

TOWER TIDINGS

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN MORRISTOWN

Fall Kickoff Sunday

September 11, 2022

10:00 AM Worship & Service of Celebration

welcoming our new Senior Pastor,

Rev. Daniel Vigilante

**Followed by a Parade to the Parish House
with food, fun, music and a few more surprises!**





We welcome Reverend Daniel Vigilante as our new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff!

Daniel and his husband, James Collins, have moved into the manse and his first sermon at PCM will be on Sunday, Sept. 11. Please feel free to stop by and visit him in his new office in the Parish House!

You may contact Daniel at dvigilante@pcmorristory.org.

FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

It has been such an absolute joy meeting so many of you and getting to know you. I feel so blessed to be with all of you, and I am so excited about what is ahead for all of us.

In the few weeks I have been here, I have been reminded a number of times how we are called to hold one another. Not necessarily just when we are sick or in need of healing, but in being together as a community. For my ordination, one of my dear mentors gave me one of the clergy stoles that she used in her ministry. With the stole, she attached a card that had Philippians 1:7 on it, which says, "I hold you in my heart." I have been carrying that verse with me as I have been thinking about how all of our lives are being further woven together.

As we look ahead to this coming fall, I invite you to look with me for those who are especially in need of holding. I also invite you to think about how you need to be held. What are those places where you need support, where you need some extra care, where you need to talk, and where you might need some love? The church is here for you, and I am here for you if you need to be held in a different way this season. I am so glad that we as a church hold one another together now and always.

I hope you have a wonderful start to your fall. I am so glad that I get to be a part of it.

Blessings,
Audrey

Rev. Audrey Webber (she/her)
Covenant Supply Associate Pastor



NEW PROGRAMS FOR FALL

Adult Education

It is with great joy to say that we are bringing back adult education in full force this fall! In addition to bringing back the Sunday morning adult education hour (now called Doughnuts and Theology!), we will also be having a time of prayer and reflection on a weekly basis called Real Prayer. Both programs will be meeting in the Erdman Room of the Parish House. I can already see that it's going to be a great fall. I hope that you will join us.

Doughnuts & Theology

Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

We are so excited to bring back our Sunday morning adult education hour! Doughnuts and Theology will be one of our weekly adult education offerings, which will occur most Sundays during the academic year. Themes will range from worship, to immigration and the Church, to intergenerational Bible study, to visual arts and spirituality. We will kick off the year on September 18th with a series called *Why Do We Worship?* which will be led by staff members. We will examine different elements of worship and explore why we practice them. Per the title, we will have doughnuts at EVERY gathering, come rain or come shine! Join us for this weekly gathering as we dive more deeply into our faith.

Real Prayer

Wednesdays at 2 p.m.



Real Prayer is a 30-45 minute midweek pause for prayer writing and reflection that is realistic for the overworked and overscheduled. The group will be guided with prompts as well as some creative locations of prayer when the weather is nice and will include prayer walks, praying in the garden, and other locations. All are invited to bring a snack or late lunch. Snacks and seasonal beverages will be provided following our time of prayer. All are welcome to gather and enjoy fellowship following our prayer session.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

ALEXANDRA MEAD | DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sunday School

Fall children's programs begin on September 11th at the Parish House with Sunday School from 9:00-9:40am. Drop off is between 8:45 and 9:00.

The children will have some play time,
then lessons begin promptly at 9:00am.

Sunday school is for children ages 2 years-5th grade.
Please register on-line to help to determine class size.

Midweek

Our Wednesday midweek program begins on September 14th from 4:00-6:00 at the Parish House and is for children in Kindergarten-Fifth grade. The children are greeted with a healthy snack and then go on to enjoy a bible lesson, recreation and crafts with Alexandra Mead as well as choir and handbell instruction with Ignacio Angulo-Pizarro (Mr. A-P). It is a wonderful program and I encourage you to register on-line or come and visit if your child would like to give it a try.

**Please contact Alexandra Mead at amead@pcmorristown.org
with any questions about our children's programs.**

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN HAVING YOUR CHILD BAPTIZED,
PLEASE CONTACT ALEXANDRA MEAD TO SCHEDULE A DATE, AMEAD@PCMORRISTOWN.ORG.**



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

PATRICK ALLRED | DIRECTOR OF YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

MATTHEW WEBB | DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

COMING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18!!!

The Youth and Music Ministries are excited to launch "Sunday Funday."

All events for Middle Schoolers and High Schoolers will take place on Sundays at the Parish House. An overwhelming number of Middle School families expressed their preference for Sunday activities and we look forward to seeing you there at the new day and time!

High School

Ringers on the Green - 11:30am-12:30pm

High School Lunch - 12:30-1:00pm

High School Youth Group - 1:00-2:15pm

Middle School

Middle School Music - 3:00-4:00pm

Middle School Youth Group - 4:00-5:15pm

Middle School Dinner - 5:15-5:45pm

Confirmation - 5:45-6:30pm

All are welcome in our Youth and Music programs!

