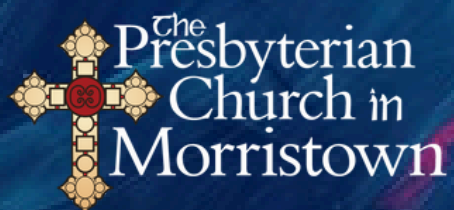


# EASTER



**TOWER TIDINGS**

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**EASTER 2025**



# THREE HUNDRED YEARS LATER

Reverend Daniel Vigilante, Pastor

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In the fall of 2023, a few of us realized that The Presbyterian Church in Morristown was just 10 years away from its 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What an incredible milestone to anticipate - and celebrate - in the life of our congregation! This also seemed like a good occasion to consider the challenges our church might face over the next ten years and to imagine the opportunities that could help PCM thrive for generations to come. At the Annual Meeting of the Congregation in 2024, we commissioned nine members to serve on a Vision Team - to help think through these challenges and opportunities with an eye towards preparing our church for that 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary and beyond.

Over the past year, the Vision Team spent a lot of time thinking about why churches, including congregations like PCM, exist. Who have we been (and served) in the past? More importantly, who is God calling us to be in the future? We always knew that we'd need to engage an outside consultant to help us with this work, so that whatever "Vision" emerged would not only be compelling and inspiring - but also unifying - not simply reflecting the thoughts of nine team members - but bringing together the collective wisdom and aspirations of our whole congregation.

At the Session meeting last month, the elders unanimously approved the Vision Team's recommendation to contract with Gensler to assist us in the formation of a Vision and Long-Term Strategy. This is good and timely work for our congregation and we will be asking folks to share their hopes and dreams for PCM throughout the process. And, if you're thinking - *haven't we done this before?* - I invite you to read Clarence Curry Jr.'s article on Page 7. He's got a thoughtful perspective about what makes this time different.

The kickoff to the process is a meeting between the Vision Team and Gensler at the end of April. Then, Gensler will begin a current operations and assets evaluation to get a sense for who we are and what we do. The visioning work will (likely) start in June - with a series of focus groups and town hall meetings. The feedback gleaned from those sessions will be essential to the formation of a new Vision Statement that will, then, shape a Long-Term Strategy to guide us into the future. As we coordinate with our consultants from Gensler - we'll keep you posted about events where you'll be able to share your thoughts and ideas.

In the meantime... there's so much to look forward to! On May 4, we'll welcome our Confirmation class as new members of PCM! Alexandra Mead has done an incredible job leading these students and it's a joy to receive them into our congregation. We'll honor our high school seniors on May 18 and send them into the next chapter of life with our blessings and prayers. Thanks to Abby Semple and Kevin Johnson, who have done an outstanding job leading our youth program for the last year and a half! Then, on June 8, we'll welcome Rev. Jimmie Hawkins as our preacher on Pentecost Sunday. Rev. Hawkins is the Director of the Office of Public Witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA). His office is in Washington DC, where he helps advocate around issues of concern for our denomination. He's a dynamic speaker who you won't want to miss.

There's so many happening - and so much to anticipate - celebrate - here! I hope you'll join us!

In Christ's love,  
Daniel

# WORSHIP AT PCM

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**APR 13**

## **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.*

**APR 17**

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

### **Worship and Communion**

7:30 pm | Sanctuary and Online

**APR 18**

## **GOOD FRIDAY**

### **Worship Service**

12:00 pm | Sanctuary and Online

**APR 20**

## **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 4**

## **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

We welcome our confirmands as new members of PCM.

**MAY 18**

## **SENIOR SUNDAY**

See scholarship information at [pcmorristown.org/scholarships](http://pcmorristown.org/scholarships)

**JUNE 8**

## **PENTECOST SUNDAY**

We welcome special guest preacher Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Office of Public Witness of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

**JUN 22**

## **SUMMER WORSHIP BEGINS**

From June 22 - August 31, our 10:00 am worship service will be held in South Street Hall at the Parish House, to keep us cool. Our 8:00 am service will take place on the first Sunday of the month during the summer: June 1 (Chapel), July 6 (Parish House), and August 3 (Parish House). Online worship will still be available!



# DOING MINISTRY TOGETHER

Reverend Audrey Webber, Associate Pastor

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## DEAR FRIENDS,

I am so excited! So excited to invite you to so many wonderful programs this spring and to do ministry together! Whether you are looking to engage in meaningful conversations, reflect on contemporary issues through a faith-based lens, or enjoy some fellowship together, I promise you we have something for you! Each of these events will offer a chance to grow in our faith together, engage with critical issues, and share in fellowship with one another.

We hope you will join us and bring a friend!

