



# Morningside Messenger

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## July Worship at Morningside

### July 1, 2012

Baron Mullis preaching

"World of Wonders"

Texts: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

*The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.*

### July 8, 2012

Chris Peters preaching

"The Wisdom of the Un-Welcomed"

Texts: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

### July 15, 2012

## Congregational Hymn Sing

Baron Mullis preaching

"Sing Praise to God"

Text: Psalm 24

### July 22, 2012

Baron Mullis preaching

"Relentless"

Texts: Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34; 53-56

*The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.*

### July 29, 2012

Baron Mullis preaching

"A Vicious Scheme"

Texts: Ephesians 3:14-21; 2 Samuel 11:1-5



## Happy Summer, Friends,

This month I'd like to take a minute to think about and thank our unsung and under-sung heroes who keep Morningside the inviting,

hospitable place that we all love.

Let's start with the foodies. I remember my first Sunday here going down to Fellowship Hall and finding a remarkable spread for the coffee hour. In my egotism, I assumed it was all about me, and so I joked with Sarah Brownlee, "So we'll do this all again next week, right?"

"Almost," she replied, "We won't have flowers next week, though."

And lo and behold, I came down to Fellowship Hall the next week and it was just about as lavish a table spread. I learned something about Morningside then that I've been learning ever since: we love being together. That's why there's such an emphasis on food and fellowship after church – it's not about the food, but the food makes it possible.

That's the thing about food: it can just be nourishment or it can be a way of expressing love and care. It is the latter here. So a word of thanks to all of the folks who prepare and deliver meals when a baby is born; a word of thanks to all of the kitchen helpers who make the congregational lunches happen; a word of thanks to fellowship hour hosts and Coffee and Conversation hosts. You give us a place to stop and linger and talk. The food expresses love and care that we feel for each other and I, for one, am grateful for all you do. (I've not even mentioned the food at any of our group meetings... it does the same thing there, too.)

And then there are the folks who process *The Messenger* for mailing to keep all of us informed.

And then there are the folks who *for years* folded our worship bulletins and still put in our inserts.

And then there are the folks who update the website.

And then there are the folks who run the sound system.

And then there are the folks who volunteer in the nursery. And then there are the folks who make up our Pew Crew. And the folks who make and breakdown our magnificent flowers – and then deliver them to folks who are celebrating or mourning.

I could go on – and I probably should, but space is limited. The point is that there are some folks, like me, who do really public, high-profile work for the church. And we generally get plenty of opportunities to feel appreciated. But it is the behind the scenes folks who make church happen and make Morningside a place we all want to be. So thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

And thanks for reading,

*Baum*

### Elder on Call

Jill Davis	July 1-7
Philip Hawkins	July 8-14
Jay Myers	July 15-21
Brad Odom	July 22-28
Art Sweum	July 29-August 4

### Deacon on Call

Curt Barrett	July 1-7
Ken Sharpe	July 8-14
Jeff Peters	July 15-21
Jill Klotz	July 22-28
Van Jensen	July 29-August 4

**Congratulations, best wishes and prayers** go with our middle-school youth group and their advisors this month as they travel to South Carolina for the Montreat Middle School Conference and two days of service projects in Atlanta. It's not too late to buy a "stock certificate" for \$10 to help sponsor our youth group in their endeavors—and enjoy a hot-dog lunch in August after they return.

## Pew? Whew! What a Crew! Here to Serve MPC—and You!

When you're dashing downstairs to see what delicious things await in Fellowship Hall or out with friends to snag a booth for lunch, who are those folks who remain in the pews after you leave Sunday worship? MPC's Pew Crew, that's who!

What do they do? Collect the bulletins for recycling, take your umbrellas to the office, return the kiddie coloring books to the Narthex, and safeguard your cell phones, car keys, sunglasses, Bibles and Sunday School material until you reappear to claim them. Most importantly, the Pew Crew collect the membership attendance sheets from the notepads on each aisle and take them to the church office for processing.

