

TOWER TIDINGS

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN



Nursery School Advisory Committee parents and their children, with Walt Fleischer, Alexandra Mead, and Director, Jeanne Mueller

FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS!!

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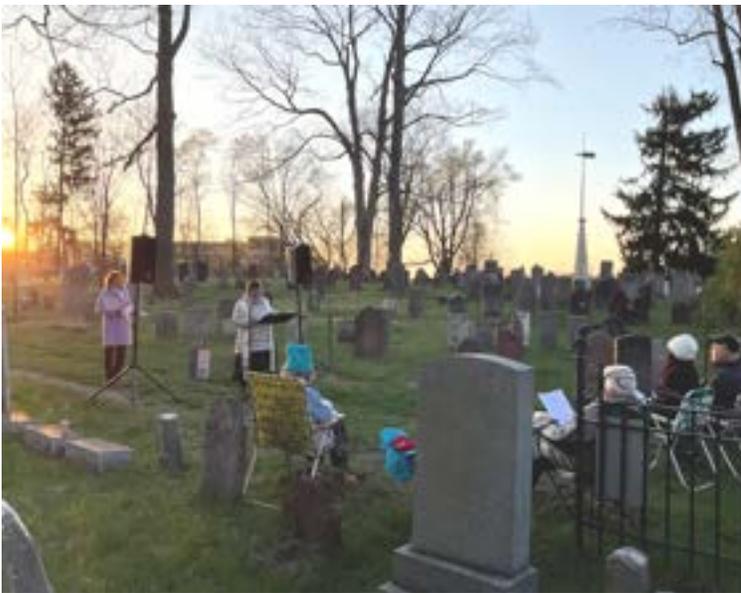
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A NOTE FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

THE REVEREND LESLIE DOBBS-ALLSOPP

It was so meaningful to gather during Holy Week and Easter this year. I had never seen the sanctuary full of congregants, and now I understand what everyone has been missing!

I am grateful for the commitment of our wonderful church staff who serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love. I thank the deacons, who wrote notes to every household this month, and delivered a LOT of spring plants after Easter. Alexandra Mead and Helen Quinn also delivered a number of lilies to Spring Hill.



Easter Sunrise Service



As I write it is a VERY chilly morning at the end of April, and we are careening into May. **The Jazz Service was this weekend**, the Chili Cook Off is on Friday this week, and we have 2 baptisms scheduled for May 8th. Please mark your calendars for May 29th, when the Rev. Dr. Tom Sheffield, Pastor Emeritus, will be preaching! Tom has graciously agreed to preach for me as we attend our son's pandemic-delayed law school graduation that weekend.

The search committee for a temporary associate pastor has begun interviews. The Pastor Nominating Committee continues with their work. We keep all this in prayer, knowing that God is with us, walking along the road to Emmaus, amid all the changes of these days. (Thanks Ed Halldorson, for that reminder!)

**In Christ,
Interim Pastor Leslie**

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ALEXANDRA MEAD - DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



Vacation Bible School



WEEK OF JUNE 27, 2022

Join us in the Outback this year at Vacation Bible School where we will discover
God's Love in the Land Down Under

For more Information, contact Alexandra Mead (amead@pcmorristown.org)

Please donate the following items to Vacation Bible School this year if you are able:

- Rolls of paper towels**
- Small paper plates**
- Wet wipes to clean hands**
- Zip lock baggies sandwich and gallon size**
- Gently used beach towels**
- Sand buckets in bright colors**

*I would also like to borrow a didgeridoo if anyone has one.
I promise to take good care of it and return it at the end of the week!

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

PATRICK ALLRED | DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF YOUTH MISSION FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH AT 6:00 PM AT THE PARISH HOUSE

ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR YOUTH'S MISSION TRIPS AND PROJECTS.

Our students have been working hard planning this event.
Please join us on May 6 and consider donating a basket for the silent auction.

