

October 18, 2017

MORROW MIRROR

A monthly newsletter brought to you by Morrow First United Methodist Church

“There’s a season for everything and a time for every matter under the heavens.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Halloween

When you think of Halloween, what comes to mind? For a lot of people, Halloween has become synonymous with candy, costumes, scary stuff, witches, ghosts, and pumpkins. But do you know the Christian connection to the holiday? The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead, including ghosts, goblins, and witches, returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires.

When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider, traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (*later all saints*) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as *All Hallows’ Eve* or “*holy evening*.” Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween.

The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of *the communion of saints*, which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time. Many of the customs we now associate with Halloween are also derived from ancient celebrations, also celebrated by many other cultures, such as the *Day of Dead*.

For example, the current custom of going door-to-door to collect treats actually started in Ireland hundreds of years ago. Groups of farmers would go door-to-door collecting food and materials for a village feast and bonfire. Those who gave were promised prosperity; those who did not received threats of bad luck. When an influx of Irish Catholic immigrants came to the United States in the 1800s, the custom of trick-or-treating came with them, and you can once again thank the Irish for the tradition of carving pumpkins. Actually, the custom began with a turnip. People would hollow out the turnips and place lighted candles inside to scare off the evil spirits. When the Irish came to America, they discovered the pumpkin as a larger substitute for the turnip. And so, we now carve pumpkins instead of turnips for Halloween.

We have so much history, and a lot right here in Morrow First UMC. I am so looking forward to celebrating All Saints Sunday and Reformation Sunday with you. And Advent is not far behind! We have an exciting fall season. Keep inviting friends, we have so much work to do, but with God’s help, we can really make a difference in real lives! So let’s use every opportunity for Outreach, even Halloween, and keep sharing the wonderful news of Jesus Christ!

Yours in Christ,

Pastor Luis and Melanie

All Saints Day

On *Sunday, October 29*, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday, remembering those are now resting in peace. We invite family and friends to join us for the service as we remember Mary Anne Hawkins, Ellen Kovaleski, Ronnie Hartley, Willie Mae Climeson, Glenn Barnett, Wansley Compton, Jeremy Strickland, Jane Fields, Kevin Munson, James Reonas, Cheryl Hilsman Bragg, and David Doughty.

If you wish to add a name to the above list, please contact the church office by Tuesday, October 24. Office contact information is on the previous page.

Last Month at MFUMC

September Financial Update



In September 2017, we received \$18,094.39 towards our budget. To date we have received \$205,628.52 towards our annual budget of \$304,212.69.

All Apportionments are paid.

As of publication, we have received \$8,115.44 for the Heat/Air Campaign

Attendance & Giving by Date

Sunday	Worship	Sunday School	Budget Giving
9/4	82	61	\$6,480.00
9/10	93	57	\$4,423.00
9/18	78	68	\$4,589.00
9/25	87	68	\$2,602.39



Charge Conference

Sunday, October 22, 2017
3 p.m. MFUMC Sanctuary
Nursery provided

MFUMC Food Pantry in Need

Recently our food pantry served 25 families (90 people) on a single Thursday. Please help restock our pantry with the most common needs such as *spaghetti and sauce, beans, rice, cereal, fruit cups, canned vegetables, soup, peanut butter, and jelly.*

Thank you, Diana Aull

A New Baby!



Dianna and Wayne Knight of our church are happy to announce the birth of their second grandchild, Aris Katheryn Ewing, born September 22, 2017 to Jessica and Timothy Ewing of Atlanta. Her paternal grandparents are Paul and Connie Ewing of Sylvania, GA. Aris came into this world at 7 lbs 4.4 oz and 19 inches long.

Leaders:

Have you made reservations for your group's Christmas Party?

If not....

1. Check room availability on Morrow First's online calendar: <https://goo.gl/nyw60q>
2. Then contact the church office to make your reservation: 770.961.4668 or mumc-admsec@bellsouth.net
3. Receive a confirmation from Cora
4. Enjoy your par-tay!

Youth Service Project Needs You!

