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October 2013 Worship at Morningside

October 6, 2013

Joanna Adams preaching

“Long Distance Love”

Text: 11 Timothy 1:1-14

The sacrament of communion will be celebrated.

Peacemaking Offering will be received.

October 13, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

“Where Are the Others?”

Texts: Luke 17:11-19; Psalm 111

October 20, 2013

Baron Mullis preaching

“When It's All Over but the Limping”

Texts: Genesis 32:22-31; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Congregational Meeting immediately following worship.

October 27, 2013

Chris Peters preaching

“Practicing Humility”

Texts: Joel 2:23-32; Luke 18:9-14

All Church Retreat, Montreat, North Carolina



Dear friends,

Every time I preach a sermon in which I hammer home a message about God's grace, one member of our church always says to me, "You know I love it when you preach about grace."

There may seem something a bit odd about the idea of hammering home a message about grace, but there you have it. We do what we have to do.

Maybe I give you a working definition of grace too often – but I don't think that we can say it often enough – grace is God's love – it's unmerited, unconditional, and unearned.

We aren't inherently more worthy than anyone else for it, we can't do anything to make God love us less, and we didn't do anything to make God love us. God just loves us.

Let the enormity of that sink in just a bit, would you?

One of my former congregants, a retired kindergarten teacher, once observed to me, "We're all the time telling children to have self-esteem, but we're not telling them why."

So, one time she brought a book to me entitled, "Because of You..."

The book has a simple premise – each one of us can make a difference. We can be kind and we can care for one another. When someone falls, we can help. When two of us do these things together, it means we're friends. When lots of people do these things together, it is called peace.

It ends, "Even something as big and important as peace begins with something small and precious – it might begin because of you." (B.G. Hennessy, *Because of You*, Candlewyck Press)

Everything we do – **absolutely everything** – is because God first loved us. Unconditionally, not because of merit or earning, just because that is who God is.

Because of that, things can happen because of you.

Thanks for reading,

Baron

Pastor Emerita

We welcome our pastor emerita, Joanna Adams, back to Morningside's pulpit on Sunday, October 6! Joanna will be preaching at our eleven a.m. service. We are excited to welcome back both Joanna and Al!

TV Program Spurs New Sunday Class

What's black-and-white and found in every pew? You know the answer (and it's NOT just the Presbyterian Hymnal). A new course for adults, built around The History Channel's miniseries, "The Bible," has begun meeting in Room 107 at 9:15 a.m. Sundays.

After viewing one of the 10 episodes, the group discusses the narrative of God's work in the world throughout history and discusses how it is relevant to our lives today. They also examine the choices the filmmakers have made in telling the story, issues of biblical interpretation and, again, why it matters to us.

Drew Stockstill leads the group and all are welcome to drop in. A program for children all ages also begins at 9:15 in Room 012. Alternatively, you're invited to the adult class meeting in Room 201 for a stimulating hour of biblical exploration beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Need a Good Read? Browse, Buy Cheap Reads to Benefit Children's Literacy

Despite the prevalence of electronic books, sometimes you just want a nice chunk of printed reading matter. MPC's eclectic co-ed group of book lovers, the RHO Readers, stands ready to oblige as they hold their third annual used book sale in Fellowship Hall Sundays Oct. 6 and 13.

The books, donated by book group members and friends, are priced to sell, with hardbacks at \$1, paperbacks at 50 cents and children's books four for a dollar. All proceeds, along with donations from the "Pennies for Pages" collection taken at each meeting, are divided at the end of the year between The Global Village School in Decatur, serving refugee girls, and the Fugees Academy in Clarkston, also serving recent arrivals in America. Deacon Jill Klotz chairs this year's book sale.

Everyone is welcome to drop in for book discussions held the third Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Session Room. Our Oct. 20 book is *The Homecoming* by Bernard Schlink, author of *The Reader*.

Time to Vote: Congregational Meeting Sunday, Oct. 20

The Officer Nominating Committee will announce the final slate of church leaders for the next term—Elders for the Session, and Deacons for the Board of Deacons, each to serve for three years. We will also vote on new members for next year's Officer Nominating Committee. The meeting takes place immediately after the worship service, so plan to remain in your seat and exercise your membership right to select your church's leadership.

52 Members to Enjoy 5th Annual Retreat at Montreat

A record number of Morningside members—43 adults and nine children—will enjoy a relaxing, rejuvenating weekend Oct. 25-27 in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Asheville, NC. This year we're honored to welcome the Rev. Dr. Tom G. Long to lead our 2013 theme, "Reading Other People's Mail: Fresh Insights from the Letters of the New Testament".

