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There's
always
SOMETHING
TO BE
thankful
FOR

MORROW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Pastor's Pen



Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. Our families come together to fill a house to capacity and to surround a table with laughter and joy. The place smells of delicious food, and we are eager to sample it all. Everyone eats too much food and regrets the decision, until the pumpkin or pecan pie is served. We always have room for more!

Sadly, for some families, Thanksgiving isn't a time to enjoy. It is a time to hold grudges and argue and reflect on what is bad in each other. Grandparents, who are still parents, may still criticize the way we raise our children. A mother-in-law might not approve of what her daughter-in-law does for a living, while a father-in-law says nothing to his son-in-law except to scowl in silence. Even uncles and aunts have their own idiosyncrasies – too loud or too crass or too much everything else – and they get on our nerves. Some people do not see Thanksgiving as a fun time. They regret having to share private spaces with people they would rather avoid.

Do we really want to suffer through Thanksgiving? The holiday needs to be placed in its proper perspective. It is a time not to hold on to grudges but to count our blessings. It is a time not to unearth the bad but to overcome the bad with good. We gather to enjoy great food *and* to take pleasure in the company of the ones we love.

Paul tells the Colossians and Philippians to be thankful and get along. In Colossians 3:12-13, he says to clothe ourselves as God's chosen ones in compassion, kindness, lowliness, meekness, patience, forbearance, and forgiveness. There is a dress code when it comes to dealing with others, even those with whom we don't get along. The turkey on Thanksgiving isn't the only one that receives dressing. Cover ourselves with the finest threads, Paul says. Put on all the virtues of God and wear them with honor. Make them a part of who we are and how we will interact with others.

In his letter to the Philippians 2:14-16, Paul says that we should do all things without complaint (murmuring) and without disagreement (arguing). We are to be blameless and do no harm to anyone, even family members. If we are clothed with the virtues of God, as we read above, then the last thing we want to do is complain. We have no reason to disagree. We would rather praise and admire and compliment. We shine like stars as children of God "in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation." We serve as Christlike examples to our families of what it means to be welcoming, accepting, and joyful.

So, with whom do we *not* have strong family bonds? We can name those people. Do something positive about it, then. Make a change. Strengthen those bonds with compassion. Spend more time with those relatives whom we don't know too well. Show interest in finding out what is going on in their lives. Find out what their joys and struggles are. Find out what churches they go to and how they like them, or if they don't go to church find out why without judgement. Make them feel like they are the cleverest, the most important people in the room. Become more connected.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday. God gives this holy day to us, filling it with his love and thanksgiving. All we should have is love for those with whom we share a meal and a space. We appreciate all that God has given us, especially the people in our lives. We may thrive together and not suffer through the day. We may build memories to share with our loved ones, excellent memories that we may recall for years to come.

Peace in Christ,

Rev. Dr. John

Prayer Requests



PRAYING FOR OUR MEMBERS, FAMILIES, & FRIENDS Nathan Brown (Dianne Hooten's great-nephew), Linda Reece (Libby McNair's sister), Family of Glenn Small (friend of the church), All those affected by Hurricane IAN, Susan Apostolero, David Barrett & family, Marion Beach, Frank & Shirley Bradley, Mary Bridges, Chris Brogan, Donnie Bryant, Jo Calhoun, Ken & Janis Campbell, Lucie Cantrell, Marcia Cartledge, Thomas Chukwura, Dr. Maria Coleman, Betty Colwell, Cheryl Crider, Tanya Costa, Felix Cruz, Leo Dominquez, James Eason, Jonathan Emerson, Austin & Hannah Freeman, Christian Funderburk, Angela Funk, Betty Gammage, Wendy Garcia, Jessica Giddens, Kay Goodman, Marie Goza, Raymond Goza, Russell Goza, Susie Grant, Bob Hardy, Betsy Hilliard, Jeannie Hodges, Bo Jackson, Jo Jackson, Tom & Betty Janes, Garrett Johnson, Kenny Kingsbury, Millicent Levy, Berniece Lillegard, Bruce Lillegard, Doug Lozel, Carol McGhee, Don McGhee, Libby McNair, Grandpa & Grandma Moriles, Cleofe Moscaya, Florette Njonu, Tenley Oswald, Rick Peel, Doris Ragan, Guillermo Rara, Roxie Romine, Susan Ross, Neris Saavedra, Fred & Rita Smith, Jameson Smith, James & Florine Spence, Steven Sterzik, Carol Trustorf, Sharon Veldsma, Sharon Walton, Frank & Mary Ann Warlick, Carolyn Weems, and Terry Williams. Our nation, Our Military, Our Missionaries; Our College Students. *A full prayer list is available in the narthex or by asking the church office.*

