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September 2013 Worship at Morningside

September 1, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

"A Worrisome Lesson in Etiquette"

Texts: Luke 14:7-24; Hebrews 13:1-8; 15-16

September 8, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

"When It All Changes"

Texts: Philemon 1:1-21; Psalm 1

The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.

Inquirers' Class

September 15, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

"Lost, Found and Sometimes, in the Way"

Texts: Luke 15:1-10; 1 Timothy 1:12-17

New Members' Class

September 22, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

"Giving An Accounting"

Texts: Amos 8:4-7; Luke 16:1-13

September 29, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

"The Kingdom and the Chasm"

Texts: Luke 16:19-31; Psalm 146

The sacrament of baptism will be celebrated.



Dear friends,

I have loved reading our staff's reflections on what they believe about what they do – I hope you have too. I actually learned a few things I didn't know!

I'm deeply grateful to Melinda, Drew and Walter for their willingness to share.

I am asked periodically by people—sometimes within the church, and sometimes outside—what my vision is for Morningside. It's a legitimate question and sometimes the answers are entirely functional: I have a vision for central air in all the hallways. (I have that vision every time I put on my Geneva Robe and walk up to the Sanctuary.) I have a vision of a debt-free congregation with an endowment that will pay for the perpetual maintenance of the facility so that our budget dollars can be entirely devoted to ministry – internal and external. I have a vision of a music suite and a children's wing that are equal to the amazing music and children's programs that take place within them.

These are all functional things, though. These things happen in stages and steps. I don't often talk about our Five-Year Strategic Plan, but if you look at the actions our Session has taken since its adoption, we are systematically working our way through the things we know we need to do.

And these are all important things, but if you really hold my feet to the fire and ask me to articulate a vision, it's really simple: it's that we be the body of Jesus Christ.

I know that's a really simple thing to say – simple almost to the point of being pedantic, but it's the only reason that we do all of the other things we do.

And what's more, this is the vision that can be this congregation's vision for our entire life as a church. As soon as we achieve all of the functional things that I jotted down earlier, we'll need to look again at things we need to do. And then, as now, the center of our vision must always be Jesus Christ.

The church I served in Indianapolis had a vision statement that I really liked. They said simply, "We are a family of faith, making Jesus Christ a way of life."

As we kick off a new programmatic year in the life of Morningside Presbyterian Church, I hope that's what is in your minds, that we can be the body of Jesus Christ; that we can make Jesus a way of life.

As we start a new Sunday School year, I just want to say that I love being your pastor, and I love doing these things together.

Thanks for reading,

Baron

Elder on Call

Eleanor Attwood	September 1-7
Daisy Ottmann	September 8-14
Shannon Harris	September 15-21
Tony Fishpaw	September 22-28
Mary Chapman	September 29-October 5

Deacon on Call

Curt Barrett	September 1-7
Curt Barrett	September 8-14
Katherine Johnston	September 15-21
Jeff Peters	September 22-28
Jeff Peters	September 29-October 5

Time to Consider, Nominate Church Leaders for Next Term

With much work to do to implement our new strategic plan, with a space study underway and an ongoing emphasis on creative ways to connect members in our growing congregation, it's time to nominate Elders for the Session, Deacons for the Board of Deacons, and new members for next year's Officer Nominating Committee.

On Sundays Sept. 1, 8 and 15, nomination forms will be in the Bulletin, the Narthex and the Welcome Center. This is your opportunity to nominate someone to be a candidate for office. Please prayerfully consider your nominee(s), then ask their permission

before you submit their name for consideration to the Officer Nominating Committee. Bear in mind that elders and deacons serve for three years.

You can turn in nomination forms to the church office, place them in the offering plate or put them in one of the boxes in the Narthex and Welcome Center. The Officer Nominating Committee will announce the final slate of officers on Sunday, Oct. 6. We'll vote at a congregational meeting in late October.

