



Morningside Messenger

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June 2010 Worship at Morningside

June 6, 2010

New Member Sunday

Sermon: "Pay Attention"

Text: Luke 7:11-17

Christopher Henry preaching

The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.

June 13, 2010

Sermon: "Jesus in the Hands of Sinners"

Text: Luke 7:36-49

The Rev. Dr. Will Willimon preaching

June 20, 2010

Sermon: "Demonstrable Oneness"

Text: Galatians 3:23-29

Christopher Henry preaching

The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.

June 27, 2010

Sermon: "Remember When..."

Text: Psalm 77

Christopher Henry preaching

Facilities Team Faced Wet, Wild Weekday

Despite all the water-intrusion remediation completed under our *A Time of Promise* capital campaign, the window wells below grade level on the lower floor can still lead to interior flooding. This was the case in the preschool wing and Fellowship Hall after heavy rains in early May. Facilities Manager Randy Young prepared a report to Session which detailed the problems, the work done to clear them and positive steps to prevent a recurrence.

The culprits are fine debris clogging the drains, which can happen even though our sexton, Gus Restrepo,

maintains all the drains and clears them weekly. High winds and violent downpours wash plant material and other rubbish into the drains and sump pumps. After the cleanup from our recent incident, the facilities team is adding additional mesh screen and sump pumps, mapping and flushing the drain lines and cleaning again whenever heavy storms are predicted. Randy points out the permanent solution would be to add a second gravity drain to each light well, which would involve capital expense.

MPC Welcomes Special Guest from Methodist Tradition

Sunday, June 13, we will welcome as our distinguished guest preacher one of the leading voices among mainline Protestant denominations. The Rev. Dr. William H. Willimon has been a Bishop of The United Methodist Church since 2004. He leads the 157,000 Methodists and 792 pastors in North Alabama. For 20 years he was Dean of the Chapel and Professor of Christian Ministry at Duke University, Durham, NC.

Author of 60 books selling more than a million copies, Bishop Willimon has seen his work translated into eight languages. In 1996, an international survey conducted by Baylor University named him one of the Twelve Most Effective Preachers in the English-speaking world. A 2005 study found that Bishop Willimon

is the second most widely read author by mainline Protestant pastors. He has lectured and taught at many pastors' schools and at colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

At Duke University, Willimon served as a mentor to Chris Henry and the two have kept in touch regularly. Chris says, "Will Willimon has a freshness and urgency that Christian churches all over the world long to hear. His preaching, teaching, and writing have had a tremendous impact on the church in recent decades and his friendship and wisdom have meant the world to me."

Bishop Willimon will remain after worship for a Sunday Forum conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Morningside Milestones

☐ May saw a special 'graduation'—the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Educational Ministries on our own Mardee Rightmyer by Columbia Theological Seminary. Dr. Rightmyer's dissertation topic was "The Power to DO: Communication Technology and the Ministry of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta." She also was honored for a paper on the creative use of music in worship. We're proud to have such a fabulous educational resource in our midst!

☐ Another honoree is Beth Baer, who edits the Atlanta Bar Association's official publication, *The Atlanta Lawyer*. She received a Distinguished Service Award for her work at the association's recent annual meeting and she's also won the State Bar of Georgia's award for best publication two years running.

☐ Open hearts, open hands—our collection for One Great Hour of Sharing raised \$2,256 for mission and recovery projects of our denomination and our Mother's Day offering to benefit senior citizens raised \$456.

☐ A beautiful remembrance of the life of Earl York, father of member David York, was held in our Sanctuary May 10. We continue to express our prayers for God's comfort to the entire York family.

Mission Trip Inspires New Outreach Programs

Our spring mission trip to Washington DC is hatching two new outreach initiatives. An afternoon helping two seniors with household cleaning and yard work led new shepherds Jack Klotz and Lloyd Prince to spearhead a partnership with the HOMES (Home Owner Maintenance and Enhancement for Seniors) program. We'll do our first 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. service

day in September. See the Mission bulletin board in the Narthex or contact Jack or Lloyd for more detail.

Meanwhile, Shirley Adair and Phyllis Grimes are launching a program to make bagged lunches and take them to the streets to give out to those in need and learn about their stories. Watch for more information.

Men Will Escape to Mountains--Again

For the third year, the Men of Morningside will spend a Saturday together in the beautiful Georgia mountains. On Saturday, June 12, we will meet at the church and travel together to Suches, GA, to be hosted by John Hawkins and John Watson at the wonderful cabin of John and Ann Watson, Suches It Is, less than two hours from midtown Atlanta but a "world away" on the Appalachian Trail and surrounded by the beautiful mountain trails.

