



# Morningside Messenger

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## June Worship at Morningside

**June 3, 2012**

Chris Peters preaching

*The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.*

**June 10, 2012**

Baron Mullis preaching

“The Problem of 2 People with the Same Bad Idea”

Texts: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1; 1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20

*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*

**June 17, 2012**

Baron Mullis preaching

“Cedars and Noxious Weeds”

Texts: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Mark 4:26-34

**June 24, 2012**

*Sing with the Choir Sunday*

Baron Mullis preaching

“Risk Heresy”

Texts: Mark 4:35-41; Job 38:1-11

*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*



## Dear Friends,

Twice in the past month I have heard the observation that May is the new December. What is meant by this is that when we think of the busy schedules that our lives devolve into when we are rushed from pressing engagement to more pressing engagement, May trumps December. In December, we are simply trying to observe the holidays, complete our shopping and see family before we slide back into the comfortable routine of January.

But in May... in May we have to get it all wrapped up before the start of June – because we're not slipping back into a comfortable pre-May routine once the month ends, but rather we are rushing full-scale into a complete *upsetting* of our routines.

You have to get it all done: end of year school parties, the last Theology on Tap before the summer, the last sports league celebrations before summer-league swimming, scout camp, vacation, visits to the grandparents... it goes on and on. You have to get it all done in May before the appcart of your routine is dumped over. I just recently realized that Women's Roundtable drew the conclusion that meeting in May was a futile gesture and concluded in April in order to free up more time.

It all puts me in mind of two things: Sabbath-keeping and the realization that *you are enough*.

First, Sabbath-keeping. Breaks are important. God thought so and God still thinks so. When God laid out the law for the ancient Israelites, one of the foundational principles was that of *rest*. Some say it's just rest for the purpose of worship, but I wonder if it goes further... the ten commandments say to give rest, one day in seven, to *the alien resident* in your land. The "alien resident" in the Israelites midst wouldn't have been expected to worship the same way, which suggests that God values rest for the sake of rest. I hope you'll get some rest this summer—keeping in mind we do continue to have meaningful summer service opportunities, such as with our kids in VBS and Mission Camp.

Second, *you are enough*. I don't know how you all do it all. I have two major deadlines: walking the dog and

writing a sermon. One happens daily and the other happens weekly. To be sure, I do other things, but all of the rest of them have a tiny bit of flexibility at least. But those two must be done. All of you who are juggling children's schedules, family time, visits from the in-laws, sports leagues, piano recitals, getting the oil changed in your spouse's car and your own – you know what I mean. I just think of them all and I'm out of breath.

The pressure to deliver on all of these fronts strikes me as absolutely overwhelming.

So take a break and know that you are enough. It's you that your spouse/partner, children, parents, and church want. Not the perfect schedule master, but the wonderfully unique person under it all. That's who God values – not your work, but you.

Take a break and know that you're enough.

Thanks for reading,

Baron



## Elder on Call

Bradley Odom	June 3-9
Daisy Ottmann	June 10-16
Randy Parrish	June 17-23
Tom Daniel	June 24-30

## Deacon on Call

Jeanne McCarthy	June 3-9
Van Jensen	June 10-16
Duncan Spears	June 17-23
Curt Barrett	June 24-30

## Chris Peters Takes Summer Internship, Expands Role

Chris Peters, Morningside's director of youth ministries, will continue his education at Columbia Theological Seminary by serving his internship at our church. You will see Chris preach on several Sunday mornings in worship, he will teach in our adult education program throughout July, and with Baron as his supervisor, will engage in a number of ministry training experiences.

Chris has served on our staff since last September, working with our youth advisors to build a quality youth program to lay the foundation of what we will do in years to come to support and nurture our rapidly expanding population of youth.

Baron notes, "If you have been paying attention to the number of baptisms Morningside celebrates, you know what's coming down the pike for us in terms of numbers of youth. While Chris will continue to serve as director of youth ministries (a part-time position) he will also pick up substantial additional duties to round out his education. We are excited to have Chris as an intern and look forward to learning and growing together."



