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The Pastor's Pen



Communication (sharing and receiving information) consists of words, tone of voice, body language, and the person's emotional state. If we are excited about something, we tell people by waving arms and raising our voices a few octaves. When we are sad, our words are soft and slow, our bodies sag, and our faces may be covered with tears.

Now, 93% of what we communicate is through tone of voice, body language, and our emotional state. A mere 7% of what we share is words. Strange, isn't it? We think communication is all about the words. Yet, if we just share words, we cannot fully understand each other. A text or an email allows for just 7% of our communication. People might misinterpret what we are trying to say. For example, IF I SUDDENLY WRITE THESE WORDS IN CAPITAL LETTERS, am I excited or upset or joyful? You can only guess. Through this newsletter, I cannot give you the other 93% of total communication.

I say this because Scripture itself is communicated to us through words. Sometimes we get what a person's emotional state is (such as "Jesus wept" from John 11:35), but many times we have to guess. For example, when Jesus turned over tables in the Temple in John 2:13-25, did he shout at everyone with anger in his voice or did he simply speak with forced authority? Verse 17 tells us that Jesus had "zeal for [God's house]," and we can interpret *zeal* as passion or eagerness. That is the best we can do with understanding Jesus' emotional state.

Scripture is full of words, but they are living words. God speaks to us through Scripture. God reveals himself to us as our loving and living God, and God tells us how we may get to know him better. Scripture is the only way we get to know God and to grow in faith in God through Christ. There is no time when we go to Scripture and get nothing. Scripture is living, breathing, moving. God is always there telling us something, helping us to thrive.

There are times we may not completely understand what is being said. We don't get tone of voice or body language most of the time. That doesn't stop us. God still speaks. We get help from the Holy Spirit, who can reveal some of the full picture. We pray for the Holy Spirit to fill in the communication gaps that we aren't able to fill. We pray for the Spirit to show us how to wrestle with Scripture. The Spirit encourages us to take the time to understand what God says. The Spirit inspires us to keep praying for understanding. It may only be words, but with the Spirit's guidance we are able to know God a little better.

Will we ever get to 100% with God? Sadly, no, not here on earth. Not because Scripture is 7% of total communication, but because we are 100% total sinners in need of a Savior. Our sin hinders our ability to get the full picture. Sin muddles most, if not all, of God's communication to us. We don't fear, though. The Holy Spirit will help us understand. The living word of God will continue to touch our lives. We are willing to go back to the words again and again, because we know we need to hear God. We want to know God as deeply as we can. The living word causes us to be alive, and our relationship with God flourishes.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Cheryl Crider (former visitor), Family of James Hicks (Stephanie Grant's grandfather), People of Uvalde, TX, People of Ukraine, Susan Apostolero, Marion Beach, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Charlie Brown, Pauline Buchanan, Bill Burke, Jo Calhoun, Ken & Janis Campbell, Lucie Cantrell, Marcia Cartledge, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Felix Cruz, Leo Dominquez, Chris Dyche, Mary Dyche, Family of Mable Campbell, Haywood Fordham, Christian Funderburk, Angela Funk, Corey & Deborah Funk, Betty Gammage, Jessica Giddens, Kay Goodman, Marie Goza, Raymond Goza, Bob Grandinetti, Susie Grant, Bob Hardy, Becci Hart, Steve Hicks & children, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Rachel & Asher Holland, Jean Jackson, Jo Jackson, Tom & Betty Janes, Robin Kempson, Kenny Kingsbury, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Doug Lozel, Mary McBath, Don McGhee,

Grandpa & Grandma Moriles, Cleofe Moscaya, Florette Njonu, Alexis Padilla, Doris Ragan, Guillermo Rara, Susan Ross, Neris Saavedra, Jameson Smith, William & Francis Smith, Georgene Sneed, James & Floryne Spence, Steven Sterzik, Sharon Veldsma, Sharon Walton, Linda Wheeler, and Terry Williams. Our nation, Our Military, Our Missionaries; Our College Students.

A full prayer list is available by asking the church office or found in the narthex.



Sunday, June 5

Don't forget to wear red!

PW Man of the Year

PW Man of the Year. Please turn in your Man of the Year nominations by **Sunday, June 5**. Inserts have been included in your church bulletin. The Man of the Year will be recognized on Sunday, June 19—Father's Day.