SIGN-UP AT
[HTTPS://PCM.BREEZECHMS.COM/FORM/178DB16597](https://pcm.breezechms.com/form/178DB16597)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

JEANNE MUELLER, DIRECTOR



The Nursery School has much to be thankful for this spring! First, the generosity of the PCM community has resulted in many donations for our Nursery School. Through the hard work of the Stewardship Committee, chaired by Walt Fleischer, last fall church members and PCNS alumni families donated \$50,000 for our Nursery School.

The school is overjoyed and grateful for this incredible support. These funds will be used for many areas of improvement including air conditioning, classroom furniture, scholarship funds, maintenance of playground surfacing and a new shed for outdoor toy storage.

Secondly, PCNS is grateful to be able to celebrate Mothers' Day in person with our 3 year old and Pre-K moms! The preschool moms will come for sweet treats here in Sheffield Hall. We love to make all the moms feel special that day, so the children are making extra wonderful gifts for them. And we wish all mothers everywhere a happy day on May 8 and a happy spring to everyone else!!!

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY - MAY 8

Special Days in May that you may not know about:

World Password Day was established in 2013 and is observed on the first Thursday in May

World Laughter Day was established in 1998 and is celebrated on the first Sunday of May

ALSO...

- May 1. Hawaiian Lei Day
- May 2. Baby Day
- May 3. Garden Meditation Day
- May 4. Bike to School Day - First Wednesday in May
- May 5. Cartoonist Day
- May 6. Beverage Day
- May 7. Birth Mother's Day - Saturday before Mother's Day
- May 8. Iris Day

HAPPY EASTER - HAPPY SPRING



Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday



Return of Fellowship Hour

OUTREACH

Interfaith Food Pantry Network Food Drive, May 1 - 22

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU TO
"TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER"
IN MORRIS COUNTY!



TAKE A BITE OUT OF HUNGER!

MAY FOOD DRIVE
For the Interfaith Food Pantry
May 1 through May 22, 2022

OUTREACH
REACH OUT!

**Interfaith
Food Pantry**
Network

Covid is still out there, and inflation is rampant with increased costs of living. The Interfaith Food Pantry Network (IFPN) continues to help meet increasing needs of families during these two emergencies as the largest provider of emergency food and supplies in the county. More than 1.5 million pounds of food have been given to families in the last two years, as well as help in many areas: development of skills, education, nutrition and health, long term programs, and access to medical care. You, the congregation can and do make a difference.

Our church has been there from the beginning of IFPN (1994) by donating both food and money to the May Food Drive, one of the ways we help the well-being of our neighbors. This year our Drive will run from Sunday, May 1 to Sunday, May 22. Collection bins for food will be available at the Parish House, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; also, in the Narthex and in Mutch Hall by the back door during Sunday services. The list of food items most needed now by IFPN can be found on the next page.

Current Food Needs of IFPN:

Dry Milk (1 qt pkg.), Evaporated Milk, Shelf-stable low-fat (1%), Non-fat dairy products
Soups (hearty, low sodium & condensed)
Canned Fruit (low sodium or no sugar added)
Cereal (low sugar, high fiber)
Hamburger Helper, Rice-a Roni/Pasta-Roni, Mac & Cheese
Pasta & Tomato Sauce/Tomato products
Canned Vegetables & Beans (all types but green)
Canned Meats/Meals, Ravioli, Hash, Stew, Chili, & Tuna
Peanut Butter & Jelly in plastic jars
Boost, Boost Glucose Control, Ensure or Glucerna
Baby Food-Stage 1, 2 & 3 Fruits, Vegetables, Meats & Meals

*Consider low-salt, low, sugar and gluten-free items as well as regular.

We also welcome financial donations: checks, noted for IFPN Food Drive, can be sent to the Parish House (65 South Street, Morristown NJ); or use Breeze which will have a drop-down menu for IFPN Food Drive.

This will be a church community effort which includes not only the adults but participation of the nursery school families and our youth groups. We are deeply grateful for all the ways that this church family supports our community. We know we can count on you to be as generous as possible and help

“Take a Bite Out of Hunger”.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:



TABLE OF HOPE IS CALLING!