Come help us to serve at the Midwest Food Bank in Peachtree City on December 9 from 9:00-11:00 in the morning. We haven't been assigned what we will be doing yet. Last year we repackaged dried beans into family-sized portions. The youth and adults who attended had the best time. Midwest Food Bank has given faithfully to our church's food pantry for several years now, and this is a great opportunity for our church to give back and have a great time in fellowship together. For more information, contact Tracy Larson (tlarson1932@gmail.com).

Good Shepherd Farmers Market

\$5 = one bag of fresh produce

Last Friday of Every Month From March to October

Next Market Day: October 27

Funds Support the Good Shepherd Clinic

6392 Murphy Drive, Morrow, GA.



Our Service Members

Stationed on Okinawa Island

Kameron Burrell (great nephew of Linda McElhannon)

Stationed Overseas

Matt Allen (husband of Darcy Bloom Allen)

Stationed Stateside

Jayson Dooley (son of Nannette Dooley)

David Key (son-in-law of Bil & Melanie Johnson)

Nicole Turner (niece of Keith & Kathy Munson)

Aviano AFB - Italy

Capt. Kyle L. J. Phillips (grandson of Larry Phillips)

Stationed at Camp Lejeune, NC

Alex McKenzie-Castillo (son of Ardell McKenzie)

Jacob Beard (friend of Brooksie Foster)

Stationed at Misawa Airbase, Japan

Kevin McElhannon, Jr.

(grandson of Bill & Linda McElhannon)

Stationed in Kandahar Afghanistan

Max Anderson (cousin of Layla Leo)



*Remember these members and friends in your thoughts
and prayers, and with cards and visits.*

Nursing Home /Hospital/Independent Living/ Rehab Patients Members

Bright View North Andover: Ethel Jewett, 1275 Turnpike St, #1211, North Andover, MA 01845

Brookdale Canton: Tommie Budkoski, 125 Riverstone Terrace, rm 303, Canton, GA 30114

Elmcroft Senior Living: Shirley Barnett, 7493 Mt. Zion Blvd, Rm 109B, Jonesboro, GA 30236-4814

Golden Crest Senior Living Community: Toni Bish, Rm 10B, 2160 Lake Harbin Rd, Morrow, GA, 30260-1902

Governor's Glen Assisted Living: Marline Sargent, Pod B, 5000 Governor's Drive, Forest Park, GA 30297-6138

Jonesboro Nursing & Rehab: Tootsie Callaway, Rm 116A, 2650 Highway 138E, Jonesboro, GA 30236-2744

Summer's Landing Bayberry Trace: Linda Jenkins, Rm 119, 315 Arrowhead Blvd, Jonesboro, GA 30236

PRAYER REQUESTS

The family of Alan Chambers after his recent passing, requested by Pamela Matthews
Ben Adams is having vision problems and will see a neurological ophthalmologist, request by his great aunt, Diana Aull
Brenda Byrd received a pace-maker last week, reported by Brenda & Eddie
The Briley Family: PJ Briley has a brain tumor; **David Gastonguay** has three types of cancer in addition to the recent stroke, **Bob Briley** is caring for PJ & David, requested by Judy Jaeger
Carson Holcomb has a broken arm, requested by his grandparents Luis & Melanie Ortiz
Clint Young, recently diagnosed with cancer, requested by Angela Seelhammer
The family of David Doughty after his recent passing
The family of Ellen Kovaleski after her recent passing
Flora Lentini, prayers for healing
Gloria Kovaleski Dumas who has cancer asked for continued prayers, reported by Pam Boyd
John Riverbark, requested by Angela Seelhammer
Laura Milton Moore continues to heal following her surgery, reported by Chuck Ruffino
Lisa Foster recently had breast cancer surgery at Northside Hospital, requested by her mother-in-law, Brooksie Foster
The family of Mary Ann Hawkins after her recent passing
Michael Taylor is better but still having pain and issues following the work accident, reported by his mother-in-law, Susan Crawford
Nicole Turner has reported for Army training in Missouri, reported by her uncle, Keith Munson
Sandy Hunt continued infusion therapies. Please continue to pray for healing, requested by her father, Luis Ortiz
Savanna French, improving but a recent test reveals that she still has 2 cancerous lymph nodes. In January 2018, she will receive radiation treatment. She feels great and is showing how much she enjoys school with excellent grades, reported by her great-aunt, Connie Cabe
Shirley Barnett recently suffered a heart attack
Vicki Faulk asks for continued prayers as she works to get stronger with physical therapy and speech therapy, reported by her aunt, Kathy Munson
Wanda Jones recovering from surgery for a bone infection, requested by Janice Bales
Rev. Warren Huddleston is out of ICU and continues to recover after his motorcycle accident, reported by his sister, Brooksie Foster.

