



VALUES THAT DEFINE US

The
Presbyterian
Church in
Morristown

TOWER TIDINGS

LENT 2026



MOVING INTO THE SEASON OF LENT

Reverend Daniel Vigilante, Pastor

Dear PCM Family,

As we move into the season of Lent, I find myself filled with deep gratitude for this congregation and for the journey we are sharing together at The Presbyterian Church in Morristown.

Over the past two years, our Vision Team has been listening carefully: to God, to one another, and to the life of our community. They have asked thoughtful questions, engaged in prayerful discernment, and given generously of their time and energy - not to preserve the church as it once was, but to imagine who God is calling us to be now and in the years to come. For this faithful work, I am profoundly thankful.

The Vision Team is now completing its final report, offering recommendations and next steps for the Session's consideration - ways PCM might respond faithfully to the challenges of this moment, lean into our many strengths, and step with hope and confidence into the future God is opening before us.

At its heart, this journey has been rooted in who we already know ourselves to be: a people committed to loving first; a church that seeks to create opportunities for people to experience Christ's love; a community that longs for a world where all may be one with God and one another. The Vision Team's report builds upon these guiding statements, pointing us toward new possibilities for faithful ministry, service, and connection.

On April 12, we will gather for Vision Sunday, just one week after Easter. That timing feels so right - because Easter proclaims that God is always doing something new: bringing new hope, new joy, and new life. Vision Sunday is an invitation to celebrate that resurrection promise at work in our own life together.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude for nearly 300 years of faithful witness, and with excitement for the decades beyond our 300th anniversary in 2033. The story God is writing at PCM is far from finished.

I hope you will join us on April 12: to listen, to ask questions, to celebrate, and to participate in discerning the future God is unfolding among us. It is a joy to walk this road together.

In Christ's love,
Daniel



SAVE THE DATE: VISION TEAM PRESENTS APRIL 12

Join us after worship on Sunday, April 12, as our Vision Team presents its findings and shares what has emerged from this season of listening, prayer, and discernment. We hope you will stay for lunch afterward to celebrate the direction we are moving in together as a church family and give thanks for the new possibilities ahead. **Please RSVP if you plan to stay for lunch: pcmorristown.org/RSVP**

OUR LENTEN SEASON

A time of reflection at PCM.

FEB 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

Drive Through Ashes

12:00 - 1:00 pm | Church on the Green

Worship Service (All Ages)

5:15 pm | Parish House | South Street Hall and Online

All Church Pancake Dinner

6:00 pm | Parish House | Sheffield Hall

WEEKLY

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

Lenten Bible Study: Values That Define Us

February 25 - March 25 | 10:00 am | Parish House and Online

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Women's Lenten Bible Study

February 19 - April 2 | 11:00 am | Parish House

HOLY WEEK

MAR 29

PALM SUNDAY

Children's Parade into Worship Service

10:00 am | Sanctuary and Online
*All children welcome! Please meet on
Howard House porch at 9:45 am.*

APR 2

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Worship and Communion

7:00 pm | Sanctuary and Online

APR 5

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship Service

8:00 am | The Chapel

Worship Service

10:00 am | Sanctuary and Online

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 am | Sanctuary | Ages 2 - 10

APR 3

GOOD FRIDAY

Worship Service

12:00 pm | The Chapel



A LENTEN INVITATION

Reverend Audrey Webber, Associate Pastor

Dear friends,

Lent invites us to slow down and pay attention, to God, to one another, and to the values shaping our life of faith. This year's Lenten devotional is rooted in the values our congregation named together through prayerful conversation and discernment in our visioning process:

Humility, Compassion, Connection, Service, and Inclusion, all grounded in our shared call to *Love First*.

Written by members of Session concluding their terms of service, these reflections are offered as a gift to the congregation, honest glimpses of how faith is formed over time through leadership, community, and trust in God. Alongside daily reflections, you'll find prompts inviting you not just to read, but to reflect, write, and notice where God is at work in your own life.

This devotional also connects with a rich season of adult education at PCM. Throughout Lent and beyond, we'll explore these same values together through Bible study, guest lectures, theological reflection, and conversations about our shared history and future as a church. Whether you're looking for grounding, curiosity, or deeper connection, there is space for you.

May this season draw us more fully into the life God is forming among us.

