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August 2013 Worship at Morningside

August 4, 2013

Drew Stockstill preaching

"Grace: That's It"

Texts: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.

August 11, 2013

Drew Stockstill preaching

"Lit Lamps and Fastened Belts"

Texts: Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Luke 12: 32-40

The Thornwell Offering will be received.

August 18, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

Special Choral and Organ Music by

Bach, Dupré, Lübeck, Paulus and Vaughan Williams

Farewell Walter Huff Reception following worship.

August 25, 2013

"This I Believe" Sunday

Homilies delivered by Joseph Green,

Kim Perez, and David Wingert

Congregational Lunch following worship.



Photo by Alain Barker

Dear Morningside Choir, Congregation, Staff, and Friends,

I began my work in this church 24 (going on 25) years ago. From the beginning, I had a feeling that this "sanctuary" (in every meaning of that word) would not be letting go of me for awhile. Through years of numerous pastors and associate pastors, interim pastors, children singing, couples being wed, saints departed being lifted up in memorials, members congregating, and sacred music being sung by choir members whose dedication and talents have been displayed to tens of thousands of listeners through these years. All of this has shown me the way - through the events of our ever-changing world, be it tragic or joyful - to my own personal journey.

The sounds of music that have been offered up in this worship space permeate the fibers of this building even now, and I know will continue to do so, in times to come. And I take that with me, with gladness.

As I say "until we meet again" to all of you, I wanted to share a story that has been of great importance to me. And changed the way I view "the sound of singing" forever.

Several years ago, I was in Toronto to play for the National Association of Teachers of Singing "National Conference and Competition." As the conference began, the keynote speaker was Teresa Stratas, a renowned Canadian soprano, famous for her intelligent singing, expression, and acting skills - in everything from Mozart to Alban Berg to her starring role in the Franco Zeffirelli film of "La Traviata."

She was a riveting speaker. I was quite tired when I arrived at the conference, but that feeling seemed to vanish as I listened. Little did I know that she would close her speech with these words that have stayed with me, and guided me, ever since:

"They say that the body is a shell for the soul, and that same shell is temporary; for, the soul is eternal

and returns to spirit. Life is ephemeral. But I feel, and I believe, that 'the voice' is forever.

I believe that there is ONE GREAT VOICE (Creator), and that we all possess tiny parts of that 'great voice.' And that it goes back to the source when we die, and is given to the next messenger to reverberate and to resonate. We pass part of the 'great voice' from one generation to the next, from teacher to student, singer to audience.

We, in every act of life and through our singing, as long as we are here, are messengers sent for each other: to heal each other, ourselves, and to light the way - to light the way, through our song - to light the way, for everyone."

Thanks be to God,
Walter

Who's That Deacon?

Members of our Board of Deacons are reaching out to every member of the church this time of year once again. It's just a friendly 'how are you; do you have any questions or concerns' call. In case you're having trouble connecting a face with your deacon's name, Katherine Johnston has prepared a photo directory of our current Board of Deacons members. You can check it out on the bulletin board and in the Welcome Center.

Elder on Call

Rob Payne	August 4-11
Hillery McNeill	August 11-17
Van Jensen	August 18-24
Sue Ballay	August 25-31

Deacon on Call

Ann Bowers	August 4-11
Curt Barrett	August 11-17
Anthony Owens	August 18-24
Ken Sharpe	August 25-31

Morningside Plans Send-Off for Walter Huff August 18

Of course, you don't want to miss church any Sunday, but you REALLY don't want to miss attending on Aug. 18 when Morningside Presbyterian bids farewell to our beloved Organist/Choirmaster Walter Huff as he takes up a full-time faculty position at Indiana University's Jacobs School of Music.

Our Congregational Nurture team is planning a special reception in Fellowship Hall after worship, but naturally the highlight of the service will be music planned by Walter, the choir and special guests who have meant much during Walter's musical life, including his quarter-century at MPC as well as his new career in academia.