Prayer Concerns

Members of our community have asked for individual prayer. 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: P.J. Britton, Grier Christenbury, Jackie Cleveland, Tom Franks, Ann Herndon, Finley Holaway, Jim Holler, Holly Klotz, Jan McMahan, Robert Marshall, Taylor Marshall; Wynn, Beth, and Gus Nettles, Tamara Nix, Emil Sanders, John Vytal, Katrina Weis, and Patricia Zachery.

Morningside Milestones

- How to get your name featured in the *Messenger*: Come to our next Inquirers' Class, Sunday, Sept. 8, at 9:45 a.m. in the Session Room. Then come to the New Members' Class the following Sunday, same time, same place. We promise your name will be in the October newsletter! Kidding? Just a little. We'd love for you to join our church family—let Baron know you're interested.
- A lot to celebrate! By the time you read this, Chris Peters, who directs our Youth Group programs, will have finished his ordination exams at Columbia Theological Seminary. So will have his fiancée, Lauren Van Wicklen. We wish them both the best as they await the results.
- Also a time to mourn with some of our members: Ann Bowers and Maria Ragland on the death of Ann's mother Dorothy July 30; Bryan Smith and Tamara Nix on the recent death of Tamara's step-father Peter Bryg; Martin Dunlap and Grayson Thagard on the death of Grayson's father Chuck July 31; and with Trenton Tunnell on the death of his father, Trenton Tunnell Jr. on Aug. 20.
- Missed your chance to say goodbye (or anything else) to Walter Huff? His new address is 290 S. Union Street, Apt 28, Bloomington, Indiana 47408.

Choir Season Begins for Morningside's Young Singers

Morningside provides two opportunities for youngsters to participate in vocal training and learn to project confidence before a large group as they sing during Sunday worship services and on special occasions beyond the church walls.

Cherub Choir is for young singers in Kindergarten to third grade. Boys and girls will explore the singing voice through movement, instrument play, group musical games and have many opportunities to sing in church. Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley characterizes the program as a wonderful experience for children brand-new to choir and those who have sung before.

A second group, The Youth Ensemble, has a shorter time commitment, recognizing the many activities calling older kids. The Youth Ensemble is for older boys and girls, fourth grade and up. During their six-week rehearsal periods the ensemble will concentrate on anthems for their upcoming Sunday performance.

This is an opportunity for older singers to further explore their singing voices while also learning how to read music and work together on a cohesive choral sound.

Children's Cherub Choir kicked off the year with a parent meeting and first practice on Wednesday, Aug. 28. Regular weekly practices begin Sept. 11, 6-6:30 p.m. (no rehearsal Sept. 4). The Youth Ensemble will begin their fall rehearsal period on Wednesday, Sept. 18. Practices are 6:30-7:15 p.m. and will take place through Nov. 3. Contact Children's Choir Director Rebecca Shipley (rebeccashipley@mindspring.com) with any questions and to confirm participation in the Youth Ensemble.

You also can refer questions to the Cherub Choir Coordinator Tamara Nix (tamaranix@yahoo.com) and Youth Ensemble Coordinators Lisa Jern (Lisa.jern@sutherland.com) and Kim Perez (kimkperetz@gmail.com).

Training Session Set So Kids Can Participate in Worship

If your child in grades three through five would like to carry communion elements into worship this school year, let Melinda Sandkam know that you will be joining us for a brief training session in the Sanctuary at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 8. This is a great way for older elementary children to connect with worship as leaders. Baron Mullis will talk to the kids about the meaning of communion and worship leadership.

Youth Group Grows in Numbers, Ages, Activities

Coming off two successful summer extended trips funded in part by our spring BOBO Youth Auction and a report back to the congregation at the lunch on Aug. 25, all youth and their parents are invited to the Fall Youth Kick-off Sunday, Sept. 8, from 5-7 p.m. The event welcomes a substantial group of new sixth-graders and also serves as the annual parent meeting.

