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Happy Thanksgiving

MORROW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Pastor's Pen



The way we communicate is more complex than we might think. Believe it or not, only 7 percent of what we say are words. Words are important, but if we just rely on them we do not get all of what somebody is telling us. 38 percent of all effective communication involves the way we say those words, such as a raised or lowered voice, speaking quickly or slowly. 55 percent involves our nonverbal communication such as body language and facial expressions.

So, let's try this. If I were to say, "Today is an awful day," would you know what my mood is? Am I serious or joking? Am I really upset or am I just being sarcastic? You cannot tell if you are unable to read my body language or listening to my tone of voice.

Let's try this: "I WANT YOU TO GO TO THE STORE RIGHT NOW!" Those words probably grabbed your attention before you started reading. Capitalized letters and an exclamation point suggest to us urgency, but you cannot tell if I am angry that you haven't gone to the store yet or I am trying to get you to do something that I think is a priority. Communication needs more than just words. We should talk to each other clearly, so we need every element, all 100%, to be used.

If you haven't figured it out, the best way to communicate is face-to-face. If we want to understand each other, we need to be in the same room where we can hear the tone of voice and see the body language along with the words. When important things need to be discussed, there is no other way.

"[Let] us consider how to spur one another on to love and good deeds. Let us not neglect meeting together, as some have made a habit, but let us encourage one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:24-25). God built us for community, and that comes through face-to-face communication. Whether we are frustrated with or appreciative of somebody, there is no other way to communicate other than sharing the same space and looking at each other. Whether we are simply saying "What's up?" or hoping to spend an hour catching up, we must be able to see the ways the eyes and mouth move, to listen to the excitement or alarm in the voice, and to feel that deeper connection with the other person.

Thanksgiving is one of those excellent times to reach out to others. Find out how other family members are doing, tell the story of your life over the last few months, and connect with those you love. You may discover something about a brother or sister or uncle or aunt that you did not know before, and then you are better informed. You have a better chance of sympathizing and caring for them. You now have somebody for which to pray.

So, THINK about how we TALK with others. GET OUT THERE! Use ALL the COMMUNICATION skills that GOD HAS GIVEN US to make better connections. (There, was I able to communicate it well?)

Peace in Christ,



Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Family of Preston Mosley (former member), Jerry Coughlin (Albert's brother), Chris Gaither (Scout Leader), Libby McNair, Shane Turner, Hurricanes Helene & Milton Victims, Norman Lillie, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Xander Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Becca Brown, Jo Calhoun, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Betty Cook, Felix Cruz, Keith Danser, David Dawson, Terry Dyche, James & Lei Eason, Carol Erickson, Haywood Fordham, Anne & Evan Fournier, Jessica Giddens, Candace Glover, Robert Gore, Beth Graf, Marquis Hale, Connie Hand, Julie Haney, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Thuan & Jun Hong, Abbey Hooten, Austin John, Charlie Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Twarna Johnson, George Kempson, Clayton & Janie Kite, Tricia Koehler, Lavender Lampl, Nancy Laster, Berniece Lillegard, Stephanie Lozel, Bob & Suzanne Lukat, Sidney Lyell, Jerry McCoullough, Mac McKinney, Jim McNaull, Grandma Moriles, Duyen Nguyen, Hang Nguyen, Haleigh Nunnally, Rick Peel, Doris Ragan, John & Pat Randolph, Felicia Roberts, Roxie Romine, JoAnn Schrepfer, Noah Scragg, Dick Shaffer, Glenn Sharpe, Georgene Sneed, Samson Solis, Betty Spier, Shirley Thrailkill, Cathy Trustorf, Marie Tuttle, Gene Ussery, Maddey Ussery, Debbie Valentine, Barry Weems, David Weems, Lenna & Noah Weems, Betty Whittaker, Gene & Willie Williams, Terry Williams, and Zane . Our nation, Israel, Our Military, Missionaries, School Teachers & Students, College Students, Food Pantry Patrons. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex.*

Veterans Dinner, Nov 9, 4 p.m.



Veterans' Appreciation Dinner, Saturday, November 9, 4:00 pm. Our Scouts BSA Troop and our Cub Scout Pack are hosting our annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner here at the church on Saturday, November 9th at 4:00pm. We are asking the entire congregation to help us in inviting the special veterans in your life to join us for an evening to honor all those who have served our country. This is for all veterans and active military. We will be doing a photo wall and a slide show, so if you have photos that you would like to share, please let us know. Even if you are not able to attend, please share any photos of your favorite veteran with us, so we can honor them as well. Please RSVP to David Turner 404-561-8655 or troop919@comcast.net.

Church Workday

Saturday

November 2

9 a.m.—12 noon

Lunch provided.

Please join us for a building cleanup.

Presbyterian Women



PW Installation, November 3, 11 a.m. The installation for our 2025 PW Officers will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 3. All women are encouraged to support our new slate of officers.