Homebound Members

Ellen Betsill, 501 Blossom Tr., McDonough, GA 30253-2179
Jerry & Mary Brazeal, 3920 Brookline Dr., Alpharetta, GA 30022-6435
Betty Hargis, 157 Pulliam Dr., Apt. 42, Jackson, GA 30233-5111
James Gloor, 5879 Clate Court, Ellenwood, GA 30294-4069
Bill & Linda McElhannon, 3793 Charlotte Drive, Rex, GA, 30273-1208
Doris Melear, 2569 Wall St., Jonesboro, GA 30236-2750
Janet Thomaston, 7871 Thrailkill Road, Jonesboro, GA 30260



Christmas Wish List

Contact: L. Susan Stroup

Manager, Santa's Southern Distribution Center

770-748-1500, ext. 203, sstroup@murphyharpst.org

*We need gifts for **tweens and teens** equally divided between boys and girls.
If you have the desire to purchase gloves and mittens, please purchase socks instead.
Do not wrap your gifts! Feel free to send gift boxes, gift bags, tape and wrapping paper.*

Adult Coloring Books

Charcoal & Colored Pencils, Markers,

Drawing Paper (No spiral bound if possible)

Bibles – Deep Blue, CEB Teen Study or Teen Life Application (No King James)

Board Games

Body Spray and Cologne for Women

Body Spray and Cologne for Men
Axe, Polo, Old Spice

Books – contemporary middle school and young adult titles

Card Games

Radio Alarm Clock with MP3 plug-in

Craft Kits

Origami

Craft Cord, Paracord

Curling Wands, Flat Irons, Hair Dryers

Ear Buds, Headphones

Gift Cards - Walmart, Visa, Amazon, Barnes & Noble **ONLY**

Head Bands, Ponytail Holders, Hair Clips

Jewelry – Rue 21 is great for guys and girls!

Journals & Nice Pens

Legos, K'nex . . . and more Legos!

Makeup & Lip Gloss

MP3 Player (basic, no camera –SanDisk Clip Jam)

Nail Polish & Nail Art

Nerf Balls

Nerfoop Basketball Hoop

Nike Socks

Puzzles

Socks – athletic or colorful and fun!

Snapback Hats

Stress Balls

Team Items - UGA, Falcons, Univ. of AL

Water Bottles

Mary Anne Brannon will take all donated items to the UMW District Annual meeting on November 11.



Join us
for your Annual Meeting.
Don't miss it!

Griffin District Annual Meeting/Leadership Development Day
Saturday, November 11, 2017
Forsyth First United Methodist Church
68 West Johnson Street
Forsyth, Georgia 31029

This meeting is for all officers in local units and for anyone who wants to be inspired by the mission and ministry that is being carried out by United Methodist Women in the Griffin District.

Registration: 8:15 to 9:00 a.m.

Worship Service and Business Session: 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Guest Speaker: Scott Fuller

Development and Stewardship Officer for Murphy Harpst

(In support of Murphy-Harpst, we are dedicating our offering for the day to them and asking that all individuals attending the meeting bring items in support of their ministry. They are asking for gift items for the residents for Christmas. A full list was included in the September's Edition of the Griffin Newsletter.)