Youth Director Chris Peters, the Youth Committee and Youth Advisors have been planning for the new dynamics as some of our most active youth move into high school. The goal is to accommodate the differing needs of high-schoolers and middle-schoolers without compromising our welcome to all and the strong bonds our kids have formed.

They're No Longer Really Kids Or Youth—But We Can Be Their (Church) FAMILY

More than 250,000 college students moved to the Atlanta area to begin school in August and September. Many of these students are looking for spiritual homes and ways to engage with church in our community, and many of these students are searching for truth that is found in the good news of Jesus Christ. Morningside's ministry to college students has long been a fundamental part of our mission in Atlanta. While we focus directly on outreach to the Emory University and Agnes Scott College campuses through Rev. Drew Stockstill who serves as a Campus Minister, we welcome all college students to participate in the Morningside community and our ministries. For information on how you can be part of Morningside's outreach to college students in Atlanta, contact Drew (dstockstill@morningsidepc.org).



September 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	<i>Church Office closed in observance of Labor Day</i> 7 p.m. Mandolin Society	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning	9 a.m. MPP 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir 7:30 p.m. MLPA Public Safety	9 a.m. MPP	9 a.m. AA Meeting
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School; Inquirers' Class 11 a.m. Worship with Communion 12 noon Fellowship 12:15 p.m. Deacons; Kids Participate in Worship 5 p.m. Youth Group Kick-off and Parent Meeting 6 p.m. Journey 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 7 p.m. Mandolin Society 7:30 p.m. MLPA	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Theology on Tap; Preschool Committee	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir	9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 1 p.m. KidzTennis 7 p.m. Couples Group	9 a.m. AA Meeting 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. ICM Food Pantry Workday
<i>ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection</i>						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School; New Members' Class 10:35 a.m. Called Session Meeting 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 12:30 p.m. RHO Readers 5 p.m. Youth Group 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6 p.m. DOOR 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. LGBT & Friends	9 a.m. MPP 12 noon One Gray Hair Luncheon 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 12 noon 3rd Thursday Theological Throwdown 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir	9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 12 noon MPP Lunch & Learn 1 p.m. KidzTennis	9 a.m. AA Meeting; HOMES Project for Fulton County Seniors
<i>ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection</i>						
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship 12 noon Fellowship 6 p.m. Morningside Mingle 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 7 p.m. Mandolin Society; Parliamentarians	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 5:30 - 8 p.m. Food Truck Thursday 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:15 p.m. Handbell Choir	9 a.m. MPP; ACS Training 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 1 p.m. KidzTennis	9 a.m. AA Meeting 6 p.m. Clifton Sanctuary
<i>ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection</i>						
29	30					
9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship/Baptism 12 noon Fellowship 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 6:30 p.m. Women's Roundtable 7 p.m. Mandolin Society					
<i>ICM Cleaning Supplies Collection</i>	<i>Mitten Tree for Our House</i>					

Mingle, Munch, Get Acquainted on Adults-Only Saturday

Want to spend a little grown-up time getting to know other Morningside adults? An opportunity for more in-depth socializing than takes place over a cup of punch in Fellowship Hall is coming up Sunday, Sept. 22. The next Morningside Mingle will be at the home of Randy and Tara Parrish (1206 Cumberland Rd. NE, 30306)

from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Co-hosted by John and Hillery McNeill, Mingle food and beverages will be provided, so all you have to bring is yourself (leave the kids at home). Let the church office know (office@morningsidepc.org) by Sept. 16 if you plan to come out for this fun evening.

Trendy Trucks Give New Meaning to ‘Dinner on the Grounds’

If you didn't get enough mingling in on Sunday night—and this time you can bring the kids!—come enjoy food and fun at MPC's first (maybe?) Food Truck Thursday on Sept. 26, 5-8 p.m.

food trucks - Tex's Tacos and the Atlanta Burger Truck - and one dessert option (possibly King of Pops).