Presbyterian Women's General Meeting/Salad/Soup Lunch, November 3, 12:15 p.m. All women are invited to the PW General Meeting on November 3 following the worship service. We will be approving the 2025 Budget and the incoming PW Officers. Please bring a soup or salad to share. **ALL WOMEN OF THE CHURCH ARE INVITED!**

Morning Glory Circle, November 10, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet on Sunday, November 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. All women are invited to join the group. The current study is Lesson 2 from "Let Justice Roll Down." Carol Campbell is our Bible Moderator.

Virginia Dews Circle, November 11, 6:00 p.m. Virginia Dews Circle will meet on Monday, November 11, at 6:00 p.m. in the McNair/Seekers classroom. Deborah Venizelos will give the devotion. The lesson will be on "Prayer." Project: Gigi's House.

Dorcas Circle, November 12, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 12, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Project for November is cookies or sliced cake for fireman and policeman of Morrow. The cookies or cake should be individually in a baggie or plastic wrap. Linda Lillie will do Lesson 3 from workbook and Libby McNair will do the devotion.

Coming Soon

December 1 - First Sunday of Advent

December 8 - Canterbury Choir's Christmas Cantata—11 a.m.

Kids Club Program with Dinner included—5:30 p.m.

Pastor Appreciation 2024



THANK YOU

From Pastor John. "I want to thank everyone for your cards and gifts, which I received on Pastors Appreciation Day last Sunday. Both Tamara and I feel very appreciated by your generosity. We greatly appreciate all of you! We have a wonderful church with wonderful people, and we are so happy to be your pastor and musician amid it all. Thank you and thank you again! God's blessings on you all."



Elder Ordination & Installation

Our Class of 2026 Elders was installed on Sunday, October 13 during the morning worship service. Shawn Butcher and Augustine Agbo were ordained and installed. Andra Gammage, Dock Gammage, Mary Ann Moriles, and David Turner were installed.



Thanksgiving Dinner & Service, Nov. 24, 5:00 p.m.



Thanksgiving Dinner & Community Service
Sunday, November 24

Dinner at 5:00 p.m. ** Service at 6:00 p.m.**



The Turner Family will provide our turkey, dressing, and dessert. Please bring your favorite side and join your church community for food and fellowship. Sign up in the narthex or go online (www.morrowpresbyterian.org) to sign up for supper. We will have a worship service after supper. Morrow First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church of Morrow will be joining us. We will have a combined choir presenting the anthem, "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness."

Hanging of the Greens, November 24, 12:15 p.m.



Hanging of the Greens – November 24, 12:15 p.m. Please make plans to help us prepare the sanctuary for Christmas. It will be here before you know it.

We will be hanging the greens after worship November 24. Come help us deck the hall for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

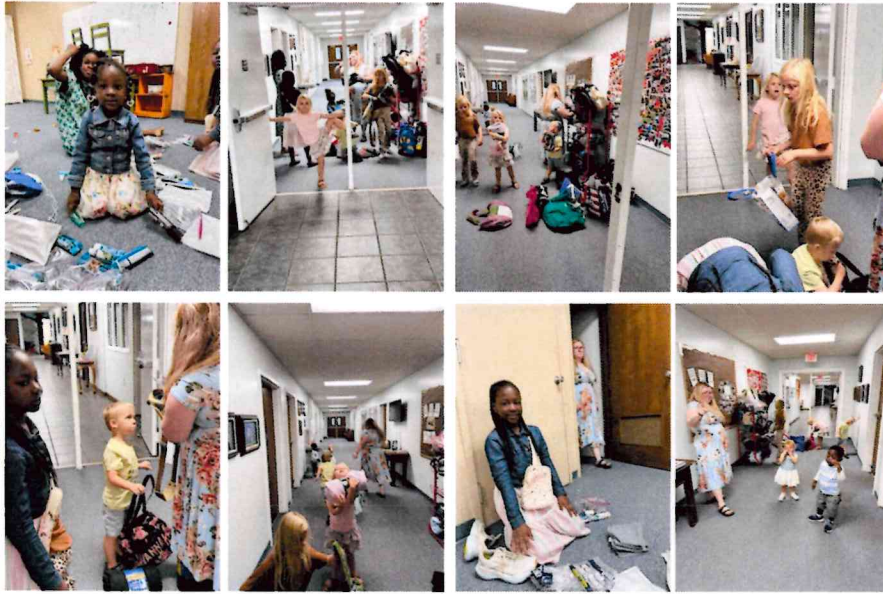
Your help is needed!



Thank You...

From Libby McNair. "Dear Church Family, Thank you for all the calls, cards, food, and visits during my stay in the hospital. Especially thankful for all the prayers that got me through the stay. Love in Christ..."

Hope Totes 2024



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Hope Totes drive for the homeless in the community.

A special thank you to our youngest who helped put together all of the totes.

2024 District Teacher of the Year

Brandi NEAL
2024 District Teacher of the Year
HENRY COUNTY SCHOOLS



Congratulations to our Choir Director—Brandi Neal on being named 2024 District Teacher of the Year from Henry County Schools.