Blessings,  
Audrey

## TREASURES OF OUR FAITH: ART SHOW OPENING

SATURDAY, APRIL 26 | 7:00 - 8:30 PM | CHURCH ON THE GREEN

Join us for a special evening celebrating the creativity and faith of our community at the Treasures of Our Faith Art Show Opening! Presented by our Art Team, this exhibit reflects the Lenten theme of the treasures we hold in our faith—such as grace, joy, hope, and community—through a variety of artistic expressions. Come enjoy an evening of art, conversation, and reflection with drinks and light fare.

## DOUGHNUTS AND THEOLOGY ADULT EDUCATION

SUNDAYS THROUGH JUNE 1 | 8:45 - 9:45 AM | THE CHAPEL

Our gatherings continue with an engaging lineup of topics. Join us for meaningful discussions and, of course, delicious doughnuts! Whether you're a long-timer or a first-timer, we hope you will join us:

- May 4 | 8:45 am | Faith and Sports: An Uneasy Relationship
- May 11 | 8:45 am | Voices of Faith Series: Greg Boyle
- May 18 | 11:15 am | Public Health and Public Healthcare in 2025, and Implications for Christians
- May 25 | 8:45 am | A Memorial Day Conversation: The USMC's Bill Cunningham and Chosin Reservoir
- June 1 | 11:15 am | PCUSA's View on Gender Identity

## SECOND CHANCE PROM: A NIGHT AMONGST BROADWAY STARS

FRIDAY, JUNE 6 | 7:00 - 10:00 PM | PARISH HOUSE | TICKETS AT [PCMORRISTOWN.ORG/PROM](https://pcmorristown.org/prom)

Missed your prom? Didn't get to bring your favorite person? Wishing you could dance the night away in a room full of love, acceptance, and Broadway magic? This is your ENCORE! Wear your finest attire, come solo or with friends, and get ready for a night of music, joy, and celebration. Drinks and light fare will be available, and proceeds from the evening will support an LGBTQ+ organization in our community.

# A SEASON OF SONG AND SPIRIT

Jacob Montgomery, Director of Music Ministries



## DEAR FRIENDS,

What a beautiful season of Lent we have experienced, as we explored the treasures of our faith, reminders of the deep and powerful ministry we take part in every day. I am so thankful for the opportunity to experience the outpouring of our faith through music during this season of introspection, reflection, and grace. While we remain undeserving sinners, God reaches out to each of us, that we may continue to do His work.

This season of Lent, the multitude of musicians at PCM has been hard at work! From the driven Gospel-styled anthem "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" to the tight acapella rendition of "It Is Well with My Soul," we experience these meditations in new and profound ways. We were blessed to welcome the talented musicians of Central NJ into our sanctuary for special music, combining the sounds of the choir, organ, piano, orchestra, and congregation together, lifting our voices to sing "Come Weary One, Leave Thy Labors" to the tune of "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say."

Entering into Holy Week, we celebrate Palm Sunday with the jubilant cries of the Children's Choir, saying "Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest!". The handbells toll these acclamations, bringing us together to experience the mystery of our faith – the Lord Jesus hailed as King, before his trial by Pontius Pilate. I hope you can join us Thursday, April 17 at 7:30 pm for our Maundy Thursday service, where we will be again joined by orchestra to hear a new composition by Mary McDonald, reflecting on the text of John 3:16, "for God so loved the world, that he sent his only begotten son." Following Maundy Thursday, we will have a special Taizé service of Good Friday. The service will conclude with a musical reflection from the text of Revelation, for he is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. This tone poem scored for recorded sounds, organ, and improvised voices, will be a new experience for our congregation, as we reflect on the mystery of faith. Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. Join us in the celebration of Easter Sunday, joined by brass, fanfare, and the voices of every choir at PCM!

I would like to extend a special thank you to the members of the children's choir, Ringers on the Green, and our budding middle school choir! If you, a family member, or friend would be interested in joining these revitalized musical offerings, please do not hesitate to reach out! Additionally, in the coming months the adult choir and adult handbells will host monthly open rehearsals, as an opportunity to "dip your toes in the water." Do you have any musical talents you might want to offer back to God? Here is your chance!

Warm regards,  
Jacob



# REUNION SUNDAY IS JUNE 22

As you face the chancel in the sanctuary, the stained glass window at the front left commemorates an event in the life of our congregation that happened 100 years ago this June. In 1925, the people of South Street Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church voted to reunite, officially bringing to an end a schism that took place generations earlier. The division had to do with a variety of social and theological issues that rippled across our young nation in the mid-1800s - abolitionism, temperance, and a religious Second Great Awakening, among them.