Highlights of the program include "Opening a Letter and Finding Our Way Around" on Friday night; "God's Foolishness, God's Wisdom: 1 Corinthians" and "Two Letters to the Philippians" on Saturday and the Sunday sermon "Living Up to Our Poetry," taken from Galatians 5:1, 13-14.

LGBT & Friends Offers Fellowship, Discussion and Service

LGBT & Friends, an inclusive fellowship community at Morningside, seeks to celebrate common threads between our lives and faith journeys, and welcomes all who wish to grow and be energized through Christian fellowship and service. Their next meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 15, in Morningside's Fellowship Hall and will center on "Sharing Christianity with the Gay Community". All meetings are 7 – 9 p.m. and include dinner. To RSVP or learn more, contact: lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org.

in mission outreach," says Michael Siedschlag. Cindy Humphries enjoys the group's sense of community. "I've learned a lot about my fellow church members as we share stories and work together to make change happen. The meetings are fun and relaxed as well as meaningful and spiritual. It's a very supportive group of people."

Remaining meetings this year and their programs will be Nov. 19, "Giving Back to Others" and Dec. 7, "Christmas Celebration".

"This year we're planning more service programs within the Atlanta community which reflects the group's interest

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: Tom Adams, P.J. Britton, Grier Christenbury, Jackie Cleveland, Ann Herndon, Jason Hickman, Finley Holaway, Jim Holler, Holly Klotz, Jan McMahan, Robert Marshall, Taylor Marshall, Tamara Nix, Family of Rev. C.B. Peter, Anne and Nate Reid, Emil Sanders, Bill Smith, Jason Trapani, John Vytal, Katrina Weis, and Patricia Zachery.

Morningside Milestones

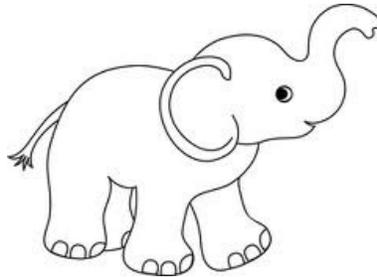
- New babies to celebrate! Congratulations to our former pastor Chris Henry and Sara Hayden on the birth of their son, Samuel Joshua Henry, on Sept. 16; to Lib and Rich Boggs on the birth of their granddaughter, Elisabeth (Libby) Alada Boggs, on July 30, in Bangkok, Thailand; to Elaine Tomkinson on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Sophia Grace Bianco, on July 14, in Toronto, Canada; and, to John and Andrea Morgan on the birth of their daughter, Cora Anne Morgan, on Aug. 31.
- Congratulations to Rev. Shavon Starling-Louis as she begins her ordained ministry with First Presbyterian Church, Midwest City, Oklahoma. Her ordination and installation service will be on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6. Shavon, Kirk and Sariah are excited about their new opportunities in the Oklahoma City area.
- On Sunday, Sept. 15, MPC welcomed the following new members: Gavin Embrick and Eric Harris, Kit Giffin, William and Suzanne Lee (children, Allison and Will), and Lee Anne and Hunter Sapp (daughter, Anna Gray).
- Leading up to Commitment Sunday on Nov. 11, members of our congregation will deliver messages about what giving to the church means to them and why it's important for Morningside. So listen up!

Church Comes Alive with Families Jammin' in 'Jungle'

Morningside will be a "zoo" on Saturday, Oct. 19, as the annual Jungle Jam all-family event takes over our grounds from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. with rides, games, food, and a variety of curiosities.

Jungle Jam is Morningside Presbyterian Preschool's fall fundraiser to which neighbors, friends, church families and preschool families are all invited to join the fun, get acquainted and maybe take home a special treat for dessert.

A great way for adults to participate is to work an hour-and-a-half shift and enjoy the glee of kids gone wild (well, maybe not that wild!). Says Daisy Ottmann, "Last fall I was the 'conductor' for the train ride and really had fun



yelling 'All aboard' and generally acting goofy, then enjoying lunch cooked by a volunteer team of grill masters."

To take part, contact MPC member and Jungle Jam volunteer coordinator Mary Hardy Holaway (maryhardyh@gmail.com). Shifts are available to set up, clean up or be part of the fun for first or second shift during the event. By the way, if Jungle Jam does not fit in your schedule, consider connecting with this

community and our wider neighborhood during the Thanksgiving Gathering, Monday, Nov. 11, 5:30-6:45, and/or Free Holiday Babysitting, Monday, Dec. 2.