## Morningside Milestones

- **Wanted:** Up there in the balcony, Lloyd Prince and David Cox and a few other helpers manage our sound system every Sunday and for special events. Emphasis on the "few"—they'd like to enlist and train a few more. Contact Lloyd ([lloydprince@comcast.net](mailto:lloydprince@comcast.net)) to join this vital ministry.
- "One ringy-dingy, two ringy-dingies..." If you haven't gotten a phone call from one of our deacons, you soon will. For the second year our Board of Deacons has undertaken the growing task of speaking with every one of our more than 500 members. It's up to us to take advantage of this opportunity to express our ideas, updates and concerns directly with a member of MPC's leadership team.
- Work is moving forward apace to ready classroom and storage space for Morningside Presbyterian Preschool's first kindergarten this fall. Be in touch with Preschool Director Sarah Tomaka to find out more about this exciting new program. And there are still a few preschool summer-camp opportunities available, too.
- We cherish our leadership volunteers! So we give a warm thank-you to Roland Behm, taking over from Duncan Spears as chair of our mission-trip committee, and the teams of Rob Payne/Stephen Smith and Jeff Peters/Michael Siedschlag who are working together to reconstitute our LGBT Group.
- Don't forget to buy one of those \$10 "stock" certificates from one of our youth planning to travel to the Montreat Middle School Conference in South Carolina next month. Hey—you get a report back from the kids plus a hot-dog lunch on Sunday, August 5, after worship.
- Remember Emilie Paille and Mercer on Mission in your prayers as she and her colleagues work this month at Ricks Institute in Liberia. Emilie extends her thanks for all the educational materials she was able to carry from MPC to the children at the school.
- Our most recent class of new church-family members included Jeff Adams and Greg Wolters, Heather and Doug Scribner and affiliate member Jessica Coons.
- We congratulate Brad and Amy Millard on the birth of their daughter, Emmerson Marie, May 8 (big sister is Madelyn) and Hal and Kimberly Nuckols on the baptisms of their daughters Anna Elaine, Brooks Evelyn, Katharine June, and Caroline Ann on May 13.
- We extend our sympathy to Robert, Rhonda, and Cameron McIntosh on the recent death of Robert's mother, Margaret Shuman, in Asheville, NC.

## Vacation Bible School Isn't Just for Kids, Parents

STOP! Don't think that just because you're childless or your kids are grown, there's nothing for you to know about on this page. Our annual Vacation Bible School brings dozens of kids and their families into our church and provides a wealth of opportunities to help bring "Christmas in June" to our community as the children participate in this year's theme, "Following the Star," June 25-29.

If you have just missed the **registration deadline** of May 27, send in your child's form TODAY! We need a few weeks to order final supplies (including t-shirts), plan schedules based on number of attendees and staff enough volunteers. Forms are still on website under Education for Children.

See our **donation display** in the Welcome Center for snacks and closing-day lunch items. Bring your goodies to church by the date listed on the reminder slip. You can drop off non-perishables in the Welcome Center. Take fresh and frozen items down to the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Do you have a saw? Can you cut felt? You can help with a **special project**. In order to offer a nativity scene craft activity, we need wooden blocks and felt pieces cut to a pattern. Contact Melinda Sandkam today if you can help with either part of the project.



## Lots Going on for Kids in Summer Besides VBS

Our elementary age classes combine for the summer months. Those who've just completed third grade move up to join the Double Digits for *Ten Ten* and attending worship. Kids who've finished second grade rejoin the kindergarten and first graders for children's worship with Ms. Debbi each Sunday. *Ten Ten* begins again on June 3 for those who have completed grades three-five and meets in Room 003 and 005 for some fun before we begin our lesson or outreach project each week.

The ping pong table has migrated back to Room 003 and will be enjoyed at the beginning of each Sunday, so join us for ping pong and foosball at 10:10 a.m. Then we

**One & two day volunteers needed** too!

1. Prepare and serve the snack one day – 9-11 a.m.
2. Assist Ms. Pat in the nursery one morning-- 8:40-12:05 (childcare for volunteers' younger kids)
3. Help with an activity one day--9:15-11:45
4. Set up, serve and clean up for closing-day lunch-- 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Other opportunities for hands-on service include (of course) volunteering with the kids during the week of VBS - preschoolers or elementary age, workday, Thursday, June 21, 9:30-12:30, set up; Sunday, June 24, 2-5 p.m., and break down and clean up, Friday, June 29, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Can't do any of the above?** Can we borrow **your nativity set** for display during the week? We are exploring Advent to Epiphany around the world, moving from Swedish and German Advent traditions all the way to Puerto Rican and Brazilian Epiphany celebrations. The nativity scene will be the core of our message for the week - whether your language calls it a *crèche*, *presipi* or *nacimiento*. And, last, but not least, if you have **Christmas cards** that you would like to pass on for a special use, please bring those too. We are seeking cards with depictions of advent, candles, any part of the nativity story - Mary and Joseph, Bethlehem, stable animals, shepherds, angels, magi, stars, words such as joy, hope, love, light of the world. These will be used by kids in their VBS passports to recreate the message they will be hearing - in other words, don't send cards you want to keep.

