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There's
always
SOMETHING
TO BE
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The Pastor's Pen



Mark Twain once said, "Every man is a moon and has a side which he turns toward nobody: you have to slip around behind it if you want to see it."¹

The quote interests me because I know something about the moon. It is that big white satellite in the sky that has many unique characteristics, one of which being that it doesn't produce its own light. The moon can only shine because it reflects the light of the sun. Another unique characteristic is that we always see one side of it. We will never see the "far side" of the moon, unless we search for NASA space mission pictures on the Internet. It rotates at the same rate as its revolution around the earth, about 27.3 days.² If it rotated faster or slower, then we could see what the back looks like. As it is, though, the moon will never appear differently in the sky.

This might be why Mark Twain made the quote above. People may act like the moon: there is always that one side of them we know and nothing more. They could be friends, relatives, members of the church, or coworkers at the office, and we know little about them. They reveal to us only what they want us to see. They keep things hidden, for good or for bad. Twain suggests that we have to "slip behind them" somehow to get the full picture. I guess that means asking them probing questions, gathering information from their friends and family, or exploring their Facebook and TikTok posts. If we want to know more about a person, it sounds as though we need to do some digging.

Let us put a Christian spin on Twain's quote. People may reveal only what they want to us, but nobody can hide from God. "For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:13). The God who put us together knows exactly how we function. "[The] Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). What we do or say or think cannot escape God's observations. That is either a scary or comforting thought. As much as we try to hide parts of our lives from people, we are an open book to God. As much as people only know one or two things about us, and we like it that way, God knows every single thing. Does that make you shiver or smile?

Let's put a smile on our faces. As much as we cannot hide from God, we can reflect God's light, just like the moon reflects the sun's light. We were created to do so: "You are the light of the world," Jesus says. "[Let] your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Matthew 5:14, 16). God knows everything about us, and God knows we can reflect his light. We receive light from God, and we share it with others through loving words and actions. The light we share brightens a person's day. They have a better outlook, they receive a new hope, and they feel deeply loved, all because we reflect that which God gives us. We can only be loving because God's love shines through us. We shine by no light we can produce; it all comes from God.

One last comment... unlike the moon above, we can turn to reveal ourselves completely. We should reveal what is hidden: it is called repentance. We turn from our dark sides and face the light of God. God, who knows all about us, chooses not to hold our sin against us but to remove it. God wants all our sides to shine, so to speak, every part and piece to reflect God's brilliance. God helps us to do this, and then we are not in fear of hiding from anybody. We are free to be in fellowship with others, and together we can be God's light to the world.

Peace in Christ, Rev. Dr. John

¹ <https://www.goodreads.com/quotes/237641-every-man-is-a-moon-and-has-a-side-which>.

² <https://www.universetoday.com/48788/moon-rotation/#:~:text=The%20rotation%20of%20the%20Moon%20is%20a%20strange,the%20same%20as%20its%20orbital%20time%3A%2027.3%20days>.

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Our nation, Missionaries in Haiti, Doris Ragan (Sharon Goza's mother), Darrell Crain (Bob & Debbie Crain's son), Sherry Allen, Frank Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Charlie Brown, Susan Brown, Pauline Buchanan, Kendall Byrd, Jo Calhoun, Jim Campbell, Ken & Janis Campbell, Jack Candy, Lucie Cantrell, Teresa Carpenter, Marcia Cartledge, Denise Chapman, Amari Chukwura-Nichols, Thomas Chukwura, Betty Colwell, Felix Cruz, Terry Dyche, Margaritas Eripol, Christian Funderburk, Angela Funk, Betty Gammage, Wendy Garcia, Jessica Giddens, Claudia Gonsalves, Bob Grandinetti, Susie Grant, Bob Hardy, Beth Harper, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Jean Jackson, Tom & Betty Janes, Cassandra Jerald, Autumn Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Jim Kelly, Mariam Ladores, Berniece Lillegard, Doug Lozel, Don McGhee, Peggy McKiness, Nathan McNabb, Allan Mears, Beth Nuss, Grandpa & Grandma Moriles, Indie Moreland, Florette Njonu, Debbie Noon, Judah Nunnally, Rev. Ramos, Don Riffe, Charlene Speer, James & Floryne Spence, Steven Sterzik, Rafael Tatlonghari, Brian Thrailkill, Laraine Tinsley, Sharon Veldsma, Sharon Walton, Carolyn Weems, and Linda Wheeler; Our Military: SGT Joseph Eason - Army—Syria; Steven Green II—Army; SGT Jonathan Johnson—Army/National Guard; TSG Richard Venizelos—Air Force, Iraq; Our Missionaries: Rev. Al Tinio & Family in the Philippines; Dan, Elizabeth, Frances, and Robert Turk in Florida;. Our College Students.

