

## HOLY WEEK AND CHAPEL PILOT

APR 2

### **PALM SUNDAY**

Palm Sunday Children's Parade, followed by Worship

10:00 am

Sanctuary and Online

All children welcome! Please meet at the Chapel at 9:30 am to participate. Join us after Worship for an Easter egg hunt!

APR 6

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**Worship and Communion** 

7:30 pm

Sanctuary and Online

APR 7

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**Prayer Stations and Labyrinth** 

Open from 12:00 - 3:00 pm The Chapel

APR 9

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

### Worship

Church on the Green Burial Grounds at 8:00 am Sanctuary and Online at 10:00 am

### **Visual Arts Program Begins!**

Sanctuary before and after Worship

**APR 16** 

### **CHAPEL PILOT BEGINS**

8:00 am - Chapel Worship Service Resumes

 Communion offered each week, in a simple, worshipful setting that is meditative and contemplative

**9:00 am** - Education Hour at Church on the Green:

- Doughnuts and Theology Adult Education meets in the COG Music Room
- Sunday School for children ages 2 through 5th grade meets in the Chapel

**10:00 am** - Worship in the Sanctuary or Online

## NOTES ON JOY

Reverend Daniel Vigilante, Senior Pastor

### DEAR PCM FAMILY,

I've been thinking a lot lately about joy.

Joy, because it's springtime. Joy, because it's Easter. Joy, because we're in such an exciting and hopeful moment in the life of our church.

In the resurrection story, an angel tells the women at the empty tomb that Jesus has been raised from death to life. Then, it says, they went to tell others the good news - with fear and great joy. It strikes me that fear and joy often go hand in hand.

As we approach the trial period in which we're locating all of our Sunday programs at Church on the Green (you can read more about that on our website and the first page of this issue of Tower Tidings) - I feel tremendous joy at the openness and boldness of the congregation to embrace change. I feel joy at the thought that COG will be full of children and that our education hour for all ages will be happening in one place. There's so much joy at the thought of what God might do among us during this trial period and beyond!

But joy and fear often go hand in hand. And I know there's some uncertainty about what the future might bring. Will our pilot program be successful? Will these changes push anyone away?

The good news is that we are a resurrection people. We believe in new life - and that God can always do a new thing. We have created a warm, inviting, flexible space for families with children and for our adult education program, as well. We are bringing back our 8:00 am Chapel Worship Service to offer a contemplative alternative to our 10:00 am Sanctuary Service. We are connecting with our growing online audience. We are embracing God's future for PCM.

I'm so full of anticipation that God will bless these efforts beyond our hopes - and certainly beyond our fears. And that we will look to this new season in the life of our church with truly great joy.

Yours, in Christ, **Daniel** 

## JOY IN SIX WORDS

Community together again after the pandemic.

THERESA CREAN

Long, warm hugs from loved ones.

**BETTY DARCY** 

The return to a green world.

CAROLYN CROSTHWAITE

My family, my faith, my music!

MICHELE YAMPOLSKY

Going for my walks in Morristown!

**VERN VERHOEF** 

**ADD YOURS!** 

Climbing to the top of mountains!

SUSAN HUBBARD

Playing with my dog at home!

BILL SANFILIPPO

# THE JOY OF ART: VISUAL ARTS PROGRAMMING AT PCM

Reverend Audrey Webber, Associate Pastor

If you are able to attend our Easter morning services, you will notice some beautiful additional artwork hanging in the Narthex! This show features work created by our community around the theme "All Things New." These works of art showcase not only how we are constantly changing and finding the new joys in our lives, but also show the many ways God works through our lives, nature, and specifically in the hearts of our talented artists. I hope you will have a chance to take a look at our show. If you are unable to join us, have no fear, there will be more shows in the future!

Another special program coming up in the life of our church is an adult education series which will be our last series in Doughnuts and Theology for the academic year, focusing on visual arts and faith life (as well as so much more!), which I have named **The Art Project**. As many of you know, I am currently doing my PhD research in Practical Theology with a focus on theology and the arts. For that, I dreamed up this art series which takes us on a journey on how we can use the visual arts to talk about and make sense of our faith together.