Father's Day Breakfast

Father's Day Breakfast, June 19, 9:45 a.m. Join us for breakfast on Sunday, June 19 during the Sunday school hour.

The Presbyterian Women will provide the food to honor all of our men. Bring your family and enjoy the food and fellowship.

Sign up sheet in the Narthex. You may also call in with your reservation. You don't have to have a reservation to attend, but it will help with the planning of food and tables.



MPC T-Shirts



MPC T-Shirts. Our Missions & Community Outreach Ministry Team are offering an exciting opportunity to purchase an MPC t-shirt (designed by Mike Sneed)!

*Community of Faith,
Hope, Love, and Witness*

The link on our website (www.morrowpresbyterian.org) will take you to the site where you can pick your style and color. The Performance Tees are the more silky material. The Casual Tees are your regular 50/50 t-shirt material.

Prices are located by each shirt. You can make your purchase directly from the website.

Call the church office if you have any difficulty in ordering.

Presbyterian Women

Virginia Dews Circle, June 13, 6:30 p.m. The Virginia Dews Circle will meet Monday night, June 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the McNair/Seekers classroom. Libby McNair has the devotion. Lei Eason will conduct the Bible Study on Lesson 8 of "What My Grandmothers Taught Me."

Dorcas Circle, June 14, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, June 14, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Suzanne Lukat will begin the new PW study on "Celebrating Sabbath." Marilyn Mitchell has the devotion. June Project: Donations for Fun in the Son (FITS).

Morning Glory Circle—June 26, 1 p.m. The Morning Glory Circle will meet at Carol Campbell's house on Sunday, June 26 following the graduation reception. Bring your lunch and your swimsuit.

Hope Totes / Kid Kits The Presbyterian Women encourage you to bring items to fill our Hope Totes (for the homeless) and Kids Kits (for preteens at A Friends House).

Items Needed for Hope Totes: blankets, individually packaged food, tote bags or book bags, individually packaged soaps, and wash cloths.

Items for Kids Kits are travel size toiletry items, toiletry bags for pre-teen boys or girls, a small item to make them smile.

Thank You Notes

From The Relay for Life Crosswalkers... We want to extend a huge thank you for the love and support the Crosswalkers received from our church. All of the donations, assistance with fundraising, volunteering of time, and all of the other participation to help make this Relay for Life successful is greatly appreciated. We have such a wonderful congregation, and we are so grateful for the blessings and help that we received to help fight cancer.

From the Presbyterian Women... Thank you to those who helped put together Hope Totes this past weekend. Twenty-seven bags were made to be distributed to the homeless.



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

July 17 — July 20, 2022

6 - 8 p.m.

Join us for VBS!

All ages, including adults.

Please pre-register online at www.morrowpresbyterian.org or use the registration form soon to be found in the narthex and return to the church office.

We are still recruiting volunteers! Please join us on Sunday, June 12 at 12:15 p.m. following the worship service for an informative meeting. You can offer to use your God-given talents to help in many areas. We need help with decorating, recreation, teaching & assisting, food prep, and acting out Bible stories.



Honorary Life Member 2022

Carol Campbell



Our Honorary Life Member for 2022 is known for her organized leadership, outstanding musical abilities, and her enthusiasm for life.

In her childhood years she participated in Chorus, was on the Swim Team, and the Gymnastics Team. Thirty-one years ago, on March 24, 1991, she joined Morrow Presbyterian Church. Within the last 31 years, she has been an active elder, volunteer for Vacation Bible School, a member of the Youth Family, the on-call nurse for Fun in the Son and The Great Escape, and a Sunday School Teacher. When people left during a global pandemic, she continued to stay active at the church by being part of the “COVID Quartet” and COVID Task Force. Our worship was able to continue because of

her knowledge and persistence for safety.

It became quite evident early on, that her greatest gift was that of song. With a voice that melts the heart, she sang in youth groups, young adult choirs, musicals, and recordings. She was even a back-up singer for Mary Rogers for a time, but her most acclaimed gig was that of being the featured soloist for The Back Row Bunch with her hubby and in-laws. She’s also known to a select few as “Marsh” of “Marsh and the Mellows” - the well-known classic rock quartet of the 90’s.