move into Room 005 for our lessons which teach us about each aspect of worship. Each Sunday, the worship bulletin is adapted for this group.

We kick off the summer with two outreach projects: Sunday, June 3, we will package non-perishable lunch items for the Brown Bag project with Cure Childhood Cancer. On June 10, we will prepare a green salad and fresh fruit to feed the 30 men staying at Journey. We break to honor our fathers on Sunday, June 17 and then resume on June 24 to explore baptism during *Ten Ten* before we witness one in worship that morning.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<p>1</p> <p>9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Drama Camp</p> <p><i>Journey Shelter Collection</i></p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Coffee &amp; Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School; Inquirers' Class 10:10 a.m. <i>Ten Ten</i> 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Fellowship 2 p.m. Venture Crew 3 p.m. Youth End-of-Year Pool Party</p> <p><i>Journey Shelter Collection</i></p>	<p>4</p> <p>7 p.m. Mandolin Society</p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>3 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. High School Opera Institute Rehearsal; MLPA Zoning</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12 noon Fulton Co. Dept. Family &amp; Children Services Retirees' Dinner</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6 p.m. Atlanta Opera High School Institute Dress Rehearsal 7 p.m. Couples Group</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Coffee &amp; Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School; New Members' Class 10:10 a.m. <i>Ten Ten</i> 10:40 a.m. Called Session Meeting 11 a.m. Worship/Baptism 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacons 2 p.m. Venture Crew 4 p.m. Atlanta Opera High School Institute Concert 6 p.m. Journey Shelter</p> <p><i>Journey Shelter Collection</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p>7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA</p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p>12</p> <p>3 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7:30 p.m. MLPA Annual Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Security</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Coffee &amp; Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 12:45 p.m. RHO Readers 2 p.m. Venture Crew</p> <p><i>Journey Shelter Collection</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Session</p> <p><i>Clifton Welcome Basket Collection</i></p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10 a.m. Bible Study with Joanna Adams 6:30 p.m. Preschool Committee 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30 - 3:30 p.m. VBS Workday 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10 a.m - 2 p.m. VBS Drama Workshop</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:30 a.m. Coffee &amp; Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 10:10 a.m. <i>Ten Ten</i> 11 a.m. Worship/Baptism /Sing with the Choir 12 noon Fellowship; Time and Talent Fair 2 p.m. VBS Setup; Venture Crew</p> <p><i>Clifton Welcome Basket Collection</i></p>	<p>25</p> <p>8:45 - 12 noon <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians</p>	<p>26</p> <p>8:45 - 12 noon <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:45 - 12 noon <i>Vacation Bible School</i></p>	<p>28</p> <p>8:45 - 12 noon <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:45 - 12 noon <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 12 noon <i>VBS Closing Lunch</i> 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. VBS Cleanup</p>	<p>30</p>



Three of our Treble Choir members tune up to sing in the final performance of both Children's Choirs for the summer. Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley was honored during Fellowship Hour May 20 for her work with the two groups.

## Raise Your Voice! 'Sing with Choir Sunday' Returns

Do you fantasize about being a part of our amazing Chancel Choir? If so and if you can carry a tune, you have one chance and one Sunday to live out your dream. "Sing with the Choir Sunday" returns on June 24 for eight fortunate individuals.

Guest choristers must attend one rehearsal Wednesday, June 20, 7:30 – 9 p.m. to learn to sing a simple hymn-tune arrangement. Walter says he will be sure to choose one you know. Then, you'll need to arrive at 9:30 a.m. on June 24 for warm-up and rehearsal—and donning a robe!—before processing in with the choir.

