

# Tower Tidings

*Creating Pathways to Discover New Connections in Christ*

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## The Pastor's Corner

### The Reverend Dr. David Smazik

If asked a question about your “to-do” list, do you get anxious? The list must be somewhere! Maybe buried under a stack of papers, maybe on your phone. It’s easy to create excuses to resist looking for it. And the start of summer can possibly elicit more projects that should be added to the list. The mere thought of a longer list can make any attempts to tackle it feel futile.

Uncompleted tasks have been compared to having open loops in one’s life that burn energy and contribute to a sense of being unsettled. As we can begin to close the loops, we will regain a sense of calm and also our capability to move forward and face new challenges. A symbol often associated with the essence of God is a circle, a complete loop. A circle also represents infinity: that which continues with no breaks or interruptions. When we allow ourselves to be in communion with God, we connect with infinity and experience a completeness, known to us through the Holy Spirit. Connected to the ‘ultimate loop’ in life, we establish a place from which to work, empowered with a renewed sense of priorities.

The PCM church family has a *shared* “to-do” list and it can seem a bit overwhelming, with many open loops. We have projects that reach beyond our walls, ones that are inside our walls, and projects that are literally our walls and ceiling and things that lie within them. We cannot allow ourselves to become overwhelmed or think our efforts are futile. As we close loops together, centered in our connectedness to an infinite God, our gifts and talents will not be confined by any walls. We, and generations to follow, will have renewed capability to more fully connect with God, each other, and those yet to be ministered to by this committed family of faith.

### **2017 Community Worship on the Green** **Sundays at 10am - July 9 and 23, August 6 and 20**

Four Sundays each summer, PCM offers **summer worship outside** on The Green at 10am. The services are casual, interactive and suited for the young and restless. We share these services with other Morristown churches... and invite whomever wishes to stop by and enjoy a casual outdoor worship experience. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, lean against a tree, let your children play... chairs and benches are also available.

## **Sanctuary Renovation Committee Update**

The Sanctuary Renovation Committee is excited to present a depiction of our redesigned chancel space, rendered by Karen Taylor Architectural Renderings of Pittstown, NJ. on the cover of Tower Tidings. We hope you have seen it at one of the May gatherings. This new arrangement more accurately reflects the original design of 1890 with the stairs across the front of the chancel platform; the choir facing the congregation rather than on the right and left sides; and the more open space of the platform itself and continues the tradition of a magnificent worship space.

In order to refresh everyone's memory about how we got to this point, our journey began over four years ago, when we were challenged to dream about improvements to our church that would be of benefit in the future. We started with a vision of new and exciting worship experiences that would be possible in an expanded chancel space. Everyone on the ministerial staff is already planning on how to make that vision a reality.

As we looked deeper into the current conditions of our chancel, we also discovered more concrete reasons for moving forward with this renovation. The chancel floor is showing its age, with soft spots developing in certain areas. The right side of the organ façade is starting to pull away from the supporting side wall. While neither one of these poses an imminent threat, this is the time to address these issues before they do become a danger.

When the chancel renovation is completed, together with stabilized rosettes, new carpet, new pew cushions and a fresh coat of paint, we will have a sanctuary we can honestly say is magnificent. Our vision has inspired us; the reality of an aging building has motivated us to forge ahead. We hope this depiction of our new chancel will inspire, motivate and excite you as well. If you have not already made a pledge to help this vision become a reality, please consider doing so. While we get our inspiration from God, only we can provide the means to make it happen.

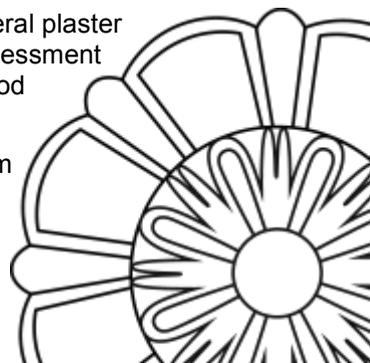
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## **Church on the Green Plaster Ceiling Restoration**

We have come to a time in the life of our historic church that she needs our help to restore her beauty and preserve her for the next century. Over the past couple of years, small pieces of plaster have fallen from the rosette ceiling above the sanctuary. There are cracks in the plaster work adjacent to the stained glass and domes in the side aisles, as well as the narthex and chancel.