If you have any questions,
please contact Patrick (pallred@pcmorristown.org)
or Matt (mwebb@pcmorristown.org).



Youth Ministries at the
Presbyterian Church in Morristown

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL

JEANNE MUELLER | DIRECTOR



The Nursery School is working hard planning for our return to school in September. The School will be reviewing all COVID updated guidance shared by the Department of Health and the CDC regarding safety and health requirements for our classrooms, students and staff. Please know that we will closely follow all safety protocol updates set by our licensing organization, the CDC and the local department of health. This will ensure a safe back to school environment for all.

Some of the school safety protocols will affect the use of some areas during school hours (roughly 8:40 until 1:30).

If you enter the Parish House during preschool hours, please be aware of this. Signs will be posted during school hours to help remind Parish House visitors. Please help us by following the rules and be patient with us. PCNS will do its best to make this transition as easy as possible for all.

Over the summer, we have made some major improvements in classroom 1 and 2 – we now have air conditioning! This will certainly assist us in keeping the classrooms cool when we start in the warm month of September. It also raises the possibility of starting a summer camp option for the nursery school in the future.

Lastly, a reminder that our parking lot gets much busier with parents with little ones in tow. Please drive slowly and carefully when school is open. At drop off (8:50-9:15), the car line can be an inconvenience for some, especially during our first few weeks of school. Please do not go around the car line, we usually get faster after some practice. Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to the new school year at Presbyterian Church Nursery School – our 58th year!

**Registration is open for the 2022/23 school year
and we do have openings**

PCNS can arrange tours to check out our school

Contact Jeanne Mueller at 973-540-1114 or jmueller@pcmorristown.org
to arrange a day and time

Please also visit our website: www.pcnsmorristown.org for more information on the school

FAREWELL FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR

THE REVEREND LESLIE DOBBS-ALLSOPP

Grace and peace to you!

I am so grateful to have been your pastor these 19 months. Thank you for trusting me with your hearts and your lives, even when Covid made it difficult for us to know each other as well as we would have liked. Dave Smazik left exactly two years ago, and so much has happened in these two years! You were able to enjoy having Bridge Pastor Ed Halldorson, who is such a calm and steady presence. I began here at PCM in Jan 2021. We returned to in person worship that Mother's Day, we reentered the Sanctuary in June, and we got live streaming up and running in July. We were able to complete the presbytery's required Discernment Process in 5 months. We brought on board Paul Koski, Kay Smith, and now Amanda Tufts. We elected a PNC in Nov 2021, and you called Pastor Daniel in June of this year. Concurrently, we had the unexpected opportunity to hire Covenant Supply Associate Pastor Audrey Webber AND ordain her in July. The session has been steadfast throughout this pandemic, making measured decisions to preserve the health of the body of Christ.

The children's and youth programs have continued, the Outreach Committee has never stopped serving the community, the PCNS has continued to be a lifeline for families.

You did all that and more within 2 years, during a pandemic, which is remarkable. You are unstoppable! I will miss you all. I will miss your profound engagement with preaching, your service to your community, and learning important life skills like Mah Jongg. It has been an honor to serve with this supremely talented church staff. I will keep an eye on you from afar, and I look forward to seeing what unfolds here at PCM as your new pastors settle into their calls. As Julian of Norwich wrote a long time ago: "...all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well."

Thank you for your kind gifts and your good wishes. Keep me in your prayers as I seek the next opportunity to serve. You will always be in mine.

Blessings,
Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp



THIS FALL AT JAN'S CLOSET



Thanks to all of you who so generously donated
SUMMER clothing to Jan's Closet.
You provided much needed assistance to many members of our
community!

**WE ARE NOW ACCEPTING NEW AND GENTLY USED FALL
AND WINTER CLOTHING FOR MEN, WOMEN AND
CHILDREN. PLEASE SAVE SUMMER ITEMS UNTIL APRIL AS
WE HAVE LIMITED STORAGE SPACE.**

We look forward to receiving your donations so that we can
continue serving our neighbors in need
with our clothing ministry.



**"When we make the effort to be in a
relationship...
...we create meaningful change."**

Morris Area Together is part of Metro IAF, which is comprised of 17 organizations in 7 states east of the Mississippi River. In mid-July, more than 30 individuals gathered for Metro IAF Organizing Training at the DePaul University Lincoln Park Campus in Chicago. As part of the training our Metro IAF group (pictured above) participated in a community action meeting with 1500 other faith and community leaders at the "House of Hope" in Chicago's South Side. Representing Morris Area Together were Ariadna Uribe (far left) and Vern Verhoef (center back row). As part of the community action we called on Senator Dick Durbin and other officials to provide funding necessary to implement policies related to gun safety, mental illness, and affordable housing.

Key lesson: When we make the effort to be in relationship with each other, we can come together to act on specific, tangible items, confronting government and/or corporations, as our own power wielding organization. This is how we create meaningful change.

