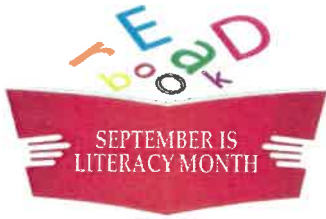


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The Pastor's Pen



How would you say the following word: buffet? Mostly likely you would say “buff-FAY,” and then you might start thinking about a large spread of food. We have buffets at our Family Night Suppers, and we could visit one at an all-you-can-eat restaurant.

This is what *buffet* usually means. However, during my May preaching conference in Minneapolis, I came across a different pronunciation. No A sound at the end but FET, and put the emphasis on the first syllable, BUFF-fet. This pronunciation came to me while we were singing the well-known hymn, “It Is Well with My Soul,” the second verse beginning with, “Though Satan should BUFF-fet, though trials should come...” We, who were singing, were told not to think about a delicious spread of food. We were told to think about how the devil may swoop in at times and disturb our peace. We sang about disquieting trials overpowering us and turning our lives upside down.

I had to look up the word. As a verb *buffet* means, “knock someone over or off course” or “afflict or harm someone repeatedly or over a long period.” “Though Satan should knock us off course by smacking us to the ground and then repeating the assault over and over so that we cannot get anywhere...” Not fun at all.

Life is like that at times – it buffets us. We do nothing wrong, yet we might end up facing a problem that is hard to solve. We are going along our merry ways, and then some drama smacks against us. We don’t have the time or resources to solve it. We become so stressed that we don’t know what to do next. When we are buffeted, we are taken completely off our game and forced to experience something unpleasant and unwelcome that we never planned to experience. We wish we could be left alone.

However, when the world and sin buffet (BUFF-fet), God comes to us with a buffet (buff-FAY). God provides spiritual food to help us endure the crises. God offers spiritual nourishment to give us strength for the difficult road ahead. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You have anointed and refreshed my head with oil; My cup overflows” (Psalm 23:5). “Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty’” (John 6:35). “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled” (Matthew 5:6). “Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money come, buy grain and eat. Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost” (Isaiah 55:1).

We might be knocked down, but the Lord will give us what we need to stand again. We might feel like we are being beaten mercilessly by a host of problems, but the Lord will provide the food we need to get through it all. God offers sustenance full of courage, strength, patience, and joy. When the world and sin buffet, God comes to us with a buffet. Let God feed you to overflowing with his goodness.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

¹The Hymnal for Worship and Celebration, Hymn #493, “It Is Well with My Soul.”

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Gail Hardy, Family of Lucie Cantrell, Maria Cruz, Evan Fournier (requested by Linda Lillie), Charlene Speer (friend of Donna Boggs), Doug Lozel, Nancy Allred, Susan Apostolero, David Barrett, Jeff Beamer, Wilhemenia Bowens, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Juanita Brandon, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Laura Burke-Knight, Jo Calhoun, Ken & Janis Campbell, Teresa Carpenter, Marcia Cartledge, Judy Chapman, Thomas Chukwura, Ugo Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Felix Cruz, Lei Eason, Virginia Ellett, Jonathan Emerson, Mary Farwell, Christian Funderburk, Angela Funk, Jessica Giddens, Raymond Goza, Ronald Goza, Russell Goza, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Igou Jackson, Twarna Johnson, Lavender Lampl, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Stephanie Lozel, Bob Lukat, Suzanne Lukat, Chris Lukat, Ralph Middleton, Mark Mitchell, Grandma Moriles, Rick Peel, Doris Ragan, Jean Rathbun, Jeff Ragan, Gregory Ramsey, Ron Smith, James & Floryne Spence, Laraine Tinsley, Carol Trustorf, Gene Ussery, John Veldsma, Sharon Veldsma, Frank Warlick, Carolyn Weems, Lillie Westmoreland, Terry Williams, and Willie Williams. Our nation, Our Military, Our Missionaries; Our School Teachers & Students, Our College Students. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex or by asking the church office.*

Presbyterian Women



PWCT, September 3, 12:15 p.m. The next PWCT meeting will be on Sunday, September 3, at 12:15 p.m. in the McNair/Seekers classroom.

Virginia Dews Circle, September 11, 6:30 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the McNair/Seekers classroom. Lei Eason will lead the lesson on "Sacred Encounters" - Chapter 1. Judy Chapman will present the devotion. Project is money for kitchen. Please join us.

Dorcas Circle, September 12, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. We will begin the new Bible study, "Sacred Encounters" - Chapter 1. Linda Lillie will do the devotion and the lesson. Project: Diapers for food pantry. Dorcas Circle has service month for September.

Morning Glory Circle, September 24, 9:30 a.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet on Sunday morning, September 24, at 9:30 a.m. in the Arnold/Bates classroom. We will begin our new study book, "Sacred Encounters." Project: feminine hygiene products for the food pantry.



The congregation is grateful for our youth and youth family and thankful for the appreciation luncheon that they prepared for us on Sunday, August 20.

