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Be Still
AND KNOW THAT
I AM
God

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THE PASTOR'S PEN



I came across a quote from Karl Bath that piqued my interest. He says, “‘We’ are the Church. The Church is the particular people, the congregation, or in Calvin’s term, *the company*” which God “manifested in Jesus Christ” to be witnesses in the world. It’s the word italicized above – the company – that got my attention.

Which words do we use to describe the Church? The first word might be family, as in we are brothers and sisters to each other with Christ as our Brother and God as our Holy Father. Another might be body, as in we are many members but united as one under Christ who is the Head of the Church (1 John 3:1-3, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31, and Colossians 1:18). We could keep going, but the point is we normally don’t use the word *company* to describe the Church. John Calvin, the founder of the Presbyterian Church, used it hundreds of years ago, but we never dream of using it today. So, is it appropriate to call ourselves a company?

When we say “company,” we mean a business, usually a multi-billion-dollar, multinational corporation that people may use every day. Amazon, Walmart, Hyundai, Costco, Starbucks, and Chick-Fil-A come to mind. Such companies are all about making large profits. Money talks, and so the goal is to sell much and earn much, outdoing the competition in all areas of commerce. Is the Church into big profits and big commerce? No. So, we as the Church cannot be called a company, can we?

Well, actually, yes, we can. Here’s how... The original etymology of the word *company* has nothing to do with money and profit margins. When we break it down, we have “co” and “pany,” or just “pan.” In Latin, “co” means *with* and “pan” means *bread*. What we have here, then, is “with bread” or “sharing bread together.” Is that not what we do as a Church, literally and figurative. Literally, we have fellowship (another description of Church), in which we may share common meals together and allow that food to stir up conversation, which furthers our fellowship. Figuratively, we join together to feed on God’s Word, Jesus himself, for God’s Word gives us the strength and energy we need to face every day (Isaiah 55:2 and John 6:35). With bread, we put something in people’s stomachs. With bread, we feed our needs and the needs of others.

John Calvin knew what he was talking about. Company describes the Church excellently. It describes our church well, since sharing bread together is one of our main goals. We need to recapture this word. Businesses should only be called businesses. We need to take possession of *company* and act it out every day (which I believe we do). The Church is a Company of believers who devote themselves to God’s teachings, who join together for worship and service, who cook wonderful meals on special occasions, and who pray for God’s will to be done (Acts 2:42). And what are the “profits” of such a Company? When Jesus talks and not money, people come to him, learning that they have meaning and purpose, and the kingdom of God expands, welcoming every lost soul to everlasting life with our God.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Moses Ayodele, Deborah Venizelos, Peter Farwell (Tricia Koehler's brother), Pauline Buchanan, Family of Ben Scott (former member), Family of Robert Gore, Family of Stephanie Lozel, Family of Mary Bridges, Mark Williams, Lakendra Askew, Luke Bell, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Xander Bradley, Chris Brogan, Becca Brown, Jo Calhoun, California fire victims, Mandy Chapman, Ugo and Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Betty Cook, Felix Cruz, Keith Danser, David Dawson, Terry Dyche, James & Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Haywood Fordham, Anne & Evan Fournier, Chris Gaither, Jessica Giddens, Candace Glover, Beth Graf, Marquis Hale, Connie Hand, Julie Haney, Bob & Gail Hardy, Vicky Hendrix, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Thuan & Jun Hong, Jessica & Patrick Johnson, Austin John, George Kempson, Tricia Koehler, Lavender Lampl, Nancy Laster, Marty LeDuke, Berniece Lillegard, Norman Lillie, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Sidney Lyell, Keith Maxey, Jerry McCoullough, Mac McKinney, Jim McNaull, Duyen Nguyen, Haleigh Nunnally, Rick Peel, Doris Ragan, John & Pat Randolph, Felicia Roberts, Roxie Romine, Jo-Ann Schrepfer, Dick Shaffer, Glenn Sharpe, Samson Solis, Carolyn Solsten, Cathy Trustorf, Gene Ussery, Debbie Valentine, Clay Verdell, Barry Weems, David Weems, Gene & Willie Williams, and Terry Williams. Our nation, Israel, Our Military, Missionaries, School/College Teachers & Students, Food Pantry Patrons. *A full prayer list is in the narthex.*

Young at Heart News

The Young at Heart will be going to Chili's in Morrow on Wednesday, March 5 at 11:30 a.m. Please let Bruce or Libby know if you will be joining them there.