William Shiflett is “George Bailey”



It's a Wonderful Life, November 1, 2, 3, 8, 9, 10. The Front Porch Players, starring our own Sound Engineer, William Shiflett, as George Bailey, will be performing *It's a Wonderful Life* the first two weekends of November.

Shows will be November 1, 2, 8, & 9 at 7:30 p.m. and November 3 & 10 at 2:30 p.m. Reserved seating through www.TheFrontPorchPlayers.com or you can buy general admission seating at the door.

The Young at Heart will be attending on Sunday, November 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Baby Basket for Milo Hooten



Hooten Baby Basket. The Presbyterian Women have placed a baby basket in the narthex for baby boy “Milo Kenobi-Lee” Hooten. His expectant parents are Matthew & Abbey Hooten. His excited grandparents are Ronnie & Dianne Hooten. Let's fill it up with items he will need when he arrives in December.

Advent Devotion Books

Advent Devotion Books Available. Our Advent Devotionals will be available to pick up on November 17. The first Sunday of Advent is December 1.



YAH Nov 6, 11:30 am



The Young at Heart will be meeting at O'Charley's on **Wednesday, November 6, at 11:30 a.m.** for lunch.

Please let either Libby McNair or Bruce Campbell know if you will be joining the group.

YAH of any age are welcome.

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November Birthdays

11/1 - Deborah Venizelos
 11/6 - Marilyn Mitchell
 11/8 - Donna Boggs
 - Albert Coughlin
 - Marian Meyer
 - Gary Johnson
 - Hunter Weems
 11/22 - Richard Venizelos
 - Jamari Lewis
 11/24 - Georgina Onuoha
 - Terry Williams
 11/25 - Jo Calhoun
 - Tamara Mickles
 11/26 - Shirley Bradley
 - Shane Turner
 11/27 - Terry Broom
 11/30 - Annie Johnson



November Anniversaries

11/1 - Norman & Linda Lillie (55)
 11/16 - Patrick & Jessica Johnson (5)
 11/23 - James & Lei Eason (63)
 11/30 - Robert & Deborah Venizelos (39)



ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Ngozi Bivins
 Secondary: Deborah Venizelos

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Virginia Dews Circle

USHERS

Ronnie Hooten, Captain; Jo Calhoun, Libby
 McNair, Carol McGhee, Kris Moriles

LITURGIST

3 - Deborah Venizelos
 10 - Dock Gammage
 17 - Andra Gammage
 24 - Mary Dyche

CHILDREN'S SERMON

3 - Mike Sneed
 10 - Dock Gammage
 17 - Allen Grant
 24 - Pastor John

COUNTING TEAM

Jo Calhoun, Deborah Venizelos
 Marilyn Mitchell

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 6 - 20
 October 13 - 35
 October 20 - 33
 October 27 - 26

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

October 6 - 80
 October 13 - 91
 October 20 - 99
 October 27 - 82

**Whoever brings blessing will
 be enriched, and one who
 waters will himself be
 watered.**

Proverbs 11:25 ESV

Financial Health—October, 2024



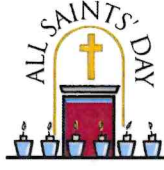






October 6	-	\$ 9,374.00	<u>Needed:</u>
October 13	-	\$ 3,260.00	\$ 24,467
October 20	-	\$ 5,602.77	<u>Received:</u>
October 27	-	\$ 2,035.00	\$ 23,474
Online	-	\$ 3,202.41	

Ways to give to Morrow Presbyterian Church:

- 1) 1) Mail your check to the church at MPC, P. O. Box 316, Morrow, GA 30260
- 2) 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) 3) Scan this QR code with your camera:



NOVEMBER 2024

	<p>FALL BACK</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>3</p>				<p>1</p>  <p>Office closed</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>9 a.m.—12 noon Church Workday</p>
<p>3</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook—PW Installation/All Saints Recognition 12:15 p.m. PW General Mtg/Lunch 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm. Kids Club</p>	<p>4</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>6</p> <p>11:30 a.m. YAH to O'Charley's, Stockbridge 6:30 p.m. Band 6:45 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>9</p>  <p>4:00 p.m. Veterans Dinner hosted by Scouts</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30 AM Glory 9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook—Dock Gammage preaching 2:30 p.m. YAH to Play, Jonesboro 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm. Kids Club</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>6:00 p.m. VA Dews Circle 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 a.m. Living Branch Life Group 6:30 p.m. Band 6:45 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>14</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook Communion 5:00 p.m. Kids Club and Youth</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> 	<p>20</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Band 6:45 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>21</p> <p>3– 6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 12:15 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 5:00 p.m. Thanks-giving Dinner & Service with Methodists & Baptists</p>	<p>25</p> <p>NO Cub Scouts</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>NO Scouts</p>	<p>27</p> <p>NO Choir practice Office closed</p>	<p>28</p>  <p>NO Community Food Pantry Office closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>30</p>



Fall FESTIVAL