Due to these early warning signs of plaster fatigue, we have met with several plaster conservators, material science consultants, and engineers. The initial assessment of the conservators was that we needed to implement a stabilization method and a restoration process to preserve the rosette ceiling and plaster work.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is working with the engineering firm to evaluate design solutions and methods to stabilize the ceiling. We are certainly blessed to be able to worship in our beautiful sanctuary and it is our mission to provide that for future generations.



## RECYCLING QUIZ

Take a few moments this summer to gauge your Recycling IQ.  
(Questions and answers from the National Park Service and Scientific American.)

1. *Which of the following cannot be recycled in most U.S. communities?*

- A. Milk cartons
- B. Plastic water bottles
- C. Glass containers
- D. Paper bags
- E. None of the Above

2. *If you recycle one ton of paper, how many trees can you save?*

- A. One
- B. Nine
- C. Seventeen
- D. Thirty-five
- E. One Hundred

3. *How many times can glass be recycled?*

- A. None, glass can't be recycled!
- B. Once
- C. Four times
- D. Twenty times
- E. Forever

4. *How many plastic bottles do Americans go through every year?*

- A. 1.8 million
- B. 2.5 million
- C. 5.3 million
- D. 7.1 million
- E. 9.4 million

5. *How much junk mail do Americans receive in one day?*

- A. Enough to heat 250,000 homes
- B. Enough to power a TV for one year
- C. Enough to fill 10sq. miles in a landfill
- D. 1000 trees worth
- E. Both C and D

6. *The average aluminum can is made up of how much recycled aluminum?*

- A. 10%
- B. 30%
- C. 50%
- D. 70%
- E. 100%

7. *Annually, how much plastic film does America produce?*

- A. Enough to wrap up Alaska
- B. Enough to stretch around the world twice
- C. Enough to cover Connecticut
- D. Enough to shrink wrap Texas
- E. Enough to go to the moon and back

8. *What is the most recycled item in the U.S.?*

- A. Car batteries
- B. Aluminum cans
- C. Plastic water bottles
- D. Cell phones

*For answers see next page.*

## Bridging the Gap

by Julia Darcy

During my winter break from college I traveled to the Dominican Republic on the PCM mission trip. The mission team worked in one of the poorest communities in the country, El Batey, which is loosely translated as “the ghetto.” Over the course of a very short week, the happiest week I have experienced, I bonded with the children and people of the community. It changed my perspective on life because I have become more positive, selfless, and less materialistic. As it was too hard to say goodbye and knowing how much more work was required of me, I vowed to come back at the last worship service.

A source of life for the people of El Batey was the bridge that connected them to the nearest city, Piedra Blanca. The bridge was a necessity because individuals had died attempting to cross the river to get to the nearest hospital in Piedra Blanca. We recently received tragic news that the bridge collapsed due to flooding. The bridge collapsing threatens the lives and well-being of all members of the community. It also makes it extremely difficult to travel in and out of El Batey, which most people need to do to retrieve food, water, and other supplies.

I was heartbroken and discouraged by this news because I experienced firsthand how grateful and proud the people were of the bridge that they built for their community. My calling to return to El Batey has only increased in urgency due to this news. Our friends in El Batey need our thoughts and prayers desperately. They would benefit immensely from another group of dedicated mission workers to help rebuild the bridge.