Blessings,
Audrey

FEATURED GUEST PREACHERS THIS SPRING:

DR. BRENNAN BREED PREACHING MARCH 1
REV. BRIAN ELLISON PREACHING MARCH 15

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: VALUES THAT DEFINE US

WEDNESDAYS | FEBRUARY 25 - MARCH 25 | 10:00 AM | PARISH HOUSE AND ONLINE

Join us on Wednesday mornings during Lent for a five-week Bible study rooted in our 2026 Lenten Devotional, Values That Define Us. Each week, we'll slow down together to reflect on the theme introduced the previous Sunday, allowing space for deeper conversation, Scripture engagement, and shared reflection. Over the course of Lent, we'll explore the values shaping our life together: Humility, Compassion, Connection, Service, and Inclusion and consider how these values are lived out in our faith, our relationships, and our everyday lives. This study is designed to be accessible, thoughtful, and grounding, whether you're new to Bible study or reading the Bible your whole life. Come as you are, and join us as we listen for what God is forming in us this Lenten season.

DOUGHNUTS AND THEOLOGY

A shared practice of learning, reflection, and becoming.

SACRIFICE AS CELEBRATION: RETHINKING ATONEMENT IN THE BIBLE

FEBRUARY 22 AND MARCH 1 | 8:45 - 9:45 AM | CHAPEL

GUEST PREACHER: DR. BRENNAN BREED (PREACHING MARCH 1)

What if biblical sacrifice was never meant to be about punishment at all? In this two-part adult education series, presented by **Dr. Brennan Breed**, who serves as Associate Professor of Old Testament at Princeton Theological Seminary, we'll explore how sacrifice, holiness, purity, sin, and atonement actually function in Scripture. In **Week One**, we turn to the Old Testament, where sacrifice often appears not as grim violence, but as joyful meals shared in God's presence. **Week Two** moves to the New Testament, where Jesus' death is portrayed not as divine punishment, but as God's victory over the powers of death, opening the way for renewed fellowship between God and humanity. Together, we'll reflect on how Jesus' last supper points toward the Bible's ultimate vision: reconciliation as a joyful, communal feast.

EXPLORING COVENANT NETWORK

MARCH 15 | 8:45 - 9:45 AM | CHAPEL

GUEST PREACHER: REV. BRIAN ELLISON (PREACHING MARCH 15)

We're pleased to welcome **Rev. Brian Ellison**, Executive Director of the **Covenant Network of Presbyterians**, for a special adult education class on covenant and community in the life of the church. Brian Ellison brings deep experience in church leadership and education, serving since 2012 as executive director of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, a national organization committed to strengthening the church by engaging, equipping, and educating Presbyterians about faithful welcome and inclusion. In this session, Brian will introduce us to the Covenant Network's work and vision, including how it supports congregations in thoughtful dialogue, theological reflection, and faithful engagement with covenantal life and belonging in the church.

PCM'S EARLY YEARS: WHO WERE THESE PEOPLE? PART II

MARCH 22 | 8:45 - 9:45 AM | CHAPEL

As we approach our church's 300th anniversary, our Doughnuts and Theology Adult Education sessions will seek to gain understanding of that first faith community in Morristown. Who were they? What motivated them? How did they worship? How did religious developments in the 13 colonies influence the early Presbyterian Church in Morristown? Join **Steve Hess** and **Rich Schwartz** for this program, at which all questions and insights are welcome.





GROWING TOGETHER

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

Dear Families,

What a gift this year has already been! In Sunday School and Midweek, children are asking great questions, building friendships, and discovering more about God's love in ways that are engaging and fun. It's been such a delight to watch them learn new songs, lift their voices in worship, and share their gifts with the wider church family. I'm so grateful for the children, families, and volunteers who make this ministry such a vibrant and life-giving part of our community. I can't wait to see what the rest of the year holds as we continue learning and growing together.



ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND DINNER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 | 5:15 PM | PARISH HOUSE

Join us for an Ash Wednesday family worship service! Children will receive a Lenten calendar to actively follow during the 40 days of Lent. They will also receive their Fish banks to add coins to each day that will be donated as part of our One Great Hour of Sharing. I hope that you will join us and stay for the All Church Pancake Dinner to follow at 6:00 pm!



