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EASTER 2024

WE ARE PCM.

Reverend Daniel Vigilante, Pastor

DEAR PCM FAMILY,

We are PCM...

When you think about that statement, what things come to mind?

Beyond simply our demographics, I tend to think of words like: compassionate; inclusive; growing; grounded; inquiring; faithful. What about you? What comes to mind when you think of PCM? I'm curious to know what we'd come up with if we created a comprehensive list!

Our congregation's identity, of course, isn't just a collection of Presbyterian doctrines or rituals; nor is it a statistical report of ages, incomes, and backgrounds. Our identity is living testament to the values that bind us, inspire us, and guide us in our ministry and in our work for a more just, peaceful, and loving world - the world as God intends it to be.

So, when I think of PCM, I think we are a community rooted in compassion. We strive to embody the love and kindness that Jesus taught, extending a hand of support to those in need and a spirit of understanding to those who are different from us.

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God. Our congregation is a place where all are welcome, where diversity is celebrated, and where differences are embraced as opportunities for growth and learning.

Grounded in faith, we draw strength from the truths of Scripture, the wisdom of our tradition, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We are unafraid to ask questions, to wrestle with difficult truths, and to seek new understandings of God's will for our lives.

We are a community of faithful disciples, doing our best to follow Jesus on a journey marked by moments of joy and sorrow, doubt and certainty. We support and encourage one another, knowing that we are stronger together than we could ever be alone.

As we look to the future, we seek to grow - not for the sake of growth itself - but because the gospel of Jesus Christ is good news - and good news deserves to be shared. And because people in our community need to hear it.

Throughout the season after Easter, we'll be diving deep into these ideas and many others... striving to live more fully into the radical love and grace of God.

We are PCM.

In Christ's love,
Daniel

WORSHIP AT PCM

MAR 24**PALM SUNDAY**

Worship Service
8:00 am | The Chapel

Children's Parade, followed by Worship Service
10:00 am | Sanctuary and Online
All children welcome! Please meet on the Howard House porch at 9:45 am.

MAR 28**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Worship and Communion
7:00 pm | Sanctuary and Online

MAR 29**GOOD FRIDAY**

Worship Service
12:00 pm | The Chapel

MAR 31**EASTER SUNDAY**

Worship Service
8:00 am | The Chapel

Worship Service
10:00 am | Sanctuary and Online
A special Easter Egg hunt will follow worship!

MAY 5**CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

We welcome our confirmands as new members of PCM.

JUN 9**GRADUATION SUNDAY**

See scholarship information at pcmorrictown.org/scholarships.

JUN 30**SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS IN SOUTH STREET HALL**

From June 30 - September 1, worship (8:00 and 10:00 am services) will be held at the Parish House, upstairs in South Street Hall to keep us nice and cool during the hot summer months. Online worship will still be available!

MARKING OUR TIME TOGETHER

Reverend Audrey Webber, Associate Pastor


As we continue to build community together, we are given many moments in our church life to mark that there is much ahead: baptism, confirmation, new members affirming and reaffirming their faith, new groups and programs, communities coming together, installation of new officers (and a pastor this year!), babies born, the journey into the next life, and so much more.

As a church, we mark these occasions and we remember that we are becoming a community together, always evolving into a new version of ourselves, but also knowing that God is with us through it all.

I invite *you* to mark these occasions.

During our Grief Support Group conversations, we often talk about creating rituals to remember our loved ones. This may mean marking anniversaries with a special meal, being with family or friends, or creating a literal box of memories about the people we love. It's important because among other things it helps us to mark our grief journey.

It's also important to mark our time together as a church. While our Ten Year Vision Team does their work considering what PCM could look like and how we might want to mark our 300th anniversary, I invite you to mark our time together in the following four ways:

 **Figure out the date or approximate date you joined PCM.**


Mark it on your calendar. Tell me what it is. Seriously, right now, send me an email! I want to send you something to mark this occasion this year. Also make your own plan. What will you do to mark the day? Frame a photo of you at the church? Spend time in your favorite spot at the church? Try out a new program at PCM? Find a way to mark it.

