



***CHRISTIAN EDUCATION,
CHILDREN'S FELLOWSHIP,
AND
MUSIC PROGRAMS
2011-2012***

Programs and Schedules

Welcome!

Welcome to our programs of Christian nurture!

This brochure contains program descriptions and registration information for our 2011-2012 programs. You may also register online at www.pcmorristown.org. Click on *Learn* tab and select *Register for Children's Programs*. To check on schedules of classes, you may click on the *Calendar* tab and check the listing on the month and day.

Please...

- This booklet summarizes our programs. The website provides more detailed information, or please contact the church office.
- Complete **all pages** of the registration form and return it to the Parish House office or register online.
- Remove or print the *CE Schedule Section* and use it to remind your family of important dates. Check the Church Calendar online for the latest updates.
- To register for adult programs and adult choirs, please check the church website or contact the church office.

Emergency closings?

Go to our website!

In case of an emergency closing, there will be a notice on the left side of the website homepage in a neon green box. Please check if you have a question. You may also call the church office and check the message on the answering machine.

Sunday Church School

WE OPEN THE YEAR WITH PARADE SUNDAY AND ExPO

September 18 is Parade Sunday and ExPO. At one service of worship at 10:00 a.m., we commission teachers and choirs. At the close of the service, the congregation joyfully parades across Morristown to the Parish House for ExPO (display of upcoming programs and events), light refreshment, fellowship and registration.

CLASSES AND FAMILY WORSHIP

CLASSES

Where: The Parish House, 65 South Street, Morristown

When: Sunday morning from 9:15 – 10:20 a.m.

(Drop off from 9:00 a.m.)

Time Span: September 25, 2011 through May 13, 2012

Church School classes at the Parish House recess at regular intervals to allow adults and children to worship together at the Church on the Green. These times include Christmastide and Easter, as well as celebrations specific to our congregation: Parade Sunday, Third Grade Bible Sunday, Thanksgiving Festival, Children's Musical, Youth Sunday and more.

The Sunday morning adult education class generally is scheduled for the 9:15 a.m. time slot at the Parish House so that adults and children can each have ways of learning more about the love of God. Check the website, bulletin and *Tower Tidings* for upcoming Sunday Morning Seminar offerings. Families are encouraged to attend worship together after Church School at the 11:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary.

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Pre-School and Kindergarten Ages 2 – 5 years

The **Pre-School – K Department** teaches a different Bible story each week. Children encounter the stories of our faith through interactive storytelling, music and craft activities. All children receive music training as part of regular class time.

Primary Grades 1 - 5

The **Primary Department** offers Bible lessons in an active and engaging format using curriculum from PCUSA. (See also MidWeek)

Middle School Grades 6 - 8

The **Middle School Department** lays a foundation for a young person's faith journey through lessons just right for energetic, on-the-go middle school youth. Our goal is to point their course toward faithful living as followers of Jesus Christ. Lesson times are rich in hands-on activities, service projects and worship opportunities. (See also Midweek)

Confirmation Class Grades 9 - 12

Confirmation class is designed for youth in the ninth grade and above. Its purpose is to assist each participant in making a decision to reaffirm personally the promises made at Baptism by exploring questions students have about their faith and helping them to discover what it means to follow Jesus. While they serve in the church throughout the school year, these youth attend Confirmation class meetings from October through May. Worship, Bible Study, fellowship, service and an adult mentor form the basis of the year's experience.

Meetings and Class Dates

Initial Meeting: September 18 – 12:30 p.m. Meet to discuss plans and projects

Classes – TBD at September 18 meeting

Registration: Please register by Sunday, September 25.

Other Important Dates

- Confirmation Dinner, Sunday, May 6
- Youth Sunday, Sunday Worship, May 20
- Confirmands as new members are recognized during Youth Sunday, May 20

Service

- Throughout the school year in our church,
- One major service project during the year, OR
- Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP) in New York, November 18-19

Worship: Regular worship attendance between September and May

See also Koinonia (Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. starting September 13).

Barnabas Team Grades 9 - 12

Confirmed high school youth support our Church School program as members of the Barnabas team. Team members help teachers and children with a variety of activities on Sunday mornings between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. They receive special orientation regarding curriculum and learn to develop their teaching gifts in small group environments.

Midweek Fellowship, and Service



Music, service and fellowship form the bases of our Midweek program for young people between kindergarten and grade 8. Activities are held at the Parish House on Wednesday afternoons and serve to deepen a child's relationships with leaders and friends, preparing him or her to become an integral part of the church community. A child may select to participate in all Midweek offerings or just those of interest that fit into the family schedule.

Midweek (K-5)

This group of active elementary children meet from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The afternoon opens with a healthy snack and fellowship. There are Bible stories, service projects, play and recreation and an annual musical play presented to the congregation. This fellowship time alternates with the Bel Melodia and Bel Canto choir rehearsals, all within the same 4:15 – 6:00 pm time frame.



Ekklesia, the middle school youth group

Our middle school youth group (grades 6 – 8) meets at the Parish House each Wednesday afternoon at 4:15 p.m. for fellowship, fun, and relevant teaching, followed by dinner in Sheffield Hall at 5:30 p.m. After dinner, musically motivated 6-8 graders are encouraged to stay at the Parish House for Tower Ringers & Singers.