NEW DATE: ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF AND SILENT AUCTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 | 6:00 PM | PARISH HOUSE | PCMORRISTOWN.ORG/CHILI

Please start preparing your best recipe to enter your chili for a prize! We will also have a fabulous silent auction with a variety of items at all price points including sports tickets, Fanatics Fest tickets, and other experiences to bid on. Money raised will be used to help fund the summer RISE youth mission trip to Friendship, NY.



PALM SUNDAY PARADE AND EASTER EGG HUNT

MARCH 29 | 9:45 AM | HOWARD HOUSE AND APRIL 5 | 11:00 AM | SANCTUARY

All children are invited to join our annual Palm Sunday Children's Parade leading into 10:00 am worship service, sharing a song and waving palms! Please gather at 9:45 am on the front porch of Howard House. Then on Easter Sunday, we will have an Egg Hunt following our 10:00 am worship service. All ages are welcome; this is always a fun and fast-paced event! Bags are provided!



REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL!

JUNE 22 - 26 | 9:15 AM - 12:15 PM | PARISH HOUSE | AGES 3 - 12

Sign up today for the best week of the year! This year's theme is a carnival; **Everywhere Fun Fair: Where God's Love Welcomes Everyone** and we will learn how to be a neighbor to the world. Registration is open at pcmorrstown.org/vbs.

HOLDING TO OUR VALUES

Jeanne Mueller, Director, Presbyterian Church Nursery School



Approaching the Lenten Season, we often feel reflective about our lives and what we are doing or striving for this season. Our PCNS Teachers have been reflecting on the values that guide us every day in our work with young children at the Presbyterian Church Nursery School (PCNS).

Teaching preschool is one of the most meaningful and influential roles in education. We are working with the youngest students that are forming the foundations of their personality, attitudes, and understanding of the world. Our staff knows that we carry the responsibility of nurturing the emotional, social, and moral growth of our students. Our Nursery School Staff are guided by a strong set of values that shape our approaches, building relationships with the children, their families, and our school colleagues. There are several important values - **respect, patience, compassion, creativity, inclusivity, and integrity** - that we strive to impart each year here at PCNS.

Respect is the cornerstone of all effective teaching. Respecting preschoolers means recognizing their individuality — their thoughts, feelings, interests, and learning styles. Every child deserves to be listened to, valued, and treated with kindness. When teachers model respect—by listening attentively, using polite language, and acknowledging each child’s perspective, children learn to respect others in return. Collaborative relationships with parents and caregivers are built on mutual trust and respect, ensuring that learning remains a shared and supportive journey.

Patience is a key element in having a successful early childhood classroom. Preschoolers are naturally curious and often learn through exploration, trial, and error. They often require repeated guidance and reassurance as they develop new skills. Our patient teachers accept that growth happens at different paces for each child. Our goal is to create an environment where children feel safe to make mistakes and try again—an essential part of the learning process.

Preschoolers are learning how to express and manage feelings, and our **compassionate** teachers help them navigate big emotions while offering comfort and understanding. In each room, our staff models kindness and empathy, which teaches children to be considerate and caring. This emotional grounding promotes positive relationships and a school culture built on love and trust.

Creativity is another guiding value that shapes our school days here at PCNS. At this age, children learn best through imaginative play, experimentation, and discovery. Our educators encourage children to express themselves through art, music, stories, and role-play. By nurturing creativity, educators foster confidence and a love for learning that lasts a lifetime.

An **inclusive** classroom celebrates the uniqueness of every child. Teachers guided by inclusivity ensure that all children—regardless of ability, culture, or background—feel welcomed and supported. This value promotes fairness and equity, providing opportunities for every child to participate fully in classroom life.

Finally, **integrity** underpins all other values. Preschool teachers must act with honesty, reliability, and professionalism. Integrity means being a positive role model, maintaining ethical standards, and doing what is best for children even in challenging situations. When teachers act with integrity, they build trust not only with their students but also with parents and the wider school community.



MUSIC, FLOWERS, AND PEW CREWS, OH MY!

Carolyn Crosthwaite, Chair, Worship and Music Committee

The Worship & Music committee and our Director of Adult Music, Ben Riggs, are hard at work planning music and beautiful flowers for our Easter service! Hopefully soon, the weather will start feeling more like spring than the Arctic.