 **Take an old church friend to lunch.**

Mark the amazing friendships you have made over the years. Randomly invite someone out for no special reason except to celebrate your church friendship.

 **Reach out to a new friend at church.**

Invite them to a program or a meal. Learn more about them and tell them you are so glad they are here!

 **Send a card to some of our confirmands or youth.**

We are a connectional and intergenerational church, and we are blessed that the Church will continue because of our young people who keep coming back. Send them a note reminding them that they are amazing.

As we mark our time together, and continue to grow in our relationships here at PCM, know that you are loved by this church. We may not mark every occasion, but we strive to be the welcoming, hopeful, and loving family of faith God calls us to be. We are all so blessed to have you as part of our family.

Blessings,
Audrey

ADULT MINISTRIES AT PCM

Reverend Audrey Webber, Associate Pastor



REBIRTH: AN EASTER ART GALLERY | OPENS MARCH 31

March 31 - June 23 | Narthex

We are excited to announce our next art gallery show at PCM! It's hard to believe the art team has been here at PCM for one year, and this is our 5th art show! We are so delighted to continue into our second year with our newest show focused on the theme: Rebirth: An Easter Season Show. All submissions will debut on Easter Sunday, March 31. Keep an eye out for information on our Gallery Opening event!



NEW ADULT EDUCATION SERIES | APRIL 7 - MAY 5

Join us for our new five-week Doughnuts and Theology series led by Dr. John Harmon, Sundays at 8:45 am in the Chapel or online.

In this series, we will travel together through the history of our church, starting with the world in which Jesus lived through Christianity's movement into the United States.

Some of the topics will include:

- Palestine before and during the life of Jesus
- The Jesus Movement following Jesus' crucifixion
- The Early Christian Church
- The Middle Ages and the Reformation
- Christianity in the New World



ABOUT DR. JOHN HARMON

John and his wife Clara moved to Montville three years ago responding to the call of the Grandchildren: they have two daughters, their husbands, and now five grandchildren who live in Morristown, eliminating the slog across the Hudson River to and from Connecticut that they had to undertake to bring everyone together.

John has a Ph.D. in Tudor Stuart England and the Renaissance/Reformation from the University of Rochester. Doctoral degrees confer some prestige on the holder but not much money, so John spent 30 years working in the corporate world. In the interim, John and Clara have been members of three Congregational churches in Indianapolis, Rochester, NY, and Fairfield, CT, which allowed him the time to think more deeply about Christianity and its roots, and from which he has prepared, from time to time, various courses on Christianity. The course for PCM's Doughnuts and Theology is one of them.

Clara and John found PCM after searching for a church in which they felt most comfortable. They are happy and grateful that they did.

BLOOMING TOGETHER: YOUR GUIDE TO ALL-CHURCH EVENTS

From the Community and Membership Committee



MONTHLY FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON | APRIL 12 | 12:00 PM

All are welcome to our monthly fellowship luncheons. Stop by the Parish House at **noon on April 12** for our Monthly Fellowship Luncheon to meet some new friends and eat some great food. We hope to see you there! Register at pcmorrictown.org/luncheon.



ALL-CHURCH DINNERS | APRIL 10, MAY 8, JUNE 12 | 6:00 PM

Save the date for the last few All-Church Dinners of the year!

- **April 10** - we will gather to celebrate PCM's birthday
- **May 8** - we will celebrated a belated Cinco De Mayo
- **June 12** - we will gather for a fun potluck to end the year

Wonderful foods will be served, and there will be a fun project for the kiddos. Please join us! Register at pcmorrictown.org/dinner.



JOCKEY HOLLOW HIKE | APRIL 6 | 9:00 AM

Our April 6 hike will take place at Jockey Hollow, meeting at the Western Avenue entrance and hiking from the huts to the Wick Farm and back.

WILLOWOOD ARBORETUM | MAY 4 | 9:00 AM

On May 4 our hike will be at Willowood Arboretum. This park is famous for its incredible lilac collection, which should be in bloom at this time.