After the Presbyterian Church divided into the First Church and The Second Congregation of the Presbyterian Church at Morristown (later renamed South Street) both grew as distinct and separate churches. Following a fire that destroyed the original Second Church, a new building was constructed. The same architect who oversaw that project returned to Morristown 20 years later to design and build a new First Church, our third church structure facing the Green - the current sanctuary.

Over time, both churches thrived and the issues that had led to their separation subsided. Eventually, the two churches began worshipping together regularly and supporting the same local and global missions, such as the Market Street Mission that South Street helped to start. The reunited church was called, and remains, The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. After the reunion, the South Street building was renovated for use as our Parish House with the church on the Green used for worship.

The stained glass window in our sanctuary that commemorates the reunion depicts Reverend James Howard in front of the South Street building and Reverend William Bennett in the foreground of First Presbyterian. At the center of the window is an image of Jesus and the words of scripture from the Gospel of John, "That they may all be one." The reunion became official under a Certificate of Consolidation dated June 23, 1925. Many thanks to Jan Frazier for keeping record of these historic documents!

When we move to the Parish House for worship this summer, on **Sunday, June 22, 2025, we will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the two congregations reuniting with a special Reunion Celebration Service at 10:00 am.** It is, indeed, a very important occasion in the life of our church, and a wonderful opportunity to remember - and give thanks for - our rich history here in Morristown.

*Photo taken by Bruce Frazier*



# A MESSAGE FROM THE VISION TEAM

Clarence Curry, Jr., PCM Vision Team

The Presbyterian Church in Morristown, like other mainline American congregations, has seen unprecedented changes in our families, communities, and the Church. So, in an effort to navigate these increasing “headwinds” and lay the foundation for future generations, the elders at PCM appointed nine members to serve on a Vision Team, starting in late 2023. I’m pleased to be the Session representative to the Vision Team.

Our church has, on several occasions, addressed the issues and concerns caused by our “split facility” existence. In fact, this has occurred every ten to twenty years with no subsequent change. With each passing year, the strain on our infrastructure and financial sustainability increases, as well on our families and community impact. So what is different this time? In the past, the approach was to address these issues from a facilities perspective. That is, the physical assets and maximization of use of property and buildings and how they could be used to improve both the Church’s finances and the congregation’s experience.

However, as we endeavor to lay the foundation for 300 more years of ministry at PCM, the Vision Team was compelled to look at the very essence of the Church universal, worship, the community, and PCM’s place in Morristown. We began asking ourselves a different set of questions: who is PCM; why do we exist; and how do we fit into the future of Morristown? The answers to those questions play a major role in determining building use, location, and design. The “Vision” should drive the design. The “Vision” should determine who we are called to be and what we are called to do next. This differs tremendously from previous starting points.

This is exciting! And the Vision Team will be engaging you as we lay the foundation for another 300 years.

Clarence Curry, Jr.  
The PCM Vision Team



# FLOWERS, FLOWERS, FLOWERS

Carolyn Crosthwaite, Worship and Music Committee Chair

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Easter is almost here and with it the return of beautiful flowers in our sanctuary. This Easter, the Worship & Music committee is planning a different arrangement of plants that have been donated by members of the congregation in memory of a special person, or in celebration of a special event. After Easter these plants will be taken to Deacon concerns or can be brought home by members of the congregation.

The Sunday after Easter, our regular floral arrangement will be back to continue our return to a beautiful spring. Lynne Harmen of the Worship and Music Committee will be at the What's Up Table in the Narthex on Sunday, May 4 and Sunday, June 1 with a sign-up sheet for those who would like to contribute. The cost of the arrangement is \$140.

There are several ways to take part:

- Make the donation yourself
- Pair with someone else
- Gather a group of friends
- Make a smaller donation and when enough individuals have followed suit, an arrangement will be purchased and all donors will be honored in the bulletin.

Visit [\*\*pcmorristown.org/flowers\*\*](http://pcmorristown.org/flowers) to fill out a special form with all your details. Bring beauty to our sanctuary and joy to the hearts of our members.





# SO MANY CELEBRATIONS!

Alexandra Mead, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries



It has been a truly wonderful year watching our children grow in their faith—asking big questions, showing compassion, and deepening their connection to God. I'm especially proud of how they have been sharing their prayers with us every Sunday in church. Thank you to our amazing volunteers, parents, and church family for your continued support this year!



## YOUTH MINISTRY DIRECTOR SEARCH UPDATE

We have received a number of applications and have begun to review them and set up interviews with the hope to have someone in the position by June 1! Stay tuned! The search committee includes Chris Cotnoir, Alexandra Mead, Roxanne Polo, Lauren Shohen, Pamela Trovato, and Daniel Vigilante.



