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## THE PASTOR'S PEN



If you are like me, you may become easily affected by the news. A decision is made in Washington DC that we don't like, and we become upset. Some disaster strikes another school or church, and people's lives are lost, and we become frightened. Nations continue to argue and fight, and we are unsettled. The constant stream of news can put us on edge.

The Book of Lamentations is traditionally linked to the prophet Jeremiah – in fact, this book comes right after the Book of Jeremiah – and he is not happy. He is expressing his profound sadness over the national tragedy that is unfolding before him: the capital city Jerusalem has fallen into the hands of the Babylonians, all because the people of God have rejected God. They chose to reject God, and such actions have led to their own destruction (see Deuteronomy 30). Jeremiah feels the loss and grieves for his and everyone's sufferings.<sup>1</sup>

Then, in Chapter 3, he expresses these words of hope: “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness” (Lamentation 3:22-23). People may not be faithful, but God never stops being faithful, loyal, real. We might not act too merciful, but God's mercy continues to pour down on us. God's love is steadfast, unwavering and trustworthy, every morning and every day. No matter what we are going through, good or bad, God is close to us, always maintaining his great love for us and directing us down the paths we should go, the path God creates for us.

Jeremiah continues to say, “‘The Lord is my portion,’ says my soul, ‘therefore I will hope in him.’ The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord” (3:24-26). When he mentions “my portion,” he is reflecting on what Aaron said in Numbers 18:20 about God being his portion and inheritance. The legacy he receives is not money but something richer, the Lord his God. He is bequeathed not all the calamity that falls and can fall upon us but something purer and everlasting, salvation from all that is incomplete and chaotic. Whatever is happening, we have a quiet confidence in our God who will rescue us from our troubles and pains, and who will also restore us so that troubles and pains no longer touch us.

Jesus came into the world to save us. Jesus died and rose, showing us that God always cares for us. God is always reaching out to us. God has the way to lift us from our doubts and fears. God helps us to wake up in the morning and greet the day with joy and thanksgiving. Through Jesus, God sets up a new life for us, so that we may know Jesus better and follow him closer.

With all that Jeremiah was suffering, if he could trust in the Lord, so can we. We too can benefit from and hope in God's constant love and faithfulness, both now and forever.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

<sup>1</sup>Thomas Nelson Publishers, *The Nelson Study Bible (NKJV)*, cf. 1320.

# Prayer Requests



**PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS** Family of Chris Costa (former member), Family of Peter Farwell (Tricia Koehler's brother), Kris Hooten, James Eason, Laraine Tinsley (Piedmont Atlanta), Family of Suzanne Nguieyep (mother of Florette Njonu), Francisco Acosta, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Jo Calhoun, Thomas Chukwura, Bill Coleman, Betty Colwell, Kelly Conrad, Felix Cruz, Mary Dardy, Davis Family, David Dawson, Terry Dyche, Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Mary Farwell, Trudy Fincher, Mark Floyd, Wendy Garcia, Jessica Giddens, Allen Grant, Olen Grubbs, Bob & Gail Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Thuan & Jun Hong, Michael Howell, Austin John, Jessica Johnson, Twarna Johnson, George & Marsha Ann Kempson, Braden Knebel, Tricia Koehler, Marty LeDuke, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Sidney Lyell, Keith Maxey, Sheila McKee, Judy McKinney, Jackie McLeod, Jim McNaull, Rebecca Muller, Rick Peel, John & Pat Randolph, Linda Reece, Roxie Romine, David Schuler, Glenn Sharpe, David Swafford, Cathy Trustorf, Gene Ussery, Clay Verdell, Amanda Webb, Barry Weems, David Weems, Gene Williams, and Terry Williams. Our country, Our Military, Missionaries, School/College Teachers & Students, Food Pantry Patrons.

*A full prayer list is in the narthex.*



- 7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
- 9 a.m. Easter Breakfast
- 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
- 10 a.m. Easter Crafts
- 11 a.m. Easter Worship



## Young at Heart Lunch, April 1, 11:30 a.m.



**Young at Heart Lunch, April 1, 11:30 a.m.** Please join us for the Young at Heart lunch at Applebee's in Stockbridge on Wednesday, April 1 at 11:30 a.m. Please let Bruce or Libby know you are coming so we can have enough seats arranged.

## Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 2, 7 p.m.



**Maundy Thursday Communion Service, April 2, 7 p.m.**

Please join us for our Maundy Thursday Communion Service this Thursday at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary. This is a special service remembering the Last Supper that Jesus had with His disciples before His crucifixion.