A good portion of the day will be free time to enjoy the setting and do some hiking, fishing, and nature-appreciating. The "escape" will also include a conversation led by Rev. Chris Henry on A Hidden Wholeness: The Journey Toward An Undivided Life, a recent book by Parker J. Palmer. We will share lunch as well as an evening meal, and return on Saturday evening. To RSVP, contact Chris Henry by Friday, June 4.

Morningside Hosts Presbytery of Greater Atlanta Listening Session

As the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta discerns and plans for its future mission, a number of listening sessions will be held at churches around the Presbytery. Morningside will host a listening session on Monday, June 7, from 4

to 5:30 p.m. in Room 201. All are welcome to attend and add your voices to the strategic vision of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Dear Friends at Morningside Presbyterian,

Thank you for your continuing contributions for all the delicious food prepared for Common Ground every second Tuesday of the month. AIDS Alliance for Faith and Health provides services and support designed to enhance the quality of life and extend long-term survival for people living with AIDS and HIV. Common Ground is one of their programs and it aims to provide daily spiritual, emotional, and practical support to HIV and AIDS patients in a community-like setting. Each weekday, a group of 40-45 individuals gather for a presentation and communal meal.

Morningside Presbyterian provides the meal on the second Tuesday of each month. We have pans in the narthex with the requested meal item ready for our congregation to fill each Sunday before the second Tuesday. This is called "Pick A Pan." Graciously, you all fill the pans and bring them back to MPC by 10 a.m. on Tuesday.

We thank you for all the work, loving efforts and timely arrival of the meal items. Thank you for all the folks at Common Ground and thank you from your shepherds at Morningside Presbyterian. You all are deeply cherished and appreciated.

Peace and Grace,

Ann Bowers and Lynn Daniel

Shepherds for Common Ground



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; MLPA Zoning	2 7:30 p.m. Venture Crew	3 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety	4	5 8:15 a.m. Weight Watchers
6 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Inquirers Class 9:45 a.m. Church School 10:40 a.m. Called Session Meeting 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacon's Meeting; Lunch & Learn 4 p.m. PNC Meeting	7 4 p.m. Presbytery Listening Session <i>MPP Summer Camp</i>	8 10 a.m. Common Ground 6:30 p.m. Preschool Committee; Weight Watchers 7 p.m. MLPA Zoning	9 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir; Venture Crew	10 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir	11 7 p.m. Couples Group	12 Men's Retreat 8:15 a.m. Weight Watchers 9:30 a.m. Atlanta Opera Chorus Young Adult Cookout
13 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Sunday Forum 4 p.m. PNC Meeting	14 7 p.m. Small Group Study; Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA <i>MPP Summer Camp</i>	15 6 p.m. Mission Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	16 9:30–12:30 p.m. VBS Workday 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir; Venture Crew	17 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir	18	19 8:15 a.m. Weight Watchers 10 a.m. Drama Camp
20 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Baptism 12 noon Fellowship 1 p.m. RHO Readers 2-5 p.m. VBS Set Up 4 p.m. PNC Meeting	21 7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	22 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	23 7:30 p.m. Venture Crew	24 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	25	26 8:15 a.m. Weight Watchers 6 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary Ministries
27 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 12 noon Playground Picnic 12:15 p.m. Haiti Lunch 4 p.m. PNC Meeting	28 6:45 p.m. Parliamentarians 7 p.m. Small Group Study; Mandolin Society <i>MPP Summer Camp</i>	29 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	30 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir; Venture Crew			

Capital Campaign Celebrates Completion

In the spring of 2006, the congregation of MPC, fewer than 150 members at the time, embarked on a bold, astonishing journey. Our goal was nothing short of transforming MPC into a vibrant, beautiful, fully accessible and welcoming church for all God's children. *A Time of Promise*, MPC's first-ever capital campaign, was inspired by the Vision 2010 strategic plan.

With gratitude and joy, individuals and families within and beyond MPC pledged at record-setting levels. As membership and stewardship grew-- more than tripling during 2006-09--our Church was transformed.

Together, through *A Time of Promise*, our congregation fulfilled the bold promise we made, lifting up MPC in so many ways:

- The beautified, renovated Sanctuary and Narthex
- The accessible Welcome Center, entryway and bathrooms
- The elevator
- Excellent work spaces for our wonderful staff
- Renovation of the historic Wickes organ
- Revitalization of the Fellowship Hall
- Renovation of the parking lot, a patio and landscaping
- Funding of a missionary to Sudan

The Morningside congregation raised \$1.7 million in pledges, of which almost \$1.5 million has been gratefully received. MPC financed the remainder of the \$2.3 million project cost through the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, payment for which is part of the annual budget.

The bold promise to transform our Church through *A Time of Promise* has been fulfilled – the tangible results all around us. As a community, we have much to celebrate and be grateful for—and many astonishing promises yet to make and keep.