Drew Stockstill, the Young Adults group and the Evangelism Committee invite everyone to come and enjoy dinner at the church. But even more, the event is an opportunity to welcome neighborhood residents who don't attend Morningside to come to the church, so that we can connect with them in a relaxed setting. We're finalizing vendors, but the event will feature at least two

Attendees will purchase their own meals. The event will take place in the church parking lot, with tables and tents set up on the grounds. Young Adults are assisting with planning, promoting and handling set-up and clean-up. We need your help in only one area: Please promote this event to friends at church, as well as non-members. We would love for this event to be a true effort of evangelism, helping Morningside to establish a greater connection to our neighbors.

All Church Affinity Groups Back in September ‘Vogue’

Okay, that's another bad *Messenger* pun, but all good fashionistas know the September issue of “Vogue” is the biggest of the year—hey, they even made a movie about it. MPC Women's Roundtable will resume Monday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m. In the spirit of the magazine, we'll meet at Neiman Marcus (Designer II/Dress Collections, Level Two, Lenox Mall) for what is sure to be a wonderful presentation on fall fashion trends and styling tips. Neiman's is hosting our group for this fun-filled evening complete with light bites and beverages. Please email Sarah Brownlee (rsbrownlee1046@att.net) if you can attend.

Here's what else is in *store* (groan!) this month:

- Theology on Tap returns from summer break Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. Note the change in the regular meeting night to accommodate the Labor Day weekend. Ken Sharpe hosts at 1700 Timberland Road, 30345. Let the church office know you're going to be there. It's Baron's birthday!
- Guerry and Michelle Mashburn welcome all couples to their home (1758 Millside Dr. SE, Smyrna

30080), for dinner and socializing Friday, Sept. 13, at 7 p.m. Let Kathy and Alan Bremer (kdbremer@bellsouth.net) know if you plan to attend and for additional info about MPC's Couples Group.

- Christina Baker Kline's best-selling novel *Orphan Train* deals with the universal yearning for family and acceptance, with a back story that illumines a forgotten slice of American history, when poor children were shipped to the Midwest to work on farms. Come join our coed book group as we discuss the novel Sunday, Sept. 15, at 12:30 p.m. in the Session Room (PS--Costco had a big stack of the paperback edition last week!)
- LGBT & Friends kicks off its 2013-2014 season at the home of Jeff Peters and Michael Siedschlag (1812 Meadowdale Ave, 30306) on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 7 p.m. This month's meeting will include discussion and preparation of Morningside's involvement in Atlanta's Pride events in October. RSVP to Michael (mwsiedschlag@gmail.com).

Flower Guild Seeks Your Help to Boost Our Bloomers

HELP WANTED: For a good time, call Georgia Marshall or Lynn Daniel to help with the Flower Guild. NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! We will show you how to hydrate flowers, have fun choosing flowers at the wholesaler, break down arrangements after worship and have the best of times with friends at MPC decorating for Christmas and Easter.

We only need help for special occasions plus Easter and Christmas. The fun part is learning how to do the flowers, glorify God's church and earth with blossoms and being together. Lunch is included for most opportunities. Please contact Georgia Marshall (gkmarshall@gmail.com) or Lynn Daniel (lgd1@bellsouth.net) even if you have never worked with flowers or only have an hour here and there to give.

Hungry Men in Shelters Need Your Culinary Creations

As you leave the Sanctuary Sunday morning, Sept. 1, help yourself to a big aluminum pan to fill with the suggested entrée, side or dessert for the men at the Journey shelter. Then, bring it back filled with your creation next Sunday, Sept. 8—or better yet, bring it to Journey behind Druid Hills Presbyterian on Ponce Saturday evening around 6 p.m. and help serve the men in residence. The past couple of months, the choir and the softball team have provided the monthly dinner. Maybe your affinity group would like to take a turn? Contact shepherds Tamara Nix (tamaranix@alumni.duke.edu) or Bryan Smith (bryasmith@na.ko.com) to talk about Journey.