## Baskets and More Auction, April 26, 12:15 p.m.

**Baskets and More, April 26, 12:15 p.m.** It's time for our Baskets and More Auction! Please consider donating items such as baskets of food, baked goods, something you've made, something you would want yourself, etc. Use your imagination! All of the proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. **All checks should be made payable to Morrow Presbyterian Church and earmarked American Cancer Society.** Please let Susie Grant know if you are donating an item or items.

## Thank You Note

Dear Morrow Presbyterian Church, *Thank you for all the prayers and cards during my illness. I am continuing to receive treatment and feeling better each day. Still not able to get out in public except when necessary.* Thanks again, Francisco Acosta

## Presbyterian Women



PRESBYTERIAN  
WOMEN

**Morning Glory Circle—April 12, 9:30 a.m.** All women are invited to join the Morning Glory Circle. Our next meeting will be Sunday morning, April 12, at 9:30 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. Carol Campbell will facilitate our discussion. We will discuss Lesson Six of our Bible study book, *"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ."* Please read it over before the meeting if you get a chance.

**Virginia Dews Circle, April 13, 6:00 p.m.** The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday night, April 13, at 6 p.m. in the library. Lei Eason will present Lesson 7, *"The Woman Who Was Bent Over"* from our study book, *Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*. Project: Gigi's House. Please join us.

**Dorcas Circle, April 14, 10 a.m.** The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 14, at 10 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. Libby McNair will provide the devotion. Audrey Sharpe will lead the group in Lesson 7 from the *"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"* Bible study. Project: Gift Cards: Kroger, McDonalds, and WalMart for the church office.

### PW Project for 2026

**Water Wells.** Water is center to every part of a community's well-being. It is necessary for farmers' crops and livestock so that they can raise food and earn an income. When families cannot access clean water, they suffer from food insecurity. It also enables people to practice proper hygiene and sanitation to stop the spread of disease. Morrow Presbyterian Women's Mission for 2026 is to help to provide a deep rock well. A deep rock well taps into pure water sources hundreds of feet below ground, providing access to clean water even during drought and other extreme weather conditions. These sustainable wells serve communities in the most water-scarce regions of the world and are placed in areas where they can make the greatest impact and be maintained by trained community members. There is a red bucket placed in the hallway (or surprise locations) for your donations.

## Congratulations and Best Wishes



**Congratulations to Kris Moriles and Josh White** on their recent marriage. The couple exchanged vows in a simple ceremony on February 26, 2026 in Fayetteville.

Kris & Josh have moved into a new house at:

10 Fischer Way

Sharpsburg, GA 30277

Love and best wishes to the newlyweds!

## Mother's Day Brunch May 9, 11 a.m.



**Mother's Day Brunch, May 9, 11 a.m.** The theme for our Mother's Day Brunch this year is "Lydia—with the color purple"

Tickets for the Brunch will be \$15 for Adults and \$8 for 12 and under. Sign up sheet in the narthex or you may call the church office to give a count.

## Relay for Life, May 1, 2026

**Relay for Life, Friday, May 1, 6 p.m.—11 p.m., Salem Baptist Church Park**

Please join the MPC Crosswalkers at the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Bring snacks and a chair—water provided.

You do not need to walk, but please come and support the walkers.

Join the group anytime between 6 and 11 that works in your schedule.



## After Church Lunch—April 19



**Join your church family** for an After Church Covered Dish Luncheon on Sunday, April 19 immediately following the worship service.

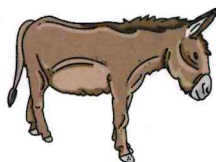
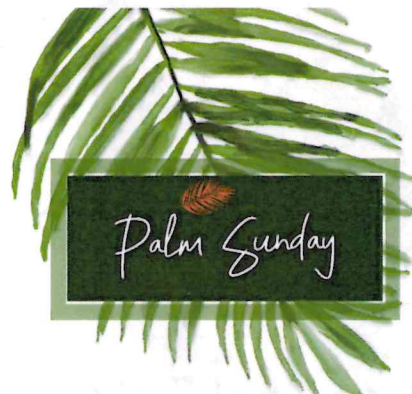
The theme for this luncheon is "Earth Friendly." Tamara Callahan will be sharing some ideas with us.

Please bring your favorite covered dish to share.

## MPC Work Day—March 21, 2026

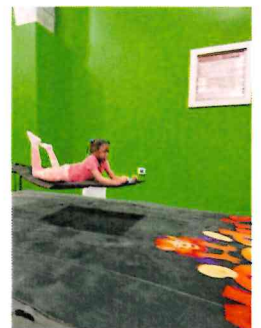


**Many thanks** to everyone who came to our work day to help spruce up the church...Moses Ayodele, Manny Follykoe, Romy & Mary Ann Moriles, Dock & Andra Gammage, Lisa & Michael Johnson, David Turner, and Deborah Venizelos.