## *MPC Invites Us to Sail Away to 'Illyria'*

Building on the success of turning Shakespearean comedies into musical theater, the clever folks at Georgia Shakespeare are presenting their adaptation "Illyria: A Twelfth Night Musical" this summer. This one's got a love-triangle with a gender-bending twist, disguised twins and some classic clowning.

To go with a group from MPC for the 7 p.m. performance July 22, turn in a check for \$30 (discounted rate)

Our current Crew consists of Shirley Adair, Jim Antenucci, Ann Bowers, Nan Cunningham, Lynn and Tom Daniel, Bart Engram, James Klotz, and Maria Ragland. New volunteers are always welcome. Coordinator Faye McKay-Clegg points out, "No meetings, no schedule, congenial folks." Contact Faye at [jclegg2473@aol.com](mailto:jclegg2473@aol.com).

By the way, you may also notice a group dismantling the lovely fresh flower arrangement in our Chancel after worship. That's part of our Flower Guild, giving the blooms a second life for homebound members and church offices. Be in touch with Georgia Marshall ([gkmarshall@gmail.com](mailto:gkmarshall@gmail.com)) if you'd be interested in helping with flower set-up and break-down.

made payable to the church by July 8. And you're invited to join the group for a potluck picnic before the show at the Conant Performing Arts Center at Oglethorpe University.

For more information, be in touch with Melinda Sandkam ([msandkam@morningsidepc.org](mailto:msandkam@morningsidepc.org)).



## Morningside Milestones

- Drive time! Two activities need your wheels. This month Program Director Melinda Sandkam needs chauffeurs for whole or half-days July 23-27 to get 30+ Mission Camp kids to their outreach projects around Atlanta and up to the Len Foote Hike Inn for their overnight stay. And starting in September, we seek someone to spend about an hour on the second Wednesday of the month delivering lunchtime Meals on Wheels in the midtown area. Sarah Brownlee's our shepherd ([rsbrownlee1046@att.net](mailto:rsbrownlee1046@att.net)).
- Who's new in the pew? Kelly and Ed Garrison and their infant son Emmett as well as Peter and Alexandra Tuuk who joined our community June 10.
- Tom and Sarah Beth Gehl welcomed the birth of their son, Nathaniel Quigley Gehl, on June 11 and on June 14 Zane Matthew Otto Yntema was born to David Yntema and Esther Patrick.
- And joining our church family via baptism this month were Preston Caldwell Barnette, son of Anne and Will (June 10) and Ansley Elizabeth Powell, daughter of Rich and Jennifer, on June 24.
- Outstanding fundraising on the part of member James Beasley resulted in his being honored as this year's Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Man of the Year. James raised \$47,758 to benefit the fight in memory of his father.

## RHO Readers Offers Forum for Book Lovers at Morningside

Did you know that Morningside hosts a book club for members, neighbors and friends? RHO (Red Hat Optional) Readers was started eight years ago by Daisy Ottmann as a general book club. Over the years, the group has grown into a co-ed, ongoing forum for monthly reading, group discussion and literacy outreach.

RHO Readers meets the third Sunday of each month at 12:45 p.m. in the Session Room. There's no long term commitment and everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the monthly featured book.

Beth Baer, one of RHO's active participants, says, "I've never felt like I had time to read fiction, but knew I was missing some really worthwhile books...I just didn't know which ones they were. RHO members have introduced me to some unforgettable stories, from all parts of the world and across all genres. We have insightful discussions from various points of view, which have helped me to learn a lot about the book, its author and other group members. RHO Readers is great fellowship and a great place to learn."

Each month a club member selects a book for the group to read and discuss together. Discussions sometimes include audio interviews with authors or creative, interactive demonstrations. In July, RHO attendees will have a 'meet the author' event to discuss the newly released comic mystery novel *Book Cases* with its writer, Daisy Wallace (Ottmann), one of our elders and the group's leader.