Morningside Youth Bust Seams of Youth Loft, Welcome Assistant Director

Youth Group started off strong this fall with 12 new members from the sixth graders of MPC. Chris Peters returns as Youth Director for the third year! They have moved into their new youth Room 107, and are getting to know their new Assistant for Youth, Landon Dillard. Landon is from Charlotte, NC, and attended Furman University. She is in her first year at Columbia Theological Seminary. She enjoys cooking, reading, and spending time with family and friends.

Our youth also welcomed new advisors Callie Lensing, Whitney Stevens and David Stewart to join Eleanor Att-

wood, Miranda Brownlee and Tony Fishpaw. In October, the youth will serve the community by volunteering at Jungle Jam and will then enjoy a Lock-In from 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, until 8 a.m. the next day.

Meeting regularly on Sunday evenings, 5-7 p.m., they've enjoyed some delicious meals already. Meal coordinator Tish Woolley has filled her first calendar but would welcome any new volunteers willing to be on request email. Contact her at woolleyt@gmail.com if you can help provide a meal this school year.

It's Already Time to Sign Up to Be Angels, Sheep, Holy Family

October always seems too early, however practice for the annual Christmas Pageant begins Sunday mornings in mid-November. In order to finalize cast and script, we need to hear from all interested parties by Sunday, Nov. 3. Details on practices will be on sign-up forms which can be found on the website and at the church starting Oct. 1.

Participants MUST be able to attend full rehearsal, Saturday, Dec. 14, 9-11 a.m. and arrive at 3:45 on Sunday, Dec. 15 for the 5 p.m. performance and attend as many Sunday morning practices as you can, 9:45-10:45. We always need volunteers as backstage crew the final weekend. Plus, if you can sew even one costume, please contact Melinda Sandkam as soon as possible.



Children and Youth Will Lift Their Voices in October

The Cherub Choir will share their gifts in worship for first time this school year on Sunday, Oct. 20. The Youth Ensemble will be meeting throughout October preparing to be part of worship on Nov. 3.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Pulse Search Comm; Theology on Tap 7:30 p.m. MLPA Zoning <i>Mitten Tree/Halloween Costumes</i>	2 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	3 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Community Outreach Committee 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir; MLPA Public Safety	4 9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 1 p.m. KidzTennis	5 9 a.m. AA Meeting
6 9:15 a.m. The Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship with Communion; Peacemaking Offering Received 12 noon Fellowship/RHO Readers Book Sale 12:15 p.m. Deacons 5 p.m. Youth Group 6 p.m. Journey 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp.	7 8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 7 p.m. Mandolin Society <i>Mitten Tree/Halloween Costumes</i>	8 9 a.m. MPP 11 a.m. Yoga 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers 7 p.m. Preschool Committee	9 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir	10 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7 p.m. Pride Service of Worship & Celebration followed by a reception; Clifton Sanctuary Ministries Board	11 9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 1 p.m. KidzTennis 7 p.m. Couples Group	12 9 a.m. AA Meeting
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20 9:15 a.m. The Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Coffee & Conversation 9:45 a.m. Church School 11 a.m. Worship/Cherub Choir Singing 12 noon Congregational Meeting and Fellowship 12:30 p.m. RHO Readers 7:30 p.m. Meditation Grp. <i>Mitten Tree/Halloween Costumes</i>	21 8:15 a.m. MPP Yoga 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Ballet/Tap 7 p.m. Session; Mandolin Society <i>Mitten Tree/Halloween Costumes</i>	22 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Mini Monets Art Class; Playball 2:15 p.m. Parkinson Tai Chi 4:30 p.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Weight Watchers	23 <i>Prayer Breakfast</i> 9 a.m. MPP; MPP Speech and Hearing Testing 1 p.m. MusiCanopy 6 p.m. MPP Open House 6 p.m. Cherub Choir 6:30 p.m. Youth Ensemble Choir	24 9 a.m. MPP 1 p.m. Playball 6:30 p.m. Prayer Group 7:30 p.m. Handbell Choir	25 <i>All Church Retreat Youth Lock-in</i> 9 a.m. MPP 9:30 a.m. Creative Movement 1 p.m. KidzTennis	26 <i>All Church Retreat Youth Lock-in</i> 9 a.m. AA Meeting
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MPC Hosts Service of Worship, Celebration for 2013 Atlanta Pride

In recognition of 2013 Atlanta Pride, Morningside Presbyterian will welcome guests to a Service of Worship & Celebration on Thursday evening, Oct. 10, at 7 p.m. The service will be led by Dr. Baron Mullis and will include participants from other churches in the Atlanta Presbytery.