MPC Outing at the Tulip Festival , Saturday, March 8, 11 a.m.



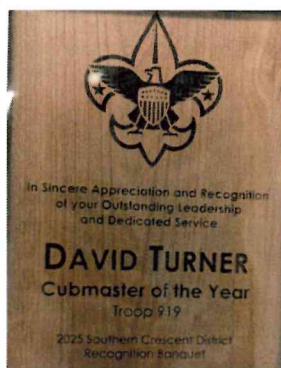
MPC/YULE FOREST TULIP FESTIVAL DAY, March 8, 11 a.m.

The congregation has been invited to the Tulip Festival at Yule Forest on March 8. **Tickets must be purchased at the gate. Cost: \$15** Please don't purchase your ticket online as the funds won't go to the church. All proceeds from MPC tickets purchased at the gate will go to MPC. *"This is the perfect way to wipe away the winter blues and enjoy giant tulip fields, u-pick flower gardens, farm animals, photo opportunities, the artisan market, food trucks, and a host of family friendly activities."*

Thank You Note

Thank You

From the Youth... Many thanks to everyone who donated to our Souper Bowl offering. We received \$ 548. This money goes to our own Helping Hands Food Pantry here at MPC.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DAVID TURNER

On February 8, David Turner was awarded Cubmaster of the Year—Troop 919 by the 2025 Southern Crescent District in sincere appreciation and recognition of his outstanding leadership and dedicated service. Way to go, David!



Daylight Saving Time begins

March 9

Be sure your clocks spring forward one hour so you aren't late for church!

Presbyterian Women

Morning Glory Circle— March 9, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle Bible Study is open to all women. The next meeting will be on Sunday, March 9 at 9:30 a.m. during the Sunday school hour. The group is on Lesson 5—*Air Quality* of the Study Book “Let Justice Roll Down” Please read the chapter ahead of time if able. The project is feminine hygiene items for our Food Pantry.

PWCT— March 9, 12:15 p.m. The PWCT will meet in the McNair/Seekers classroom.

Virginia Dews Circle, March 10, 6:00 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet on March 10 at church at 6:00 p.m. Lei Eason will present the lesson. Libby McNair will bring the devotion.

Dorcas Circle, March 11, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 11 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Tricia Koehler will provide the devotion. Linda Lillie will lead in explaining Chapter Six, “Climate Change” in the study book, “Let Justice Roll Down.” Project: Collecting funds for Heifer International.

PW Project for 2025

Heifer International. The Presbyterian Women have chosen helping Heifer International this year. *“Heifer International is on a mission to end hunger and poverty in a sustainable way by supporting and investing alongside local farmers and their communities.”*

You can help by giving money toward a general purchase or you can give money toward a specific need. Buy a flock of ducks, honeybees, a pig, garden seeds, a goat, etc. Choices and amounts needed are on the PW bulletin board in the Sunday school hall. Checks should be made out to Morrow Presbyterian Women and indicate your preference.

Thank You



From the Moriles Family...To our beloved Church Family: Thank you for your cards, donations, expressions of sympathy and love in the loss of Grandma Moriles.

Grandma loved Morrow Presbyterian Church and has truly considered the church as her family. Grandma has appreciated all your prayers and financial support in her Uptown Church Ministry.

We praise and thank God for her life, her wonderful example, and her devotion to her Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.



In Memory of...



Mary Catherine Bridges, age 90 of Barnesville passed away on Tuesday, February 4, 2025, at Sunny Grove Assisted Living.

Mary was born on March 7, 1934, in Dundee, Alabama to the late John Olen Ingram and Mamie Idell Hardy Ingram.

Mary joined MPC February 2, 2002. She was active in worship until her health prevented her from attending.