Break: 10:45 – 11:15

Leadership Training Classes: 11:15 – 12:00 Noon

Leadership Classes Will Include

Presidents / Vice Presidents

Secretaries / Communication Chairs

Treasurers

Social Action / Education and Interpretation/ Program Resources

Spiritual Growth / Membership-Nurture-Outreach



It will be a great way not only to conclude our district year but also to make a great start for 2018.

THANKSGIVING TURKEY SALE

PERFECTLY SMOKED TURKEY

MORROW FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

ONLY \$35.00, Prepay or Pay at Pickup

GET YOUR ORDER IN EARLY

PLEASE ORDER NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11 FOR
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 18 PICKUP.

TURKEYS WILL BE SMOKED RIGHT HERE AT OUR CHURCH
AND BE READY AFTER THE SERVICE ON
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, FROM 12:00 TO 4:00 PM.

THIS IS A FUNDRAISER BY THE TRUSTEES
FOR OUR HEATING AND AIR NEEDS.

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND TURN IN TO ONE OF THE TRUSTEES BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11:

Wayne Knight, Keith Larson, Andrew Cox, Mike Griffin, Bob Brannon,
Brian Adams, Jimmy Bales, Eddie Byrd, Barry Crawford

****You may also call the church office to reserve your turkey****

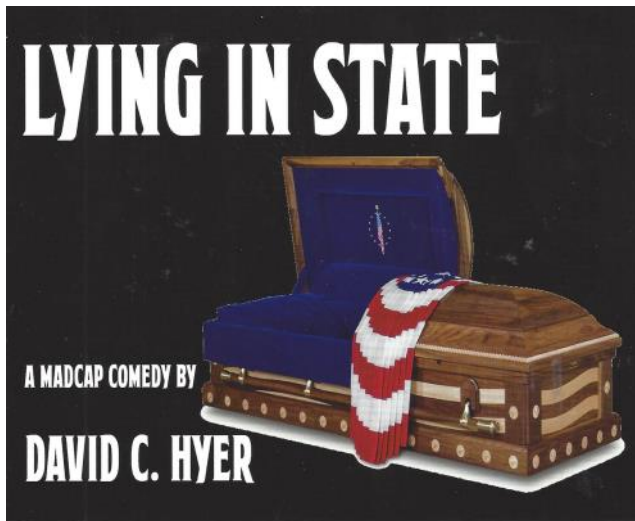
770-961-4668

NAME _____ NUMBER OF TURKEYS _____

AMOUNT PAID _____

Best Phone _____

PICK UP AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18.



**The Front Porch Players Proudly Present
LYING IN STATE**

Fridays/Saturdays: Nov. 10, 11, 17 & 18 - 7:30 p.m.

Sundays: Nov. 12 & 19 - 2:30 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Jonesboro, 1842 Lake Jodeco Rd., Jonesboro

Reserved Seating: Adults, \$15; Seniors/Children, \$12

General Admission: Adults, \$12; Seniors/Children, \$10

Tickets: www.thefrontporchplayers.com/770-897-1404

This side-splitting comedy centers on a late state senator who died in a ridiculous gun accident that turns him into a national hero, and how local political party leaders are looking for someone to fill his senate seat while others are looking for just the right casket, love, votes, and the chance to get into politics. And it all takes place at the funeral home--where things are not what they seem.

Our own Keith Larson stars as the Governor, a true politician. Others in our church family involved in *Lying in State* are Chuck Matthews, Sound Tech; Mary Anne Brannon, Props Manager; Jean Peacock, Ad Sales & Program Set up; and Angela Seelhammer, Usher & Secretary for TFPP.



Belk Charity Sale
to Benefit **Autism Speaks**
Saturday, November 4
6:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
Tickets \$5.00

The private, 4-hour sale gives significant discounts off Belk merchandise storewide, including special savings on rarely-discounted brands.

See Judy Jaeger to purchase tickets and get more information: 770-891-8683 or judyjaeger72@gmail.com.

MEET MORROW

PUMPKINS, T-SHIRTS AND
FREE GIFTS FOR THE FIRST 50 ATTENDEES.
OCTOBER 21, 2017. 10:00AM-2:00PM



Join your neighbors, City of Morrow government officials and local businesses at the Morrow Tourist Center as we celebrate the first in a series of “Meet Morrow” events. We are excited to announce our inaugural event will host local authors who will be on hand to discuss their published work and answer questions.