On Easter Sunday, our Chancel Choir will be joined by a brass ensemble for our celebratory Easter morning worship service. The Chancel Ringers will also ring in our joy of the risen Christ.

Our decoration team will once again bring in a variety of blooming plants cascading down the Chancel stairs. If you would like to help arrange this display, contact Nancy Hults-Rubin. These plants are made possible through your generous donations. You can use the form below to make a donation in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a happy event in your life. After the worship service, the plants will be available to bring home and for Deacons to take to their concerns.

Two other brief items:

- We will be looking for someone to be PCM's new Wedding Coordinator. Look for more information coming soon about this paid position.
- Did you know that we have a dedicated crew of four pairs of people who "maintain" our pews every week? This is an easy way to serve the church – working with a partner once each month to straighten the pew racks and fill the pew pockets. It is also lovely to spend 45 – 60 minutes in the Sanctuary enjoying the peace and quiet. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Carolyn Crosthwaite.



EASTER REMEMBRANCES

The Sanctuary is decorated on Easter Sunday with flowering plants from memorial donations designated for loved ones. If you wish to make a donation for memorial plants, please fill out the form below no later than March 25, or submit online: pcmorristown.org/easter-remembrances

In memory of: In honor of: (Please select one)

Given by: _____

Amount: _____

Please make check payable to Presbyterian Church in Morristown and note for "Easter Remembrances" and drop off at the Parish House or mail to: 65 South Street, Morristown, NJ 07960.



THE SMALLEST YES

Amanda Tufts, Director of Community Engagement



Friends,

Lent has a way of slowing us down. Or, at least, inviting us to *try*. It asks us to pay attention: to what we carry, to what we cling to, and to what truly matters. This season, as we reflect on the world around us, one thing feels especially clear: our community is holding a lot. There is uncertainty, fear, need, and longing... and also incredible generosity, courage, and love.

Over the past year, we have seen what happens when people make space for what matters most. When hands are raised. When schedules shift. When love moves from intention to action. Not to fix everything, but to *be* with our neighbors in meaningful and tangible ways.

This work happens in ordinary moments, through steady partnerships and faithful volunteers who make room in their lives to serve. Whether it's offering a meal, sorting clothing, or simply standing alongside someone who feels unseen, each act becomes a way of living out our shared values of compassion, service, humility, inclusivity, and connection.

There are many opportunities to take part in this work this season on the following pages, and I encourage you to explore one (or two!) that speaks to you. Each of these opportunities allows others — and ourselves — to experience Christ's love. You may choose to serve regularly, or simply whenever your schedule allows. **Every hour matters.**

This Lent, may we continue to make space for what matters most. May we be a church that loves first, serves with compassion, and stays connected to God, to one another, and to the wider community we are called to love.

And when the opportunity arises, may we keep raising our hands, trusting that even the smallest yes can become a powerful witness of God's love in the world.

In joy,
Amanda

SAVE THE DATE: SERVE SATURDAY, MAY 2

SATURDAY, MAY 2 | 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM | PARISH HOUSE + MORRISTOWN

Serve Saturday is an invitation to live out our mission: to love first. It isn't about fixing everything. It's about presence. It's about choosing, even for a few hours, to show up with open hands and open hearts. Last year, more than 100 volunteers served across Morristown in a wide variety of projects, offering care, dignity, and hope in tangible ways. This year, we'll gather again — ready to respond to the needs that are right in front of us.





FEED THE HUNGRY AND WELCOME THE STRANGER

Emily Campbell, Chair, Outreach Committee

Our PCM community offers many ways to "feed the hungry and welcome the stranger" right here in our backyard. For any of these opportunities, no prior experience is necessary—just a heart for service and a willingness to help.

In this season of Lent, as we reflect on our walk with Christ, these ministries offer us a chance to "fast" from our busy schedules and instead feast on the joy of community. By showing up for our neighbors, we transform our time into a hopeful offering, ensuring that no one in our community has to walk through the darkness of hunger alone.

