



Our Mother's Day Musical Was A Hit!

In a special Mother's Day celebration on May 10, our Worship Arts & Wesley Choirs performed "The Lost Boy: Young Jesus in the Temple" during worship. Thank you to all of our actors, volunteers, choir directors, and family & friends for helping us put on this amazing show!

Set Up for the Turnover Sale!

We need volunteers to help us move racks & furniture for our Turnover Sale. College returnees are especially welcome--& needed!

We can't host our legendary Turnover Sale without your time, support, & efforts. Join us as we set up for the beloved "Miracle on Baker Street"!

JUNE 9am-12noon
Morrow Memorial Preschool
19 6pm-9pm
FRI. Morrow Church

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Thoughts in Transition

A Final Note from Rev. Chris Heckert

June has arrived and the reality of pastoral transition is setting in. In many ways it is hard to leave, particularly with so many exciting things going on within the church. Our passion for mission and outreach, our ministries with young people and families, and our music in worship are particular bright spots for me.

Though it saddens me to leave, I envision vibrant ministry here in Maplewood for years to come. I believe that God is in this transition, and I trust that things unseen will bring blessing for the church. In that spirit, I leave Morrow Church with a sense of deep peace for three reasons:



Morrow Community: I believe in the amazing people of Morrow Church, who serve as a strong witness in the greater community through their faithful care and service to others. The church community has a strong, talented staff team in Pastor Brenda, Holland, Paige, Kenny, and Cynthia, who give of themselves to lead and serve in powerful ways.

Pastor Brad: Your incoming pastor is a deeply committed and gifted spiritual leader with broad experience in church and agency leadership, bringing a legacy of transformational ministry in each congregation he has served. In many ways, his serving as pastor in Maplewood is a kind of homecoming, as he previously served at the Hilton UMC and as associate pastor here at Morrow Church.

God: Most importantly, I know that God has been moving in the community of Morrow Church, working in the lives of the individuals who come together to worship, learn, and serve as an expression of faith. It is through our loving God that a spirit of renewal will continue to blow through the church community and in individual lives.

As I transition into the next season of ministry, I will continue to pray for the people and ministries of Morrow Church. I will always hold a deep gratitude for your love and support and the amazing impact you have had on the lives of my family and me. It has been a gift to serve with you and minister alongside you for the past five years.

Grace and peace,

Rev. Chris Heckert, Senior Pastor

Harvest & Deliver Produce for Those In Need this Summer!

Celebrate Summer as a Volunteer with AGAR!



Join our work with America's Grow-a-Row, named a CNN Hero! There are 3 ways you can help:

1) Be a produce driver!

We have a special need for drivers this summer. Every other Saturday morning (around 7am), from mid-July to October, volunteers will transport produce from AGAR's storage facility in Pittstown, NJ, to 2 farmers markets in Newark. Drivers load produce into their own vehicles, drive it to the markets, and, in some cases, help the market volunteers unload.

2) Help us pick produce on September 27!

This is a family-friendly service activity, suitable for babies & children of all ages.

3) Pick produce as needed!

Throughout the summer, AGAR needs help harvesting from its fields or gleaning from private farms. These times may be during the day or evening, on weekdays or Saturdays.

To sign up or learn more, visit www.morrowchurch.org, email us at opendoors@morrowchurch.org, or call the church office at (973) 763-7676.

New Summer Worship Schedule Begins Soon!



Beginning on Sunday, June 21 (Father's Day), Morrow Church will offer a modified schedule of worship services for the summer.

On Sunday mornings, our early service will be at 8:15 in the Chapel Garden.

Our late service will be in the sanctuary at 10:00am (please note the change in time).

Our regular worship schedule will resume in the fall.

Volunteer for the COP Picnic in Camp Hoover!



Christian Outreach Project is looking for volunteers to donate food and/or serve food during our picnic on July 1.

The picnic will begin at 6pm in Camp Hoover.

If you're interested in buying burgers, flipping burgers, and, yes, eating burgers--all in the name of a good cause--then now's your chance!

Contact the church office today to learn more and sign up!

Ministry News & Highlights

We Are In the Black This Month! Thank you!