**We are excited to announce
beginning June 1
Table of Hope
Dinner Serving is back!**

**Please join other PCM members the first Wednesday of each month
to serve meals to go
to those in need**

**Five volunteers are needed monthly
at the Bethel Church in Morristown, 59 Spring St.
4:45 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

Duties include boxing, bagging, and distributing hot meals, greeting and handing food to guests.

Volunteers also help store leftovers and clean up.

No experience is needed - only people willing to serve and have some fun!

Be on the lookout for sign-up details in church mail.
Contact Karen at kgriffith32@aol.com with questions

PCM + EASTLEIGH PCEA PARTNERSHIP

You have heard and read about the renewal of our sister church relationship between PCM and Eastleigh Presbyterian Church of East Africa. It is EXCITING but we are not alone. There are three other congregations in our Presbytery that have sister churches in Kenya. They are First Presbyterian Church in Stanhope, NJ, First Presbyterian Church in Whippany, NJ, and Community Presbyterian Church in Chester, NJ. On April 14, representatives from all four churches met to share what is happening in each of our partnerships. It is helpful and encouraging to hear from each other.

In addition, on April 18, our PCM and Eastleigh teams met with Ellen Sherby, Coordinator, Equipping for Mission Involvement, Presbyterian World Mission, from our denomination's headquarters in Louisville, Kentucky. Ellen has so much expertise in partnerships and she will facilitate our discussion of the hopes and dreams that each church has for our particular sister church relationship!



OUTREACH



REACH OUT!

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THIS RENEWAL OF OUR SISTER CHURCH PARTNERSHIP WITH EASTLEIGH ON PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

gratitude

Helping Ukraine



The Breeze drop-down menu for PDA (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance) Ukraine Emergency Response is still a good way to offer material support to the people of Ukraine affected by war. Whether fleeing as refugees or staying at home, all people need food, safe shelter, and supplies for daily life. PDA has contacts, experience, and reliable partners on the ground to transform our financial support into demonstrations of our love.

PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE



The PNC continues to actively engage a number of very qualified candidates. As interviews have advanced we have gone deeper into candidate qualifications on leading a congregation of our size and the associated staff and session responsibilities. We have taken time to evaluate their spiritual journey, preaching skills, dealing with conflict and how they would manage pastoral care needs of our congregation. We discussed approaches to mission work and gathered their views and expectations. Beyond this, we have spent time covering the candidate's personal situation, family, and timing for being ready to take a new call. We continue to move as quickly as we can without compromising the quality of our work. We are attracting a strong candidate pool and remain very positive on our prospects.

Scholarship

Deadline is June 6

There is still time to apply... Please go to the website for multiple scholarship opportunities.

SAVE-THE-DATE



Wine Tasting Event - Friday, June 3

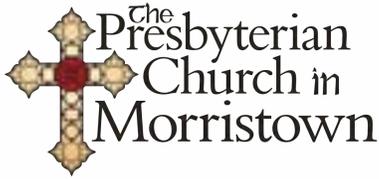
Join together for a night of friendship and learning about wines. A sommelier from Gary's Wines in Madison will lead us through a tasting and discussion of three different wines. A variety of cheese and crackers will also be served. Educational program lasts about an hour with more socializing (and beverages) afterwards.

Register on Breeze by May 20 at
<https://pcm.breezechms.com/form/3188b6>
Questions? Contact diannegrenz48@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

In the front office, Kay is looking for volunteers to research and reply to inquiries regarding the Presbyterian Church Burial Grounds and the Memorial Garden. If you are interested, please contact Kay at office@pcmorristown.org

For submissions to *Tower Tidings*, please send information to office@pcmorristown.org.



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VISIT US

We worship weekly in person at 8am in our Chapel and 10am in our Sanctuary.

Our 10am service is live streamed and is available at: www.pcmorristown.org.

The **Parish House** is located at 65 South Street | The **Sanctuary & Chapel** are located at 57 E Park Place
Please feel free to contact our offices at the Parish House at **973-538-1776**.