Kathy Bremer
Chair, *A Time of Promise*

Habitat Builders Hang Up Hammers

On dedication day, some of our most dedicated volunteers—Chip Edgerton, Ted McMahan, Lynsley Tyler and Lloyd Prince—deliver flower boxes made by our kids on the last Big Fun Day of the season to homeowner Kim Graves. This was the tenth Habitat home MPC has helped build.



PNC Search Process

We are on step 5.

8 Installation: MPC holds an installation service for the new Senior Pastor. Thanks be to God!

7 Nomination: Call Congregational Meeting and vote on recommended candidate. Obtain approval from Presbytery of Greater Atlanta on call.

6 Interview & Selection: Personally interview top candidates. Confidentially visit top candidates at their churches or other locations where they may be preaching. Make reference calls on top candidates. Conduct multiple in-depth conversations and visit with finalist(s). Pray and discuss candidates. Confer with Presbytery of Greater Atlanta to extend a call to one candidate.

5 Review: Prayerfully evaluate each Personal Information Form (PIF) received. Review additional information on select candidates including attending sermons or reviewing audio/video sermons. Conduct telephone interviews of select candidates.

4 Search: The CIF is posted on the national Presbytery website and the search is advertised to potential prospects. Recommendations are sought from the congregation and other external sources. An e-mail address is set up for recommendations from the congregation and others. Follow-up contacts are made on referrals and further networking for recommendations.

3 Draft CIF: Write Church Information Form (CIF). This document will state the mission of MPC as well as describe the accomplishments of the church. The CIF also sets forth the qualifications and characteristics that are sought in our next Senior Pastor. At the end of this step, the CIF will be presented to the Session for approval and to the COM.

2 Consult & Learn: Begin regular meetings. Receive and review report from Transition Team. Meet with members of Morningside staff to discuss priorities. Review and discuss PCUSA Handbook, *On Calling a Pastor*.

1 Organization: Committee members are nominated by the MPC Transition Team and elected by the congregation. Initial meeting with representatives from the Committee on Ministry (COM) of the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta.

Kids' Classes 'Shake It Up' This Summer

Our 11:15 a.m. worship hour Sunday school summer shake up will find children who have completed third grade (congratulations!) moving up to join the Double Digits group and those who have completed the second grade joining the kindergarten and first-graders in Room 001.

In June the K-2 group will explore the 'Books of the Bible' with Program Director Melinda Sandkam, while July and August the leader will be Beth Greaves, a second-year seminarian at Columbia Theological Seminary. Beth was here at MPC four weeks in May and has already met many of our students and parents. She hails from Granville, OH, and attended Hendrix College in Conway, AR, majoring in physics and religion.

The Double Digits, meanwhile, will meet with Children's Worship Leader Alicia Wilson, who just received a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia. They'll follow the 'Worship for Life' curriculum, authored in part by our own member Sue Ballay.

The Double Digits also can look forward to an outing to Six Flags, Monday, June 7, with Melinda and Alicia. If you can chaperone, please be in touch!

Throughout the summer during the 9:45 a.m. hour our children's leaders will be available to meet with all the elementary kids in Room 001 for special projects and games.

Adults Have 'Summer School' Options

The Morningside Bible Class continues its book-by-book study of the New Testament, which concludes with Revelation on July 25. Each week, we are introduced to one of the New Testament writings and discuss some of the key elements, themes, characters, and theological insights of the book. This class meets each Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. in Room 201. In June, we will be studying those letters commonly referred to as the "General Epistles." These documents offer a window into the theology and practices of the early Church that might also give us guidance and wisdom for the living of our days. The schedule for the month is June 6: James, June 13: I Peter, June 20: II Peter, and June 27: I John.

For those new to MPC or the Presbyterian tradition, there'll be a Lunch and Learn program Sunday, June 6, from 12:15 -1:30 p.m. in room 107. Led by Rev. Chris Henry, topics explore our faith, our church and opportunities to become an involved Christian. RSVP deadline was June 1—contact Deacon Betsy Holland at betsy.holland@turner.com to see if you can still join the group.

Beginning Monday, June 14, at 7 p.m. Katie Davis will lead a small group on Christian Spirituality. The group will base its discussion on a book by Joan Chittister, a renowned leader on spiritual formation. Copies of the book will be available at the church.

'It's Not All About Me' Offers Outreach Practice

The second annual mission camp for children who've completed grades two-six offers life lessons on caring for the hungry, the aged, needy kids and the environment, July 26-29, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., with a sleepover at Noah's Ark Animal Rescue on July 30. Volunteers and material donations needed! Register by June 6 for \$100; fee rises to \$125 thereafter, but scholarships are available. See our website or Melinda Sandkam for more info.