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

Getting Through the Holidays Service & Lunch, November 17

Getting Through the Holidays Service and Lunch, November 17, 11:30 a.m. The holidays are not always an easy time for many people who may have lost someone special at any time in their life or may not have family close by. We will have a service of healing and wholeness in the sanctuary on Wednesday, November 17 at 11:30 a.m. for all who wish to attend.

Following our service, those attending will have the opportunity to choose a restaurant to go to and enjoy lunch together.

Presbyterian Women



Morning Glory Online Bible Study, November 3, 7 p.m. The Morning Glory Bible Study continues to meet online, now meeting the 1st Wednesday of each month. Contact Dianne Hooten to be added to the weekly reminder and link email list.

Virginia Dews Circle, November 8, 6:30 p.m. Virginia Dews Circle will meet on November 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Lei Eason will lead the Bible Study on Lesson 3 from "What My Grandmothers Taught Me." Deborah Venizelos has the devotion. Project is "traveling goodie bags" for the church office.

Dorcas Circle, November 9, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet November 9, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Suzanne Lukat will lead the Bible Study on Lesson 5 from "What My Grandmothers Taught Me." Tricia Koehler has the devotion. Project is wrapped goodies for Morrow Police and Fire Stations (2).

PW Installation, November 14, 11 a.m. The installation for our 2022 PW Officers will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 14. All women are encouraged to support our new slate of officers.

Morning Glory In Person Circle, Friday, November 19, 7 p.m, Youth Room. The Morning Glory Circle now also meets in person at the church in the youth room on the 3rd Friday of each month. All women are invited. The current study is "Whisper" by Mark Batterson. If you would like to catch up from the first meeting, you can go online to Right Now Media and watch the first session. If you don't remember getting your link for Right Now Media, please contact Dianne Hooten.

PW General Meeting Results. The Budget and Slate of Officers for 2022 were both approved. Thank you to all who attended the meeting.



Hope Totes

Thank you to all who contributed to our PW Hope Totes project this third go-around. Thank you, also, to those who came out to fill our 35 bags on October 16.

Please join us for our last Hope Totes Packing Party for 2021 on December 18, at 11 a.m. Items Needed: blankets, individually-wrapped food, individually-packed soaps, wash cloths, hats, gloves, and socks.

This has been an amazing project!

Thank You Notes



From Pastor John... Thank you so much for every card and gift I got for Pastor's Appreciation Day. I enjoyed and am enjoying every one of them! I appreciate being your pastor and continuing to be a part of a great fellowship of people. I appreciate how everyone stepped up during the pandemic, but then you would because you know how to work out your faith through worship, service, study, and prayer. You desire to grow and learn more about being disciples of Christ. I am greatly thankful for how God moves through us to serve our community. Again, I thank you for your show of appreciation to me.

From Shirley Thrailkill & family... We appreciate all your kindness to us in the loss of my precious sweetheart, Bill Thrailkill (22 years of marriage). You have reached out in many ways and our family is thankful. In this overwhelming grief, it is good to know others care. With much love...

From Don & Carol McGhee... To all of our church family at Morrow, It has been a long and very interesting year and a half in our lives. Dealing with two cancers during a Covid pandemic has been challenging for both Carol and myself. However, with the care, concern, and love of our church family, we were constantly comforted along this journey. We cannot thank each of you enough for the wonderful love you showed to us almost daily. All of the cards, letters, phone calls, prayers and occasional "outdoor" visits are still a blessing to us both. Please know that we felt God's presence in our lives through each of you every day. Thank you!