Carol Senf, a charter and active RHO Readers participant says, "My husband knows better than to plan anything for the third Sunday of the month. He knows I'll be at RHO Readers. It's a place for thoughtful conversation with a group of women (and the occasional brave men) who love reading and talking about what we've read. We laugh a lot, cry on occasion, and even get angry about injustice in the world. No need to be a member of Morningside either.

"In fact, RHO has one long-time Jewish member and other people who drop in occasionally. Because books are

selected by individual members who agree to lead the discussion, RHO Readers have covered everything from classics like *The Great Gatsby* and *Northanger Abbey* to memoirs, biographies, popular fiction, and works about contemporary social problems. Lest anyone think that RHO is restricted to do-gooders, most members come for the fellowship, not the philanthropy or even the intellectual stimulation. We meet because we enjoy one another and sharing our enjoyment through books."

In the spirit of Morningside's call to serve, RHO supports literacy projects in our community. After reading *Outcasts United*, the group agreed to contribute to members of the



RHO members Joanna Adams and Ruthlyn Newell consider a current book.

refugee community through The Global Village School in Decatur and the Fugees Academy in Clarkston. Both institutions serve refugee children and are aligned with RHO's mission of increased literacy among new Americans. To fund this outreach, attendees donate "Pennies for Pages" at each meeting. And for the second year, the group plans a used-book sale during one Fellowship Hour this autumn to build its outreach funds.

Holly Campbell comments, "As a fairly new participant in the RHO group I have been impressed with the intelligence, wit and wisdom of its members and feel fortunate to have this opportunity to get to know them better."

RHO Readers invites everyone to join them regularly or whenever a particular book is of interest. On July 15, don't miss the discussion of Daisy's novel *Book Cases*. On Aug. 20, the book is *Nightwoods*, the most recent novel from *Cold Mountain's* Charles Frazier. Carol Senf is the discussion leader. On Sept. 16, Jill Klotz will be the discussion leader for Natasha Solomon's novel *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English*.

You can view the entire list of books discussed over the years at [http://www.morningsidepc.org/fellowship/rho\\_readers.html](http://www.morningsidepc.org/fellowship/rho_readers.html) by clicking on the 'view the list' link. Contact Daisy for more information: [dazette@bellsouth.net](mailto:dazette@bellsouth.net).

Contributing writer, Jeff Peters

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>1</b></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 with Communion 12 noon Fellowship</p> <p><i>Clifton Welcome Basket Collection</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. MLPA Zoning</p>	 <p><b>4</b></p> <p>Church Offices Closed in observance of Fourth of July Holiday</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety</p>	<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></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 12 noon Fellowship 12:30 p.m. Retreat Meeting 6 p.m. Journey Shelter</p> <p><i>Clifton Welcome Basket Collection</i></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA</p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Security</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>9 a.m. New Church Development 7 p.m. Couples Group</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. ICM Sort Day</p>
<p><b>15</b></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/Hymn Sing 12 noon Fellowship 12:45 p.m. RHO Readers</p> <p><i>Clifton Welcome Basket</i></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>7 p.m. Mandolin Society</p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Georgia Justice Project</p>
<p><b>22</b></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 with Baptism 12 noon Fellowship 7 p.m. Georgia Shakespeare Outing</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mission Camp 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians</p> <p><i>MPP Summer Camp</i></p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><i>Mission Camp Overnight</i> 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mission Camp 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mission Camp 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mission Camp 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Handbell Choir</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Mission Camp</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>6 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary Ministries</p>
<p><b>29</b></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 12 noon Fellowship hosted by Mission Camp</p>	<p><b>30</b></p> <p>7 p.m. Mandolin Society</p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers</p>				

## Emilie Paille Delivers Books from MPC to Liberian School

*(MPC member and Mercer professor Emilie Paille continues her reports from this year's Mercer on Mission trip to Ricks Institute in Liberia.)*

As I write this, the Mercer on Mission team is in its third and final week of teaching at Ricks Institute. There have been many small successes: friendships and working relationships formed, teaching plans made and carried out, the unmistakable thrill of teaching when a student “gets it.” The Mercer students express disappointment in themselves: “It wasn’t perfect.” “I thought I’d make a big difference....” “I should’ve....” Their graduate-student Mercer Mentors and I try to explain that success in teaching usually appears in small increments, and teachers often affect student learning in positive ways without ever knowing it.