TABLE OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

UPCOMING DATES: 3/12/26, 4/9/26, 5/14/26

On the second Thursday of every month, PCM volunteers gather at Bethel Church in Morristown from 12:00 – 2:15 pm. This "outdoor" pantry serves as a vital resource for thousands in Morris County. Our team helps by:

- Sorting and bagging groceries for distribution.
- Filling bins and loading food into guests' cars.
- Assisting with traffic flow and greeting neighbors with warmth and dignity.
- Sign up: pcmorristown.org/TOH

HOMELESS SOLUTIONS DINNER SERVICE

UPCOMING DATES: 3/24/26, 4/28/26, 5/26/26

Join us on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 4:30 – 7:00 pm at the Homeless Solutions facility. This is a hands-on way to provide a healthy meal for residents working to rebuild their lives. Volunteers help by:

- Preparing and cooking a meal in their well-equipped on-site kitchen.
- Serving dinner directly to guests.
- Note: This is an excellent opportunity for families, as volunteers aged 11 and up are welcome to serve alongside an adult.
- Sign up: pcmorristown.org/HSI

Whether you can give a few hours once a quarter or once a month, your hands are the "hands and feet" of our faith in action. Please visit the links above to sign up for these upcoming dates and join us as we let our light shine.

TOGETHER, OUR LIGHT CAN SHINE OUT FROM THE DARKNESS



Lori Wilson, Outreach Committee Member

*Feed the hungry and help those in trouble.
Then your light will shine out from the darkness,
and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon. - Isaiah 58:10 (NLT)*

For over 40 years, nourish.NJ (formerly Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center) has never missed a single day of providing food and other vital support services for vulnerable community members in a warm, safe and caring environment, free of charge, no questions asked.

For over 20 years, our PCM community has actively supported nourish.NJ by volunteering at Morristown and Dover locations, assembling breakfast bags, donating funds, and participating in hunger walks.

Needs persist, and feeding the hungry continues...

NOURISH.NJ FOOD PREP

UPCOMING DATES: 4/7/26, 7/7/26, 10/6/26

PCM seeks 6 – 8 volunteers to gather at nourish.NJ's modern, well-equipped, and welcoming Dover facility (with free onsite parking!) to prepare food (no experience necessary!) on the first Tuesday of every quarter from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. You'll assist kitchen staff with:

- Portioning meals into to-go containers
- Assisting with light meal prep
- Cleaning up and restocking Nourish NJ's marketplace
- Sign up: pcmorristown.org/nourish

As you read the following volunteer testimonials, please consider signing up to join Walter, Phil, other PCM community members, and me in actively supporting nourish.NJ.

Together, our light can shine out from the darkness.



HEAR FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Testimonials from nourish.NJ volunteers & PCM members.



WALT FLEISCHER, VOLUNTEER

nourish.NJ is a non-profit organization, long supported by PCM, that provides nutritious food 365 days a year in a warm, safe and caring environment, free of charge, no questions asked to anyone. Over the past 40 years, nourish.NJ has grown into a social services organization that not only distributes food, but also provides guests with the tools, knowledge and guidance to prevent homelessness, with assistance to navigate through public benefits programs, and with referrals to physical and mental health providers.

In 2023, nourish.NJ opened its new headquarters on Salem Street in Victory Gardens, just off Route 10. Here, meals are prepared, packaged and distributed to guests, on site and at their locations at 36 Sussex Avenue in Morristown and The County College of Morris. Merchants donate prepared and fresh foods, distributed daily, and a Free Farmers' Market provides meat, fish, bread, fruits and vegetables for guests to prepare meals at home. Staff offer guidance and counselling in private spaces.

I volunteer at Victory Gardens once or twice a week (volunteers are also at the Morristown location). Volunteers work 2-hour shifts weekdays beginning at 9am and going into the evenings. Volunteers prepare raw vegetables for the chefs to cook; package and label cooked meals; sort through the tons of fresh goods provided by generous local supporters; and greet and assist guests who come to the Farmers' Markets. Volunteers are vital to the mission of nourish.NJ, which in 2025 served nearly one-half million meals and meal equivalents and distributed 27,000 breakfast bags and over 400,000 pounds of fresh produce, protein and dairy.

I volunteer at nourish.NJ because it is an organization whose mission is what Jesus said we should do: feed the hungry and welcome the stranger. "As you did it to the least of these, you did it to me". Mt 25:31-40. And, as a bonus, working with and speaking with great people, staff and volunteers, and greeting guests, is fun!



