



# Morningside Messenger

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## April 2013 Worship at Morningside

### April 7, 2013

Drew Stockstill preaching

“WE are Witnesses of These Things?”

Texts: Revelation 1:4-8; Acts 5:27-32

*The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.*

### April 14, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

“And What Then?”

Texts: Psalm 30; John 21:1-19

*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*

*Inquirers' Class*

### April 21, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

“Tell Us Plainly”

Texts: John 10:22-30; Revelation 7:9-17

*New Member Class*

*Cherub Choir Singing*

### April 28, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

“Even to the Gentiles”

Texts: Revelation 21:1-6; Acts 11:1-18

*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*



*Dear friends,*

Last week I asked Anna exactly which day this newsletter would arrive in your inboxes. I wanted to know because I wanted to know whether we would

be in the vigil of holy week or glowing from the triumph of Easter.

After hearing from her that it would, in fact, be delivered immediately after Easter, I began to wonder what I wanted to say... surely, after all, I'll have said everything any preacher could reasonably say on Easter Sunday? We preachers love a crowd, and there's no crowd like Easter...

And then I knew what I wanted to say to you because it's what I most need to hear when the lilies have faded and the last reverberation of the trumpets have bounced off the sanctuary walls and it is this:

Don't let it end.

We are resurrection people. We are Easter people. Our whole reason for being as an institution is to shout out, "He is risen!"

It's one thing to shout, "He is risen!" with your fellow Morningsiders in the pews around you, it is another to shout it with hammers at Habitat, or with green beans at Journey, or with haute couture at the new ICM clothes closet.

On second thought, though, no it's not. It's the same good news whether we are hearing it in worship or saying it in the grocery store.

We are resurrection people. Don't let it end. Take resurrection with you everywhere you go.

God knows the world needs some good news. He is risen, he is risen indeed! Don't let the proclamation end; keep it going. Keep it going for Jesus' sake.

Thanks for reading,

Baron

## *April Birthdays*

3 Robert Bartis	21 Frances Adams
4 Henry Jonas	22 Sue Ballay
6 Joe Ballay	23 John Fillyaw
6 Sarah Wilde	23 Chip Edgerton
7 Michael Perez	23 Jesse Neill
8 Liz Sommerfeld	24 Rebecca Holmes
9 Austin Davis	25 Rebecca Kier
9 Cindy Metzler	25 Caroline Tanner
12 Hope Bothwell	26 Ruth Wells
13 Greg Johnson	27 Hal Nuckols
13 Brent Mooneyham	28 Alan Bremer
13 Mindy Potter	29 Browning Fergus
14 Amy Santy	29 Walter Huff
15 Jeff Adams	29 Ann Bowers
16 Bryson Hankinson	30 David Fairleigh
18 Andrew Stewart	
18 Ezra Zook	
20 Isabella Perez	
20 Georgia Moore	

### **Elder on Call**

Laura Fillyaw	April 7-13
Randy Parrish	April 14-20
Hillery McNeill	April 21-27
Rob Payne	April 28-May 4

### **Deacon on Call**

Ken Sharpe	April 7-13
Faye McKay-Clegg	April 14-20
Katherine Johnston	April 21-27
Jill Klotz	April 28-May 4

## No (April) Fooling—We’ve Updated Our Website Structure, Language

If you’re not a churchgoer, what does ‘fellowship’ mean to you? Something about Hobbits and a mysterious ring? Does ‘mission’ make you think of going out to convert ‘savages’? ‘Evangelism’? Oooh! Scary! Doesn’t ‘welcome’ sound more, well, welcoming?

Using the latest information on how to communicate what a church is, does and can be, the MPC website team has reorganized our website around the ideas of what people look for at a church. Specifically, the new page headings are set up to reflect Welcome, Worship, Connect, Learn, Serve and Plan. All of the former informa-

tion is included, along with some new sections. There’s more congruity with how our ministry teams are organized, our “Using Your Gifts” form and our other communications, such as the *Messenger*.

The website reorganization is a first step toward more technological improvements this year, such as enhanced on-line giving, and the long-promised on-line membership directory which will be secure for members and will let us update and post our own photos and other information.

## Meeting Set to Explore African Outreach Opportunity

A team from Morningside could expect to spend time working on a building project with a local Kenyan congregation, enjoying worship and social time together, to experience and learn about the life of the church and community, and to go on a safari to experience amazing African wildlife.