Here are the themes along with the Scripture that inspired them:

- Session One April 16: Talking with God Psalm 1
- Session Two April 23: Created to Create Genesis 1
- Session Three April 30: Describing God John 17:20-26
- Session Four May 7: Caring for Each Other John 12:1-8
- Session Five May 14: Telling Our Stories Acts 16:10-18, 40

Each week, we will discuss a work of art in conjunction with a Scripture passage based on the theme for the week. After our discussion, everyone will be invited to create a work of art, each week with a different practice. Have no fear, you definitely do not have to be an artist to participate; in fact, it's even better if you are not an artist (although we certainly want everyone!) This is about the process of thinking about our faith in a different way than we normally do. It helps us ask the question: how can we see our faith life: our spirituality, education, outreach, and worship, and change the lens by which we look at them to cultivate a fuller faith experience? We will begin to scratch the surface of that question through this program together. As we joyfully make our way into the Easter season, I hope you will join us as we explore the joy of art.



Mark DeMos



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Blessings, Audrey

## **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!**

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (VBS): JUNE 26 - 30

Alexandra Mead, Director, Christian Education and Children's Ministry

### **EVEREST: CONQUERING CHALLENGES WITH GOD'S MIGHTY POWER**

We begin our day at Base Camp as we gather and hear what our day will look like.

We then rotate through our activities which include our story in Bible Expeditions, Glacier Games on the front lawn, Mountain Top Treats for snack, science experiments at Imagination Station, celebrate with songs and dance moves in music, and create snowy art projects in our craft time.

We finish our day with a Summit Celebration and a song!

### **DETAILS:**

- June 26 30, 2023
- 9:15 am 12:15 pm
- Parish House (65 South Street)
- Ages 3 12
- Children must be potty trained

### **REGISTER TODAY:**

### pcmorristown.org/vbs





Please contact Alexandra Mead amead@pcmorristown.org



## A TIME FOR JOY

Jeanne Mueller, Director, Presbyterian Church Nursery School

### **JOY!**

This feeling is certainly on full display at the Presbyterian Church Nursery School (PCNS) right now. The children and staff have finally made it to Spring Break!



Children experience many emotions and challenges in their educational journey from September to June. It is with the beautiful season of Spring where we see the young ones express happiness and joy as tasks, ideas, and skills are now much easier for them to achieve and understand. With the warm weather, they greet their friends happily upon arrival each day. The staff are all delighted to witness a child arrive in the morning smiling and leave at the end of the day eager to share the adventures they had at PCNS with their families.

The end of school this year is always a time for fun field trips and outside play in the warm sun until school ends in June with our annual ice cream party!

### **SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!**

This year, we are excited to share our new summer camp! Currently, we are welcoming up to 30 children for four weeks of a joyful summer camp experience. Visit **pcnsmorristown.org/summercamp** to register.

### SEPTEMBER ALREADY?

Our school registration for 2023/24 is currently open. Visit **pcnsmorristown.org** to register for next year. Don't forget, there is a PCM Member discount!

## PCNS OPEN HOUSE, ART SHOW, AND FAMILY NIGHT

Join us on **May 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. You will be sure to feel the joy we experience each day here at PCNS. Please RSVP: jmueller@pcmorristown.org.

We look forward to many more happy memories before the school year ends!