Sign-ups are first come, first serve beginning now, via email to [music@morningsidepc.org](mailto:music@morningsidepc.org). This is a casual, fun experience, where one can observe the inner-workings of the Chancel Choir's preparation. And for the rest of the congregation, it's a treat to see the joyful expressions worn by those fulfilling their secret ambitions.

## Free Recital at MPC Showcases Young Vocal Talent



An enjoyable afternoon of song plus the opportunity to spot developing young talent comes to our sanctuary Sunday, June 10, at 4 p.m. as the Atlanta Opera's High School Opera Institute presents its annual end-of-the-year concert. The program is free and open to the public.

Our organist/choirmaster Walter Huff, who also prepares the Atlanta Opera Chorus, is music director of the Institute and will accompany the 11 high school voice students in recital. He calls this educational program "a unique offering for any opera company and an exciting addition to the Atlanta area's vocal opportunities for this age group. Their concert was a summer highlight last year at Morningside."

The concert will include vocal selections by Copland, Donizetti, Purcell, Handel, Mozart and others.

## Couples Group Provides Opportunities to Become Better Acquainted

All couples – members and nonmembers, married and partnered – are encouraged to attend Morningside Couples Group for dinner, social enrichment and conversation at the monthly gathering.

A wonderful tradition was formed about four years ago, when Kathy and Alan Bremer envisioned a group for couples' fellowship and ministry at Morningside. Today, the Couples Group is active and vibrant and provides an informal opportunity to get better acquainted with others over a friendly evening.

Bill and Sanda Means attend frequently and say, "We really enjoy talking with our friends at Couples Group. It's a comfortable evening, usually at someone's home, enjoying good food and nice beverages. It's a great way to get to know church members better."

On the second Friday of the month, informal dinner gatherings meet at a couple's home or a neighborhood restaurant. While each month's gathering is unique and special, the group enjoys annual traditions like sharing resolutions at the New Year and a special celebration each February for Valentine's Day.

Katie Davis and Phyllis Grimes say, "The Couples Group has embraced us as a couple and celebrated our relation-

## Book Group's 'Faith' Isn't Presbyterian This Month

Our RHO Readers co-ed and eclectic book discussion group will talk about *Faith* in June, but it's not exactly the kind we practice at MPC. This *Faith* is a novel by award-winning author Jennifer Haigh and is set in Boston in 2002 as the child-abuse scandal is roiling the local Catholic diocese. The story deals with family loyalty and the sometimes-difficult relationship between truth and beliefs. Holly Campbell is the discussion leader.

Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting at 12:45 p.m. Sunday, June 17, in the Session Room. The group will continue to meet on the third Sundays throughout the summer. Daisy Wallace Ottmann will discuss her comic mystery novel *Book Cases* in July and August's book is *Nightwoods*, the most recent novel from *Cold Mountain's* Charles Frazier.

ship with us, something we have not experienced often, especially in a church community, in our 24 years of commitment to each other. Meeting and getting to know other Morningside members in a relaxed, conversational setting has helped us feel that we truly belong to this faith community. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather with other Morningside couples and celebrate all of our relationships together."

New couples are always welcome and the group takes pride in hosting enriching evenings for socializing with MPC people in different settings. Jack and Jill Klotz say, "We think the best thing about the Couples Group is that it is completely egalitarian."

If you have a spouse, partner or significant other, come get better acquainted with MPC couples on the second Friday of each month. The next gathering will be June 8 at 7 p.m. at the home of Bill and Sanda Means, 1071 McLynn Ave., 30306. Contact Kathy and Alan Bremer to RSVP or for more information:

[kdbremer@bellsouth.net](mailto:kdbremer@bellsouth.net).

*Contributing writer, Jeff Peters*



## Morningside Spaces and Places

Now that MPC has grown a Youth Group, have you heard of the Youth Loft and wondered what and where that might be? Well, if you ever climb up to the church balcony, you'll see a door opposite the balcony entrance. That's the space currently dedicated to our young members—although we expect them to outgrow it soon. A feature of the Youth Loft is the round window you can see above the front entrance as you look toward the church from Morningside Drive. This space has had a number of uses over the years. Originally, it was the Rev. Dr. Arthur Vann Gibson's study and the broadcast studio for his Sunday late-evening call-in show, aptly called "The Pastor's Study." It also served as office for Rev. "Perky" Daniels and various associate pastors, including Rev. Chris Henry. Maybe the erudition of previous occupants will inspire the current users!