PHIL SCADUTO, VOLUNTEER

It has been a distinct privilege to provide food preparation assistance at the nourish.NJ site on Salem Street in Dover. While I have not participated in this type of service in the past, the staff at nourish.NJ are very friendly and the work simple to do. The need is quite evident when seeing the number of people who come to the center in search of a healthy meal. I have also very much enjoyed getting to know other members of PCM through this activity. For anyone looking to give a little back for the many blessings we enjoy, I would urge you to explore this option.

For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will say, I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me! - Matthew 25:35-40 (NLT)

JAN'S CLOSET: PCM'S FREE COMMUNITY CLOTHING BANK



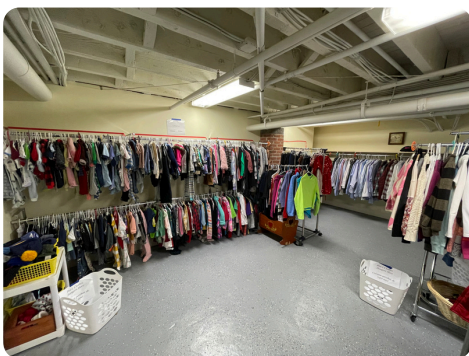
Carol Johnson, Jan's Closet Leader

The many volunteers at Jan's Closet, PCM's free community clothing bank located at the Parish House, have been very busy this past winter. Thanks to the generous donations from the congregation and the community at large, we have had an ample supply of new and gently-used clothing for men, women, and children of all ages. When additional sizes are needed, we are able to purchase items thanks to the generous monetary donations. These funds are also used for shoes and for socks and underwear, which must be new for distribution.

In addition to sorting and stocking, and serving our customers, we have also rearranged the room. Thanks to Carlton Bruen and members of Triple A, we have new rods installed on the walls so that all clothing is now hung for easier access. We also arranged the clothes by size. Our shoppers have said it is easier now to see what we have and find their sizes. It also helps us to see where we are in short supply and need to supplement.

We continue to be open twice a month, the **second Saturday in the morning** most months and **fourth Tuesday in the afternoon** and plan to try a new evening time on the first Tuesday starting in April. Specific shopping dates are published every six months. We continue to give away more clothing each month as the demand has grown. There are currently about 40 - 50 guests on Saturdays and 35 - 40 on Tuesdays. Additional shopping times may be needed! In the meantime, Susan Hubbard has taken some clothes to Nourish.NJ to distribute at the Sussex Avenue location. We also have satellite closet locations at Lafayette Learning Center Pre-K and County College of Morris, where we keep warm essentials like jackets, hats, and gloves on hand for the students at both schools.

We look forward to continuing to meet the needs of the community with this ministry and will continue to provide a safe shopping experience for all who come. If you are interested in participating in this ministry and would like to get to know our neighbors better, look for our volunteer link in the weekly newsletter or on the church website: pcmorristown.org/JansCloset. If you have any questions you can also contact Carol at carolsjohn@aol.com.



LOOKING TO MAKE AN IMPACT?

There are many ways to make a difference!



TRIPLE A (AAA) WORK GROUP

FRIDAYS | 9:30 – 11:30 AM | ON-SITE AT THE CHURCH (57 EAST PARK PLACE)

AAA helps care for our church through small repairs, maintenance projects, and hands-on tasks that keep our buildings safe, welcoming, and running smoothly. After completing our weekly tasks, we gather at the Parish House to enjoy coffee, donuts, and conversation together. Whether you come with years of experience or simply a willingness to learn, there is a place for you here. Sign up at pcmorristown.org/tripleA



KNITTERS AND CROCHETERS NEEDED FOR PRAYER SHAWLS

ONGOING | VOLUNTEER FROM HOME

For many years Prayer Shawls have been knitted or crocheted by women of the church. Each shawl begins with prayers for the recipient and prayers continue through its completion. Shawls are distributed to offer comfort due to an illness or a loss. When the receiver wraps themselves in the shawl they feel the prayers, the support of the church community and the comfort of a loving God. NOW...knitters and crocheters are needed! The pattern is simple and appropriate for skills of all levels. Please consider being part of this meaningful ministry. You can contact Marilynn Harris at **973-452-8055** or marilynnharris1@gmail.com for directions.



SEND EASTER CARDS TO SPRING HILLS RESIDENTS!