## CONFIRMATION SUNDAY | SUNDAY, MAY 4 | 10:00 AM

We have five amazing kids being confirmed on Sunday, May 4 during our 10:00 am worship service. The kids have been Studying the New and Old Testaments, the Trinity, our sacraments, and prayer. They will be preparing their Statements of Faith and can't wait to share them with the congregation. This year's class: Chase Cotnoir, Alyssa Leff, Graydon Szoke, Daniel Torell, and Elio Trovato.



## SENIOR SUNDAY | SUNDAY, MAY 18 | 10:00 AM

A special day when we come together as a church family to celebrate our graduating high school seniors. During this service, we recognize their achievements, award scholarships, and send them off with our blessings and prayers. It's our way of reminding them that no matter where life takes them, they will always have a home and a loving community here at PCM cheering them on!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JUNE 23 - 27 | NOW ENROLLING!

There are certain items that we are seeking donations of to be able to create our fun VBS crafts this year! Items can be delivered to Alexandra at the Parish House. Thank you in advance! **Register for VBS at [pcmorristown.org/vbs](https://pcmorristown.org/vbs)**

- Rolls of paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Paper bowls (plain, no design)
- Small and regular size paper plates (plain, no design)
- Glue sticks, small or large
- Colorful ribbon, any kind

# END OF THE YEAR FUN!

Abby Semple and Kevin Johnson, Youth Group Coordinators



## RISE 2025: FRIENDSHIP, HERE WE COME!

PCM Family, the youth ministry needs your help! Please pray for our mission to RISE from **July 6 through July 12** 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. Register for this year's trip at [pcmorrystown.org/RISE](https://pcmorrystown.org/RISE).

## 2025 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 [pcmorrystown.org/scholarships](https://pcmorrystown.org/scholarships) to complete applications by April 25. Scholarships will be awarded on Senior Sunday, May 18.



## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR PCM YOUTH!

Because of your support, we raised \$6,000 at our annual Chili Cook-Off and Silent Auction for our youth mission trip to RISE!





# SPRINGTIME AT PCNS

Jeanne Mueller, Director, Presbyterian Church Nursery School

Easter is a time to celebrate and share joy with our school family. The teachers and students are all reaping the success of months of routine, work, and growth. This time of year, children are confident and very proud of their abilities and accomplishments. You can see and hear the joy each day in our classrooms.

Spring is also a time to explore new learning experiences. The town of Morristown offers many opportunities for field trips which are always fun for young children. We have all enjoyed theater trips to MPAC, planetarium shows, library trips, and garden lessons with MacCulloch Hall educators. What a joy to live and attend preschool in such a rich cultural area.

We are also looking to the future at this time of year... registration for 2025/26 is active and classes are filling up fast! Our third year of summer camp is ready for a new set of campers ages 3 to 5. Feel free to send any preschooler our way this summer when we explore A World of Color, Camping and the Great Outdoors, Outer Space, and of course Down by the Ocean. Four weeks of half day of camp are available.

Parents in our school community are also able to have some fun creating a community – we have parent education events planned for the spring, as well as social outings like Yoga night. The PCNS Parent Education Series continues with *Parenting with Screens: A Practical Guide for the Early Years and Beyond* on April 30. Our year-end Family Night and Art Show (May 22) is a nice way to wrap up the year. The theme this year is *We Build Readers!* Children will create art based on some early childhood authors like Eric Carle, Laura Numeroff, and Tomie DiPaola. Literacy activities and refreshments will be available and beautiful creations will be on display.... feel free to come and check it out!

## Jeanne Mueller and PCNS Staff





# 75 HEARTS AND 150 HANDS

Amanda Tufts, Director of Community Engagement

## TO MY FELLOW JUSTICE-DOERS, KINDNESS-LOVERS, AND HUMBLE-WALKERS,

Okay friends, mark your calendars and dust off those work gloves—**Serve Saturday** is happening on **May 3**, and I want YOU (*yes, you, the world-changer reading this article*) to be part of it! Whether you're a lifelong PCM-er, brand new to the family, or somewhere in between, this is your invitation to join us for a day of service, connection, and good old-fashioned teamwork.

Our dream—our wild, ambitious, *probably-a-little-bold-but-we-love-it-anyway* dream—is to have **75 volunteers** commit to showing up and stepping out into the community with us. That's 75 hearts and 150 hands ready to make a real impact in Morristown.

We'll start the morning at the Parish House with coffee and a light breakfast. You'll meet your fellow volunteers, get the game plan, and probably hear someone say, "I haven't been up this early on a Saturday in years." (It might be me. No promises.)