## This I Believe

(Bill Means, who has served MPC in many capacities, notably as elder, deacon, member of the officer nominating committee and in evangelism, delivered this homily in worship last August. We invite you to submit your own “This I Believe” story to [communications@morningsidepc.org](mailto:communications@morningsidepc.org).)

When I first began thinking about this talk, a friend suggested I expound on the role of wine in Jesus’ teachings – “I am the vine, you are the branches,” and of course the famous wedding reception where Jesus transformed jugs of water into a *grand cru*. A dissertation on this very subject was delivered by a Columbia Seminary doctoral student. But I didn’t want to use this opportunity to speak on something light-hearted.

What I want to share is a belief that is more central to my life. I believe in honoring the human dignity of all people because God’s image is reflected in all people. Reading from the first chapter of Genesis, verse 27: “So God created humankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” This is who we are, down deep, all of us: Children of God.

I am a son of the South, born in Memphis, raised in Atlanta, raised a Christian, from a long line of Baptists and Methodists. I’m a Southern guy, and a straight guy, raised with a full set of prejudices that I have struggled to overcome and learn from. By the grace of God I was led here to Morningside to continue my faith journey. I am grateful to be part of a community where individuals and families of all shapes and sizes are welcomed and respected.

As many of you know, our daughter Katy, who grew up in this church, is gay and since age 16 has lived openly as a gay woman. I deeply respect her for choosing to be open about her sexual orientation, because that’s a part of who she is. She didn’t *choose* to be gay, to live a “gay lifestyle,” whatever that is. It’s who she is; it’s her identity. Her *choice* was to express her identity openly and with dignity.

This church, this congregation, allowed Katy the freedom to express who she is. You accepted her and nurtured her as she navigated her transition from adolescence into adulthood. We will never forget that great blessing.

But many gay people are not so fortunate. Through Katy and others I have met many gay men and women, good people – intelligent, faithful, socially conscious, productive members of society. Yet almost all of them have stories of rejection: by family, by acquaintances, even by their church. Actually, often by their church. And that’s something I just don’t understand.

I believe that people of diverse gender identities are children of God and are included in the teachings of Jesus. Referring to the book of Matthew, chapter 22: verses 36-40, when one of the Pharisees, a lawyer, asked Jesus, “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?” And Jesus said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and the first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.’”

I am grateful for the vote by a majority of Presbyteries to remove the restrictive amendment to the PC(USA) Constitution. By so doing we have enabled all people to serve their churches in leadership roles. But even so, many Christians, many Presbyterians, don’t see things the way I do. They have their own deeply held beliefs about gays and lesbians, and these attitudes have found voice in the laws and policies of our society. I am disappointed that many who share our Christian faith use the Bible to justify their beliefs. Of course there’s nothing new about this. Previous generations, no doubt some of my own ancestors, used Scripture to justify slavery, and segregation, and to restrict women from leadership positions in the church.

As a Christian, I feel obligated to practice my faith according to God’s word. As a Presbyterian, I feel compelled to uphold the great ends of the church from our *Book of Order*, including “providing nurture and spiritual fellowship for the children of God;” and “promoting social righteousness.” I believe that restrictions should be removed that keep Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, and Transgender individuals from enjoying the rights granted all citizens and all church members. That’s what I believe.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself. To me this means that I should open my heart, and open my mind and think. Think about how diversity fits into God’s plan. Think about why gays are part of God’s creation. Think about what our attitude should be toward people who are left-handed, or red-haired, or a different skin color – or who love someone of their own gender.

Are these not our neighbors?