### Recycling Quiz Answers:

1. E
2. C – Studies have shown that 1 ton of paper is equivalent to 17 fully grown trees.
3. E – Glass never wears out.
4. B – If every American household recycled one out of ten used plastic bottles, 200 million pounds of plastic would be kept out of landfills every year.
5. A – And it takes the average American 8 months throughout his or her life to open all of that junk mail.
6. C
7. D – Nearly 268,820 square miles.
8. A



## HIKING CLUB

Saturday, June 3, 10am  
[pcmorrystown.org/hike](http://pcmorrystown.org/hike)  
Jenny Jump State  
Forest; Hope, NJ  
This five-mile hike, rated

"moderate" by 50 Hikes in New Jersey, will take us over hills and into woodlands on our way out to Ghost Lake. We'll encounter some striking Highlands scenery. It will take about 3-4 hours, so bring a snack and plenty of water. Then we'll meet afterwards for a late lunch at The Inn at Millrace Pond, a historic inn on Johnsonburg Road in downtown Hope. To carpool, meet at the Parish House at 8:45.  
Hike leader: Richard Schwartz, [richschwartz14@gmail.com](mailto:richschwartz14@gmail.com)

Sunday, June 25, 3:30pm  
Jockey Hollow, Morristown  
Come hike through the fields and woods of Morristown's National Historic Park. We can choose between several excellent trails of varying lengths, but expect 2-3 miles. This hike is rated "easy," though there are some hills. We'll meet in the second parking lot along Jockey Hollow Road (about halfway between the Wick Farm and Grand Parade Rd).  
Hike leader: Sarah Green, [sgreen@pcmorrystown.org](mailto:sgreen@pcmorrystown.org)



## Vacation Bible School

**SORRY THIS EVENT IS SOLD OUT**

Vacation Bible School is looking for *YOU* to volunteer the week of June 26-30. You can sign up to be a Shepherd—walking the children to their activities, a Leader - in charge of music, arts and crafts or science or a general volunteer to help where needed. It is always a fun and energetic week with great children and other volunteers. Please sign-up online today at [pcmorrystown.org/VBS!](http://pcmorrystown.org/VBS!)

## Missionaries from Thailand Presentation

Tuesday, June 13th, 6:30-8:30pm  
Parish House

Our PCUSA missionaries from Thailand will share about their ministry in SE Asia with photos from many of the countries in which they work, followed by a time for fellowship and informal discussion.

Please RSVP at [pcmorrystown.org/mission](http://pcmorrystown.org/mission)  
Contact: Beverly Tignor  
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## *Through Many Lenses*

The 2016-2017 *Horizons* Bible Study, *Who Is Jesus? What a Difference a Lens Makes*, gives participants a chance to look at Jesus from a variety of viewpoints, both Biblical and non-Biblical. In her introduction, Judy Yates Siker, the study's author, says "My prayer is that, through the course of this study, you will find your own voice, your own answer. When Jesus turns and looks you squarely in the eyes and asks, 'Who do *you* say that I am?' what will you say?"

At their April meeting, after discussing the viewpoints of a few of the many non-canonical Gospel writers, the women of Circle 12 answered Siker's question for themselves. Here are views of Jesus as seen through their personal "lenses":

### ***Jesus is ...***

- ... the center of my being, the core of my existence and the hope of eternal life;
- ... my friend and teacher, even if I am not always aware of him. He leads me and is with me even at times when I feel that I am searching;
- ... my Lord and Savior, my guide and teacher of all things, to show the way to follow;
- ... the Son of God who was human as well as God, so can understand us and our struggles. He died for us to save our souls;
- ... my friend and guide over my lifetime, a "very present help in trouble," the "holy comforter";
- ... a male (physically) who respects females. Also, a "spokesperson" for females;
- ... a revolutionary in a sense, and was crucified as such. He was a holy man and clearly more than an ordinary man. He was, more importantly, son of God in a different way than we think we are children of God;
- ... always caring for me and through the Holy Spirit is active each day in my life;
- ... my Savior, Son of God, a teacher;
- ... I feel if there's question when I or someone else needs help I can go to him and also be sure when I feel there's something I want to let him know how much I appreciated him being there when I wanted to thank him. I use him a lot to ask for help and to thank him.

### ***Who is Jesus – for you?***

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## ***Apple Festival***

Due to a scheduling conflict, Presbyterian Women's June Yard Sale has been cancelled. But never fear! You're not stuck with all those items you were planning to donate. You just need to hold on to them until a date is announced when you can donate them for a flea market at the ***Apple Festival*** that will be held in November.