SIGN UP BY MARCH 25 | VOLUNTEER FROM HOME

Please join us in sending Easter and Passover greeting cards to our friends and residents at the Spring Hills Assisted Living in Morristown. This is a super easy way to volunteer from the comfort of your own home and spread some holiday love. Just let us know how many cards you would like to write and we will provide you with a list of names and address in time for Easter! Sign Up: pcmorristown.org/cards



SPRING HILLS WORSHIP AND MUSIC LEADERS

FIRST AND THIRD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH | 10:15 - 11:15 AM | MORRISTOWN

Are you looking for a meaningful way to share God's love and brighten someone's day? We are seeking worship leaders and musicians of all ages to join our dedicated team to help lead small yet deeply cherished worship service at Spring Hills Assisted Living in Morristown. Many of the residents eagerly anticipate these gatherings (held on the first and third Sunday of the month), finding joy, comfort, and a sense of connection in worship and fellowship. This is a special opportunity to bring hope, encouragement, and spiritual nourishment to those who may feel isolated or in need of uplifting companionship. Please contact Linda McCabe at lindalower@ymail.com.

THE FORUM ON THE GREEN: KICK-OFF RECAP & NEXT EVENT



John Harmon, Chair, Forum on the Green Advisory Board

There are moments when each of us occasionally think about people who have ended their own lives, usually following a period of depression and despair. One of those moments arrived, all at once, for over 350 of us when Kevin Hines spoke on January 8 at the first event of PCM's Forum on the Green series. He spent an hour talking about his difficult childhood, his search for connection, and his constant and overwhelming sense of self-doubt. And how those feelings led him to the moment when he ran, full speed, toward the chest high railing that separated those on the Golden Gate bridge from the icy waters of San Francisco Bay below.

It had been a typical day on the bridge. Sunny, people strolling toward either end, relaxed and enjoying their time, including a woman who asked Kevin if she could take his picture to provide human scale against the sweeping beauty of the Bridge. He agreed then remembered the woman as his hands left the railing on his way down to the waters. In that second, he knew he had made a mistake, four seconds later he was in the Bay.

What followed was a series of events that saved his life: a passerby called 911 as soon as she saw Kevin vault the railing; a sea lion kept pushing Kevin's helpless body to the surface of the bay; a boat picked him up within minutes of his landing; and one of the nation's foremost spine surgeons happened to be visiting a local hospital on that day. In short, he miraculously survived. One of about 35 out of the thousands who had done the same thing before.

But he did more than just survive, He shared his story with all of us on that Thursday evening. And it was a story of hope, self-examination, perseverance, and faith that held everyone in rapt attention. He had asked everyone there if they had been touched by anyone who had taken their life. So many of us raised our hands. In the Q&A that followed, everyone, one traveling from Connecticut, expressed how important his message had been, including several PCM members who described how suicide had touched their lives.

We hope you will join us for our next event in our series, *Belonging in the Age of Loneliness*.

SCREENS, STUDENTS, AND THE SEARCH FOR BELONGING | MARCH 3 | 7:00 PM | SANCTUARY

We will welcome a panel of Morristown community members and educators to explore how digital devices and online social platforms are shaping the lives of children and teens. Today's technologies offer incredible opportunities — yet they can also fuel social withdrawal, anxiety, and digital dependency that hinder healthy growth.

Our community experts will share what they're seeing in local schools, how they empower students to push back against digital overuse, and what practical strategies students and their families can adopt. Together, we'll examine how the online world can both erode connection and create new avenues for belonging — and what it takes to help young people thrive in an age of loneliness.

Reserve your seat at forumonthegreen.com

LET'S SPEND TIME TOGETHER

There's always a place for you at PCM.



MONTHLY ALL-CHURCH DINNER | MAR 11, APR 8, MAY 13 | 6:00 PM

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! Prepare for St Patty's Day with a traditional corned beef and cabbage meal in March; create new combinations of creative and delicious toppings at the baked potato bar in April. RSVP at pcmorristoryn.org/dinner.



HOST A FELLOWSHIP HOUR | SUNDAYS | 11:00 AM

You are always welcome to recognize or celebrate a special someone by hosting 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 pcmorristoryn.org/host.