Intrigued? An informational session to explore the possibility of traveling to Kenya with Outreach Foundation in 2014 will be offered at 12:15 p.m. in Room 201 on Sun-

day, Apr. 7. Outreach Foundation works in partnership with the Presbyterian Church of East Africa, assisting PCEA presbyteries and congregations with their own outreach and development projects including building sanctuaries, primary and secondary schools, vocational schools, children's homes, hospitals, clinics, digging wells, and much more. Contact Global Concerns Chair Tony Fishpaw ([tonyfishpaw@me.com](mailto:tonyfishpaw@me.com)) with any questions.

## Morningside Milestones

- Our church was full Mar. 18 with friends and family of Grace Jordan Howard, celebrating her life, her achievements and her ascension into the Church Triumphant on Mar. 15. A native South Carolinian and lifelong Presbyterian, Grace was noted for her achievements as a mother, banker and especially as a leader in the Southeastern design community.
- Our latest youngster to be welcomed via baptism into God’s family is William Michael Evans Branon, son of Brendan and Carrie, Mar. 10.
- Still seeking skirling pipes? The deadline for signing up (and paying for) Morningside’s August trip to Scotland is Friday, Apr. 19. Visit the Upcoming Events portion of our website to get more information and let Baron know you’ve decided to come along.
- Come out for our final Habitat Saturday builds Apr. 6 and 13, with dedication the last day. Grateful thanks to our dedicated regulars and the fabulous participation by our Young Adults.
- Morningside Presbyterian Preschool is taking applications for Summer Camp for children ages 2-5 to keep bodies busy and minds moving. More information and forms are available on the Preschool section of the MPC website: <http://www.morningsidepc.org/> Questions? Call Preschool Director Sarah Tomaka at 404.685.8758.
- Enjoy some frozen yogurt at Yogli Mogli at the corner of Virginia and Highland on Tuesday, Apr. 23, noon-9 p.m. Mention our preschool and they’ll get a percentage of your purchase.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>Church Office closed for Easter Monday</i> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	<b>2</b> 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Theology on Tap 7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning	<b>3</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday	<b>4</b> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety	<b>5</b> 9 a.m. MPP	<b>6</b> <i>Habitat for Humanity Build</i> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
<b>7</b> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Outreach Foundation Meeting 1:35 Braves Outing 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	<b>8</b> 9 a.m. MPP Spring Break 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA	<b>9</b> 9 a.m. MPP Spring Break 11 a.m. Yoga Class followed by Lunch 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 6:45 p.m. Preschool Committee	<b>10</b> 9 a.m. MPP Spring Break 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	<b>11</b> 9 a.m. MPP Spring Break 6 p.m. Health Ministries 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	<b>12</b> 9 a.m. MPP Spring Break 5 p.m. Adrienne Kren/David Mogge Wedding Rehearsal 7 p.m. Couples Group	<b>13</b> <i>Habitat for Humanity Build</i> 9 a.m. AA Meeting 4 p.m. Adrienne Kren/David Mogge Wedding
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<b>21</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School; New Members' Class 10:40 a.m. Called Session Meeting 11 a.m. Worship/Cherub Choir 12 noon Fellowship 12:30 p.m. Youth Picnic 12:45 p.m. RHO Readers 2 p.m. Venture Crew; Harmony Chorus 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	<b>22</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians	<b>23</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	<b>24</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Cherub Choir	<b>25</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir	<b>26</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9 a.m. MPP 5:30 p.m. Ashley Filip/Matt Hoffman Wedding Rehearsal	<b>27</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9 a.m. AA Meeting 4 p.m. Ashley Filip/Matt Hoffman Wedding
<b>28</b> <i>Youth Fundraiser</i> 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Baptism 12 noon Fellowship 2 p.m. Venture Crew; Harmony Chorus 5 p.m. Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	<b>29</b> 9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	<b>30</b> 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers				