THE CROSS ESTATE | JUNE 15 | 9:00 AM

On June 15 we will hike to the Cross Estate, starting at the Scherman-Hoffman Wildlife Sanctuary. The trails are easy to hike and the gardens are beautiful.

More details: pcmorrictown.org/hike

CELEBRATING PCM KIDS

Alexandra Mead, Director, Christian Education



CONFIRMATION | SUNDAY, MAY 5 | 10:00 AM

We have six amazing kids being confirmed on Sunday, May 5 during our 10:00 am worship service. The confirmation dinner will be on May 4. Our service project was to make terrariums for the patients receiving treatment at the Carol Simon Center at Morristown Medical Center.

The kids have been Studying the New and Old Testaments, the Trinity, our sacraments, and prayer. They will be reading the Gospel of Mark with their mentors and preparing their Statements of Faith. They are working hard!

This year's class: Danny Ewing, Michael Hewes, Cole Kitchell, Adriana Hummer, Mia Reasor, Sophia Dannemann, and Abby Koyce.



YEAR-END PCM KIDS' PARTY! | WED, MAY 15 | 4:00 - 6:00 PM

Join us as we wrap up this program year with a fun celebration! There will be bubbles, a bounce house, games, and ice cream!

Where: Parish House
Who: Kids ages 3 - 11 years old
RSVP: pcmorrictown.org/kids



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 24 - 28 | NOW ENROLLING!

This year, kids will dive into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. For one week in the summer children and youth ages 3 - 12 are invited to attend a fun and exciting day program (9:15 am - 12:15 pm) at the Parish House.

Registration is open: pcmorrictown.org/vbs

We are seeking donations of the following for VBS this year:

- Pool Noodles
- Solo Cups
- Ping Pong Balls
- Inexpensive Beach Towels
- Rolls of Paper Towels

Items can be dropped off at the Parish House; Attn: Alexandra Mead

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

SUPPORTING OUR PCM STUDENTS



... AND SUPPORT THE
RINGERS-ON-THE-GREEN TOUR!

From now until **March 24**, PCM is collecting old sneakers (kid - adult sizes) to raise funds for the Ringers-on-the-Green, our high school handbell choir! Please feel free to bring sneakers you'd like to donate to the Parish House or Church on the Green.

Collected sneakers are sent in to be recycled and the ROGs will receive up to \$7 a pair (depending on condition).

Every little bit helps, so dig out those old kicks!

Make sure to Save the Date for the next ROGs performance at worship on Sunday, May 19.



RISE 2024: FRIENDSHIP, HERE WE COME!

PCM Family, the youth ministry needs your help! Please pray for our mission to RISE from **July 7 through July 13** as we travel to Friendship, NY, 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.

2024 PCM SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE!

PCM is delighted to announce the return of our annual scholarship program, aimed at supporting the academic dreams and aspirations of our graduating students.

Visit pcmorrictown.org/scholarships for applications and more details. Scholarships will be awarded at our worship service on June 9, PCM's Senior Sunday.



FROM EASTER CELEBRATIONS TO SUMMER CAMP: JOYFUL ADVENTURES AWAIT AT PCNS

Jeanne Mueller, Director, Presbyterian Church Nursery School

The Easter season brings us great feelings of JOY at Presbyterian Church Nursery School (PCNS). We begin with a celebration of Easter and then enjoy a week of Spring Break. We all return to school joyfully romp through the last part of the school year full of fun activities.

Children and parents have grown through many emotions and challenges during the school year, but this is the time of year we see the fruits of our work from September to April. Children are proud of their abilities and parents are happy to see maturity and growth in their young children. We always enjoy field trips both in and outside of school. We will experience a planetarium visit, library story time, planting potatoes, and studying honey bees with McCulloch Hall educators. We also enjoy long warm sunny days on our playground until school ends in June. Soon we will enjoy the use of new benches and a picnic table we were able to obtain with our recycling program. A huge thank you to Molly Rauter, Sara Tirpak, and Nancy Alessio for helping with this project. We hope to unveil them just in time for our annual **Art Show and Family Night on May 23**. Our year ends with the annual ice cream party on our last day of school, June 12 – always a good time for our families and staff!