# Woody's Jump & Play



**Kid's  
Club**

# APRIL 2026

## April Birthdays

4/1 - Georgiana Walker  
 4/6 - Helena Petroziello  
       - Sunny Onuoha  
 4/7 - Sharon Goza  
 4/8 - Angelin Rebecca (Muller)  
 4/9 - Pastor John Callahan  
 4/11 - Mang Onuoha  
 4/16 - Carol Campbell  
 4/19 - Jessica Johnson  
       - Brandi Neal  
 4/21 - Kimberly Moriles-Yi  
 4/29 - Cedric Ndzomo  
 4/30 - Corey Campbell

*Happy Birthday*

## April Anniversaries

4/10 - Jacob & Dakota Holloway (5)  
 4/12 - Hunter & Ashlyn McNabb (1)  
 4/16 - Allen & Susie Grant (38)  
 4/24 - Rebekah & Dyamond Venizelos-Taylor (9)

**WE LOVE**  
 OUR VOLUNTEERS

### ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Dock Gammage  
 Secondary: Carol Campbell

### PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH—Morning Glory Circle

### LITURGIST

5 - Andra Gammage (Easter)  
 12 - Andra Gammage  
 19 - James Eason  
 27 - Dock Gammage

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

5 - Pastor John (Easter)  
 12 - Dock Gammage  
 19 - Deborah Venizelos  
 26 - Allen Grant

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

5 - Ronnie & Dianne Hooten  
 12 - Carol Campbell  
 19 - Aku Sodjavi  
 26 - Linda Lillie

### USHERS

Shawn & Be Butcher, Captains; Moses Ayodele,  
 Gary Johnson, Mary Ann Moriles, Linda Lillie

### COUNTING TEAM—APRIL

Virginia Cagle and Mary Nell Winkles

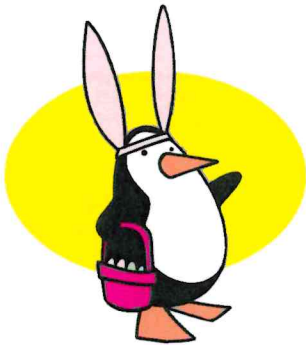
## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

March 1 - 21  
 March 8 - 21  
 March 15 - 15  
 March 22 - 21  
 March 29 - 23

### IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

March 1 - 60  
 March 8 - 59  
 March 15 - 59  
 March 22 - 67  
 March 29 - 73



## Financial Health—March 2026

March 1	- \$ 8,515.00	<b>Needed:</b> \$ 29,188
March 8	- \$ 4,006.77	
March 15	- \$ 5,453.00	
March 22	- \$ 3,765.00	
March 29	- \$ 3,423.00	<b>Received:</b> \$ 27,540.13
Online	- \$ 2,377.36	

### Ways to give to Morrow Presbyterian Church:

- 1) Mail your check to the church at MPC, P. O. Box 316, Morrow, GA 30260
- 2) Set up an account online with your bank's bill pay option. When it asks for the account number, use your envelope number. Your bank will send the church a check for the amount and on the date you designate.
- 3) Scan this QR code with your camera:



# APRIL 2026

			<p><b>1</b> 11:30 a.m. YAH to Applebee's</p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>2</b> 10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group</p> <p><b>3—6 p.m.</b> Community Food Pantry</p> <p><b>7 p.m.</b> <b>Maundy Thursday Service</b></p>	<p><b>3</b></p>  <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Scouts</p> <p><b>Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> 7 a.m. Sunrise Service 9 a.m. Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. Crafts 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 12:15 Coffee Fel- lowship NO Youth NO Kids Club</p>	<p><b>6</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p><i>Office Closed— Easter Monday</i></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>3—6 p.m.</b> Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Scouts</p> <p><b>Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> 9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live— Dock Gammage preaching 12:15 p.m. Coffee Fellowship 12:15 p.m. PWCT 5:00 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6:00 p.m. Virginia Dews</p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>14</b> 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle</p> <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Session</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>3-6 p.m.</b> Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Scouts</p> <p><b>Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> 8 a.m. Staff Mtg. 8:30 a.m. Knitting Class 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook—New Members Join 12:15 p.m. After Church Luncheon 5:00 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club</p>	<p><b>20</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b></p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>23</b> 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p><b>6:30 p.m.</b> Scouts</p> <p><b>Office closed</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> Noon—4 p.m. Scout Troop Fundraiser Pickup</p>
<p><b>26</b> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship in person &amp; Facebook Live 12:15 p.m. Baskets &amp; More Auction 5:00 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club</p>	<p><b>27</b> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>  <p><b>7:00 p.m.</b> Choir Practice</p>	<p><b>30</b> 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>		