Carol has selflessly used her musical talents in the MPC Canterbury Choir and in our community for over 30 years singing for church events, weddings, field days, block parties, cantatas, and recordings. She is always on hand to help with any project. If there is any activity at church, there is a good chance you will find her there. Her servant heart has called her to take on many different roles at our church. Currently, she serves on the Presbyterian Women’s Coordinating Team, is Co-Chair of the Morning Glory Circle, sings in the Choir, and is an active member at our church.

Carol is the wonderful, loving mother of three outstanding young adults whom she adores and loves from the depths of her heart. She has spent countless hours with them being a great mom, mentor, and friend. Professionally, she is a Registered Nurse and recently celebrated 40 years of service at her hospital. She is, and has always been, conscious of, and worked hard at, the life balance of work and family. She also worked hard to support her family in the times that her husband was out of work.

We honor Carol for all of the time and energy she puts into people, the love her heart has given, and the gift her voice has graced us with by encouraging us to experience God in worship. She has used her gifts of love, devotion, caring, motherhood, and music to set the bar at dizzying heights. She serves as a true example of how to be a true and faithful Christian woman in the world in which we live today.

Her selfless and loving service to God, husband, family, and friends is truly an inspiration to all.

Congratulations, Carol Campbell!



Congratulations to our College Graduates!



KELSEY ELISE CAMPBELL

Kelsey graduated on May 15, 2022 from Mercer University.

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Doctor of Physical Therapy, Summa Cum Laude. Inducted into Delta Phi Tau Honors Society.

School Involvements

Vice President (2020) and Secretary (2021) for Simons Society, Mercer's philanthropic organization for surrounding Atlanta community.

Taught aerobic and strength training classes at Sheffield Student Center.

Teacher's assistant for Physician Assistant cadaver lab 2020

College of Health Professions Student Ambassador, assisting with campus tours and program interviews 2021-2022.

Plans for the Future

Kelsey will begin working as an Acute Care Physical Therapist at Emory Decatur Hospital on June 13, caring for patients during their stay at the hospital. She hopes to specialize in Cardiopulmonary and Neonatal physical therapy.



MASON PATRICK DWINELL

Mason graduated on May 15, 2022 from Mercer University.

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Doctor of Physical Therapy, Summa Cum Laude. Inducted into Delta Phi Tau Honors Society. Certified Strength and Conditioning Specialist (CSCS), Titlist Performance Institute Certified (TPI—Level 1)

School Involvements

Founder and President of Student Involvement Group for Foundation of American Orthopedic and Manual Therapy; Personal Trainer at Sheffield Student Center; Teacher's Assistant for Physician Assistant cadaver lab 2020; College of Health Professions Student Ambassador, assisting with campus tours and program interviews 2021-2022

Plans for the Future

Mason will be continuing his education through Mercer's Orthopedic Physical Therapy residency beginning in August, where he will be mentored while treating patients full-time at Motion Stability in Buckhead, a private outpatient orthopedic clinic. This clinic specializes in high-level, sports-based care, whereafter Mason hopes to pursue an orthopedic certification and specialize in upper extremity athletes, specifically golfers and baseball players.

(Mason's plans also include marrying our own Kelsey Campbell.)



RACHEL MEILYN BOGGS

Rachel will graduate on June 3, 2022 from Savannah College of Arts and Design (SCAD).

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Bachelor of Fine Arts with honors Fashion Design

Twice selected to participate in the Drawing Works Exhibit Shirt Design included in the Port City Review—the Literary Arts Journal of SCAD, Winter 2020

Plans for the Future

Rachel will be moving to Miami, FL to complete an internship with Perry Ellis.





GRAYSON ELLIOTT GAMMAGE

Grayson graduated on May 13, 2022 from the University of Georgia.

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Bachelor in Science of Education with a concentration in Mathematics and Social Studies.

Plans for the Future

Grayson plans to teach sixth grade math and possibly coach basketball at Couch Middle School in Grayson, Georgia.



MORGANNE THOMAS

Morganne graduated in December 2021 from the University of Georgia.

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Fashion Merchandising with an emphasis in Product Development

Plans for the Future

Morganne plans on finding a fashion job that will expand her knowledge and experience.

(Morganne's plans also involve marrying our own Grayson Gammage.)



ABIGAIL DELANEY USSERY

Abbey graduated on May 6, 2022 from Valdosta State University.