We will welcome on the organ Sarah Martin, who was Walter's piano teacher from second grade to senior year in high school. Sarah will play the "Praeludium in E Major" by Lübeck. Another special organist will be one of Walter's students at IU. Mason Copeland, a double major third-year Masters student in choral conducting and organ, will play "Cortège and Litanie" by Dupré.

Choral music will include "The Old Church" by Stephen Paulus, "Dona Nobis Pacem" ("Grant Us Peace") from J. S. Bach's "Mass in B Minor" and Vaughan Williams' arrangement of "Old Hundredth" with choir, organ, and brass.

Prayer Concerns

Members of our community have asked for individual prayer and for the names of those for which to offer prayers. To be on the prayer list—public or private—use prayer cards found in the pew racks or speak with Baron. *Morningside Messenger* will carry the list from the most recent weekly *Life@* insert: Sue Ballay, Becky Carlisle, Grier Christenbury, Jackie Cleveland, Tom Franks, Ann Herndon, Finley Holaway, Holly Klotz, Jan McMahan, Robert Marshall, Taylor Marshall, Guerry Mashburn; Wynn, Beth and Gus Nettles; Emil Sanders, Chuck Thagard, John Vytal, Katrina Weis.

Morningside Milestones

- Lots of activity for the Garrison family--Kelly and Ed's son Emmett was baptized in our Sanctuary May 26 and they welcomed little brother Hugh Thomas to the family June 27. Congratulations to Joseph Stewart, son of Andrew and Rebecca Stewart on his June 23 baptism!
- When you pick up your church bulletin on Sunday, Aug. 11, you'll notice an individual and unique envelope tucked inside. These envelopes were made by our Mission Camp attendees to receive our annual offering in support of the Thornwell Home for Children. This Presbyterian outreach in Clinton, SC, serves at least 100 children each year - from toddlers to teens. Some stay for only a few months, others grow up at Thornwell.
- Help wanted! Can you spend an hour in the Morningside PC office Tuesdays from noon to 1 p.m.? We need a volunteer—or a rotating group of volunteers--to answer the phone, greet visitors, accept deliveries and the like. If you can help out, be in touch with Anna Best in the church office. And Melinda Sandkam still needs daytime volunteers to support children's programs—two or three hours once a week and the day and time is completely flexible.
- We extend our Christian sympathy to the Cobb family on the death of Carolyn's brother Alan after a long illness and to Dianne Johnson on the death of her sister, Mildred Linch.
- Do you hear ringing in your ears—or in your future? Our bell choir will take a summer pause and resume rehearsals Sept. 5. Thursday rehearsals are from 7:15-8:15 p.m. and many of our ringers had no experience before joining our congenial group. For more info, be in touch with director Jeff Peters (jeffcpeters@gmail.com).

School Can Be Fun When It Happens on Sundays

Kids won't need #2 pencils, Trapper Keepers or backpacks to be ready for Sunday School Kickoff at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall Sunday, Aug. 11. MPC will jump-start its school year with light breakfast items and fun children's activities. Children's program shepherds will be hosting this year's event under the leadership of Jill Davis. Contact Jill if you are able to donate a breakfast item or help with an activity (jdavis@tuxox.com).

Planned activities include singing with Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley, an outreach project, dress-up, crafts and more. Kids of all ages are welcome with their parents to celebrate the start of a new year. Everyone is invited to "move up" to their new age group during children's worship that same morning. We are pleased to have Kristin Byers and Pat Neal continuing in our nursery and toddler/twos room and Kyra Hall continues to

lead our three- and four-year-olds. Debbi Loomis is still with the Kindergarten-first graders in Room 003.

Many of us have already gotten to know Sally Horne this summer as she led the older-elementary group and she will continue with the fourth- and fifth-graders in Room 005. And, please welcome our newest staff member, Jessica Coons. Jessica is originally from Fort Mill, SC, and is currently in her senior year as an English major at Emory. She participates in the Presbyterian Campus Ministry at Emory and serves as an RA (Resident Advisor) in Harris Hall. In 2008 she was ordained as a ruling elder and served on the session at her church in SC for two years. She has previously worked as a camp counselor, Sunday School teacher, and VBS instructor. Jessica will be leading our second- and third-graders on Sunday mornings in Room 001.