- Jeanne Mueller and the PCNS Staff







# Look out Summer here we come

### **FOUR WEEKS AVAILABLE**

- July 10-14
- 🗹 July 17-21
- August 7-11
- August 14-18



For ages 3-5
contact Jeanne Mueller:

JMueller@pcmorristown.org

FOR MORE INFORMATION SEE

**OUR WEBSITE:** 

**PCNSMORRISTOWN.ORG** 

## STUDENTS ON THE MOVE

Patrick Allred, Director, Youth and Young Adults

### **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: MAY 7**

I hope you'll join us in worship on **Sunday**, **May 7** to celebrate a wonderful group of confirmands. Our confirmands in the 2023 class are **Joshua Crean**, **Evan Curnow**, **Brendan Karl**, **Genevieve Hoover**, and **John Williams**. They are a bright, curious, and gifted group of students that are a blessing to our church and community. Our confirmands have completed ten classes over topics including theology and biblical exploration. Additionally, they have fulfilled at least five hours of service in the church and participated in worship by attending or helping to lead services. I would also like to thank their mentors: Wendy Doidge, Bruce Frazier, Ken Hashagen, Wayne Rush, and Richard Schwartz. Our confirmation mentors meet one-on-one with the confirmands to build a relationship and read through the Gospel of Mark together. Come welcome and congratulate the newest members of our church!

### SENIOR SUNDAY: JUNE 11

June is always a bittersweet month for me in the life of the church. Our high school students complete RISE training by building some great birdhouses for individuals we will eventually serve in New York, keeping the energy and anticipation swelling for the trip. However, June also means that we celebrate a senior class on the cusp of pursuing their post-secondary school goals. Please join us on **Sunday**, **June 11** as we celebrate four seniors that we've seen grow up in the church. Our seniors are **Avery Craig**, **Zachary Hoover**, **Michael Hoppes**, and **Kezia Volinsky**. Our seniors will lead us in worship that day, and there will be decorative tables in the back commemorating their high school achievements and future plans!



### RISE 2023: FRIENDSHIP, HERE WE COME!

PCM Family, the youth ministry needs your help! Please pray for our mission to RISE from July 9 through July 15 as we travel to Friendship, New York, to help make homes warmer, safer, and dryer. Pray that everyone stays safe (we always pray that everyone comes back with the same number of fingers and toes...), pray for the individuals that we meet, and pray that everyone can see the light of Christ through our work and words.

### 2023 PCM SCHOLARSHIPS

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR!

### THE COBB AND BETTY GREEN JONES SCHOLARSHIPS

Overseen by the PCM Finance Committee, these two scholarships are awarded to confirmed members of the congregation accepted as fulltime students at an institution of higher learning. Application and recommendations must be completed by the applicant themself, and submitted via email to Betty Darcy (bettydarcy55@gmail.com) by **May 15**.



### THE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Each year Presbyterian Women awards a scholarship to someone desiring to continue their education post-high school. The scholarship is available to all members, age 17 and older, actively involved in the life of this church. If you have any questions, please contact Sherry Guthrie (sharon.guthrie28@gmail.com). The deadline to apply is **May 26**.

### THE EKLUND SCHOLARSHIP

The Eklund Scholarship, funded by a generous bequest to the Presbyterian Church in Morristown by Shirley and George Eklund, is awarded to confirmed members of the congregation who are accepted as full-time students at US institutions of higher learning for the 2023-24 academic year. The students should be active in various church programs, scholastic activities, community service and must demonstrate financial need. A secondary consideration is given to those who have an interest in Education. Scholarships may be awarded to multiple recipients.

For inquiries on the Eklund Scholarship, please contact Faith Krueger at the Community Foundation of New Jersey at 973-267-5105 or via email at fkrueger@cfnj.org. The deadline to apply is **May 15.** 

Scholarships will be awarded at our worship service on June 11, Senior Sunday.

VISIT PCMORRISTOWN.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR APPLICATIONS AND MORE DETAILS.

# BENEFIT OUR OUTREACH PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY WITH YOUR SPRING CLEANING!

Emily Campbell, PCM Outreach Committee

If you're doing some spring cleaning, please consider donating items to the following Outreach partners, PCM groups and community organizations:

### **Reusable Grocery Bags**

**Table of Hope** would like your Fresh Direct and other reusable grocery bags for their food pantry. springstreetcdc.org/donate

#### Clothing (and More!)

**Jan's Closet** is now accepting new and clean, gently used spring and summer clothing (no bathing suits or used underwear; in-season clothing only as storage is limited). Drop-off bin is at the Parish House.