## Your Session at Work: March 18 Meeting

- **Laura Fillyaw's** report on Children, Youth and Family Ministries included exciting news about our Youth Group. The Confirmation Class of seven young people is nearing culmination on Confirmation Sunday, May 19. In addition to the confirmation advisors thanked in the March *Messenger*, the youth also benefit from a group of dedicated advisors: **Eleanor Attwood, Miranda Brownlee, Martin Dunlap, Tony Fishpaw, Amanda Lewis** and **Brian Johnson**. Get ready for the BOBO Auction (story on back page) this month which will send sixth- and seventh-grade youth to the Montreat Middle School Conference (July 24-28) and those in eighth grade and older to the high school conference (June 14-19), plus a week with Asheville Youth Mission (July 14-19)
- **Melinda Sandkam** noted that coincidental life changes (babies, moves, and completion of graduate school) will cause Morningside Preschool to seek some new teachers for next school year. **Sarah Tomaka** is interviewing candidates this spring.
- For Mission/Outreach ministries, **Tony Fishpaw** and **Eleanor Attwood** lifted up our service to the Journey shelter. We're still looking for an on-going shepherd for this once-a-month dinner. We're facing giving up or scaling back this outreach if we cannot find someone to lead the mission by the end of May. Tony announced we'll have an informational meeting Apr. 7 about a possible mission trip to Kenya (See Page 2.)
- **Peter Cobb and Shannon Harris**, Commitment Ministries co-chairs, already have held meetings planning for the 2014 season, with the theme "Living God's Love," and have more than 24 members 'committed to Commitment' working on various projects, such as our next church video.
- Planning Committee Chair **Bonnie Daneker** reported that accessibility improvements to our Sanctuary will take place after Easter. The committee is holding ongoing discussions with vendors and others to determine how best to implement our 2017 Strategic Plan.

Daisy Ottmann  
Vice-Clerk of Session

## *MPC to Host Regional Covenant Network Conference*

The Regional Covenant Network Conference with the theme "What does inclusion look like in the Post-Ordination Church?" will take place at Morningside on Friday, Apr. 19. Worship at 10 a.m. will be led by David Bartlett and closing worship at 4 p.m. will be led by our MPC Pastor Emerita Joanna Adams. The plenary session will be led by Covenant Network Executive Director Brian Ellison and National Organizer Tricia

Dykers Koenig, and a panel discussion and breakout sessions with many others.

The Covenant Network of Presbyterians works for inclusion of all believers. Go to <http://covnetpres.org/upcoming-events/atlanta-regional-conference/> to register for \$35. Contact Drew Stockstill [dstockstill@morningsidepc.org](mailto:dstockstill@morningsidepc.org) to volunteer to assist with the event.

## Get Ready to Enjoy 'Arts & Eats' in May

A new fundraiser the organizers hope will become an annual event is scheduled for Sunday, May 5, 4 – 7 p.m. to benefit the Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM) projects including their food pantry, food co-ops, homeless street outreach, Heading Home program and clothing closet. Come and enjoy a fun-filled Sunday afternoon featuring live and silent auctions, door prizes, delicious food, live music and circus arts entertainment at the Miller Ward Alumni House at Emory University.

Go to [intowncm.org/artsandeats](http://intowncm.org/artsandeats) to purchase your \$100 tickets. MPC has partnered with ICM for many years as they work to prevent and reverse homelessness and hunger in the 30306 and 30307 ZIP codes. In fact, we're collecting non-perishable items for the ICM Food Pantry through Apr. 28.

## BOBO's Coming Back with New Goodies for You!

Do you paint, sculpt, bake, grow vegetables? Can you share tickets to the symphony, opera, Braves, Dawgs, Jackets, botanical garden, World of Coke, aquarium, theater, movies? Can you donate a gift card? Or would you like to buy any of these things? Our matchmaker, BOBO—which stands for 'Buy One, Boost One,' our annual Youth Group trip fundraiser—longs to make it all happen.

Our third BOBO Youth Auction will begin Apr. 21. Fabulous items will be on display and open for bidding from then until 1 p.m. Apr. 28. There you'll find vacation homes including a week in scenic Crested Butte CO, designer jewelry, personal services, fabulous home accessories by J Douglas Designs, and lavish dinner parties hosted by MPC gourmet chefs.

All these great auction items come from YOU, generous members and friends of MPC who want to help support youth programming and participation at the Montreat Youth conferences for up to 20 middle and high schoolers within our congregation this year.

Contribute something for the auction by contacting Carolyn Morton ([carolynmorton@bellsouth.net](mailto:carolynmorton@bellsouth.net)) right now, come out and place your bids between Apr. 21 and 28 and don't forget to bring your checkbook to take home your treasures.