“Hosting the Pride Service at Morningside this year is a wonderful opportunity to spotlight the warmth and fellowship of our church to the Atlanta Presbytery and the community at large,” says MPC member Doug Selph. “We have so much to be thankful for and proud of at Morningside and I am so glad that we are taking a leadership role in hosting the Pride Service. Pride is not just a celebration of being a member of the LGBT community, but also a celebration for everyone who supports and is an ally of the LGBT community. Morningside is a place where I have found acceptance and respect for the person that I truly am, giving me a place to worship with a happy heart with like-minded people. I believe the Pride Service will showcase this in a very special way and I encourage everyone to attend.”

Morningside members are encouraged to spread the word within the congregation, throughout the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta and to friends who would enjoy being part of this special service. A social time with refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Peter Cobb says, “We are proud of the leadership of Morningside in sponsoring a Pride Service of Worship. All of us, whatever our sexual orientation, need and deserve a community of love and support, a community of acceptance and advocacy, and it is critical that we come together to worship out of our shared

faith and shared hope. I am honored to be part of a church whose invitation to share in its ministry and mission is extended to all - and extended without qualification or reservation. The Pride Service stands as a public and essential testimony to and celebration of that invitation”.

Morningside will also participate in the 2013 Atlanta Pride Parade on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13. Many from Morningside are planning to walk in the parade with others from the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta. For more information contact a member of the 2013 Morningside Pride Leadership Committee: Ann Bowers, Joseph Green, Jeff Peters, Doug Selph, Michael Siedschlag or Trenton Tunnell.

“Morningside’s congregation, Session and pastors have long been supportive of Pride and inclusion,” comments Trenton Tunnell. “We began walking in the parade 20 years ago, first as a church and then as part of many Atlanta Presbyterian churches. More recently, we have hosted the Pride Service of Worship many times. I find this important as the church moves into Amendment A from the days of Amendment B.”

To volunteer to help with the service, the reception, or the parade, contact lgbtandfriends@morningsidepc.org.

New On-Line Directory Offers More Than Just Our Faces

So you get a call from the editor of *Morningside Messenger* wanting to know if you have pictures or stories to share from your recent work on a Habitat house. Her name is vaguely familiar, but you can't just pull up her face from memory....

The internet, the answer to many of life's modern problems, offers a new solution for Morningside members. Even though many of us thought creating an on-line directory with photos would be relatively easy, it turned out to be not so. After about three years of diligent behind-the-scenes effort, this capability is now available. And, it offers much, much more than just a "printed directory with pictures."

From the member log-in page, you can create your own profile, post your own photo—or photos—explore available affinity groups you might want to join, and search for service and social opportunities.

And the site is secure: you create your own log-in name and password; you can decide how much or how little information to share with other MPC members, and every change to your profile must pass through the administrator in the church office before it goes 'live' on line—as one more assurance of protection.

Our current printed directory formed the basic input to the new on-line directory, so you may find some of your information was automatically uploaded. No problem! If your address, email, phone number or anything else is wrong, you can easily fix it. We encourage you to do so! Because that means official communications from your church won't be lost in the mail, either electronic or snail.



You can get started immediately by going to our website, www.morningsidepc.org, and clicking the Member Log in button. You'll find links to instructions if you need them. If you've never seen Morningside's website, now's a good time to get acquainted. The home page is frequently updated with what's happening right now and the other sections offer not only current but also historical data. For example, if you want to know the history of the church's architecture, it's there. So are recordings of our magnificent choir. And all the sermons. Along with a list of every book our book club has ever read—in case you're looking for a suggestion of something to read on vacation.

One feature of the profile you create is a section where you can click and choose a general description of your personality traits, your special interests and your abilities. Does this sound like the "Using Your Gifts at MPC" form? You bet! It's our way of helping group leaders help *you* find the programs and activities here that might engage *you* the most. As our membership has grown so much and our choices have kept pace, this is our new way of helping connect us to one another and to service in our world.

Coming later this year is a more streamlined way to both pledge and give monthly on-line. As e-tail shopping, automatic bank payments and other electronic forms of money transfer have become the way most of us manage our finances, we want your pledged commitment to Morningside to be equally simple and secure.