We will march on into summer with our four weeks of summer camp for ages 3-5. We are currently registering up to 30 children for four weeks this summer for a joyful summer camp experience! Spots are still available! Please visit our summer camp page: www.pcnsmorristown.org/summercamp to register any 3, 4, or 5-year old that you know!

Please come to our Art Show and Family Night on May 23 from 6:30-8:00 pm to celebrate art and witness the joy our PCNS families feel every day here at PCNS!

-Jeanne Mueller and staff



THANK YOU FOR ANOTHER WILDLY SUCCESSFUL CHILI COOK-OFF!

Rich Schwartz, Youth and Young Adult Committee Chair

Enthusiastic epicures of all ages flooded Sheffield Hall on Friday evening, March 8, for the annual Chili Cook-Off, and, in between spoonfuls of chili, many engaged in spirited bidding in the silent auction next door in the Erdman Room.

This annual event, a favorite among members of all ages, raises funds for youth activities. The most ambitious of these is the summertime journey by our high school students and adult chaperones to Friendship, New York; the RISE project. At RISE, our students and adults wield tools and work in teams to serve residents of that upstate small town. They deliver what would otherwise be expensive fixes to housing that has undergone wear and tear over the years. In doing this for the residents, they do the work that Jesus counsels us to do.

It's a wonderful experience for all, but especially for the young people of our congregation, who'll remember these days for many years to come as they reflect on God's grace. If you were able to contribute in some way to the Chili Cook Off, you helped to make this possible. Thanks be to you, and thanks be to God.

Thanks also to the middle and high school youth group members, to members of the Youth/Young Adult Committee, to church staff, and to PCM members and local businesses who donated generously to the silent auction. All contributed to this joyous evening.

As the Cook-Off neared its end, cheers and laughter filled the hall; winning chefs came forward amid applause to receive their aprons and golden ladles. (Reports indicate that the gold may have been spray-painted.) High-rolling bidders learned of their silent auction treasures. And then we all went out into the late winter night, nourished literally and figuratively by our time together as a faith community that matters, to one another and to the world outside our church.



COMMUNITY IN ACTION

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

Whether you're looking for an opportunity to serve our neighbors in the Morris County area, or our PCM family on Sundays, there are many ways to get involved!



JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL OF MORRIS COUNTY | JUNE 15

The Juneteenth Festival of Morris County is a lively event created for all families to celebrate the resilience, solidarity, history, and culture of the Black community. Save the date and keep an eye out in our weekly emails and on our website for upcoming opportunities to get involved!



THE LIVESTREAM TEAM IS LOOKING FOR HELP!

Livestreaming is moving to South Street Hall for the summer! We will be operating a much-simplified process using a camera and a laptop, together with a portable sound system. Volunteers are needed to run the laptop and camera - we know you all know how to do this! If you can't make it to worship in-person, we are always seeking online chat hosts. It's a very simple process of greeting our online community from the comfort of your own home! Even if you can only volunteer for a week or two, it would help immensely. Please contact Jenny Tooley for more information or to volunteer.

Did you know that we have about 50 on-line worshippers every week? Help support our online worship community!



MEET NEW FRIENDS BY JOINING THE PCM WELCOME TEAM!

Our church had over 30 new members join during 2023!

Be a part of the Welcome Team on Sundays to continue the trend. It's as simple as saying "Good morning" and handing out bulletins, then receiving the offering during worship.

For a great way to get to know other congregants, sign up at pcmorristown.org/welcome-team or email Betty Darcy - bettydarcy55@gmail.com.

DIVERSITY CELEBRATION 2024

CONNECTING PEOPLE TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Come one, come all, and bring your friends and relatives! The Diversity Coalition of Morris County will host Diversity Celebration 2024 this coming July 21, 2024 on the Morristown Green. Our theme for this year is “Uniting the Community More in 2024!”

This is our 7th year in operation, and the Presbyterian Church in Morristown is our founding partner. We now have over 30 local participating organizations that will be with us on the Green. This year’s sponsors include Morris Arts and Atlantic Health.