Then we'll head out in groups to work with amazing local organizations on all kinds of meaningful projects. We're talking:

- Lending a hand at local shelters and schools
- Giving parks and community spaces a little love
- Assembling care kits for families in need
- Bringing a little sunshine to Morristown seniors
- And so much more (seriously—we've got something for everyone)

This is an event for everyone—individuals, couples, families with kids, retirees, teenagers, you name it. We're all neighbors, **and this is what neighbors do: we show up, we serve, we love.** You can sign up online at [pcmorristown.org/serve](https://pcmorristown.org/serve) or just email me at [atufts@pcmorristown.org](mailto:atufts@pcmorristown.org) and I'll help get you plugged in.

Let's be the church out in the world. Let's be the people who show up. Let's do some good together—and have fun while we're at it.

I can't wait to see what God does with this day, and I can't wait to see you there.

Roll up those sleeves!  
Amanda



# ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: SHARING GOD'S LOVE WITH THOSE IN NEED

Julie Hess, Outreach Committee Chair

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Millions around the world lack access to essentials like food, clean water, and education. One Great Hour of Sharing is a unique opportunity to share God's love and support life-changing programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People.

## HOW YOUR GIFTS HELP

- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance: Provides disaster relief and recovery.
- Presbyterian Hunger Program: Works to end hunger and promote food security.
- Self-Development of People: Empowers communities to achieve sustainability and growth.

## GIVE TODAY

Contributions will be accepted from **March 5 through April 20**. You can give online via [pcmorristoryn.org/OGHS](http://pcmorristoryn.org/OGHS), or by dropping off/ mailing a check to the Parish House (write OGHS in the memo line) to: PCM Parish House, 65 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960

## YOUR DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE

- \$10 provides farming tools for families
- \$40 gives a piglet to start a small farm
- \$125 supplies an emergency life pack
- \$250 funds a community irrigation water pump

Together, we can make a global impact and show Christ's love to neighbors in need.

Thank you for your generous support!





# THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SUPPORTING OUR MORRISTOWN PRE-K STUDENTS

The Outreach Committee

Thanks to your kindness, love, and generosity, we were able to pack 135 Spring Break Care Kits for the Pre-K students at Lafayette Learning Center in Morristown—ensuring that each little learner went home with a bag full of 31 drinks, breakfasts, and snacks to enjoy during the week away from school. **That's over 4,000 individual items you donated!**

Each bag was packed with shelf-stable foods and drinks that will help fill the gap left when school meal programs pause for Spring Break. Thanks to your support, we not only provided nourishment but also showed these young students and their families that their community cares deeply about them.

We're especially grateful to everyone who donated food or ordered from our Amazon Wishlist, contributed financially to help us fill the gaps, and/or came out to help assemble the bags! This wouldn't have been possible without each and every one of you. Your time, donations, and compassion truly made a difference. From the bottom of our hearts—thank you.



# LOOKING TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

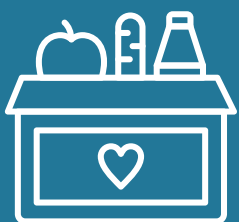
## THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

We are blessed with a community filled with compassion and generosity. There are numerous ways for us to make a difference in the lives of those around us. We hope you will jump in!



### JOIN TEAM PCM AT THE NOURISH.NJ HUNGER WALK | APRIL 27

Team PCM is walking again this year to help fight hunger in Morris County! nourish.NJ's Hunger Walk is a fun-filled community event that provides a great opportunity for families, schools, and clubs to come together and support a meaningful cause. Learn about hunger and poverty in Morris County while making a difference in our community. Sign up to walk or run the USTAF 5K race at [pcmorristown.org/walk](https://pcmorristown.org/walk)



### SPRING FOOD DRIVE TEAM | MAY 3, 2025

Volunteer to join the PCM food collection team at Kings in Morristown on Saturday, May 3, as part of our Serve Saturday! We have an exciting opportunity to engage with our community between 10:00 am – 6:00 pm for our Spring Food Drive for the Interfaith Food Pantry Network. Sign up for a short shift at [pcmorristown.org/food-drive](https://pcmorristown.org/food-drive)



### TABLE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY | MAY 8, JUNE 12

The Table of Hope Food Pantry, which serves hundreds of families weekly, is reliant on volunteer support. Join other PCM members to help provide food to people in need by volunteering at the outdoor Table of Hope Food Pantry located at the Bethel Church in Morristown. Duties include sorting and bagging food, filling food bins, and loading cars with food bags on the second Thursday of the month. Sign up at [pcmorristown.org/toh](https://pcmorristown.org/toh)



### JAN'S CLOSET FREE COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK | TWICE MONTHLY

Lend a hand at the Parish House on the second Saturday morning or fourth Tuesday afternoon of the month! Jan's Closet not only provides essential clothing to those in need but also allows us to create connections within our community. By volunteering, you'll have the opportunity to assist individuals and families in selecting clothing items that suit their needs, ensuring they leave with dignity and confidence. Additionally, you'll play a crucial role in maintaining a welcoming, organized environment and ensuring that items are accessible. Sign up at [pcmorristown.org/janscloset](https://pcmorristown.org/janscloset)

# YOU ARE CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

We believe that every person is created in the image of God—fully loved, fully valued, and fully welcomed. As part of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we celebrate the gifts of all gender identities and sexual orientations in the life of our church. Here, you are not just accepted—you are embraced.