GIVING all Things Great and Small

Stewardship Sunday Luncheon
Sunday, October 30
12:15 p.m.

The Administration/Stewardship Ministry Team invites you to join them for a soup & chili luncheon following the worship service on Sunday, October 30.

Please bring your stewardship packet to church. We will bring them to the altar during the worship service. Please place your giving commitment card in the provided envelope and leave the talent commitment card outside by itself. Place these cards on the altar. If you don't have your packet, please see Dianne Hooten.

Presbyterian Women



Bridal Shower for Kelsey Campbell, November 6, 2 p.m. The Morning Glory Circle, on behalf of the Presbyterian Women, invites all of the women of the congregation to a Bridal Shower for Kelsey Campbell on November 6 at 2 p.m., in the fellowship hall. Kelsey & Mason are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, Target, Crate & Barrel, and Macy's.

Virginia Dews Circle, November 7, 6:30 p.m. Virginia Dews Circle will meet on Monday, November 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the McNair/Seekers classroom. Lei Eason will lead the Bible Study from "Celebrating Sabbath."

Dorcas Circle, November 8, 10 a.m. The Dorcas Circle will meet on Tuesday, November 8, at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Mary Ann Moriles will lead the Bible Study from "Celebrating Sabbath." Anne Fordham will have the devotion. Project is cookies, etc. for Morrow Firefighters and Police. Please wrap each one separately.

PW Installation, November 20, 11 a.m. The installation for our 2023 PW Officers will be during the worship service on Sunday, November 20. All women are encouraged to support our new slate of officers.

Morning Glory Circle, TBA The Morning Glory Circle does not yet have a set date to meet in November. All women are invited to join the group. The current study is "Celebrating Sabbath." Tamara Callahan is our Bible Moderator.

PW General Meeting Results. The Budget and Slate of Officers for 2023 were both approved. Thank you to all who attended the meeting.

Coming Soon

November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

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

Kids Club Program and Family Night Supper in the evening

Pastor Appreciation



From Pastor John... "I want to thank everyone for your cards and gifts on Pastor's Appreciation Day, October 23. Your generosity was overwhelming, and I really felt the love. I appreciate being the pastor of Morrow Church, and I appreciate every one of you who adds to the worship, ministry, and fellowship of our church. I look forward to many more opportunities to be Christ's disciples together."

Veterans' Appreciation Dinner

Veterans' Appreciation Dinner, November 12, 4:30 p.m. The Scouts of our church are sponsoring their annual Veterans' Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, November 12. The program will begin at 4:30 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.



Thanksgiving Family Night Supper, Nov, 20, 6 p.m.



**Thanksgiving Family Night Supper,
November 20
6 p.m.**



**The Turner Family will provide
our turkey, dressing, and dessert.**

Please bring your favorite side and join your church family for food and fellowship.

Hanging of the Greens, November 20, 12:15 p.m.



Hanging of the Greens – November 20, 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 20. Come help us deck the hall for the celebration of Jesus' birth!

Your help is needed!



Advent Devotional Book

2022 Advent Devotional Book. If you are interested in providing a devotion for our 2022 Advent Devotional Book, please contact Donna Boggs (boggsd56@yahoo.com) and turn in your devotion to her by **November 6, 2022.**



Please Join Us For A Ghoulish Good Time

Morrow Presbyterian Church

Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 30

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Trunk or Treat

(Please feel free to bring your decorated car and park on our lawn to hand out your candy.)