**To become involved with issues being addressed in Morris County,
please contact Marnie Kaller or Vern Verhoef
marniekaller@gmail.com or Vernon.verhoef@verizon.net**

OUTREACH



Sunday School

INSPIRATION from OUR SISTER CHURCH IN NAIROBI

The launch on June 5, 2022, of the renewal of our partnership with Eastleigh PCEA in Nairobi was just the beginning! Join with us as we pray for and communicate regularly with our brothers and sisters in Christ even though there is an ocean between us.

The following words from Phares Nyaga, partnership team leader at Eastleigh, are so beautiful:

PCEA Eastleigh Church deeply cherishes the rekindling of this Sister Congregation Relationship with PCUSA Morristown Church. This is a relationship packaged with great expectations where folks look forth to learn from each other across the waters. Appreciation of diversities that exist in the different cultures involved in this relationship shall keep one's conscious rich. Amazing is the bliss that comes with the grasp that, someone somewhere is thinking about me and prays for me. Therefore we are in fellowship and friendship though distanced.



Baptisms



Table of Hope was founded by members of the Bethel Church of Morristown and has been supported by PCM since September 2013. After Hurricane Irene flooded the church, community members, and a donor, rebuilt the fellowship hall and a new commercial kitchen. This generosity spurred members of Bethel Church to do more for the community, thus Table of Hope was born. Now a trusted community soup kitchen, they serve dinner five nights a week to anyone in need of a warm meal and a smile.

Every week Table of Hope serves hundreds of hot meals-to-go from their soup kitchen and distributes groceries to thousands of local families at their food pantries. In 2021, they served over 18,500 soup kitchen meals and provided groceries to over 39,000 families in Morris County.

They also expanded operations to include a Mobile Food Pantry and to provide COVID vaccinations for free.

PCM has been one of Table of Hope's strongest financial supporters since 2019. Many PCM members volunteer at Table of Hope to serve meals or help at their Morristown food pantry.

TABLE OF HOPE DONATION LIST:

- Plastic Forks
- 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Dawn Dishwashing Liquid
- Latex Free Rubber Gloves
- Sandwich Zip-Lock Bags
- Aluminum Foil TRAYS (21x13) Aluminum Foil Roll (18"x500')
- Compostable Clamshell Containers (8x8) 3 SECTIONS



WAYS TO DONATE:

BINS: Drop off in the Parish House, COG Narthex, or Mutch Hall near back door

AMAZON WISHLIST: Cut and paste link to your browser <https://a.co/9cRkdIW>

BREEZE: 2022 Pledge drop down menu select "Table of Hope" or cut and paste link <https://pcm.breezechms.com/give/online>

MAIL A CHECK: To PCM (memo line: Table of Hope)

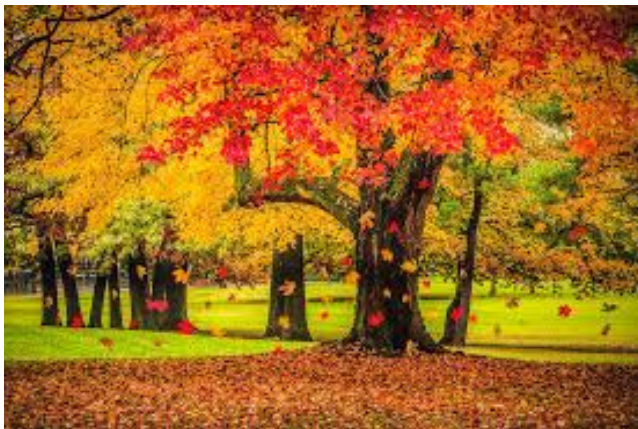
FAITH ON FILM:

Sunday, September 19 4:00 - 7:00 pm
in the Erdman Room

“Just Mercy” starring Michael B. Jordan, Bryan Stevenson, Jamie Foxx, and Brie Larson is a powerful true story of justice and injustice, in a courtroom drama, centered around themes of empathy, equity, hope and resilience.

Join us for pizza, salad and discussion led by Vern Verhoef.

Donations welcome!



Deacons In-Reach Day

Saturday, October 29, 2022
8:30 - Noon

The Deacons will be once again be coordinating the annual In-Reach Day for October. This is an opportunity for members to serve other church members in need of help with light chores at their homes – things such as fall clean up, window washing, or general yard work.

Volunteers meet at 8:30 a.m. for a light breakfast at the Parish House and are assigned to homes. All projects are completed by noon.

If you are in need of help or would like to volunteer to help, watch for sign-up information in the weekly church announcements in the weeks to come.

The deadlines for submissions to Tower Tidings is the 15th of each month.
Please send information to Kay at office@pcmorristown.org.



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Please contact the office to update your contact information.

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VISIT US

We worship weekly in person at 10am in our Sanctuary

Our weekly 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**.