Koinonia, the high school youth group

Our high school youth group (grades 9 – 12) meets each Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. Our time is spent building community with each other and growing in our faith through relevant teaching and deep discussion. (See also Barnabas Team).

Music Programs for Children and Youth

Whether we are “singing a new song to the Lord” (Psalm 98), “praising Him with clashing cymbals” (Psalm 150) or playing on melodic instruments (1 Chronicles 15), music is another way of expressing our faith. Choir members are not only exposed to comprehensive vocal instruction but will have a new way of experiencing Christianity, perhaps without even realizing it. To learn more about music at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, go to the church website, www.pcmorristown.org, and click the *Music* tab.

PRE-SCHOOL MUSIC (Ages 2-5)

Pre-school children enjoy a regular music program as part of their Sunday Church School class. They learn children’s songs and hymns to share at special worship services.

BEL MELODIA SINGERS & RINGERS (Grades K-2)

This is our youngest formal choir. We experience music through the use of games, movement, voices and instruments. We work on pitch matching, rhythmic concepts, basic service music and simple hymns. But most of all, we have fun. Rehearsals take place during Midweek on Wednesdays from 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

BEL CANTO SINGERS & RINGERS (Grades 3-5)

This choir continues the groundwork laid in Bel Melodia. We learn the fundamentals of voice production, proper breathing and vocal techniques. The children begin to read music, both vocal and handbell. They continue to improve their rhythmic skills, coordination and teamwork. We begin the development of worship leadership. Of course, we have fun, too. Rehearsals take place during Midweek on Wednesdays from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

TOWER SINGERS & RINGERS (Grades 6-8)

This Middle school aged choir leads worship on festival and selected Sundays, and annually presents a Christmas musical to the Sunday School classes. This group of musicians learns to navigate the changing voice when singing. They are also exposed to advanced ball techniques, working on fluidity and speed in their handbell playing. By year-end, the choir members interested in advancing to the high school handbell group, Ringers-on-the-Green, will have achieved a musical fluency and sense of ensemble to prepare them for membership in the next step up. This choir both sings and rings on Wednesday afternoons from 6:05-7:00 p.m.

RINGERS-ON-THE-GREEN (High School)

This advanced high school bell choir is a select choir, which performs during services and around the community, and tours outside of New Jersey every summer. Rehearsals take place at the Church on the Green on Wednesdays from 7:45-9:15 p.m.

CANTATE OMNES (High School – Adult)

This multi-generational vocal choir consisting of adults and senior high students leads selected 9:15 a.m. worship services. Rehearsals take place on the Sundays this choir leads worship, from 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Child Care during Family Worship 9:15 and 11:00 a.m.

Children are a vital part of this congregation, and we celebrate their presence in worship.

- ◆ Children's worship materials are located at the Church on the Green to assist children in understanding the worship service and the lessons of the day.
- ◆ Child care for infants through age 3 years is available in Howard House adjacent to the sanctuary.
- ◆ Parents are welcome to keep children with them during the entire service if they choose.

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Church School Schedule

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Church School classes are held on Sunday mornings from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 10:20 a.m. in the Parish House. The children are supervised until they are picked up.

Fall 2011

Parade Sunday, September 18

Parade from the Church on the Green (10:00 a.m. service) to the Parish House

Class dates:

September 25

November 6, 13, 27

October 2, 9, 23

December 4, 11, 18

Special dates to remember:

October 16 Third Grade Bible Sunday - no classes at the Parish House

November 20 Thanksgiving Festival - no classes at the Parish House

December 25 - January 1: Christmastide - no classes at the Parish House

Spring 2012

Class dates:

January 8, 15, 22, 29

April 15, 22, 29,

February 12, 19, 26

May 6, 13

March 4, 18, 25

Special dates to remember:

February 5 Annual Children's Musical and Congregational Meeting –
no classes at the Parish House

March 11 Church School at Church

April 1 Palm Sunday Parade - meet at church and parade to the
Parish House; no classes at the Parish House

April 8 Easter Sunday – no classes at the Parish House

May 13 Last class day - meet at the Parish House.

Midweek Schedule

Children - Middle School Fellowship and Choirs

Includes Children's Choirs, Fellowship, Service, and Middle School Youth Group. Children, middle school youth and choirs meet on **Wednesdays**, starting September 14, 2010. The Koinonia high school youth group meets on **Tuesdays**, starting September 13.

TIME	GRADE	DESCRIPTION
4:15 – 5:00	K-2	Bel Melodia Choir - Rehearsal
4:15 – 5:00	3-5	Bel Canto Choir - Fellowship & service project time
4:15 – 5:30	6-8	<i>Ekklesia</i> , middle school youth, fellowship & service project time
5:00 – 6:00	3-5	Bel Canto Choir and handbells - Rehearsal
5:00 – 6:00	K-2	Bel Melodia Choir - Fellowship time
5:30 – 6:00	6-8	Dinner for <i>Ekklesia</i>
6:15 – 7:00	6-8	Tower Ringers & Singers - Rehearsal
7:45 – 9:00	9-12	Ringers-on-the-Green - Select handbell choir (COG)

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Other Important Dates

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- Youth Sunday, Sunday Worship and Recognition of Confirmands, May 20
- Youth Service Opportunities Project (YSOP) in New York, November 18-19