I was able to purchase reading materials with the generous gift from MPC through the Missions Committee, including teacher’s guides written by Dr. Patricia Cunningham and pocket charts for each Mercer teacher to use in K-4 through 4<sup>th</sup> grades. Cunningham describes a process for teaching children how words work including phonics and spelling, that, when practiced by teachers, gives beginning and struggling readers a better understanding of how words really do work. This is taught within class discussions of what words mean and how they work in sentences. Understanding how words work, vocabulary, and contextual meaning form the basis for figuring out unknown words and create independence and strengths in reading that other methods of teaching phonics fail to accomplish.

One outcome I hoped for was that the Ricks teachers see value in this and use this method again and again after we’re gone, but what happened far exceeded my hopes. One of our Mercer teaching interns began the Making Words activity on Monday of week two, and on Wednesday of week three, she was with the K-4 class and heard the K-5 Ricks teacher conducting her own Making Words lesson from the other side of the thin wall that separates the two classes. Check the Mission bulletin board at MPC to see this teacher and class at work, making sense of the ways words work.

The many supplies you donated to Ricks Institute are boxed up, ready and waiting for school to begin next fall. The MoM team used a few things, but very sparingly. Many of the teaching supplies, purchased with MPC funds, provided non-consumables including the pocket charts and Cunningham texts, math manipulatives, meter sticks, protractors, and compasses, among other supplies, used by the team to teach Ricks students and demonstrate for faculty at the same time. One Ricks teacher told me that he had been using playing cards to teach math since last year, copying what his Mercer teaching intern had done. “I just hadn’t thought about that,” he explained.

I believe we’ve made small differences, and small differences can be sustained. Thank you, Morningside, once again. You’ve helped us make many small differences. What we’ve done this year couldn’t have been done without you.

- Emilie Paille

## MPC Helps ‘Welcome Home’ Graduating Shelter Guests

What could be more welcoming to a new householder than a basket of goodies to help make the space a real home? We’re helping men from both the Clifton Sanctuary Ministries and the Journey shelter transition into independent living. For the Clifton graduates, it’s a Welcome Home! Basket; for Journey graduates it’s a more ambitious list (find it on our website at [http://www.morningsidepc.org/missions/shelter\\_at\\_druid\\_hills.html](http://www.morningsidepc.org/missions/shelter_at_druid_hills.html)).

We’ll be collecting household pantry items for the baskets through July 15. Shepherd David Johnston’s made it easy for you by providing a bulletin board in the Welcome Center where you can pull off a reminder slip for one of the needed products. Contact David with any questions at 678.705.1628 or [dmjohnst@gmail.com](mailto:dmjohnst@gmail.com).



# Your Session at Work: June 18 Meeting

- Team Leader for Discipleship Ministries **Jennye Guy** reported that MPC’s Learning Center would soon be getting a face lift. The goal is to make our resources more up to date and easier to access. The first step will be to cull and move the adult books to the Session Room to make them more accessible to adults. Children’s books will remain in the Learning Center. If you’d like to help sort and move books, please contact Jennye.
- **Mary Chapman**, team co-leader for Congregational Nurture Ministries, noted that Fellowship Hour after worship each Sunday is a great success. But with great success comes great responsibility. The concern is that members find the idea of hosting Fellowship Hour too daunting and don’t volunteer. The Session is brainstorming ideas to get more members engaged in this weekly fellowship opportunity we all enjoy. In the meantime, if you and some of

your friends would like to host Fellowship Hour one Sunday, please contact **Mary Leight** or **Ann Watson**. All that’s really needed is one savory snack, one sweet and something fresh like fruit or vegetables—plus a punch.