Finance Update from Kathy Finch, Finance Chair, & Rev. Chris Heckert, Senior Pastor

As of April 20, our total expenses for the year are \$237,756.94, with a total income of \$262,395.03. This is the first month of the year that we are running in the black!

Thank you to all who have increased their pledges or have given a special donation to the operating budget. We are grateful for your support.

If you haven't given yet, there's still time! We are predicting a deficit for the year, and your gift would make a positive and lasting impact here at Morrow Church. Please prayerfully consider donating to support our mission and ministries.

Also, though many of us will be gone over the summer, our church bills will still be here! Please consider sending in your pledge donations via electronic transfer to help us pay our bills in the summer months. Thank you!

Fish & Chips Dinner... Back By Popular Demand!

Save the Date!

June 7, 5pm-7pm, on the Church Lawn



Join us for our Fish & Chips Dinner, a fundraiser for Morrow Church's Global & Community Outreach, on Sunday, June 7, from 5-7pm, on the church lawn (or in Fellowship Hall in case of rain).

To enhance our fundraising, we'll also be hosting a bake sale & a small Kids' Fair with face painting & other fun children's activities!

Tickets purchased in advance cost \$15 per adult & \$8 per child. At the door, tickets are \$17 per adult & \$10 per child. Contact the church office to buy your tickets!

Chancel Choir Sings at Jazz Mass in Manhattan



On May 10, members of Morrow Church's Chancel Choir joined the choir of the Presbyterian Church in Chatham Township (PCCT) to sing at the Sunday evening jazz mass at St. Peter's Church in midtown Manhattan.

The combined group sang a mass setting by legendary jazz pianist and bandleader Dave Brubeck entitled "To Hope!"

Holland Jancaitis conducted the combined choirs, which were accompanied by a quintet of players that included piano, bass, drums, trumpet, and trombone.

(Back row, L-R: Dawilla Madsen, Holland Jancaitis, Paul Spencer; Front row, L-R: David Wren-Hardin, Susan Gracey, Kathleen Lepley, & Kate Soriano. Missing from the photo are Janet Painter & Leigh Shultz, who also sang.)

A Year in Review: Our After-School Program

by Rev. Brenda Ehlers, Associate Pastor

Last fall, Morrow Church expanded its community outreach by partnering with Seth Boyden Elementary School to offer students an after-school STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) enrichment program. We kicked off the school year by exploring EZ Science, studying science basics as we created our own science journals. Then we moved on to learning the physics of motion as we explored and experimented with fun hands-on activities. Our students built catapults and bridges and even dropped eggs off buildings!

Throughout our explorations, as part of the inventors program, our 18 third- and fourth-graders looked at engineering and math from the perspective of inventions that make the world work better. In addition, our students took on the First Lego Challenge, working together in teams to imagine and create future places of learning.

Thanks to our amazing volunteers, leaders, and snack providers, we are proud to report that Morrow Church's pilot program will be continuing next year! If you'd like to volunteer as an afterschool tutor or help provide snacks to fuel our students' learning, please contact me at behlers@morrowchurch.org. Also, be sure to check out our pictures below!

A Glimpse of Learning in Action

Last fall, Morrow Church partnered with Seth Boyden Elementary School to offer third- and fourth-grade students a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) enrichment program after school on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Our students hard at work, learning STEM concepts through creativity, collaboration, & hands-on activities.

Reflections on Learning at Morrow Church

by Nadine Ilunga, 2014-15 Pastoral Intern



My internship at Morrow Church has been a great & unique experience. In seminary, I had already discerned a calling into ministry, but this internship gave me the firsthand experience to confirm & clarify that call. I've accumulated valuable experience & knowledge that I believe will prepare me for stepping into the next phase of my God-given calling.

Over the past nine months, I made an inventory of existing small group ministries, preached at the 8:15am service on occasion, led a prayer group during Lent, & sometimes served as liturgist on

Sunday mornings. What I gleaned most from this internship are the diverse possibilities for engaging in ministry, especially in order to include all people. The blend of diversity here has allowed me to grow in my faith in ways I never imagined. I often find myself moved during the Sunday worship service, which has been a great place to be with fellow believers.