Our faith calls us to be intentionally inclusive, to invite people to truly belong, and to build a legacy of love and justice. We are a church where everyone has a place at Christ's table, where all can grow in faith, serve with purpose, and experience the joy of being fully known and loved.

No matter who you are or where you come from, you are welcome here—just as you are.



## BEING AN AFFIRMING COMMUNITY

Join us at the next session of our series or watch the replay of any past sessions by visiting [pcmorrictown.org/affirm](http://pcmorrictown.org/affirm).

- March 26 | Scripture as Guide to our Questions on Gender
- April 6 | How Can We Be an Affirming, Welcoming Church in Terms of Gender and Sexuality?
- **UPCOMING:** June 1 | 11:15 am | The PCUSA on Gender and Sexuality



## SECOND CHANCE PROM: BROADWAY STARS | JUNE 6

Missed your prom? Didn't get to bring your favorite person? Wishing you could dance the night away in a room full of love, acceptance, and Broadway magic? This is your ENCORE! Wear your finest attire, come solo or with friends, and get ready for a night of music, joy, and celebration. Drinks and light fare will be available, and proceeds from the evening will support an LGBTQ+ organization in our community. Tickets available at [pcmorrictown.org/prom](http://pcmorrictown.org/prom).



## VOLUNTEER AT THE MORRIS COUNTY PRIDE FESTIVAL | JUNE 28

We are so excited to join the Morris County PRIDE festival once again at the County College of Morris on Saturday, June 28! We are looking for people to sign up to welcome guests to our booth and show love & support to our LGBTQIA+ neighbors! Join fellow PCM members and take part in a family-friendly event to support visibility and local LGBTQ+ programming and care. Sign up at [pcmorrictown.org/pride](http://pcmorrictown.org/pride).

# GROWING CONNECTIONS

Here are some great ways to meet new friends and grow deeper connections with other members of the PCM Family:



## JOIN THE PCM WELCOME TEAM!

There's something powerful about being the first smile someone sees when they walk through our doors. As part of the PCM Welcome Team, you get to create that first impression—the one that says, *"You belong here."* Whether you're handing out bulletins, helping someone find their seat, or just saying hello with warmth, your presence makes a difference. We'd love to have you on the team! Sign up at [pcmorristown.org/welcome-team](https://pcmorristown.org/welcome-team)



## TAKE A HIKE (IN A GOOD WAY!) | APRIL 12, MAY 3, JUNE 7

Dust off your hiking boots and grab your water bottle to join our monthly hiking group! All hikes are easy to execute and need no experience – just a love of the outdoors. This is a great activity for families! Please register so that we can provide you any updated information or status of the hike in case of inclement weather: [pcmorristown.org/hike](https://pcmorristown.org/hike)



## BECOME A PCM SAMARITAN

Our volunteers provide transportation to and from appointments for church members unable to drive themselves. Samaritans are also available for shopping; preparing and delivering occasional meals; help with accounting and filling out forms; and companionship or care. Please contact Sue Woodruff ([shwoodruff@comcast.net](mailto:shwoodruff@comcast.net)) or visit: [pcmorristown.org/samaritans](https://pcmorristown.org/samaritans)



## HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR | SUNDAYS

Looking for a way to get to know the PCM family a bit better? Consider hosting a fellowship coffee hour after worship one Sunday! It's a great way to bring people together after an inspiring service to keep the momentum going! Sign up for a Sunday at [pcmorristown.org/host](https://pcmorristown.org/host)



## ATTEND AN ALL CHURCH DINNER | MAY 14, JUNE 11

All are welcome, whether you are hoping to connect with other church members, participating in our midweek program, swinging by before choir, participating in a small group or just looking for a time of fellowship with the whole church family, we hope you will join us!

RSVP at [pcmorristown.org/dinner](https://pcmorristown.org/dinner)



# EXPLORE THE NEW GRAVEYARD SEARCH TOOL ON PCM'S WEBSITE

Using new pages on PCM's website, you may now learn about our forebears from the 1700's to the present who are buried in PCM's graveyard, located behind the Church on the Green. Browse or search alphabetical listings of people buried in PCM's historic graveyard or contemporary Memorial Garden, including more than 137 who served in the American Revolution. Or use a new Gravesite Locator mapping tool to identify and locate their graves.