HIKING GROUP RETURNS TO WELCOME SPRING

Chase away the winter chills in fellowship with others in our community for a monthly group hike. One Saturday each month we'll explore a new area together and watch spring return. Members and non-members of all ages are welcome. If you want to know more as plans come together, and the snow melts, sign up for updates at pcmorristoryn.org/hike.



ROMEO MEN'S GROUP | FIRST WEDNESDAY | 8:30 AM

Our Men's Fellowship Group—also known as ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out)—is expanding, and despite the name, you do not need to be retired or old to join! This group is open to all men who enjoy good food, meaningful conversation, and building community. We gather on the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am at the Morristown Diner. Please contact Jim Wood or visit pcmorristoryn.org/Romeo.



CHRISTIAN YOGA | TUESDAYS 5:00 PM | THURSDAYS 9:45 AM

Take a small pause in your week and join us as we unify mind and body through meditation, gentle movement, and pranayama (breathwork). This welcoming class offers space to slow down, breathe deeply, and reconnect with God's presence. Classes are held at the Parish House on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm and Thursdays at 9:45 am. Pre-registration is required and classes are free: pcmorristoryn.org/yoga.



SEW AND SO CRAFTERS' GROUP | FIRST THURSDAY | 1:30 PM

Our group may be just what you need to kick start your creative genius (again)! Catch up on your peyote or seed beads; slip, cross or blanket stitching, hemming a garment or sewing on buttons, ... or any other kind of stitching or handiwork you enjoy. Bring your project(s) and join us at the Parish House on the **first Thursday of the month, from 1:30 – 3:00 pm**, for a time of fellowship and crafting in the Parish House Library. Sign up at pcmorristown.org/sew



YOUNG ADULT COFFEE CHATS | FIRST SUNDAY | 11:30 AM

A community created for millennials and recent college grads who are looking to connect, share experiences, and support each other as we navigate the twists and turns of adulthood. Whether you're figuring out your career path, building relationships, or just trying to make sense of it all, this group is here to provide a space for meaningful conversations, new friendships, and collective growth. Let's figure out life together, one step at a time! pcmorristown.org/youngadults.



MAH JONGG MAVENS | FIRST AND THIRD FRIDAYS | 1:00 PM

Are you interested in learning how to play Mah Jongg? If so, please join the Mah Jongg Mavens on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month in Erdman Room at 1:00 pm and we'll play for about two hours. Everyone, beginners and experienced, is welcome. Sign up at pcmorristown.org/mahjongg.



CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP | WEDNESDAYS | 11:00 AM | ONLINE

The Caregivers Support Group welcomes anyone who is providing or assisting with the extended care of a loved one. That care may take many forms: primary caregiver, part-time caregiver with professional assistance, periodic caring duties, etc. Through group discussion, Caregivers provide positive support and ideas/strategies for care of their loved ones. We welcome caregiving members and friends of PCM to join the Caregivers Zoom, Wednesdays at 11:00 am. Sign up at pcmorristown.org/caregiver



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP | THIRD WEDNESDAY | 12:00 PM | ONLINE

The Grief Support Group meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 12:00 pm on Zoom. This is a guided discussion group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. If you have been thinking about joining our Grief Group now would be a good time as we engage in topics relating to different parts of our grief journey.

This safe space allows for participants to engage as much or as little as they would like. By leaning on our faith and one another, we can learn so much about ourselves through the journey of grief. Sign up at pcmorristown.org/grief



CAROLING, COCOA, & FELLOWSHIP WARM UP A COLD AFTERNOON

Reflections from the Community and Membership Committee

Steaming hot cocoa, Love First mugs, fire pits, live music and hand-cut matching red felt scarves brought together an estimated 85 bundled-up carolers in mid-December on the Parish House snow-covered lawn. Surrounded by overhead lights and candy cane sidewalk markers, our brave carolers sang their hearts out while passersby joined in the fun. A sandwich board on the sidewalk of South Street welcomed people to join us, including several ballerinas from that afternoon's MPAC performance of *The Nutcracker*.

Thank you to all who made this wonderful afternoon happen and all who braved the cold weather! Watch for Cocoa & Carols to "sing in" the Christmas holiday together again next December. Bring your warmest long johns and singing voice! We'll provide the hot cocoa and all the trimmings!





LET'S STAY CONNECTED

Please contact the office to update your contact information.

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 for replay at: pcmorrictown.org

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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