Fire Pit—Eagle Scout Project

The Fire Pit is Finished! Colin Turner, Eagle Scout candidate, has completed the fire pit. If you have not seen it yet, you can find it on the side of the building, just past the playground. You can also get a glimpse of it from the choir section of the sanctuary. Colin did a wonderful job! It looks great! *"Thank you for everyone's support and donations through the planning and building process of my project.—Colin Turner"*



Veterans' Appreciation Dinner

Veterans' Appreciation Dinner, November 6, 4:00 p.m. The Scouts of our church are sponsoring their annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 6. The program will begin at 4:00 pm. They would like to invite the entire congregation to join them in honoring all of those who have served our country. Please RSVP to Troop919@comcast.net or David Turner 404-561-8655.

Upcoming Advent Opportunities

Hanging of the Greens, November 21, 12:15 p.m.



Hanging of the Greens – November 21, 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 21, 2021. Come help us deck the hall for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

Your help is needed!



Advent Devotional Book

2021 Advent Devotional Book. We are asking for you to please write a devotion for the Advent Devotional Book that is printed each year. The task is to choose any scripture and write a Christmas reflection and a prayer.

If you are interested, please contact Donna Boggs (boggsd56@yahoo.com) and turn in your devotion to her by November 7, 2021.



Jesus' Family Portrait



Jesus' Family Portrait. We would like for you to send in a family Christmas picture to add to our 2021 Advent theme of "Jesus' Family Portrait."

Please send your picture into the church office by November 22, 2021. You may email it to mpcsecretary@bellsouth.net or bring in your photo.

Christmas Eve 2021



OUR CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE will be in the sanctuary this December 24 at 7 p.m.

It will include scripture read by members of the congregation.

Would you like to read a passage? If so, please contact Carol Campbell (Scampbell@comcast.net) or the church office (mpcsecretary@bellsouth.net) to volunteer by November 19.

Our service will also include music by various people and a message from Pastor John.

The service will conclude with communion and candle lighting.

2021 Advent Candle Lighters

Needed - Advent Candle Lighters. Have you always wanted to have your family or you and your friends light the Advent candles on any given Advent Sunday? Now you have the opportunity to do that during morning worship or during the Christmas Eve service. Don't wait! If you are interested, please contact Carol Campbell (Scampbell@comcast.net) or the church office (mpcsecretary@bellsouth.net) by November 19, 2021.



Retirement Dinner, November 13, 4 p.m. George Kempson and Felix Cruz have dedicated several years to the Scouting program. They both always "Do a Good Turn Daily."

Morrow Presbyterian Pack 919 and Troop 919 would like to show our appreciation by having a Retirement Dinner for both George and Felix. The congregation is invited.

Please RSVP with David Turner or Twarna Johnson by November 12, 2021.

Scout Slogan
"Do a Good Turn Daily"

NOVEMBER

November Birthdays

11/1 - Deborah Venizelos
 11/6 - Marilyn Mitchell
 11/8 - Donna Boggs
 - Albert Coughlin
 - Marian Meyer
 - Gary Johnson
 - Hunter Weems
 11/18 - Frank Warlick
 11/20 - Judy Chapman
 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 (52)
 11/16 - Patrick & Jessica Johnson (2)
 11/23 - James & Lei Eason (60)
 11/30 - Robert & Deborah Venizelos (36)



Financial Health—October, 2021

October 3	- \$ 8,441.00	Needed:
October 10	- \$ 9,791.03	\$ 22,198.08
October 17	- \$ 3,371.02	Received:
October 24	- \$ 6,865.00	\$ 29,320.15
Online	- \$ 852.10	



SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 3	-	14
October 10	-	16
October 17	-	14
October 24	-	13

