This Fall Festival is our best opportunity to reach out to people who have never visited PCMP or our preschool, Joyful Noise. Let's welcome them in! Various positions/shifts are still open between 8:30 am. - 3:30 p.m. Sign up today on the bulletin board outside the church office. Thank you.

More News & Notes

Joyful Noise News

Joyful Noise is in full swing! September has been filled with learning, playing, singing, creating and making new friends. October will include Back-to-School Night, field trips to Sun High Orchard and Halloween parades. We are already giving tours for families looking ahead to the 2012 school year so tell your friends and co-workers about the wonderful preschool and daycare we provide. Joyful Noise Preschool and Daycare - a ministry of our church to the community - appreciates your prayers and support!

WALSH MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR PROGRAM

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir Program for this fall includes three youth bell choirs.

The Dolce Bell Choir, directed by Kathy Opsasnick, has two new ringers and six returning ringers with one year experience.

The Mezza Bell choir, also directed by Kathy Opsasnick, has

three returning ringers and one new ringer from last year's Cadet Bell Choir.

The Walsh Memorial Bell Choir, directed by Austin Vallies, has seven returning ringers and five new ringers, four of whom were in last year's Mezza Bell Choir.

The Program also includes the Grazio Bell Choir for adults, directed by Carl Loutzenheiser, which has eleven returning members and one new member who is a former ringer in the Walsh Memorial Bell Choir.

All parents of the Walsh Memorial Bell Choir ringers are members of the Parents Committee. Parents of other youth ringers are welcome to be a part of this committee. If you are interested, contact Carl Loutzenheiser or one of the officers. The officers of the Parents Committee for the coming year are: Connie Deschaine - President; Debbie Rossetti - Secretary; Elissa Minor - Treasurer.

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. If you are interested in participating, or have questions about the handbell program, please contact Kathy Opsasnick, ([973-627-6425](tel:973-627-6425), ringduets@optonline.net), or Carl Loutzenheiser, ([973-267-1258](tel:973-267-1258), carl.bells@mppresby.org).

Youth Group—Grades 9 & Older

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.

HAYRIDE in Hackettstown on Oct. 22 or 23—You must sign up so we can make reservations. K.smith@mppresby.org

Club Fifty6

Youth Group for **Grades 5—8** 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!

Celebrations

Happy October Birthday to:

Stock, Dylan	OCT 3
Miller, Jan	OCT 5
Deschaine, Connie	OCT 7
Grandusky, Michael	OCT 8
Olson, Patricia	OCT 8
Sheldon, Katie	OCT 8
Nelson, John	OCT 10
Robinson, Tabitha	OCT 10
Sandberg, Emily	OCT 10
Vorsheim, Gary	OCT 11
Begley, Carol	OCT 12
McDermott, Mabel	OCT 12
Ratti, Christopher	OCT 12
Smith, Lyttle	OCT 12
Rosenfeld, Henry	OCT 13
Foley, Kiera	OCT 14
Stebbins, Fran	OCT 14
MacHale, Donna	OCT 17
Rider, Mitchell	OCT 17
Lanza, Ben	OCT 18
Crain, Lucinda	OCT 19
Cadmus, Jeanne	OCT 20
Foley, Francis	OCT 20
Ragan, Katie	OCT 21
Cumming, Michael	OCT 22
Haas, Russ	OCT 23
Lappe, Dave	OCT 23
Nelson, Pamela	OCT 23
DiLemma, Tyler	OCT 24
Becht, Bobby	OCT 25
Feeney, Madeline	OCT 25
Traver, Charlotte	OCT 25
Pitts, Pam	OCT 26
Hartle, Lia	OCT 27
Feeney, Alexis	OCT 29

Felts, David	OCT 31
Rossetti, Julia	OCT 31

Happy October Anniversary to:

David & Pietra Felts	OCT 25
25 Years	

How Do You Respond When Someone Asks You About Being Presbyterian?

The following is from the PC(USA) website: www.pcusa.org

Get to know the Presbyterian Church (USA). Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

God comes to us in free and undeserved favor in the person of Jesus Christ who lived, died, and rose for us that we might belong to God and serve Christ in the world. Following Jesus, Presbyterians are engaged in the world and in seeking thoughtful solutions to the challenges of our time.

Presbyterians affirm that God comes to us with grace and love in the person of Jesus Christ, who lived, died, and rose for us so that we might have eternal and abundant life in him. As Christ's disciples, called to ministry in his name, we seek to continue his mission of teaching the truth, feeding the hungry, healing the broken, and welcoming

strangers. God sends the Holy Spirit to dwell within us, giving us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be Christ's faithful disciples in the world.