- **Baron** reported that Executive Presbyterian **Tom Evans** left the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta at the end of June to take a call in Spartansburg, SC. Tom said he wanted to share a rich church community experience with his children, and he couldn’t do that when his job as Executive Presbyterian required him to visit a different church most Sundays. **Penny Hill** is Transitional Executive Presbyterian until Tom’s replacement is found.

(NOTE: Session voted to cancel the scheduled July meeting for a summer break.)

Ruthlyn Newell  
Clerk of Session

## YOU Get to Name That Tune on ‘Hymn-Sing Sunday’

You’re in charge of hymn selection on Sunday, July 15, as we have the opportunity to call out our favorites, for the congregation to sing. So get ready to page through the hymnal for those melodies you love!

### July Birthdays

- 1 Kelly Lee
- 2 Charles Woolley
- 3 Michelle Mashburn
- 4 Will Herndon
- 4 Andrea Leonard
- 4 Meg Samuels
- 5 Ben Kennedy
- 6 Mary Hardy Holaway
- 7 Mac Barnette
- 7 Luke Santy
- 7 Gaspari Pellerito
- 8 Marlo McDonald
- 9 Marshall Hunter
- 10 Richard Finn

- 10 Steve Prittie
- 10 Caroline Bell
- 11 Roland Behm
- 12 Susan Oder
- 12 Tom Oder
- 13 Michael Siedschlag
- 13 Christine Butz
- 13 Blair Myers
- 13 Anderson Kimball
- 15 Ellen Brown
- 16 Anna Bradway
- 16 Isabella Sudduth
- 17 Mark Cochran
- 20 Collier Maxwell
- 21 Annie Moon Davis
- 21 Jeb Davis

- 23 Diana Cochran
- 24 Doug Scribner
- 25 Anthony Owens
- 25 Katherine Johnston
- 25 Mark Johnson
- 25 Laura Fillyaw
- 25 Taylor Morton
- 26 Bill Bell
- 26 Nick Bremer
- 27 Cameron McIntosh
- 28 Kimberly Nuckols
- 28 Elizabeth Fairleigh
- 30 Leigh Del Grosso
- 31 Emilee Terry
- 31 Nathan Burgess
- 31 Amy Jensen

## 'Short Course' Adapts Confirmation Lessons for Adults

Columbia Theological Seminary intern and MPC Youth Director Chris Peters will lead a discussion series for adults in Room 201 at 9:45 Sunday mornings, taking major themes from our Spring 2013 Youth Confirmation Class. He describes it as "What you didn't know you could learn in Confirmation and why it matters for adults."

The series articulate those themes for adults, and frames them with questions related to personal and communal discipleship. Themes are complimentary but not exclusive – you are invited to join us as your schedule permits. This series is designed as a refresher, primer, and thought-provoker for grown-ups.

Here's the lineup:

- July 1: "God's Story: From Darkness to New Creation." We'll engage a scripture timeline with major themes to spur discussion on how we read the Bible today.
- July 8: "God's Story: Father, Son, Holy What?" A discussion on the Trinity with the Apostle's Creed and

PC (USA) Brief Statement of Faith as our guides.

- July 15: "Sacraments: Water, Flesh, and Blood, Oh My!!" A refresher on the sacraments and a look at what they mean for our lives with a focus on commitment.
- July 22 and July 29: A return to member-led "Feasting on the Word" curriculum while Chris serves as Co-Director for the Montreat Youth Conferences.
- August 5: "Our Story: A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Discipleship!" Using examples from the Book of Acts, we'll discuss what we believe it means to be "church."
- August 12: "Our Story Part 2: How Do We Live What We Say We Believe?" A group "faith statement" exercise will lead us into a discussion about how we live as Christians beyond the church doors.

Come get to know our intern/youth director better and engage with fellow Morningsiders on these vital faith topics.