Market Street Mission Thrift Store accepts clothing and linens, housewares, electronics and furniture. See their list of current needs and exclusions. marketstreet.org/thrift-store-current-needs-2

#### **Medical Equipment and Supplies**

**Pluckemin Medical Equipment Ministry** accepts items like wheelchairs, walkers, packages of adult undergarments, and more. This is a ministry of Pluckemin Presbyterian Church: ppcmem.org/home

#### **Recycling Collection**

**PCM** is always collecting the following items at the Parish House:

- Oral care products: toothbrushes, floss containers, and toothpaste tubes.
- Writing instruments: pens, markers, mechanical pencils, and highlighters.
- Bottle caps (plastic).
- Prescription pills bottles (with lids; please remove labels): these are used by hospitals overseas when pharmaceutical companies send bulk supplies that need to be repackaged.









## RAMP & PCM VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO HELP WITH THE MOHAMMADI FAMILY

Janet Foster, PCM Outreach Committee

Refugee Assistance Morris Partners (RAMP) is a local organization composed of volunteers committed to helping refugees adapt to this country. Refugees – mostly families – are carefully screened by the US State Department and the International Rescue Committee before being assigned to local groups like RAMP who make them welcome, find housing, and assist in many ways to make transition to life in the United States as smooth as possible.

Members of our congregation have joined with others in the area to help the Mohammadi family, consisting of a father, Aziz (age 70); a mother, Bakht Awar (younger than her husband, but a lady does not reveal her age!); and their teen-aged son, Omid. They live in a multi-family house in Boonton, found for them by RAMP volunteers. Omid is enrolled in high school, which he is enjoying very much. They do not own a car, nor do they have drivers' licenses, so they rely on RAMP volunteers for all their transportation – to the grocery store, to doctor's appointments, and for other errands and meetings. The family also has two adult daughters already living in the US - one daughter lives in Union, NJ and her proximity to her parents is a huge help, as she is fluent in English and they are not.

There are a few volunteers from PCM who, along with others in the community, are serving as drivers to help them run errands and get to appointments. Sign-ups are done on-line so volunteers can coordinate their time commitment within their own schedules. With the help of apps like Google or Microsoft Translator on your phone, you can communicate, and even have fun. More volunteers mean sharing the load – hopefully we can get to the point where the drivers only have to do one trip a month. Please contact the Outreach Committee if you could add your name to the list and commit to being a driver! Tom Tignor is our RAMP coordinator: ttignor@gmail.com

A visit with the Mohammadis inevitably concludes with their graciously serving cardamom tea in their lovely living room. (Their beautiful furniture was a well-timed gift from someone doing some serious downsizing before moving to Florida). They are a wonderful, friendly group of people who would like to meet you!









## RAMP & PCM VOLUNTEERS CONTINUE TO HELP WITH THE MOHAMMADI FAMILY

Volunteers post their experiences to a group e-mail, offering tips to others so we all can learn from each other. Here are some comments from recent volunteers:

### FROM PAUL PAZNIOKAS. MOHAMMADI FAMILY COORDINATOR FOR RAMP

"The ESL (English as a Second Language) team, headed up by Toni Frame, is visiting the apartment every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - two ESL'ers at a time. They're enjoying bringing the English language to Aziz and Bakht Awar. And every time I visit the apartment, I smile when I see all the learning material taped to the breakfront and hear Bakht Awar and Aziz greet me in English."

### FROM MARNIE KALLER, TO PAUL PAZNIOKAS

"It is amazing what a team of volunteers can do and your leadership is truly terrific! I, for one, am having a joyful time getting to know Aziz and Bakht Awar. I am certain that others are also."

### FROM NANCY REEVES, ESL TEAM

"I worked with Aziz today. ... We worked on money, showing him the 20, 10, 5, and 1 dollar bills. I also showed him the quarter, dime, nickel, and penny and their worth. I was impressed that he knew the days of the week and months of the year. Progress!"