The listings build on records of gravestone inscriptions from the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries by Alfred Vail (1851), Mary Johnson Parker (1931), and more recently on research of church records and mapping of gravesites by church member Scott Shepherd (1990's – 2008). The current website listings, updated maps, and search tools are the work of Rich Albright. Recent cleaning of markers throughout the graveyard by John and Susan Moschberger and systematic photographing of gravestones by Carol Allison have allowed us to read some previously illegible markers and update information for some listings.

Although far more people may have been buried here, records were not consistently kept, stones have deteriorated or vanished, and many burials may not have been marked at all. The result is that the current listings document almost 1,600 persons and over 1,100 grave markers or family monuments in the historic graveyard. Around 140 individuals are interred in the Memorial Garden at present.

Visit [pcmorrissetown.org/historic-graveyard](http://pcmorrissetown.org/historic-graveyard) to get started.

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## PCM HISTORIC GRAVEYARD

### SEARCH THE HISTORIC GRAVEYARD

Learn about the lives of those buried here in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Search the alphabetical listing of persons who at one time were known to have been buried in the historic graveyard of The Presbyterian Church in Morristown. You may browse the entire list, narrow the list to a last name, or search with any combination of search terms.

This listing is the result of recording and research by Alfred Vail (1851), Mary Johnson Parker (1931), and Scott Shepherd (1990's – 2008). Recent cleaning of markers has also allowed us to correct some information. Each record looks like this (when information is available):

Last Name, First Name—Location (Segment/Plot)—Description, Date of birth, Date of death, A. [Editorial Note: personal history and family connections.]

When you have found who you are looking for in the alphabetical list, go to the map below and click or touch a segment to see its sub-map and plot list on the [Gravesite Locator](#).

Last Name

Show 10 entries

Search

### Historic Graveyard

Adams, Joseph P.—25/62—Son of J. & E. Adams, d. 23 Dec 1845, age 1 year 1 month. [Ed. Note: Not found in The Combined Registers.]

Allen, Anna Sophia—V—Daughter of James Lindsey & Caroline Conklin (Mitt) Allen, d. 25 Jan 1841, age 13 months 9 days. [Ed. Note: Vail shows parents as L. L. & C. C. Corrected to agree with parents of siblings using CR6 (ie, Anna Sophia was not listed in The Combined Registers as her parents had been dismissed to another church by the time she was born, but two of her siblings were listed).]

Allen, Charles Mitt—V—Son of James Lindsey Allen & Caroline Conklin (Mitt) Allen, d. 13 Feb 1836, age 2 years 8 months. [Ed. Note: Vail shows parents as L. L. & C. C. Corrected using CR6 which also show b. 17 Jan 1832.]

Allen, Elizabeth—V—Consort of Gilbert Allen, in 79th year, d. 10 Jan 1816. [Ed. Note: See Allen, Gilbert.]

Allen, Gilbert—20/35—m. Elizabeth \_\_\_\_\_, b. 17 Aug 1761, d. 6 Jan 1816. [Ed. Note: Vail shows d. 6 Jan 1816, in 80th year. Parker appears to have confused the notation used in The Combined Registers (ie, "b. 17 Aug 1761" meaning date of baptism for "b. 17 Aug 1761" meaning date of birth. This would make the correct date of his birth about 1757. CR6 show the name was usually spelled Gilbert. They also show Gilbert & Elizabeth were parents of ten (ie, Abigail, Kezia, Stephen, Elizabeth, Phoebe, Silas, Sarah, Hannah, Anne, and Timothy. They also adopted three (ie, John Frase, James Lindsey, and Kezia Layton. Gilbert was elected a Deacon and Elder 31 Jul 1777).]

Allen, Hannah Caroline—V—Daughter of James Lindsey & Caroline Conklin (Mitt) Allen, d. 28 Nov 1831, age 3 years 4 months. [Ed. Note: Vail shows parents as L. L. & C. C. Corrected using CR6 which also show b. 23 Jul 1828.]

Allen, Harriette Louisa—V—Daughter of James Lindsey & Caroline Conklin (Mitt) Allen, d. 15 Jan 1831, age 11 months. [Ed. Note: Vail shows parents as L. L. & C. C. Corrected to agree with parents of siblings using CR6 (ie, Harriette Louisa was not listed in The Combined Registers as her parents had been dismissed to another church at the time she was born, but two of her siblings were listed).]