Mary was loved by all who knew her. Her family will tell you that “she did it her way.” She will be greatly missed by everyone she knew, and her memory will forever live on in the hearts of her family and friends.

The family requests any donations be made to Rock Springs Church, 219 Rock Springs Road, Milner, Georgia 30257 in memory of Mary.

In Memory of...



Robert Jerome Gore passed away peacefully at home in Hapeville, Georgia on February 2, 2025 at the age of 92. He was born on April 22, 1932 to Mary Wilcox and Jerome Gore.

Robert grew up on the Georgia coast, and in his heart he never left. After finishing high school, Robert joined the army and served as a medic in Germany. Robert studied at Georgia Southern College, where he met Sara, who he would marry and spend the next 62 years of his life within Hapeville, Georgia.

Robert was a proud Presbyterian, having joined the historic Presbyterian Church in Darien. He always gave credit to the kind neighbor who introduced Robert and other neighborhood children to the Presbyterian church. Robert proudly served as an elder in both the Hapeville Presbyterian and East Point Presbyterian churches. Robert & Sara joined Morrow Presbyterian on April 14, 2013.

Robert was dedicated to serving his church and community through volunteer work. He tutored children in a housing project for several years and was always ready to help where help was needed. He loved the outdoors and planted over fifty dogwood and crepe myrtles in the neighborhood. Robert was devoted to his family and created many happy memories with granddaughters, nieces and nephews. Robert was known – by family, friends, and strangers alike – for his gregarious and kind personality, hardworking spirit, and humble attitude.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents Mary Wilcox and Jerome Gore and his sisters Carolyn Adams and Gloria Strickland. He is survived by his wife, Sara, his daughter Mary, his son-in-law Sankar, his granddaughters Sara and Priya, his siblings Jack and Wayne Gore, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donations can be made to the Morrow Presbyterian Church Food Pantry or the First Presbyterian Church in Darien, GA.



Stephanie Lozel, age 72, of Jonesboro, Georgia, passed away on Friday, February 7, 2025. Born on December 12, 1952, in Manchester, Ohio, Stephanie was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Owens and Stephen Olah. She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Douglas William Lozel.

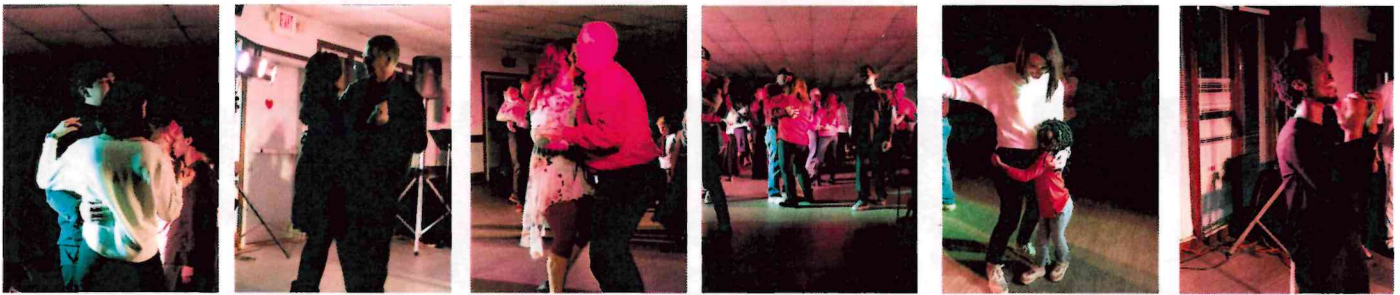
Stephanie dedicated much of her life to education, working as a librarian for the Henry County Public Schools until her retirement. She was an active member of the Morrow Civic Women's Club and the Merle Norman Cosmetics group, and she proudly graduated from Marietta High School and Piedmont College. A devoted member of Morrow Presbyterian Church, which she joined in 2006, she cherished her community there. She enjoyed going on trips with the Young at Heart, served as Presbyterian Women Moderator, church librarian, Virginia Dews Circle member, and was a volunteer of the MPC Food Pantry.