I am now in the inquiring candidacy phase of the ordination process, & I hope to become an elder in the United Methodist Church. I'd like to thank the entire congregation, my supervisor Pastor Chris Heckert, & members of my teaching committee for your love, support, & encouragement.



JULY 2 THURS. 7pm-9pm	JULY 7 TUES. 7pm-9pm	JULY 9 THURS. 7pm-9pm	JULY 11 SAT. 9am-12:30pm	JULY 14 TUES. 7pm-9pm	JULY 18 SAT. 9am-12:30pm	JULY 21 TUES. 9am-12pm
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We are **not** accepting any of the following items:

- CRTs, including tube TVs & computer monitors (flat-screen TVs & monitors are welcomed);
- computer desks or entertainment centers;
- children's carseats or sliding-side cribs;
- mattresses or box springs;
- skis or exercise machines;
- heavy sofa beds; and
- VHS tapes.

Please try to deliver items on non-sale days during the morning. For questions, contact the church office at (973) 763-7676 or Joyce Stibitz, Turnover Sale Coordinator, at (973) 763-0323. Thank you!

Let the Farmers Market Come to You!



Buy your weekly groceries through Farmigo & support Morrow Church! The program launches this week! Here's how it works:

- 1) Visit www.farmigo.com to buy produce & other items from local farms.
- 2) Place your first order between June 4 & June 7.
- 3) Pick up your items at Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, June 10, from 5:30pm-7:30pm.
- 4) Morrow Church earns 10% of the proceeds!

Shop now & **receive 40% off** your first order! Just enter code FARMIGO40 at checkout.

June 2015

JUNE

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MON.

Board of Trustees Meeting,
7:30pm

JUNE

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SAT.

Junior Youth Fellowship
Beach Trip

JUNE

7

SUN.

Worship in the Chapel,
8:15am
Worship in the Sanctuary,
10:30am
Staff Parish Relations Meeting,
12pm
Fish & Chips Fundraiser, 5pm

JUNE

10

WED.

Morrow Memorial Preschool
Picnic, 4pm

JUNE

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THURS.

Morrow Memorial Preschool
Picnic (Rain Date), 4pm

JUNE

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SUN.

Worship in the Chapel,
8:15am
Worship in the Sanctuary,
10:30am
Farewell Reception for Pastor
Chris & the Heckerts, 11:45am

JUNE

15

MON.

Calendar Meeting, 7:30pm
Building & Grounds
Committee Meeting, 7:30pm

JUNE

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TUES.

Christian Outreach Project
Volunteer Training, 7:30pm
(Succasunna UMC)

JUNE

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FRI.

Set-Up for Turnover Sale, 6pm

JUNE

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SUN.

FATHER'S DAY
NEW SUMMER SCHEDULE
Worship in the Garden,
8:15am
Worship in the Sanctuary,
10:00am

JUNE

22

MON.

Board of Trustees Meeting,
7:30pm

JUNE

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SUN.

Christian Outreach Project
Begins
Worship in the Garden,
8:15am
Worship in the Sanctuary,
10:00am

JULY

1

WED.

Christian Outreach Project
Picnic (at Camp Hoover),
6pm

JULY

2

THURS.

TURNOVER SALE BEGINS
Turnover Sale, 7pm

Check our online calendar for more event details!



MORROW MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
600 Ridgewood Rd, Maplewood, NJ 07040

Join Us for Education Sunday!

June 7 at 10:30am in the Sanctuary

Come to Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am on Sunday, June 7, as we gather to celebrate the educators and students in our church community.

During worship, we'll acknowledge the teachers who nurture our students' love of learning and help them prepare for life both inside and outside the classroom.

We'll also present our scholarship awards, sponsored by Morrow Church and by the United Methodist Women, to selected recipients.

Join us for this special recognition of our high school graduates and teachers as we close out the school year.

Save the Date! Farewell Reception for Pastor Chris & the Heckert Family

JUNE
14
SUN.



Join us for Worship in the Sanctuary at 10:30am on Sunday, June 14, featuring special music as we bid farewell to Pastor Chris, Kimberly, Annelise, & Evelyn. Afterward, we'll gather at 11:45am in Fellowship Hall to celebrate the Heckerts' ministry & fellowship with us over the past five years.