What is the ***Apple Festival***? Be patient – more details are coming soon. Meanwhile, save the date!



# Sticky Faith Moments

by Angela Rines, Director of Youth  
and Young Adult Ministry

Many of them we have known since birth. We have seen them get baptized as babies. They went to our Nursery School. Grew up in the children's program. Sang in the musical and choirs. Joined youth group and went on mission trips. They were confirmed and joined our congregation. And now they are here, at this moment. Graduating high school and moving on to college or whatever lies ahead for them.

This is the moment we have been working towards, with this group of young people we have been entrusted with. Raising them and teaching them as a congregation. Helping them to grow in their faith and understanding of God.

And though they are graduating from high school, this isn't the end of the journey but the beginning. Maybe the real test of putting into practice their faith and everything they have learned out in the world as college students and young adults. They are spreading their wings and flying onward from the safety and familiarity of this congregation.

As we send them off onto their next steps, we pray for these young people. Though we know the statistics, that half of young people leave the church after graduation, we pray that everything they have been taught from birth until now sticks with them and guides them in new ways. We congratulate each one of our high school graduates and we look forward to celebrating with them at Graduate Sunday.

**Join us for Graduate Sunday!  
June 18 at 10:00am**

Join us as we celebrate our Class of 2017 graduates at the 10am service. We will take time to celebrate our seniors, award scholarships, as well as commission summer mission trips. It will be a Sunday morning, filled with celebration of our amazing youth!



## Congrats to the 2017 Confirmation Class



**Congrats Henry Annis, Gwyneth Butler, Sydney Familo, Mekhi Lawrence, Taylor Olsen, Benjamin Redgate, Danielle Redgate, Ella Sparacino, and Nathan Wood**

If you see one of these youth, be sure to say hello and welcome them as a new member.

## Mission Trip Meetings

### High School RISE Meetings

Team Meeting:  
Wednesday, June 7, 6:30-8:00pm

Parent and youth meeting:  
Wednesday, June 7, 8:00-8:30pm

Skills Training:  
Wednesday, June 14, 6:30-8:30pm

### Middle School Mission Trip

Mission Trip Team Meeting:  
Wednesday, June 7, 4:15-5:30pm

Parent Meeting:  
Wednesday, June 7, 5:30-6:00pm



## Mission Shares to Support Summer Trips

Help support student summer trips! After Sunday morning services, students will be outside to share more about their summer trip opportunities. Come greet these students to find out more and to support summer trips!

**Mission Share Sundays:**

June 4, 11, 18



Revolutionary Times  
Celebration  
Morristown Green

**Tuesday, July 4 from 11am-3pm**



Reading of Declaration of Independence  
Re-enactor March and Musket Salute  
Appearances by Historic "Celebrities"  
Music and Food  
PCM Historic Church/Graveyard Tours

More at: [pcmorristown.org/July4](http://pcmorristown.org/July4)

[morristourism.org](http://morristourism.org)

Contact: Mickey McDonnell [memcdonnell@gmail.com](mailto:memcdonnell@gmail.com)

**July 4 On the Green 11am - 1pm**

As part of Morristown's **Revolutionary Times** celebration on the Morristown Green, attend the **Reading of the Declaration of Independence** accompanied by appearances by **historic figures and view the musket salute**. **If raining**, this program will be held in the sanctuary of The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. Sponsored by Morris Tourism and Morristown National Historical Park, Revolutionary Times also includes **music, the tolling of church bells, refreshments and activities**.

**Presbyterian Church in Morristown**  
**57 East Park Place 1-3pm**

Continue the celebration across the street with **historic church and graveyard tours offered by PCM**. Learn about the place in Morristown's history of this church and graveyard founded in 1733 - the symbolism of the architecture, artifacts and stained glass windows and Who's Who in the graveyard, including veterans from the Revolutionary War. Guides provide an overview, answer questions and offer hand-outs for a self-guided tour inside the sanctuary.