### FROM JOANNA GEORGE, DRIVING TEAM

"Janet Foster and I took Bakht Awar to Aldi's in the shopping area on the corner of Franklin Road and Route 46 in Rockaway ... at checkout Bakht Awar was selecting CASH payment instead of the other option. When we selected the other option and the pin was typed in, the balance on the SNAP card was applied."

Such small steps on a very long road but this is so important for the Mohammadis and for the healing of our world. Please join us!

Contact the Outreach Committee through Tom Tignor: ttignor@gmail.com.

## **UPCOMING OUTREACH EVENTS**



## DIVERSITY DAY 2023: FREE EVENT ON SUNDAY, JULY 9



This summer, we are back with our popular Diversity Day on the Morristown Green! Diversity Day is a community event sponsored by the Diversity Coalition of Morris County (DCMC) that brings together friends and members of the Greater Morris County Area in order to celebrate the gifts of our neighbors.

The day consists of an Interfaith Worship Service open to the public and a FREE festival of multicultural music, and sampling of ethnic foods served on the front lawn of the Church on the Green. The festival and Interfaith Worship Service will run from **11:00 am until 4:00 pm**.

Our aim is to bring people together to celebrate diversity and obtain information that could help create better understanding about new cultures among all in attendance.

The success of this event has been credited largely to the various religious, cultural, and educational organizations and community members who contribute their time and financial support to the event.

The DCMC is looking for volunteers to help prepare food at the PCM kitchen and/or serve food for Diversity Day. For more information to help with food, please contact **Beverly at beverly.tignor@gmail.com** or sign-up on the DCMC website at diversitymc.org. Volunteers are also needed to solicit and/or distribute Diversity Day prize donations. To help with prizes, please contact **Karen at kgriffith32@aol.com**.







## SPRING IS COMING!



### DON'T KNOW WHAT TO GET YOUR MOTHER FOR MOTHER'S DAY?

Consider making a donation to the Church World Service Blanket Sunday to recognize your own mother's selflessness and love for others. Your contribution will enable the distribution of blankets to people throughout the world who need warmth and comfort and a reminder that they are part of God's creation and are loved, at a time when it is easy to fall into despair. The blankets are given out following natural disasters, to refugees and to the homeless.

Envelopes for your donation, and cards that you can give to your mother will be available in the pews and in the Narthex on Mother's Day so that you can be part of this extraordinary way to honor mothers and grandmothers everywhere. For just \$10 you can provide a family not only with a blanket, but also with hope.



### FIRST PCM HIKE: SATURDAY, APRIL 22 AT 9:00 AM

#### **Jockey Hollow National Park**

We will start from the parking lot located at the end of Western Avenue (not the main entrance to the park). We will hike the Blue Loop on the New York Brigade Trail.

### NEXT HIKE: SATURDAY, MAY 20 AT 9:00 AM

#### **Schiff Nature Reserve**

We will start from the parking lot off Pleasant Valley Road in Mendham. It is a loop trail that takes about an hour to complete. Please invite any friends who may enjoy hiking – it is good for all ages with mostly flat terrain, although there are some short hills.

We would love to get your suggestions for your favorite hikes in the area, or if there are different days of the week you would like to meet to walk. Please contact Sherry Guthrie (973) 714-768 and we will make it happen. Come and enjoy God's creation. See you there!



### HAVE YOU NOTICED MORE FOLKS ATTENDING WORSHIP IN PERSON?

It is a wonderful feeling - energy abounds at our church services! The Welcome Team could use more people on their volunteer list. It is an easy job to do:

- 1) Before worship, arrive early to greet people and hand out bulletins
- 2) During worship, collect the offering
- 3) After worship, gather the attendance sheets

The signup is online and open to suit your schedule. If you can help to make our Church more welcoming, please contact Betty Darcy (bettydarcy55@gmail.com) or Mikey Knotts (maknotts37@gmail.com).

## POTLUCK PRESBYTERIANS

### FOR THE LOVE OF GOOD FRIENDS AND FINE DINING!



### WHAT WILL BE ON YOUR PLATE?

Now's the time to sign up for the **Fall 2023** Session of Potluck Presbyterians!