In case you don't have a photo for the directory—or don't like the one you do have—plans are in progress to have a few Sundays where our photo volunteers will take headshots for the directory. Watch for more information soon.

Fourth 'Special Offering' Set for World Communion Sunday

Each year, Session approves four opportunities to join forces with those giving throughout the nation or denomination. We begin with the Souper Bowl Offering in February which is a grassroots effort to fight hunger tapping into a day that millions already mark-- namely the Super Bowl. The One Great Hour of Sharing collection at Easter supports the long-term work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. In August, we celebrate the work of Thornwell Home for Children, a Presbyterian home for 100 children from the southeast who need temporary or long-term

homes. MPC generously gave \$2,388 this year. And, our fourth special offering is the Peacemaking Offering, mindful of those in our communities who are in need of God's healing and reconciling peace. A quarter of those gifts stay right here in our community; the rest goes to regional and nationwide programs. As you read about some of these exciting programs in upcoming bulletin inserts, prayerfully consider what you will give on World Communion Sunday, Oct. 6.

Costume Collection Joins Mitten Tree in MPC Hallways

Before the Thanksgiving Gathering (Page 4), before the Christmas Pageant (also Page 4), here comes Halloween. You can make this childhood favorite time special for one of the young children served by the Our House preschool with the donation of a Halloween costume. Or, help homeless children get ready for the coming cold season with the gift of mittens, gloves, hats and scarves. Ages served range from infant to five years.

The mission of Our House is to break the chains of homelessness by providing early childhood education and comprehensive support services for families experiencing homelessness. Our annual collection for the children at

Our House also includes gently used or new jackets and sweaters. Please place donations on the Mitten Tree outside of Room 107 through Friday, Oct. 25.

For costume donations, see the Preschool Halloween Board with pumpkin tags for each child, and bring a new/gently-used costume to fit one of the tag requests. Please pin the pumpkin tag to the costume and place it in the Preschool or Welcome Center bins by Friday, Oct. 25. Contact Shepherd Becky Schreiber (becky.schreiber@gmail.com) with any questions.

Lydia Circle Plans Octoberfest Under New Leadership

Tamara Nix and Lele Ruby, new shepherds for Lydia Circle, welcome all young moms and professional women to the first meeting of the season, Thursday, Oct. 17, at 7 p.m. at the home of Rachel Spears (1728 N. Pelham Rd., 30324). They encourage bringing appetizers, desserts and beverages that fit the Octoberfest theme. RSVP to Lele (leleruby@bellsouth.net) or Tamara (tamaranix@alumni.duke.edu).



MPC to get to know one another better. As Tara says, “We all know with young kids it is difficult to have much meaningful conversation at ‘parlor’ while trying to keep our children from devouring all the brownies. We have really enjoyed leading this great group of ladies, and we look forward to supporting Tamara and Lele as they continue the mission.”

Carrie Branon and Tara Parrish started Lydia Circle four years ago as a way for young moms and professionals at

Reach Out at Table for Outreach in October

This month there are two opportunities to support partner outreaches of MPC while eating—as well as enjoying dynamic programs. Sunday evening, Oct. 13, Clifton Sanctuary Ministries will hold their annual graduation dinner to honor the men who have been a part of their program which assists men facing homelessness. Contact MPC shepherd and Clifton board member David Johnston (dmjohnst@gmail.com) to join the MPC table or sign up on the Mission bulletin board. The festivities at North Avenue Presbyterian begin at 6 p.m., but plan to arrive

early to spend time with Clifton supporters, volunteers, current guests and of course the graduates.

Later in the month, on Wednesday, Oct. 23, from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., MPC will support the Interfaith Children's Movement which will meet at The Temple for its annual event. The guest speaker will be our own Pastor Emerita Rev. Joanna Adams. Sign up on the Mission bulletin board or contact Baron Mullis to join MPC's table.

Elder on Call

Brad Odom	October 6-12
Peter Cobb	October 13-19
Randy Parrish	October 20-26
Laura Fillyaw	October 27-November 2

Deacon on Call

Jeff Peters	October 6-12
Katherine Johnston	October 13-19
Duncan Spears	October 20-26
Jill Klotz	October 27-November 2