Become a PCM Tour guide!!

Welcome the public by becoming an ambassador and tour guide!

Our members provide tours with the historic highlights of our congregation and architectural features of our sanctuary twice a year. We are seeking more volunteers that are willing to help us continue to be a welcoming presence in Morristown. All the materials and guidebooks are provided and training sessions will be arranged. You may be amazed at what you may learn by being part of this ministry!

Please contact Cheryl Maginley [cmaginley@att.net](mailto:cmaginley@att.net) Cell 973 219-9293.



## PROJECT HOPE

Dear church members, please check your closets for gently used or newly purchased men's tee shirts! During the month of June, Outreach will be collecting tee shirts and bandanas for the construction crews working to build the church and community center in partnership with Foundation for Peace in Mathare North, Nairobi, Kenya. Look for a container marked Project Hope near the What's Up Table in the narthex, and a second container at the Parish House across from the kitchen. If you have any questions, please contact Beverly Tignor at Beverly.tignor@gmail.com.

### Former Pastor Returns to PCM

John M. Miller, former PCM senior minister will return on Sunday, June 25 to preach at both services. His sermon, entitled *The Communion of Saints*, encapsulates his understanding of the Apostles Creed phrase. Saints are ordinary people who need not be extraordinarily righteous. Instead they are committed to the community of faith by their unique involvement in and commitment to Christ's church.

Dr. Miller was pastor from 1973 to 1979. He preceded Tom Sheffield who was an associate pastor throughout Dr. Miller's pastorate. Dr. Miller is currently the pastor of The Chapel Without Walls in Hilton Head Island, SC.

Dr. Miller recently published his seventh book, entitled *The Communion of Saints: A Pastor's Potpourri of Parishioners*. In it he gives short summaries of the lives of nearly seventy parishioners he knew who had a unique influence on him. Included in the book are several people who were members of the Morristown church in the seventies. Following each service, autographed copies of the book will be available. The cost is \$19.00.



### Overtones

Julie Ramseyer, PCM's Director of Children's Music asked outgoing Tower President Nathan Wood to write a few lines of some of his thoughts and memories over the past nine years in our Midweek program. Nathan writes:



*My favorite memory is when Mrs. Ramseyer used to hide the giraffe from us in Bel Melodia and Bel Canto. I loved playing this because it was great for everyone to have just as much fun when we were singing and dancing and ringing bells. The musicals were also really fun and I just love being a part of choir.*



## Ringers on the Green Mini-Tour 2017

The Ringers on the Green, our high school handbell ensemble, will be taking a mini-tour over Memorial Day weekend this year, ringing at venues in the Philadelphia area.

On Saturday, May 27, they will ring at Sunrise at Haverford Retirement Home in Haverford, PA and on Sunday, May 28, they will ring an extended prelude before the 10:00am service at Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church. The group

loves to spend time together and will enjoy a great weekend of bonding, making music, and sharing the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Morristown in the broader community. Thank you to the congregation for its support of the ROGs through this year's fundraising efforts. This will allow us to take longer tours to further places in the coming years.

We continue to have the "Sponsor-A-Ringer" program, where you can make a tax-deductible gift to benefit the musical efforts of the ROGs. If you wish to support the program, please drop your donation off at the church office or place in the offering plate with the designation "Sponsor-A-Ringer" or simply "ROGS." You can also donate online [pcmorristown/Give](#) — just designate "ROGS Sponsorship" as "Other".

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### FROM STEPHEN MINISTRY

Are you depressed, hospitalized, terminally ill, bereaved, in a job crisis, disabled, lonely, going through a divorce, or in a spiritual crisis? Trained, confidential Stephen Ministers are available to walk with you through your pain. Call Ginny Pontious 973-984-7507, Sarah Green 973-538-1776, or Jim Wood 973-615-4202.