Saturday, Sept. 28, we again provide a meal for the men at Clifton Sanctuary Ministries. There's a sign-up sheet in the hallway, but shepherds Katherine (kecjohnton@gmail.com) and David (dmjohnst@gmail.com) Johnston will also put pans out for Clifton on Sept. 22 to bring back with food items by Friday, Sept. 27, at 3:30 p.m.—or again, please consider coming to the shelter to serve the guests.

ICM Sets Food Pantry Workday, Collects Cleaning Supplies

Intown Collaborative Ministries (ICM) Food Pantry needs a few good volunteers to sort and organize food Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Shepherd Nancy Collins (ncollins0209@gmail.com, 404 804.5191) has a spot for sign-ups on the bulletin board in the hallway.

ICM supports many activities, including the Briarcliff Summit Food Co-op. The residents there—all low income,

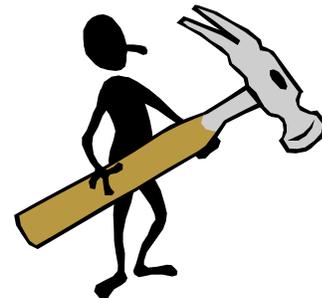
some formerly homeless—are moving into renovated apartments. We can help them keep things clean and nice by giving them cleaning supplies, items that they might not be able to purchase since they're stretching dollars to buy food. In September, Morningside will try to give the residents 50 sets of cleaning supplies. Look for a poster with a list of the items they've requested.

Help Seniors Maintain Homes on HOMES Workday

Sometimes older adults need a helping hand for minor repairs and maintenance around their homes, a service which can help them lead independent lives in their own places. HOMES makes that happen for senior citizens in Fulton County and MPC goes out to work with them annually.

The next HOMES workday will be Saturday, Sept. 21, with morning and afternoon shifts from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Details are still being developed, but Shepherd Lloyd Prince says the group usually meets at the site. No tools are required.

Sign up at church or reach out to Lloyd (LloydPrince@comcast.net) or Jack Klotz (jacksklotz@gmail.com). Lloyd says we need to report the number of our volunteers by Sept. 15.



When Kick-Off Didn't Mean Football Season...

Games, goodies, crafts and graduation to higher classes kept Fellowship Hall hopping as we opened our new year of classes.



Our House Mitten Tree Ready to Bear Fruit

Believe it or not, we begin our fall collection of mittens, hats, gloves, scarves (and even gently used coats) for children on Monday, Sept. 30. We schedule this collection in mid-fall, so that we can get items to children in need before first frost. This collection for the preschool age children facing homelessness that attend Our House in Decatur is done in partnership with our own preschool community and will run from Sept. 30-Oct. 25.

And this year, we've added a new twist. If you're not all (ahem!) mitts, join Jane Stack, Sue Ballay and Beth Baer at

a designated table in the Fellowship Hall after church on Sept. 22, to learn how you can participate in a Morningside project to knit or crochet hats, gloves and scarves for the children and adult populations that we serve. Knitting patterns will be provided, if you need one. If you can't come on Sept. 22, but want to help make warm fuzzies, contact Beth Baer (elizabethbaer@bellsouth.net) for more information.