Giving Status

As we are now nine months, or 75%, through the 2011 calendar year, the Finance Ministry respectfully suggests that this is an appropriate time to review the status of your 2011 pledge. For the Congregation as a whole, the rate of actual pledges received to-date is running at approximately 92% of what we expected to receive based on the original pledged amounts. If this 8% gap is not closed in the last three months of the year, the pledged income shortfall for the year would be approximately 25,000. With a very tight, yet balanced, budget for calendar 2011, it is critical for the proper functioning of our Church to receive as close to 100% of the original pledged amounts as possible. To assist with the process of reviewing your pledge status, individual pledge statements through September 30th will be mailed out in early October. Additionally, for those members who were unable to submit a pledge for 2011, we are always grateful for any financial contribution you might be able to make at this time. Thank you in advance for prayerfully considering your pledge status and commitment to our Church family.

Community



FAMILY FUN DAY is on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15

here at the church!
NOW IS THE TIME to invite your friends and family! **NOW is the time** to contact Ginny Fisher or Nancy Hults-Rubin to find out where you are needed. 10 am to 2 pm.

CHANCEL CHOIR Thursday Night Rehearsals at 7:30pm

PRAISE TEAM Wednesday Rehearsals at 6pm

Sunday Morning Rehearsals 45 minutes prior to Worship

All who have a musical gift to share are welcome to join us!

Contact Skip Yingling, Minister of Music
s.yingling@mppresby.org
973-539-3481 ext. 15



Presents:



*Music
for the Mission*

A Concert to Benefit
the Market Street Mission, Morristown, NJ

Featuring Performances By:

Skip Yingling & The PCMP Band,
Jim DiPaolo & Monica Trogani,
Erica & Julia Rossetti, Danielle Becht,
MSM Group, & More!

& Members of the Morris Plains
Summer Theater Program
Cast of *Godspell*

Monetary Donations for Market Street Mission
will be accepted at the door to offset
Damage from Hurricane Irene.

Friday, October 21, 2011
at 7:30pm

Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains
400 Speedwell Ave., Morris Plains, NJ
FREE PARKING at the church and at The Provident Bank

Everyone is Welcome to Worship the Lord

Magic Pennies—Scrip Program

Gift cards are available each week during Coffee Hour for Target, Walmart, Shoprite, Acme, Stop&Shop, gas stations, grocery stores, restaurants, American Express, **hotels & travel**, most stores and even online stores such as Amazon.com + more. Contact Susan Weismantel for info psaweimantel@optonline.net or visit the www.qlscrip.com website for full details.

Hello Church Family!

χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ Θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (Ephesians 1:2, NRSV)

It's the start of my second year of seminary, and as I sit down to write you, there is so much to say - and the semester has only just begun!

As you may have guessed, one of my courses is **Greek!** Four weeks into my first biblical language and I can already read aloud (well, slowly sound out) and translate (with some time and a good lexicon or dictionary) some of the Greek New Testament! It's a fascinating and challenging language. Different from Classical and Modern Greek, the New Testament was written in Koine or "Common" Greek. Thanks to Alexander

the Great, usage of the language was widespread across the Roman empire by the time of Jesus, the apostles, and the first churches in the first and second century. As my professor pointed out, it is awesome to think that God chose that time, when so many people were speaking and reading the same language, to send Jesus, whom Paul and others would write about and communicate in one common language, the language of the people.

Outside of seminary, I am continuing in the ordination process with our presbytery's Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). Ruth Otey, my session liaison, and I met with the group in May and I was approved to continue for another year as an Inquirer.

I am excited to tell you that in addition to the scholarships I received from PCMP and Wesley Seminary, I have also been awarded the Wurffel-Sills Scholarship from the Synod of the Northeast. I am also supporting myself by continuing my on-campus job.

This summer, I took the opportunity to live with a roommate from college and moved to an apartment in Rockville, MD - about a 25 minute drive from Wesley. Lindsay entered into the masters program in International Development at American University this fall. I'm loving the conversations we're having as

we share life and course work. In many ways, she is learning how to feed the poor and free the oppressed, the mission the church is called to.

So what's next? My studies will continue in the spring with Reformed Theology, the second half of Church History, and other courses. I'm looking into either starting a CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) program or interning with A Christian Ministry in the National Parks for the summer months. Also sometime next summer, I hope to move into the Candidacy stage of the ordination process, which involves writing a Statement of Faith and going before Presbytery.

As I continue in my studies, I am seeing that PC(USA) is making strong decisions as it looks ahead to the future. As I look ahead for myself, I see God calling me to work within congregations to bring transformation and new life or to plant new communities of faith.

I thank you for your continued prayers and support as I travel on this journey. I will never forget the work God has done through PCMP in my life. Fall reading week is approaching in the next few weeks, I hope to see you all while I'm home!

**Grace and peace,
Jessica Fisher**



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TO:

EVERYONE is welcome here to worship the Lord!

Worship on Sun. at 9 & 11 AM and Wed. at 7 PM