Youth Prepare for New Season, Celebrate Successful Summer Trip

Eight members of our youth group had a great, meaningful time working with Asheville Youth Mission (AYM) on our church's first week-long youth service trip. Youth Director Chris Peters reports, "I was proud to hear our youth speak about growing their understanding of who they see as 'neighbor' during our Thursday morning 'homeless walk' in Asheville.

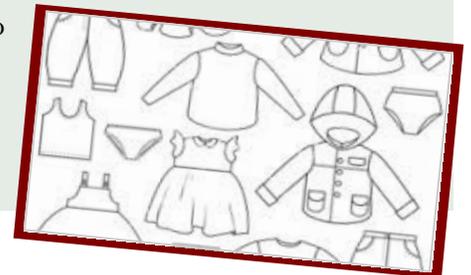
We all can hear their comments for ourselves as part of our quarterly Congregational Lunch after worship Aug. 25. That day our youth will report on their trip and help serve the meal. Chris is looking for two or three parent volunteers to help with meal set-up and guide the youth as they serve.

Chris also wants to recognize several adults who graciously gave of their time to chaperone our HS Montreat and AYM trips. Thanks to Eleanor Attwood, Miranda Brownlee, Brian Johnson, and Drew Stockstill for being with our youth this summer.

Twelve rising sixth-graders will officially become 'youth' Sunday, Sept. 8, at the annual Youth Group Kickoff and Parent Meeting that evening beginning at 5 p.m.

Kids Need New 'Threads' For Back-to-School

Starting school at the end of summer usually means a shopping trip for new clothes. You can help kids who haven't the means to otherwise 'buy' fall outfits by donating gently used school and casual clothes to our Threads closet located in the elevator hallway next to Fellowship Hall. They'll go to the shop managed by All-Saints Episcopal where kids and their families get vouchers to select their own favorite styles and colors. Clean out your child's closet--pass along the good stuff!





August 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				MPP Camp 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety	MPP Camp 7:30 p.m. Mac Frampton Concert	9 a.m. AA Meeting <i>Scotland Trip</i>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp. <i>Scotland Trip</i> <i>Intown Collaborative Ministries</i> <i>Food Collection</i>	7 p.m. Mandolin Society	2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning 8-10 p.m. Wessyngton Block Party	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	7 p.m. Couples Group	9 a.m. AA Meeting
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. <i>Sunday School Kickoff</i> 11 a.m. Worship/Thornwell Offering Received 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacons 6 p.m. Journey 6:30 p.m. New Church Development Shalom Open House (Memorial Drive) 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp. <i>Scotland Trip</i> <i>Intown Collaborative Ministries</i> <i>Food Collection</i>	9 a.m. Teacher Breakfast and Staff Meeting 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA	2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Preschool Committee	7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	6:30 p.m. Prayer Group		9 a.m. AA Meeting
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Special Music 12 noon Farewell Walter Huff Reception 1 p.m. RHO Readers 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp. <i>Intown Collaborative Ministries</i> <i>Food Collection</i>	7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society	12 noon MPP/MPC Staff Luncheon 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers		9 a.m. MPP Meet and Greet 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	9 a.m. CPR/1st Aid Training	9 a.m. AA Meeting
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship/This I Believe Sunday 12 noon Congregational Lunch/Youth Trip Report 6:30 p.m. Eagle Scout Ceremony 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp. <i>Intown Collaborative Ministries</i> <i>Food Collection</i>	9 a.m. MPP 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians	9 a.m. MPP 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	9 a.m. MPP 6 p.m. Cherub Choir orientation/rehearsal 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	9 a.m. MPP 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group	9 a.m. MPP	9 a.m. AA Meeting

Spotlight on Walter Huff



Walter's passion and dedication to training, encouraging and leading singers is apparent in everything he does. In recent years, members of the congregation have especially treasured the opportunity to rehearse and sing under Walter's direction on "Sing with the Choir Sundays."