(from left to right: Allen Grant, Colin Turner, Twarna Johnson, Terry Broom, Ty Gammage, Ivana Follykoe, Andra Gammage, Dock Gammage, Spencer Grant, Stephan Grant, Manny Follykoe.)



**The Church Office will be closed
Monday, September 4,
for Labor Day.**

Congratulations to Our Newlyweds!



Congratulations to **Matthew & Abbey Hooten** who were married on July 1, 2023 in Jacksonville, FL.



Congratulations to **Grayson & Morganne Gammage** who were married on July 1, 2023 in Cleveland, GA.



It's time to start working on the Christmas Cantata!!

All singers are invited to join the Canterbury Choir as they prepare for this season's Cantata.

Wednesdays

6:45 p.m.

Beginning September 6

The choir will be preparing

Come, Let Us Worship the King

arr. Russell Mauldin

Coming Up in October



Wedding Shower for Garrett Johnson and Sara Wilson, 10/15, 2 p.m.

The Morning Glory Circle and the Presbyterian Women invite all women to a wedding shower October 15 at 2 p.m. at MPC for Garrett Johnson & Sara Wilson.

Garrett & Sara are registered at Amazon, Target, Crate & Barrel, Pottery Barn, Williams Sonoma, Anthropologie, AirBnB, and Spur Experience. (wedding date November 11, 2023)

School Supplies Needed

School Supplies Still Needed. We are continuing to collect school supplies for Morrow Elementary - our Partner in Education school. Things like #2 pencils, permanent markers, colored pencils, crayons, glue sticks, composition books, and notebook paper. For specific needs, please see the school list on the office window. Items may be placed on the cart in the narthex. Thank you for your support.

Ruth & Donnie



SEPTEMBER 2023

						
				Office closed		
3 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 12:15 p.m. PWCT NO Youth or Kid's Club	4 <i>Office Closed</i> 	5 6:30 p.m. Scouts	6 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice— Begin Cantata	7 10:00 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	8 Office closed	9
10 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live— Communion 12:15 p.m. Admin Meeting 5 p.m. Youth 5 p.m. Kids Club	11 6:30 p.m. Virginia Dews 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Wet Night	12 10 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:30 p.m. Scouts 7 p.m. Session	13 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice	14  3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	15 Office closed	16
17 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live NO Youth 5 p.m. Kids Club	18 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	19 6:30 p.m. Scouts	20 10:00 a.m. Living Branch Life Group 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice	21 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	22 6 p.m. Williamson Wedding Rehearsal Office closed	23 2 p.m. Williamson Wedding
24 9:30 a.m. Morning Glory Circle 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club	25 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	26 6:30 p.m. Scouts	27 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice	28 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	29 Office closed	30 2 p.m. Memorial Service for Lucie Cantrell 

SEPTEMBER 2023

September Birthdays

- 9/4 - Suzanne Lukat
- 9/4 - Decker Sneed
- 9/5 - Dakota Holloway
- 9/6 - Don McGhee
- 9/6 - Shanna Robinson
- 9/9 - Linda Lillie
- 9/16 - Felix Follykoe
- 9/17 - Tanya Costa
- 9/17 - Ashlyn Tuttle
- 9/19 - Carol Bevil
- 9/19 - Georgina Onuoha (1)
- 9/22 - Frank Bradley
- 9/22 - Richard Buck
- 9/22 - Mack McKee
- 9/23 - Kibe Onuoha
- 9/23 - Maliki Marshall
- 9/24 - David Turner
- 9/29 - Haywood Fordham



September Anniversaries

- 9/3 - Jim & Marty LeDuke (35)
- 9/15 - Mark & Kim Patrus (45)
- 9/26 - Jacob & Jasmin Petroziello (6)
- 9/27 - George & Marsha Ann Kempson (45)



WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Ronnie Hooten
Secondary: Mary Dyche

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Dorcas Circle

USHERS

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

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 3 - Mary Dyche
- 10 - Dock Gammage
- 17 - Allen Grant
- 24 - Pastor John

LITURGIST

- 3 - James Eason
- 10 - Dock Gammage
- 17 - Mary Dyche
- 24 - Otis Onuoha

COUNTING TEAM

Tricia Koehler and Jo Calhoun



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

August 6	-	22
August 13	-	27
August 20	-	28
August 27	-	14

IN PERSON & ONLINE WORSHIP

August 6	-	69
August 13	-	77
August 20	-	85
August 27	-	66

Financial Health—August 2023

August 6	-	\$ 9,870.00	Needed:
August 13	-	\$ 2,168.78	\$ 23,985.84
August 20	-	\$ 3,980.00	
August 27	-	\$ 2,217.00	Received:
Online	-	\$ 802.05	\$ 19,037.83

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) Go to our website www.morrowpresbyterian.org and click on the Giving tab at the top.
- 4) Text MORROWPRES & AMOUNT to 73256.



Twinklz the Clown



Whimsical Wayne's
Wondrous World of Magic

Young at Heart



The Young at Heart helped Ken Campbell celebrate his 93rd birthday at Longhorn Steakhouse on August 30. A great time was had by all.