# Your Session at Work: May 21 Meeting

- On behalf of the Preschool Committee, Program Director **Melinda Sandkam** reported the school's recent fundraiser, Jungle Jam, was a great success overall. The committee is, however, considering moving this event to the fall, perhaps with a small event this year and then a larger event in the fall of 2013. \*Date has now been set for Oct. 13.
- According to Discipleship Ministries Team Leader **Jennye Guy, Brad Odom** is hard at work to ensure all of MPC's small groups are energized. Brad is the chair of the Small Groups committee. **Jeff Peters** is writing a feature article about each of the church's small groups for the *Morningside Messenger* (see Page 7 to learn more about our Couples Group). Check these stories out and see what small groups are a good match for you.
- Tony Fishpaw**, Mission Ministries team leader, said that Intown Collaborative Ministries' food pantry co-op has been up and running for about two months. He said members interested in volunteering to help with this new ministry should contact Nancy Collins at [ncollins0209@gmail.com](mailto:ncollins0209@gmail.com). This is a new opportunity in addition to the months where we work on a Saturday to stock the food pantry.
- Tony also reported that **Roland Behm** is the new chair of the Mission Trip committee, replacing **Duncan Spears**. The team thanked Duncan for his hard work and wished him well in his new service on the Facilities Committee.
- "Welcome All. Serve All." Your Session unanimously endorsed these two sentences as the best way to put into words the true essence of Morningside Presbyterian Church. Look for them in upcoming church communications.
- Shannon Harris** reported for the Evangelism Ministries Team that June 3 will be the next Inquirers' class; June 10 the next New Member class and joining Sunday. The first of these two meetings, which both take place in the Session Room at 9:45 a.m., is for anyone interested in learning or reviewing what our theology, denomination and church are all about; the second focuses more on life at MPC.

Ruthlyn Newell  
Clerk of Session

## Think About Retreating!

It's not too soon to mark off Oct. 19-21 on your calendar and plan to get away to cool and lovely Montreat, NC, for our fourth annual all-church retreat. Each year, it's been an event to remember for the whole family. Watch for details in the next couple of months.



1 Anna Best	6 Jeff Hullinger	14 Grace Lazzaro	24 Amy Millard
1 Lisa Harris	8 Joanna Irwin	14 Lynsley Tyler	25 James Attwood
1 Jill Davis	8 Bill Humphries	15 Rebecca Stewart	25 Keith Blount
1 Athalie White	8 Kyle Behm	16 Cynthia Holzheimer	26 Kent Balch
2 Mary Johnson	9 Holly Greene	16 Quinn Jarratt	27 Patty Mosley
5 Clint Kehoe	9 Ben Samuels	17 Carol Southwood	28 Andy Anderson
5 Betty Treschitta	10 Carrie Brandon	17 Martin Dunlap	28 Mary Michael
5 Jackson Markovic	10 David Bothwell	18 Graham Lewis	29 Lloyd Prince
	10 Sarah Tomaka	18 Grace Gay	29 Bart Engram
	11 Derek Metz	18 Ken Sharpe	
	11 Anne Barnette	19 Rich Boggs	
	12 Ava Boren	20 John Keller	
	13 Kathy Bremer	21 Valerie Baginski	
	14 Temple Elliott	22 Jennifer Powell	
	14 Maggie Blake	22 John Hawkins	
	14 Roy Simpson	23 Elaine Tomkinson	

## No Summer Vacation for Community Service

Morningside continues to reach out in the summer months to those in need with our regular outreaches. We'll provide meals for Journey on second Sunday evenings and Clifton on July 28, and drive for Meals on Wheels every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Summer collections include breakfast items for Journey through June 17 and Welcome Home basket items for Clifton through July 15 – we are also adding summer projects to the calendar and planning ahead for the fall. Watch for details on a fall mission trip for adults. This trip will be within driving distance and will take place sometime in September, October or November. Share any ideas for destinations with new mission-trip shepherd Roland Behm ([roland.behm@gmail.com](mailto:roland.behm@gmail.com)).

Meanwhile, our children are reaching out to those served by 'Cure Childhood Cancer'. They will bag non-perishable lunches for those spending many hours at the hospital with loved ones. MPC will participate in Georgia Justice Project's back-to-school event in July and mark

your calendars now for sorting food at the Atlanta Community Food Bank on Saturday, Aug. 18.

And that doesn't even include the service projects and volunteer opportunities surrounding our annual Mission Camp July 25-29. Deadline to register is Sunday, June 3, so that we can make arrangements with each outreach and also plan enough driver/chaperones. On that note, please give a half or whole day to make Mission Camp a reality for our kids. Monday, Thursday and Friday, we will visit a childcare center, senior community, the In-town Collaborative Ministries' food pantry and the Atlanta Humane Society. Contact Program Director Melinda Sandkam ([msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org)) NOW if you can drive. On Tuesday, our overnight adventure entails driving to north Georgia and then hiking to the Len Foote Hike Inn from Amicalola Falls. They house us and feed us and we hike back out the next day. We need drivers/hikers/chaperones – brave souls indeed – to join us for these two days.