"Potluck" as it has been lovingly referred to for some twenty-five years was interrupted by COVID. However, we are alive and well and making plans to be up and active again. Potluck provides adult members the opportunity for fellowship, good food, and good conversation. We gather in each other's homes to rekindle old friendships and make new ones once a month over the course of three months for the fall-winter session (October, November, January) and/or for three months in the spring (March, April, May).

Those signing up as "regulars" are the backbone of Potluck, each committing to host one dinner (or brunch or lunch) during the semester. The host sets the date and time for the gathering; prepares the main course; and invites those on the pre-determined roster to bring the other courses of the meal. Hosts and guests are rotated each month, insuring participants meet with different people each month.

With six to eight people at each event, it is easy for everyone. Prepare (or purchase) a favorite dish according to your assignment on the roster, and show up at the appointed time and place. That's it! Life is good – and simple for Potluckers!

### SIGN UP

Please contact Sue Woodruff, at shwoodruff@comcast.net or (908) 879-6638, for more information and to become a member no later than **September 1**.

### FROM THE SAFETY MINISTRY TEAM

### THE SAFETY MINISTRY TEAM SENDS OUR BEST WISHES TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

We would like to reintroduce ourselves as our membership has changed and share with you what we are working on.

Our team currently includes **Craig Barth**, **Chris Crean**, **Bob Davies**, **Karl Fenske**, **Kevin Hubbard**, **Dick Kaller**, **Paul Koski**, **Jason Lawlor**, **and Jenny Tooley**. We are now in our fifth year. During this time, we have worked with our church leaders to implement security technology and safety procedures, secured additional Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) for our buildings, and provided CPR/AED training. We also established a team of medical professionals (the Medical Commander team) - to take charge in the event of a medical emergency during worship.



A major focus area for 2023 is training. We will continue to provide CPR training and recently held a class for our senior high youth. We are also considering the implementation of 'Stop the Bleed' kits on both PCM campuses and will accompany this with related training.

In January, we partnered with our Welcome Team Coordinators, Betty Darcy and Mikey Knotts, to provide training for our Welcome Team Leaders (the former Head Usher role). This included education on the emergency procedures developed for the Church on the Green and the Howard House – i.e., action to take in the event of fire, a medical emergency, a lost child, etc.

The Welcome Team Leader plays a key role in our emergency procedures. He or she is stationed in the Narthex throughout our worship service and is available to assist you. Should there be an emergency, the Welcome Team Leader will serve as the 'person in charge' until first responders arrive. In the event of a medical emergency, this individual will assure the Medical Commander is alerted and takes charge.

We are also educating ourselves on how best to handle disruptive persons and implement appropriate 'active shooter' protocols, with the objective of updating our emergency procedures later this year.

We will share more with you as the year progresses. In the meantime, please feel free to contact any member of our team if you have any questions or suggestions.





# IN LOVING MEMORY OF VICKY WILLSON

## THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NURSERY SCHOOL WILL PLACE A MEMORIAL IN HONOR OF VICKY WILLSON ON OUR PLAYGROUND

Vicky was an integral part of our Nursery School's history. She supported the school in numerous ways and served on our Advisory Committee for over 40 years. **Please join us at our Art Show & Family Night for the dedication to this wonderful person.** We will host our families and any church members that would like to attend on **May 25 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**.

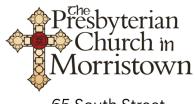
Checks may be made out to Presbyterian Church Nursery School (please include in the memo "VICKY FUND") can be mailed to the Nursery School at 65 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960, dropped off at the office, or donated via Breeze into the **Vicky Willson Memorial Fund.** 

If you have any questions or if you would like to donate to this memorial, please contact Nancylynne Alessio (nancylynne@westendresidential.com).









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Please contact the office to update your contact information.

## LET'S STAY CONNECTED

We worship weekly in-person at 8:00 am or 10:00 am in our Sanctuary

Our weekly 10:00 am service is livestreamed and available at: 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

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