The Morrow Tourist Center is located at 6475 Jonesboro Road.

City of Morrow Police Department Presents



Safe Halloween 2017

Games



Candy

Fun

Tuesday, October 31, 2017

5:00pm until 8:00pm

City Hall Park (Milton Daniel)



Jonesboro
Georgia

PRESENTS A

Fall Festival

Featuring
FOOD VENDORS
FACE PAINTING
3D PRINTING
OBSTACLE COURSE
and lots more!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28
1:00 PM - 6:00 PM


Lee Street Park
Jonesboro, Georgia

LEE STREET PARK
JONESBORO, GEORGIA

VETERAN'S DAY CEREMONY

Saturday, November 11, 2017 11:30am-12:00pm
Morrow City Hall
1500 Morrow Rd, Morrow, GA 30260.

HONOR ★ COURAGE ★ LOYALTY



come to morrow

MORROW, GEORGIA



come to tomorrow
MORROW, GEORGIA

PRESENTS

FLAG CAMPAIGN



Purchase a flag to honor veterans, service members and their families for their brave service. Flag are on sale for \$2.00 and will be placed on the lawn at Morrow City Hall, 1500 Morrow Road, Morrow, GA 30260.

The name of your honored veteran will be read during the Veteran's Day ceremony on Saturday, November 11, 2017.

THANK A

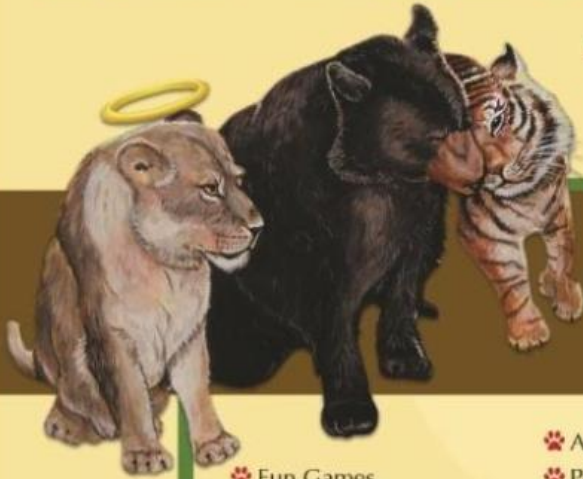
★ deserving ★
VETERAN

TODAY!



2017 FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 28, 2017
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
www.noahs-ark.org



A fun filled day
with family and
friends

🐾 Fun Games

🐾 Great Food

🐾 Fun for Adults and Kids!

🐾 Arts & Crafts Vendors

🐾 Petzone

🐾 Pet Contest

🐾 Silent Auction



Noah's Ark Animal Sanctuary • 712 LG Griffin Rd • Locust Grove, GA 30248 • 778.957.0888

Join us Saturday, October 28th from 9am-5pm at our 4th Annual Fall Festival for a fun filled day with family, friends, and of course, the wonderful rescued animals that call Noah's Ark their forever home! There will even be a pet costume contest, too!

There's no cost to attend our Fall Festival, but remember to bring extra cash because there will be delicious food, fun games, arts & crafts vendors, plus an incredible silent auction!

**MORROW FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Rev. Luis A. Ortiz
P.O. 143
5985 Jonesboro Road
Morrow, GA 30260

Phone: 770-961-4668
Email

luis.ortiz@ngumc.net
mumc-admsec@bellsouth.net
mumcfin-sec@bellsouth.net

www.mfumc.com



AWARDS FOR
Best Child Costume
Best Adult Costume
Most Creative Trunk

When: Wednesday, October 25th
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Where: Morrow First UMC
5985 Jonesboro Road, Morrow, GA

What: Car trunks decorated, Lots of candy,
Hotdogs, Chips, Popcorn, Drinks

Why: To provide a safe place to celebrate
Halloween

Who: Children of all ages