Come celebrate with us! There are many exciting opportunities for participation available to PCM members including learning to cook ethnic foods from various cultures, serving food on the day of the festival, offering talent (song, dance, poetry, art), and helping with our annual PCM table display. There will be signups available on the Diversity Coalition website diversitymc.org by April of this year. For more information contact Beverly Tignor at beverly.tignor@gmail.com.



Since 2018, PCM has coordinated with the Church of Latter-day Saints to offer a chance to win prizes for guests who visit 10 or more tables during the festival.



Our PCM table, prepared by Outreach along with Cohome, a local inclusive housing provider that creates homes for people with disabilities.



There are two cooking days in the PCM kitchen on Friday July 19 and Saturday July 20 prior to the Sunday festival. Sign up for morning or afternoon sessions on cooking days and share recipes with other faiths and cultures. For the past six years, we have enjoyed learning to make Baklava, prepared by RAMP volunteer, Nargis Muniri.

Free food made in our PCM kitchen, meeting Morristown Health Department guidelines, and food donated from local restaurants, is available to all who attend, offered on the front lawn of the Church on the Green.

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Teen and adult members from PCM and all participating organizations help serve the food on the COG lawn, across from the Green.



A multi-faith worship service held each year during the festival is an important part of the day, and the offering received on that day goes to support a different local charity each year.



Prior to and after the worship service, our guests have enjoyed a variety of local talent, everything from an Albanian Horn Blower (Kristo Pango), Afghani whirling dervish, art from Morristown High School students, an African American step dancing troupe, an Ecuadorian dance troop, and a jazz band.



The Diversity Coalition is a 501(C) (3) public charity, and we look forward to your attendance and support for Diversity Celebration 2024, Sunday July 21.



See you all there!

REVIVING OUR SANCTUARY WITH BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS

Carolyn Crosthwaite, Worship and Music Committee Chair

What an absolutely magnificent Holy Week and Easter we are planning this year!

Palm Sunday will have the children parading into the Sanctuary, filling the church with laughter and joy. But then the somberness of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday will remind us of what our faith is all about – Jesus’s sacrifice. These days will all be followed by the Resurrection, symbolized by Easter lilies and the color of spring flowers after six weeks without that beauty.

After Easter, we return to our regular Sunday practice of having flowers each week. Do you know where those flowers come from? The simple answer – from **YOU**. This is a “pass through” line in the Worship & Music committee’s budget, which means that your donations for flowers simply pass through the W&M budget, just creating a paper trail. If there are no contributions, then there will be no fresh flowers.

As of this writing, the cost for one arrangement is \$175, but we are working on lowering that cost. People can donate any amount of money, in memory; or in honor; or in celebration of a person or an event, which is then recognized in the bulletin on the Sunday the flowers are in place.

Please contact Lynne Harmen at lynne@madisonphoto.com to make a donation. Let’s bring the beauty of flowers back to our sanctuary every Sunday!



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Prayers & Assurance

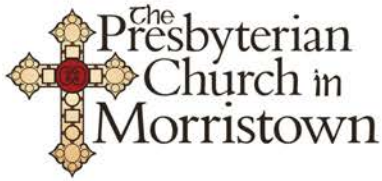
Rorem: *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love*
Poulenc: *Litanies à la vierge noir*
Duruflé: *Requiem*
Boykin: *John 3:16*

Presbyterian Church of Morristown Chancel Choir
Drew University Chorale & Choral Union
Kevin Graf, organist & Sarah A Michal, conductor

3:00 p.m., Sunday, April 21, 2024
Presbyterian Church in Morristown
(57 E. Park Place, 07960)

Free Admission





65 South Street
Morristown, NJ 07960

Please contact the office to update your contact information.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED

We worship weekly in-person at 8:00 am (Chapel) or 10:00 am (Sanctuary)

Our weekly 10:00 am service is livestreamed and available at: pcmorristown.org/livestream

The **Parish House** is located at 65 South Street

The **Sanctuary, Chapel, and Howard House** 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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