Degree Earned, Honors & Awards

Master's of Education (M.Ed.) in Adult and Career Education

Plans for the Future

Abbey plans to continue teaching Culinary Arts at Camden County High School and starts a Doctorate in Education program this Fall.

(Abbey's plans also involve marrying our own Matthew Hooten.)


Congratulations
Graduates

Mother's Day Brunch 2022







JUNE 2022




<i>1</i> NO Choir Practice	<i>2</i> 10:00 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>3</i> Office closed	<i>4</i> 10:00 a.m. Butterfly Club meets for breakfast at Two Eggs! Restaurant in McDonough
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<i>5</i>  9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live— Communion 12:15 p.m. PWCT Meeting 5:00 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club	<i>6</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>7</i> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Scouts	<i>8</i> NO Choir Practice	<i>9</i> 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>10</i> Office closed	<i>11</i>
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<i>12</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live 12:15 p.m. VBS Meeting 5:00 p.m. Youth NO Kids Club	<i>13</i> 6:30 p.m. Virginia Dews In Person and Online 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>14</i> 10:00 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Scouts 6:30 p.m. Session	<i>15</i> 10:00 a.m. Living Branch Life Group NO Choir Practice	<i>16</i> 3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>17</i> Office closed	<i>18</i>
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<i>19</i> Happy Father's Day  9:45 am Father's Day Breakfast 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook Live NO Youth or KC	<i>20</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>21</i> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Scouts	<i>22</i> NO Choir Practice	<i>23</i> 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry	<i>24</i> Office closed	<i>25</i>
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<i>26</i> 9:45 am Sunday School 11 a.m. Worship 12:15 p.m. Gradua- tion Reception 1 p.m. Morning Glory Lunch @ Carol Campbells NO Youth NO Kids Club	<i>27</i> 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts	<i>28</i> 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Scouts	<i>29</i> NO Choir Practice	<i>30</i> 3-6 p.m. Community Food Pantry		
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JUNE

June Birthdays

- 6/1 - Luis Coughlin
- 6/3 - Gail Hardy
- Tenson Pitchaimani
- 6/4 - Taylor Meyer
- 6/9 - Bob Hardy
- Chigoziri Onwuchekwa
- 6/10 - Shiloh McLeod
- 6/12 - Wanta Fisher
- 6/13 - Myiah Woods
- Ngozi Bivins
- 6/14 - Andra Gammage
- Libby McNair
- 6/18 - Allen Grant
- 6/22 - Gary Robinson
- 6/23 - Walter Howie
- 6/26 - Marissa McKee
- 6/27 - Jasmin Petroziello
- Tray Porter



June Anniversaries

- 6/10 - Don & Carol McGhee (55)
- 6/11 - Frank & Shirley Bradley (55)
- Doug & Stephanie Lozel (45)
- 6/12 - Terry & Mary Dyche (51)
- 6/19 - Albert & Rita Coughlin (24)
- 6/21 - Bob & JoAnn Schrepfer (53)
- 6/22 - Bob & Suzanne Lukat (54)
- 6/25 - Augustine Agbo & Felix Follykoe (11)
- 6/26 - Ronnie & Dianne Hooten (29)



WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Donna Boggs
Secondary: Ronnie Hooten

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Dorcas Circle

USHERS

Donna Boggs, Captain; Ngozi Bivins, Ugo Chukwura, Tricia Koehler, Deborah Venizelos

CHILDREN'S SERMON

- 5 - Dock Gammage
- 12 - Mike Sneed
- 19 - Allen Grant (Father's Day)
- 26 - Pastor John

LITURGIST

- 5 - Dock Gammage
- 12 - James Eason
- 19 - Mary Dyche (Father's Day)
- 26 - Deborah Venizelos

COUNTING TEAM—JUNE

Tricia Koehler and Jo Calhoun

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

<u>SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>		<u>IN PERSON WORSHIP</u>	
May 1	- 26	May 1	- 71
May 8	- 29	May 8	- 75
May 15	- 26	May 15	- 77
May 22	- 29	May 22	- 57
May 29	- 16	May 29	- 50

Financial Health—May 2022

May 1	- \$ 6,667.59	Needed: \$ 29,074.35
May 8	- \$ 4,950.49	
May 15	- \$ 8,312.97	Received: \$ 27,602.12
May 22	- \$ 1,481.77	
May 29	- \$ 5,826.00	
Online	- \$ 363.30	

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.