Retreat to Montreat II

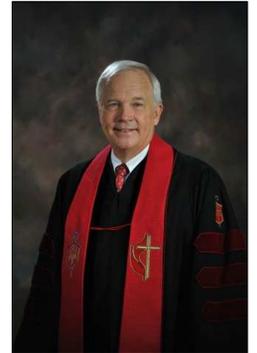
Save Nov. 19-21 for a return to wonderful William Black Lodge in North Carolina.
Watch for registration materials later this month.

Your Session at Work: May 17 Meeting

☐ Children and Youth Ministries Team Leader **Carolyn Morton** reported that enrollment for Mission Camp and Vacation Bible School is under way and going well. **Melinda Sandkam**, program director, said that Morningside Preschool fall enrollment is off to a fast start with the classes for both two-year-olds and three-year-olds already full. The toddler and pre-K classes still have spots open, she said.

☐ Mission Ministries is hard at work. **Duncan Spears** is working with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to see what help is needed in the aftermath of the flooding in Tennessee. **Brad Odom** is working on a mission trip to Haiti, Oct. 9 through 15, to assist St. Joseph’s Home for Boys in the capitol city of Port-au-Prince. Those interested in participating will meet for lunch Sunday, June 27.

☐ **Rev. Chris Henry** reported that Bishop Will Willimon will be guest preacher at MPC on June 13. He said that Bishop Willimon is a great communicator and his sermon promises to be inspiring. The bishop has agreed to stay after worship and conduct a community forum entitled “Mainline Protestants in the 21st Century.” The forum will include time for questions and answers and the opportunity for Morningsiders to share reflections on our church’s journey.



Ruthlyn Newell
Clerk of Session



June Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1 Anna Best | 9 Ben Samuels | 17 Carol Southwood | 29 Lloyd Prince |
| 1 Lisa Harris | 10 Craig Kier | 17 Martin Dunlap | 29 Bart Engram |
| 1 Jill Davis | 10 Carrie Brandon | 18 Grace Gay | 30 Jake Frank |
| 1 Athalie White | 10 Jeff O'Connor | 18 Ken Sharpe | |
| 2 Mary Johnson | 10 David Bothwell | 20 Caroline Prevost | |
| 5 Clint Kehoe | 10 Mike Woods | 20 John Keller | |
| 5 Betty Treschitta | 10 Sandra Crawford | 21 Valerie Baginski | |
| 5 Jackson Markovic | 10 Sarah Tomaka | 22 John Hawkins | |
| 6 Jeff Hullinger | 11 Joan Adams | 23 Lois Baldwin | |
| 6 Dana Zahnle | 11 Derek Metz | 23 Elaine Tomkinson | |
| 8 Bill Humphries | 11 Anne Barnette | 25 James Attwood | |
| 8 Kyle Behm | 12 Ava Boren | 25 Rik Elliot | |
| | 13 Kathy Bremer | 25 Keith Blount | |
| | 14 Roy Simpson | 26 Kent Balch | |
| | 14 Bill Crawford | 27 Patty Mosley | |
| | 14 Grace Lazzaro | 28 Andy Anderson | |
| | 14 Lysley Tyler | 28 Mary Michael | |
| | 16 Quinn Jarratt | 29 Jackson Adams | |
| | | 29 Dawn Pile | |

And 'Away We Go'-- Around World in 5 Days

This year, our Vacation Bible Schoolers will travel the world with a difference: they'll "visit" some of the same places that concern our adult mission planners--China, Haiti, Chile and New Orleans. With suitcases and passports, our young travelers will journey by train, plane, boat and hot-air balloon, ending their week with a bird's eye view from the Space Shuttle.

Other favorite VBS activities including The Little Red Barn Petting Zoo and the MPC Handbell Choir will be back, along with a new offering: afternoon care from noon to 5 p.m. led by children's worship leader Alicia Wilson. The regular VBS program runs from 8:45 a.m. until noon, June 21-25.

Registration materials for VBS now include the afternoon option, for which kids can be signed up for the whole week or individual days. Prices vary according to number of siblings and amount of time booked. Both



programs serve children four years through fifth grade. Registration forms are on our website,

www.morningsidepc.org, or see Program Director Melinda Sandkam, who also has scholarship information. Afternoon care registration must be completed by June 13.

All this fun depends upon many adult helpers. There will be VBS workdays Wednesday, June 16, and final setup Saturday, June 19, 2-5 p.m., as well as during the VBS week. There'll be an additional free drama camp for kids who've completed grades two through five

June 19 to work on leading the Bible story skits and group time. Participants will work on their roles and creating props. Also see the bulletin board across from the Session Room for items needed, such as snacks.

Everyone is invited to welcome the travelers back at their closing program, with lunch in Fellowship Hall, at 12:05 p.m. on Friday, June 25.