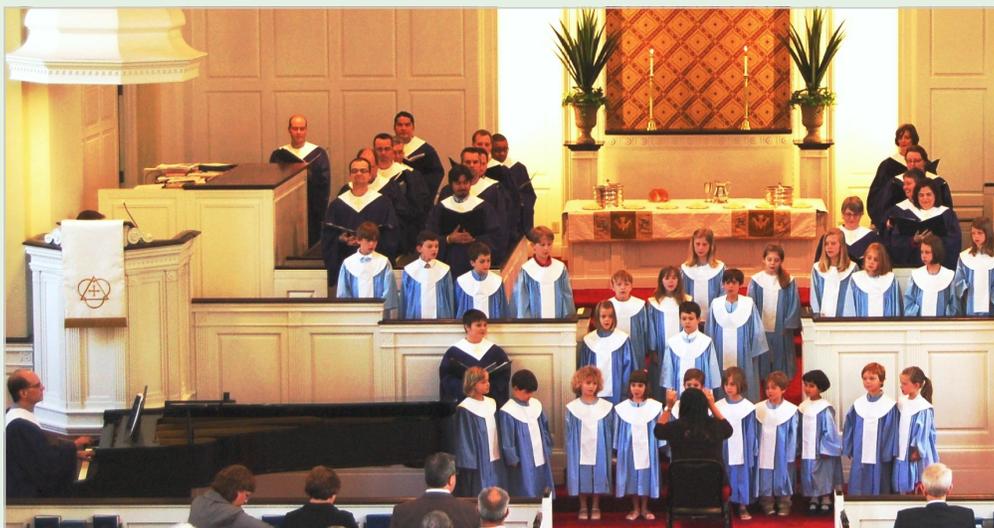
For far too long, water damage made our organ unreliable and we never heard the magnificent antiphonal organ behind the balcony. Only Walter knew the secrets of which keys to avoid! Our capital campaign restored the organ and gave our music program new life and tools.



Many vocalists will remember fondly how Walter inspired them and encouraged their appreciation of music as part of a worshipful experience, as will everyone who had the privilege of worshipping at Morningside Presbyterian Church while Walter led our musical programs.



Walter shared his gifts with private students, several Atlanta Theater companies, the Atlanta Opera Chorus, and the Atlanta Opera High School Institute—here shown at their 2012 graduation concert in our Sanctuary--as well as Morningside's choirs. Concert performances featuring our choir members and guests have been a feature of our life at MPC.



For almost a quarter-century, the Sunday worship experience has been enhanced by the special musical and spiritual gifts of Organist/Choirmaster Walter Huff, shown here accompanying the Chancel Choir and children's Cherub and Treble Choirs.

Other Opportunities Besides Back-to-School Beckon This Month

This month our *Connect!* page carries a potpourri of activities, ways to serve, calendar alerts for future events and just a lot of things to know about current events in what we all know as Life@ Morningside:

- Bon voyage and prayers for safe travels to the 23 MPC members (and friends) traveling to Scotland on the church tour Aug.3-12. Twelve of the group will continue on to Iona--a worshipping community on an island in the Lower Hebrides on the far west of Scotland.
- Beginning Sunday, Aug. 4, through Aug. 25, we'll be collecting food pantry items for Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM). There'll be a place in the Welcome Center to leave items such as canned and boxed meals, crackers and sugar packets. ICM assists those facing homelessness in ZIP Codes 30306/30307—so we're really reaching out to our close neighbors. Contact our shepherd, Nancy Collins (ncollins0209@gmail.com) if you have questions.
- Morningside couples are invited for a fun social evening at the home of Peter and Sarah Mercer Chatel, at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 9, 4588 Pine St., Smyrna. All duos are welcome! To learn more and RSVP, be in touch with Kathy and Alan Bremer (kdbremer@bellsouth.net).
- Hiking the Appalachian Trail and encountering characters two- and four-legged form the backbone of our RHO Readers' next book selection, *Stained-Glass Curtain*. Anyone's welcome to come discuss the book with our coed group plus the book's author, Frank W. Wright, Sunday, Aug. 18, at 1 p.m.in the Session Room. Note this is a later time due to the reception for Walter Huff (story on Page 3).
- Included in our worship service Sunday, Aug. 25, will be our now-traditional "This I Believe" Sunday featuring Morningside members speaking from their hearts. This year we'll hear from Joseph Green, Kim Perez and David Wingert. Afterwards we'll say goodbye to summer on a high note at our next Congregational Lunch. There will be a Burger Bar from Yeah Burger including beef, turkey and veggie burgers, kale salad, coleslaw and potatoes. And frozen yogurt from Yogli Mogli! Your reservation is important so that we can be good stewards of our special events budget. RSVP to the church office no later than noon, Monday, Aug. 19. Suggested donation of \$10 for adults to be paid as you enter. MPC Youth will assist in serving the lunch as a thank-you for your support of their programs and also will share about their summer trips (story on Page 4).
- Resolve to Mingle in September! Please join fellow Morningside members and guests for an adults-only evening of socializing Sunday, Sept. 22, 6-9 p.m. Our third Morningside Mingle will be hosted by Tara and Randy Parrish and Hillery and John McNeill, at the Parrish's home (1206 Cumberland Rd. NE, 30306). Heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be provided. RSVP to the church (office@morningsidepc.org) by Monday, Sept. 16.

August

Birthdays

3 Bill Southwood
 4 Greg Wolters
 4 Julia Jarratt
 5 Shannon Harris
 5 Nancy Coomes
 5 Sandy Jones
 5 Pete Mounts
 6 Greg Cornwell
 6 Lucy Grant
 8 Megan Mashburn
 8 Amanda Lewis

8 John McNeill
 12 Charlotte Gaare
 12 Annie Kimball
 12 Jake Jones
 13 Charlie Irwin
 13 Jennye Guy
 13 Charlie Menefee
 13 Robert Gray
 15 Emma Lawson
 16 Jackie Cleveland
 17 Katie Davis
 18 Peyton Chambers
 18 Nancy Lane
 19 Nick Lazzaro

20 Ed Garrison
 20 Caroline Parrish
 21 Sheila Williams
 22 Patrick Gilbert
 22 Shawn Holaway
 22 Bill Means
 22 Jon Bradway
 22 Sarah Chatel
 23 Tim Holbrook
 24 Bryan Busch
 25 Bonnie Daneker
 26 Nowell Berreth
 26 Douglas Selph
 27 Debbie Fox

28 Rob Cromwell
 29 Cha Holmes
 29 Randy Parrish
 29 Christopher Lewis
 30 Jill Klotz
 30 Elizabeth Rice
 31 Scott Bremer
 31 Charlsie Woolley
 31 Dale Ray



Famed Musician Brings Piano Stylings to Our Sanctuary

Combine excellent musicianship with a flash of showbiz savvy and you've got our member - internationally noted pianist Mac Frampton. Born in South Carolina, the son of a Presbyterian minister and a mother who sang her way through college during the Depression, Mac has been playing the piano since the age of three. He was eight years old when he made his professional debut. After musical studies at Erskine College, he did graduate work at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where he received the Degree of Doctor of Musical Arts. While a student, Mac gained national prominence as a medal-winning semifinalist in the Van Cliburn International Piano Competition.

Based on classical technique, drawing liberally from jazz and rock idioms, the sound of Mac Frampton continues to build a wider audience with



every concert. In the past 24 years, Mac and his group have played over 3,000 concerts in the U.S., Canada, South America, Europe, and the Mideast. He has teamed with Bill Cosby, Roberta Flack, Victor Borge, Louis Nye, The Fifth Dimension, and Metropolitan Opera star Roberta Peters, among others. Mac has recorded 22 albums and a motion picture soundtrack.

And you can enjoy Mac's talent for free this Friday, Aug. 2, in the Morningside Sanctuary beginning at 7:30 p.m. Voluntary donations will benefit the MPC Music Library, to help assure our new organist/choir director will be able to build on our choral and instrumental selections.


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