But these facts about Stephanie's life don't give anyone a true picture of the vibrant, extroverted woman that she was! She had many, many groups of friends, and people were drawn to her outgoing, inquisitive nature, and her sincere concern for others. She had a wide range of interests and especially loved (not necessarily in this order!) cats, old movies, jewelry, socializing with her family and friends, trips to visit the Szabos in Ohio, and shopping at craft fairs and favorite stores. Her passing leaves an empty spot in the hearts of those who knew her well and had the pleasure of enjoying her companionship.

Stephanie is survived by her brothers: Matt Olah of Atlanta, Mark (Monica) Olah of Marietta, and Dan (Cindy) Olah of Marietta; her niece and nephew, Michelle and Ethan Olah; along with numerous extended family members and friends. If you would like to make a donation in Stephanie's memory, the family requests donations to be made to Morrow Presbyterian Church.

Valentine's Dinner & Dance

February 15, 2025



Best Wishes to Ashlyn & Hunter



MARCH 2025

March Birthdays

3/3 - Jim LeDuke
 3/6 - Chase Gammage
 3/10 - Susie Grant
 3/11 - Ruth Bryant
 3/12 - Mary Onuoha
 3/13 - Tricia Koehler
 - Otis Onuoha
 - Sara Folds
 3/14 - Stacy Weems
 3/16 - Ian Turner
 3/17 - Uwaezu Onuoha
 3/20 - Pat Randolph
 - Austin John
 3/21 - Penny Thomas
 3/22 - Terry Dyche
 3/26 - Jeannie Hodges
 - Josh McLeod
 3/27 - Berniece Lillegard
 3/28 - Patrick Johnson
 - Jalen Summers

Happy Birthday!

March Anniversaries

3/9 - Bruce & Carol Campbell (34)
 3/10 - Cal & Hannah Folds (18)



¹⁶ Rejoice always, ¹⁷ pray without ceasing, ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

WE LOVE
 OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Albert Coughlin
 Secondary: Bruce Campbell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Dorcas Circle

USHERS

David Turner, Captain; Terry Broom, Twarna Johnson, Dock & Andra Gammage

LITURGIST

2 - Otis Onuoha
 9 - Deborah Venizelos
 16 - Dock Gammage
 23 - Andra Gammage
 30 - Youth

CHILDREN'S SERMON

2 - Pastor John
 9 - Dock Gammage
 16 - Deborah Venizelos
 23 - Allen Grant
 30 - Youth

COUNTING TEAM

Tricia Koehler and Jo Calhoun

General Fund—February 2025

February 2	- \$ 6,796.25	<u>Needed:</u>
February 9	- \$ 1,385.35	\$ 22,977
February 16	- \$ 2,925.00	<u>Received:</u>
February 23	- \$ 2,812.00	\$ 14,577
Online	- \$ 658.20	



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:

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE





SUNDAY SCHOOL

February 2	-	17
February 9	-	20
February 16	-	28
February 23	-	26

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

February 2	-	84
February 9	-	60
February 16	-	57
February 23	-	71

MARCH 2025

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2 9:15 am Communicants Class 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	3 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	4 6:30 p.m. Scouts	5 7 am Prayer Vigil begins 11:30 a.m. YAH Lunch @ Chili's 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service	6 10:00 a.m. Peacemaker's Life Group 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	7  Office closed	8 11 a.m. MPC Day at the Tulip Festival at Yule Forest
9  9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 12:15 p.m. PWCT 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	10 6:00 p.m. VA Dews Circle 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	11 10 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting	12 7 p.m. Choir practice	13 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	14 Office closed	15
16 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 2 p.m. Baby Shower for Kelsey Dwinell 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	17  6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	18 6:30 p.m. Scouts	19 10 a.m. Living Branch Life Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	20 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	21 Office closed	22 9:00 a.m. Presbytery's Session Minute Review
23 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 12:15 p.m. Church Luncheon—Covered Dish 5:00 p.m Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	24 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	25 6:30 p.m. Scouts	26 7 p.m. Choir Practice	27 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	28 Office closed	29
30 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	31	<i>“As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?” Psalms 42:1-2</i>				