#### Deaths: Frances Burt

## The Parish Register

1. Taylor Reiss Tune  
daughter of Elizabeth  
Tune and Scott Tune
2. Charlotte Sophia  
Psathas daughter of  
Adrienne Psathas and  
Michael Psathas

#### Baptisms:

3. Jonathan Stanley  
Warta son of Melissa  
Warta and Matthew  
Warta
4. Anna Elizabeth Landolt  
daughter of Amanda  
Landolt and Dennis  
Landolt
5. Emma Nicklaus  
daughter of Amy  
Nicklaus and Blaine  
Nicklaus



## The Presbyterian Church Nursery School



It is hard to believe the school is already over! We are grateful that we had the chance to work with so many great families and children this year at PCNS.

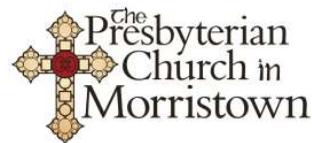
Our ice cream social ended our year with lots of smiles and some tears as we say good bye to some of our families. We hope the children come back to enjoy Vacation Bible School and the wonderful music programs the church offers in the future.

We still have a few openings in our 2's and 3's classes at this time. Please contact Jeanne Mueller at [jmueller@pcmorristown.org](mailto:jmueller@pcmorristown.org). September will be here before we know it, and we will be off and running again! We wish all our families a great and fun filled summer.

## Session Highlights

April 2017

by Wendy Doidge, Clerk of Session wendersender23@gmail.com



1. PCM joined with four neighbors, the Morristown Library, St. Peter's Church, Vail Mansion / Jockey Hollow, and the Mayo Performing Arts Center to form the Morristown Cultural District. The kick-off event on Saturday, May 20 includes the choirs of PCM and St. Peter's. The event will raise money for summer pool passes for needy children and a sponsor to accompany them to the pool. Donors will "buy a duck" that will then be floated in the fountain at the Vail Mansion.

2. Session accepted, with regret the resignation of Elder Mark Wells. Mark served on Session as Chair of the Nominating Committee last year and was on the Youth and Young Adult Committee this year.

3. Call for a Special Congregational Meeting to elect the Nominating Committee and to elect Ken Clark to fill the elder position vacated by Elder Mark Wells on Sunday, May 21, 2017 immediately following the 10:00am worship service.

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## June Dates to Remember

6/1 9:00	Staff Planning Retreat
6/1 9:15	Christian Yoga
6/1 7:00	Session Committees' and Deacons' Meetings
6/2 11:00	Nursery School Ice Cream Party—Last Day of School
6/3 10:00	Hike
6/4 11:15	Inquirers' Class
6/4 12:00	Young Adult Brunch
6/4 12:45	Acolyte Brunch
6/5 7:00	Session Committee Meetings
6/5 7:30	Circle 5
6/6 10:00	Tai Chi
6/6 5:00	VBS Training
6/7 4:15, 6:30	Youth Mission Trip Training and Parent Meetings
6/8 9:15	Christian Yoga
6/11 11:30	Rising 6th Graders Brunch
6/13 10:00	Tai Chi
6/13 6:30	Missionaries from Thailand Presentation
6/14 6:00	VBS Training
6/15 9:15	Christian Yoga
6/15 6:00, 7:00	Session Chairs/Staff & Session
6/18 10:00	Graduate Sunday
6/20 10:00	Tai Chi
6/25 3:30	Hike
6/26-30 9:15	VBS
6/27 10:00	Tai Chi
6/29 9:15	Christian Yoga

### **Clothing Bank**

Thank you for your generous donations, but please, **NO MORE CLOTHING** until further notice—we have no more room!  
Thanks

**Check website  
calendar for  
most recent  
scheduling  
information.**





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or membership status has changed.*

## Fresh Traditional® Worship Sunday Mornings

**June 4**

### **Day of Pentecost**

7:45 am Worship with Communion  
10:00 am Worship with Communion

**June 11**

7:45 am Worship with Communion  
10:00 am Worship with Baptism

[www.pcmorristown.org](http://www.pcmorristown.org)

**June 18**

### **Graduate Sunday**

7:45 am Worship with Communion  
10:00 am Worship

**June 25**

7:45 am Worship with Communion  
10:00 am Worship

**All are welcome**