Your Session at Work: September 16 Meeting

- The Human Resources Committee announced the hiring of **Robert Bolyard** as interim choirmaster, **Sarah Martin** as interim organist and **Margie Eden** as office assistant, who will work on Fridays and as back-up to Office Administrator **Anna Best** who will move to a four-day workweek. We also have added **Landon Dillard** to our staff as Assistant for Youth, helping **Chris Peters** with our growing youth program (see Page 4 for more).
- Our church and preschool Child Protection Policy has been implemented, with special thanks to **Kim Nuckols** and **Shari Tant** for shepherding the implementation effort with all our volunteers.
- Under the auspices of the small-groups team, a new community of “middle adults” is forming (and looking for a good group name!). Some 80 individuals have been invited to an initial get-together Sunday afternoon, Oct. 6. Be in touch with **Drew Stockstill** or **Brad Odom** if you’re interested.
- The Global Concerns team chaired by **Tony Fishpaw** would like members to express their interest in an international service project by completing an on-line survey through Oct. 15. (We’d like your opinion even if you are not able or interested in participating.) The survey link is <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QSV89LB>.
- **Shannon Harris**, who heads the Commitment Ministries Technology Team, announced the on-line directory is finally here. All team and subcommittee leaders have been asked to create information about their opportunities for member involvement, which will be used in the on-line system to help match participants with activities. This process will replace our current “Using Your Gifts” form. (See story on Page 7).
- Our MPP and church family outreach, the Thanksgiving Gathering, is set for Nov. 11, with **Emilee Terry** and **Suzanne Macpherson** as the leadership team. Many hands will be needed to help with this popular event (more on Page 4).
- If you haven’t already signed up for the retreat Oct. 25-27 at the William Black Lodge in Montreat featuring the great preacher **Tom Long**, contact **Mary Chapman** immediately to make a reservation.

Daisy Ottmann
Clerk of Session



October Birthdays

1 Charlotte Spears	2 Alan Godfrey	15 Sanda Means	25 Riley Ruby
1 Whitney Maloy	3 Anna Gray Sapp	15 Alex Regnault	26 Brad Addicks
1 Shelley Senterfitt	3 Jeannette McClure	16 Addison Berreth	26 Finley Holaway
2 Carson Myers	4 Tia Bartis	16 Ann Brady	26 Pam Sharpe
2 Duncan Walker	5 Miranda Brownlee	16 Philip Hawkins	27 Robin Hackney
2 Frances Bresnahan	5 David Wingert	17 Joanna Adams	28 Merwin Peake
	7 Natalie Holler	18 David Stewart	29 Rob Payne
	7 Jo Faddis	18 John Macaulay	29 Jason Loring
	8 Duncan Spears	18 William Grigley	29 Terry Lawson
	8 Melisa Prevost	18 Donna Scalf	30 Pat Antenucci
	9 Jane Simpson	20 Bob Coomes	30 James Beasley
	10 Megan Nelson	20 Sienna Weis	31 Don Grant
	11 Daniel Sommerfeld	20 Jessica Adams	31 Brian Johnson
	14 Lily Brooks Woolley	21 Rich Powell	31 Jeff Peters
	13 Ali Bradway	21 Sadie Irwin	
	13 Amy Jarratt	21 Betty Blaine	
	13 David Yntema	22 Julie Green	
	15 Joseph Brady	24 Jeff Harris	
		24 Cate Branon	

Help Put 'New' in New Orleans, Watch for Winter Service Event

Shepherd Roland Behm is seeking signups by Oct. 7 for the next adult service trip to New Orleans' RHINO (Rebuilding Hope in New Orleans) program, which will take place Nov. 13-17.

As with previous trips, our group will carpool to NOLA on Wednesday, work Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and return on Sunday after the early worship service at St. Charles Presbyterian. A number of other options were researched including travel to the Northeast to assist in Hurricane Sandy relief efforts, but the time and resources required to travel to the area would limit participation and impact.

Sign up on the Mission bulletin board today or contact Roland (roland.behm@gmail.com) if you are interested in participating. Cost will be \$200 per person, which covers four nights at the Brent House Hotel, lunches on Thursday

and Friday and dinner Wednesday and Thursday. The cost is based on three people per room. Give all checks (written to MPC, with memo for RHINO Nov. 13-17 for easier tracking) to Roland by Monday, October 7.



We are in the planning stages for a winter event to highlight our great outreach opportunities at MPC and to invite new participants. Contact Program Director Melinda Sandkam (msandkam@morningsidepc.org) now if you would like to be a part of the planning committee or support crew. "We are looking at a January and/or February time frame to highlight our service partners," Melinda says. "We'll need volunteers with a variety of skills--planning, reaching out to folks to participate, marketing, t-shirt design, etc. First meeting will take place toward the end of October. If you care deeply about our mission, this is a great opportunity to volunteer for something big or small."

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