Your Session at Work: August 19 Meeting

- For Human Resources, **Rob Payne** reported that HR and the Organist/Choirmaster Search Committee were close to selecting an interim to serve while we look for a permanent replacement for **Walter Huff**. Thanks were expressed by **Mary Chapman** to **Susan Oder** and others who arranged for the grand send-off reception for Walter on Aug. 18. **Breaking News! Robert Bolyard has accepted the position as interim choirmaster and will begin mid-month** (look for more information about Robert in your next eNews).
- Mission Ministries leader **Tony Fishpaw** shared results of a survey of church members regarding participation in an overseas service trip next year. Ninety-four percent of the respondents indicated they'd like to participate in such a trip, with two-thirds of them most interested in a project in Jamaica. However, Tony said that only those who'd expressed previous interest were surveyed. The team feels everyone in the church should have an opportunity to respond. Watch for information on how to do the on-line survey.
- For Discipleship, **Brad Odom** and **Drew Stockstill** said that a second 'community group' for young adults is in the works and a new group for 'middle' adults is forming.
- Commitment Team Co-chairs **Peter Cobb** and **Shannon Harris** covered some of the exciting plans for the upcoming commitment season. The latest in a series of Morningside videos will debut, and eight members will describe what membership at MPC means to them and why they support the church with grateful generosity.
- Shannon also reported on some technology improvements. Wi-fi service is being upgraded to allow computer access to our new database from all computers in the building, as well as better cell-phone reception on all levels. Furthermore, that long-awaited on-line member directory is in final testing—watch for an announcement later this month that will affect all of us. This work is a joint effort between the Commitment and Planning teams in accordance with the church's Strategic Vision 2017.
- For Worship and the Arts, Daisy Ottmann noted that our wedding policies and handouts are being revisited, revised and reissued.
- Session elected **Hillery McNeill** vice-chair of the Officer Nominating Committee, which means she'll chair the ONC next year. (See the story about congregational elections on Page 3.) The Board of Deacons regrettably announced that **Pat Antenucci** has resigned her position, creating an additional term to be filled when we elect new officers in October.

Daisy Ottmann
Clerk of Session

September Birthdays

1 Leslie Brenner	8 Roxanne Sullivan	14 KJ Nuckols	25 Vickie Hunter
1 Karen Cox	9 Jon Chambers	15 Sophia Regnault	25 Daniel White
3 Natalie Johnson	9 Chad Johnson	15 Al Adams	25 Bobbie McCrackin
3 Holly Campbell	9 Will Hunter	17 Walt Lee	26 Lele Ruby
4 Tyler Ryan	9 Alan Boren	18 Evvie Bresnahan	26 Greg Morton
4 David Johnston	9 Barbara Jones	19 Jason Williams	27 Spencer Adams
4 George Talley	10 Baron Mullis	20 Shirley Adair	28 Ellis O'Brien
4 Jennifer Jones	10 Brooke Lampe	20 Ken Sapp	28 Richard Alexander
4 Dixon Taylor	10 Trenton Tunnell	21 Callie Lensing	29 James Scribner
5 Gloria Joiner	10 Wren Lewis	22 Jim Walker	30 Alexander Nowotny
6 Lara Gaare	10 Betsy Armstrong	23 Maggie McIntosh	
6 David Cox	12 Molly Durden	24 Braxton Jarratt	
	12 Bryan Davis	24 Hugh Bell	
	13 Lisa Jern	24 Jan McMahan	

Retreat Provides Mental, Spiritual, Social, Physical Nourishment

Combining the best of stimulating activities and sessions for both children and adults with the beauty of autumn in the mountains of North Carolina, Morningside's annual retreats are a cherished part of our church calendar for many of us. If you've never attended a retreat, this year would be an excellent time to check in and check it out. The dates are Oct. 25-27 and registrations are due by Sept. 22.

For openers, the renowned writer, preacher and teacher Dr. Tom G. Long will lead the adult programs. The Bandy Professor of Preaching at Emory's Candler School of Theology, Tom is in demand worldwide as a speaker. Even the title of his topic, "Reading Other People's Mail: Fresh Insights into the Letters of the New Testament" signals his creative approach to discussing biblical topics.

The locale is the beautiful stone William Black Lodge at Montreat Conference Center in North Carolina. The schedule affords time to explore the surroundings, shop, engage in outdoor pursuits and visit attractions such as the Biltmore Estate and the Appalachian Crafts Center. Meanwhile, the kids will have full days of programming, too.



Our Kids Give the 2011 retreat a thumbs up

Details on the types of accommodations, meals and fees for those staying at the lodge as well as those making their own arrangements, including scholarship information for those who would like to attend but can't manage the costs, may be found in the retreat brochure and registration form, available in the Welcome Center and Narthex and on line at our website: www.morningsidepc.org on

the Plan/Upcoming Special Events page.


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