Allen, Jemimah—V—Consort of Timothy Allen, in 28th year, d. 28 Nov 1810. [Ed. Note: CR6 show Timothy was a son of Gilbert & Elizabeth Allen.]

Allen, William Lyman—V—Son of James Lindsey & Caroline Conklin (Mitt) Allen, d. 23 Jan 1841, age 5 years 26 days. [Ed. Note: Vail shows parents as L. L. & C. C. Corrected using CR6 which also show b. 23 Jan 1841. William Lyman was not listed in The Combined Registers as his parents had been dismissed to another church at the time she was born, but two of her siblings were listed.)]

Segment 7

Gate

Parking Area

50 ft

Rear of the Sanctuary



# A PLAN OF ACTION

From the Safety Ministry Team

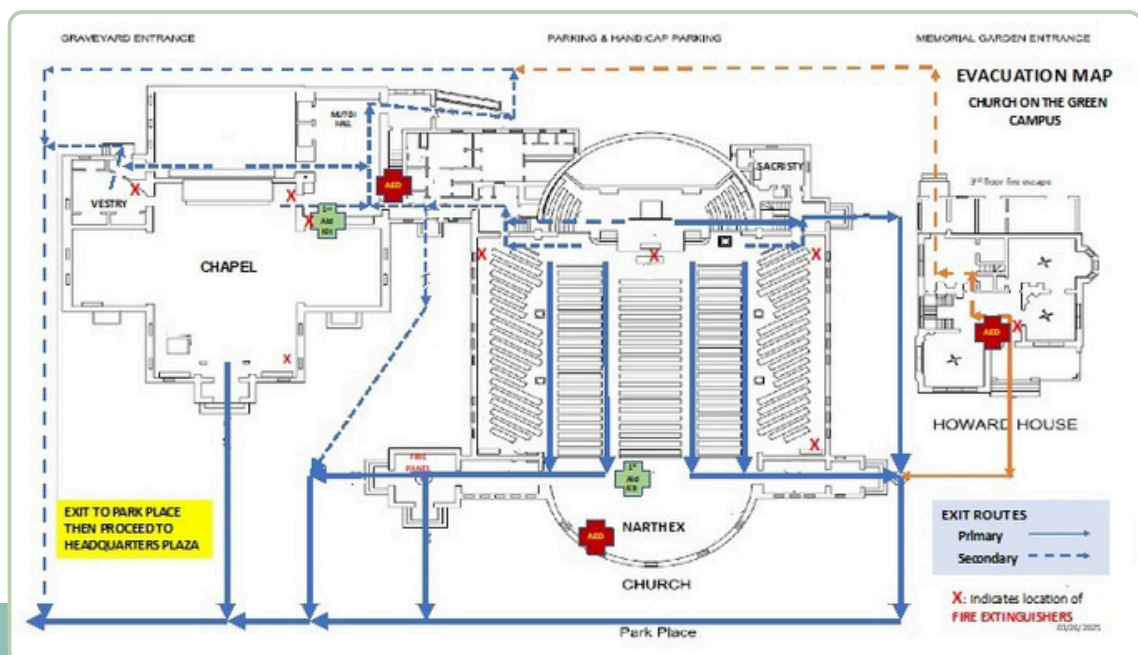
The Safety Ministry Team wishes you a wonderful Easter!

We would like to share with you the evacuation map for the Church on the Green campus. In the event the fire alarm (horn) sounds during worship, everyone in the COG building and Howard House must exit immediately. The map shows primary and secondary routes based on your location. It will be posted throughout the campus.

Here are steps to take when the alarm sounds:

- **Walk to the nearest exit and leave the building** as directed by the ushers and/or staff
  - **From the Sanctuary:** Exit through the Narthex or Sacristy doors unless instructed otherwise. Avoid using the Mutch Hall/Rest Room exit at the left front of the Sanctuary unless directed to do so. Ushers will assist those who need help to exit the building.
  - **From the Chapel:** Exit through the front doors to Park Place.
  - **From Mutch Hall:** Exit through the ramp door into the Parking Lot then proceed left to Park Place.
- **Do not go to Child Care to pick up your children.** When the alarm sounds, Child Care attendants will immediately escort the children out of the building to Park Place where they will join you.
- **Do not return to your car if parked in the rear Parking Lot** until an 'All Clear' is given.
- **Once outside the building, follow directions** given by the ushers or first responders.

Please feel free to contact a member of our team if you have any questions or suggestions: Craig Barth, Elizabeth Bruen, Bob Davies, Kevin Hubbard, Dick Kaller, Paul Koski, Stan Mack, Phil Scaduto, and Jenny Tooley.





# LET'S STAY CONNECTED

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**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](https://pcmorristown.org)**

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

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