IN PERSON WORSHIP


October 3	-	40
October 10	-	48
October 17	-	61
October 24	-	48

ELDERS ON CALL - Primary: Deborah Venizelos
Secondary: Donna Boggs

USHERS: - Ronnie Hooten, Captain; Jo Calhoun
George Kempson, Libby McNair

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH - Virginia Dews Circle

NOVEMBER 2021

	<p><i>1</i></p>  <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>2</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p><i>3</i></p> <p>7:00 p.m. Morning Glory Google Meet Bible Study</p>	<p><i>4</i></p> <p>10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>5</i></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>6</i></p> <p>10 a.m. Butterfly Club</p> <p>4 p.m. Veterans Dinner hosted by Scouts</p>	
<p><i>7</i></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook—Dock Gammage preaches 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm.KC online</p>	<p><i>8</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. VA Dews Circle</p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>9</i></p> <p>10 a.m. Dorcas Circle</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p><i>10</i></p>	<p><i>11</i></p>  <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>12</i></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>13</i></p> <p>4 p.m. Scout Retirement Dinner</p>	
<p><i>14</i></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook PW Installation 2 p.m. Baby Show- er for Jessica John- son 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm.KC online</p>	<p><i>15</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>16</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p><i>17</i></p> <p>10 a.m. Living Branch Life Group</p> <p>11:30 a.m. Getting Through the Holidays Service & Lunch</p>	<p><i>18</i></p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p><i>19</i></p> <p>7 p.m. Morning Glory Circle In Person Youth Room</p>  <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>20</i></p>	
<p><i>21</i></p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook 12 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club online</p>	<p><i>22</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>23</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p><i>24</i></p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>25</i></p>  <p>NO FoodPantry</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>26</i></p>   <p>Office closed</p>	<p><i>27</i></p>	
<p><i>28</i></p>  <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 10:30 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook - First Sunday of Advent 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 p.m. Kids Club online</p>	<p><i>29</i></p> <p>6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p><i>30</i></p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>					



From Your Historian: A Final Note

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1. Pastor John practiced Presbyterianism and _____ as he grew up.
2. She spearheaded VBS for the last few years at MPC. a. Marie Tuttle b. Maria Cruz c. Mary Dyche
3. Church Hostess who is a nonagenarian: _____
4. Who followed Janis Campbell as MPC Secretary? a. Mary Ann Warlick b. Margaret Preuss
c. Dianne Hooten
5. One might call her the "Tearful Saint." a. Pauline Buchanan b. Deborah Venizelos c. Lei Eason
6. He lives at 5843 Foxfield Trail in Rex. a. Robert Schrepfer b. Robert Gore c. Robert Lukat
7. Decker is the middle child of Georgene and Mike Sneed. True False
8. _____ enjoys writing, singing and wearing hats.
9. What is Ken Campbell's middle name a. John b. Wayne c. Bruce
10. The current Nursery Coordinator is a. Marie Tuttle. b. Susie Grant. c. Kathy Prince.
11. A talented young artist who is matriculated at SCAD is Ruth Boggs. True False
12. The Organist/Accompanist at MPC for more than 35 years is _____.
13. The Bible Moderator for the Virginia Dews Circle is
a. Lei Eason. b. Shirley Thrailkill. c. Judy Chapman.
14. She was a very creative Superintendent of Sunday School during the height of the pandemic.
a. Tamara Callahan b. Tricia Koehler c. Andra Gammage
15. Though she has a very wide range, her basic musical voice is soprano. a. Jeannie Hodges
b. Carol Campbell c. Georgene Sneed
16. Who is the owner of a Therapy Dog named Molly? _____
17. Tamara Callahan is the Bible Moderator for the Morning Glory Circle. True False
18. Do you know the middle name of the tall man who drives a fast, little car? _____
19. The 2021 PW Man of the Year is a. Allen Grant b. Albert Coughlin c. George Kempson
20. Last name of the teen whose first name is Terry a. Broom b. Groom c. Zoom
21. This is the pastor's wife's maiden name: a. Erikkson b. Ericksen c. Erickson
22. What is the first name of the Choir Director? a. Kenneth b. Bruce c. Charles
23. The first name of the brother of Moses Ayodele is _____.
24. What is the first name of the eldest child of Mary Ann and Romeo Moriles? _____
25. This man is credited, and with good reason, with starting the Helping Hands Food Pantry.
a. Allen Grant b. Frank Warlick c. Earl Bland



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25. This man is credited, and with good reason, with starting what is now the Helping Hands Food Pantry.
a. Allen Grant **b. Frank Warlick** c. Earl Bland