Cake Walk

Campfire with Holy Ghost Stories & S'mores

Crafts

Please wear your costume (nothing too scary)

We look forward to seeing you there!



Call if questions or to volunteer

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Set up will begin around 4:30pm.

In the event of rain, we will move all activities indoors and we will have a "Hall" oween Hand out of candy.

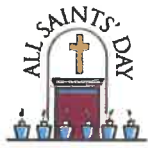






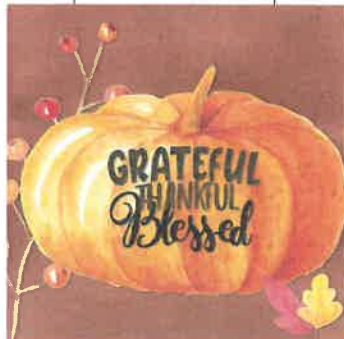


Bridal Shower for Kim & Dex



Blessings

NOVEMBER 2022

 <p>FALL BACK</p> <p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>6</p>		<p>1</p>  <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>2</p> <p>NO Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 a.m. Peacemakers Life Group</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Facebook—Dock Gammage preaches 2:00 p.m. Bridal Shower for Kelsey Campbell 5:00 p.m. Youth 5:00 pm. Kids Club</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10 a.m. Dorcas Circle 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts 6:30 p.m. Scouts</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Session Meeting</p>	<p>9</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>10</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>11</p>  <p>Office closed</p>	<p>12</p> <p>4:30 p.m. Veterans Dinner hosted by Scouts</p>
<p>13</p> <p>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 pm. Kids Club</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:00 p.m. VA Dews Circle</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>15</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>16</p> <p>10 a.m. Living Branch Life Group</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir practice</p>	<p>17</p> <p>3—6 p.m. Community Food Pantry</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>19</p> 
<p>20</p> <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 11 a.m. Worship In person and Virtual by Facebook PW Installation 12 p.m. Hanging of the Greens 5:00 p.m. Kids Club and Youth 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Family Night Supper</p>	<p>21</p> <p>NO Cub Scouts</p>	<p>22</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>23</p> <p>NO Choir practice</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>24</p>  <p>NO FoodPantry</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Office closed</p>	<p>26</p>  
<p>27</p>  <p>9:45 am Sunday School in person 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</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p>	<p>29</p> <p>6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Scouts</p>	<p>30</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Choir practice</p>			

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 (53)
 11/16 - Patrick & Jessica Johnson (3)
 11/23 - James & Lei Eason (61)
 11/30 - Robert & Deborah Venizelos (37)



WE LOVE
 OUR VOLUNTEERS

ELDERS ON CALL

Primary: Dock Gammage
 Secondary: Deborah Venizelos

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SERVICE PROJECT MONTH

Virginia Dews Circle

USHERS

Ronnie Hooten, Captain; Jo Calhoun,
 George Kempson, Libby McNair

CHILDREN'S SERMON

6 - Mary Dyche
 13 - Dock Gammage
 20 - Mike Sneed
 27 - Pastor John

LITURGIST

6 - Deborah Venizelos
 13 - Dock Gammage
 20 - Deborah Venizelos
 27 - Mary Dyche

COUNTING TEAM

Tricia Koehler and Jo Calhoun

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

6 - Donna Boggs
 13 - Open
 20 - Andra Gammage
 27 - Open

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 2 - 22
 October 9 - 17
 October 16 - 17
 October 23 - 15
 October 30 - **

IN PERSON WORSHIP

October 2 - 56
 October 9 - 51
 October 16 - 50
 October 23 - 48
 October 30 - **

** To be included next month.

Financial Health—October, 2022

October 2	-	\$ 7,106.00	<u>Needed:</u>
October 9	-	\$ 6,160.03	\$ 23,259.48
October 16	-	\$ 3,620.49	<u>Received:</u>
October 23	-	\$ 2,067.00	\$ 18,953.52
October 30	-	\$ **	
Online	-	\$ **	

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