Courage

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Joshua 1:9
The Morrison Opportunity Thrift Shop will reopen on Tuesday, September 2. The hours will remain the same: Monday through Friday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

The Super Senior Luncheons resume September 2. Carolyn Hammond will provide the meals and refreshments. Jean Edwards and Becky Dewitt will be scheduling each week’s program or activity. The cost will be $4.00 per person. Lunch will be served beginning at 11:30 AM.

Confirmation Class begins on September 7 at 9:45 AM in room 203 in the Multi-ministry building.

Come celebrate with us! On September 7, we will have a special worship service at 10:55 AM in the sanctuary to celebrate the completion of our renovations and mark the end of our wonderful summer of blended worship. Our 8:25 service will be offered but will not include everything offered at 10:55.

Vic’s will be catering our dinners when the Wednesday-All-Together program resumes on September 10. Cost to adults will be $7.00 each and children ten and under are $3.50 each. The first week’s menu will consist of a garden salad, 1/4 baked chicken, Oriental rice, Italian green beans, and rolls and butter, with Godiva Chocolate Mousse for dessert. The second choice of a salad will no longer be offered.

Beginning Wednesday, September 10 at 4:00 and 6:00 PM, Rev. Diane Barrett will lead an eight week Bible study entitled Making Sense of the Bible…Rediscovering the Power of Scripture Today. There is a book for this study. The cost is $10.00. Please call the church office to register to ensure that we have enough books for the participants and to answer any questions you may have.

Pam Tebow’s Becoming a Woman of Influence will be at 7:00 PM on September 20 in the newly renovated sanctuary. The doors will open at 6:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased in the church office or online through www.morrisonumc.org. The early purchase ticket price of $20 has been extended through September 7. Don’t miss out on this great opportunity.

Today’s Flower Dedication
The flowers beside the Holy Table are given in loving memory of Karen’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Williams, by Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McGatrey.

The entry flowers are given in honor of Carol’s mother Adell McDougald’s ninety-first birthday by Ray and Carol Cuen.

Our Faithful Attendance for the Week Ending 8/17

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*Current as of August 19, 2014.*
A Note To Our Guests:
The first thing you will notice about Morrison is that we are just like you! We are seeking God's plan for how to live our lives. We are not perfect and don't have it all figured out.

This summer, our sanctuary is closed for major renovations and improvements, and is scheduled to reopen on September 7. During this time, our traditional and our non-liturgical worshippers will combine for blended services each Sunday at 8:25 and 11:00 AM.

Morrison offers small group Bible studies, creative times of worship and music, relevant teaching of the Bible, and authentic relationships. We encourage you to discover God at your own pace. So come in, grab some breakfast, sit back and experience the love of Christ.

The door to membership in the Morrison church family is always open. For more information call Membership Coordinator Charlene Roth at 787-3786, extension 251.

TODAY IN WORSHIP
Scripture: Joshua 1:6-9
Spiritual Courage: Living Inside Out

Courage is the by product and visible result of conviction and character. In Joshua 1, the Lord says to Joshua “Be strong and courageous, for you will lead my people to possess all the land I swore to give their ancestors.” I believe that courage was an area where Joshua struggled. I do not think he was naturally courageous. Six times God tells him to be “strong and courageous.”

Some of us are not naturally courageous people. In fact, for some the words risk and pain follow close behind. Many of us worry about the pain of rejection or disapproval or humiliation. But when we examine the Bible and the people God used and what a fully devoted person looks like – we always see courage attached. Somewhere along the way in our Christian journey we will be asked to risk.

So where do you get that kind of courage? It is not likely that we will ever be asked to live as a martyr. But we will at some point be asked to be courageous, to do what is right and live a life of integrity. It is not easy to do, so join us in worship today to hear some of the options God has given us.