

CHURCH MATTERS

APRIL
2016



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am- 12pm

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April Birthdays

1	Ann Batchelor	19	Adrianna Griffin
2	Amanda Miller	19	Paul Mockovak
2	Pat Olsson	20	George Fearon
5	Maxine Hunter	20	Dakota Merkle
5	Harriet Stevens	21	Ron Brodeur
6	Robin Suarez	25	Jacalyn Groves
7	Nick Hunter	30	Joel Bush

No April Anniversaries

Pulpit Supply

April	3	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
	10	Tom Lemery
	17	Rev. Joe Adams
	24	Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams
May	1	Elder Bill Porter
	8	Elizabeth Smith
	15	Marlene Miner
	22	Elder Bill Porter
	29	Rev. Jerry Saliba

Covered Dish Supper -

Morrisville Community Church will be hosting a covered dish supper on May 14, at 5:30 pm.

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee is planning this event. Area churches and the community will be invited. We will have an evening of food, fellowship and fun, including musical performances.

April 2016 Calendar of Events

- 4 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 4 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 5 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 6 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 7 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 11 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 12 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 12 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 13 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm SS Room
- 14 Finance Committee 7:00 pm Library
- 14 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 18 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 19 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 19 Faith Circle 12:00 at Dot Mulcahey's
- 19-22 Set up for Church Craft Sale - Fellowship Hall
- 20 Zumba 5:30 pm Youth Room
- 21 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 23 Church Craft Sale 9-2 Fellowship Hall
- 24 Crouse Community Center 2 pm "Service & Song"
- 26 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 26 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Book Read 12:30 - 2 pm "Dead Wake" at Marie Smith's
- 28 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

Please Note: Clothes Basket is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 pm unless otherwise noted.

Adult Bible Study is held every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Church Library unless otherwise noted.

FACEBOOK "like" AND "share".
Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA.

From the Worship Committee

Praying for Courage

It is now April. The daffodil—the flower of hope—is slowly pushing up through the cold and sometimes snowy spring earth. Their vibrant yellow may not yet be too vibrant, but when it happens the world will be just beautiful.

But as I write this in anticipation of seeing the daffodil of hope in full bloom, I write with some concern. I am concerned that the world around us is increasingly filling with anger, suspicion and hate—and maybe hate for hate's sake. The awful attack on Christians in Pakistan on Easter Sunday is just topping off all the things that are causing my hopeful outlook to waver. However, the words from the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima Palm/Passion Sunday message came to mind. In his sermon he emphasized that the message of Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday is that we are to pray to God to give us courage to carry us through the times of struggles that we know we must meet.

How simple: Pray for courage. Although we can all make our own prayers, I remembered a copy of a prayer by Teresa of Avila that I have hanging on my refrigerator door. It is not exactly about courage, but it is prayer which strengthens our faith. With faith strengthened, I feel it will help us to lift prayers to God to give us courage. I hope you find the “Peace Within” prayer meaningful, as well my simple prayer for courage at the end:

Peace Within

May today there be peace within

May you trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

May you not forget the infinite possibilities that are born of faith.

May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass the love that has been given to you.

May you be confident knowing you are a child of God.

Let this presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance and love.

It is there for each and every one of us. (Amen)

And I will add: Dear God may the peace within open our hearts to pray for courage to meet life's challenges. Simply God, fill us with courage. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our March 3 PW Ministry Meeting held in the church library: Naydene Ames, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon and Marlene Miner

We did not have much to discuss this month so it was a very short meeting. We did tentatively set the date of Thursday, June 2, for our annual PW Spring Social. Each June we invite all the women of our church (and the ladies are encouraged to bring a friend) to our annual Spring Social for an evening of fellowship, entertainment and dessert. Now, we need your help with program ideas. The past three years we have been entertained by musical groups from our local schools. If anyone knows of a person or group with a special talent, someone who might have traveled to a place of interest or have an unique collection or program they might like to share, please let us know.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

There will be an indoor Sale of Craft Supplies on Saturday, April 23, in the Fellowship Hall at the Morrisville Community Church, 3824 Swamp Road, Morrisville, from 9:00 to 2:00 p.m. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Some of the items for sale will include (but are not limited to) ribbons, plastic mesh, doll supplies, artificial flowers, wooden items, felt, and craft kits. Several additional crafters will have their own tables offering their excess supplies, including Stampin' Up items, scrapbooking, rubber stamps and Creative Memories. If you craft, this is a sale you won't want to miss. For additional information, call Jackie Groves (684-9337).

This benediction was offered by Elder Bill Porter on February 8. Several people have asked for a copy so we are sharing.

Because the world is poor and starving,
Go with bread.

Because the world is filled with fear,
Go with courage.

Because the world is in despair
Go with hope.

Because the world is living lies,
Go with truth.

Because the world is sick with sorrow,
Go with joy.

Because the world is weary of wars,
Go with peace.

Because the world is seldom fair,
Go with justice.

Because the world is under judgment,
Go with mercy.

Because the world will die without it,
Go with love.

From Outlook Magazine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crouse Community Center - Morrisville
Community Church will be leading church services at the Crouse Center on Sunday, April 24 and August 21. These services will begin at 2 pm. If you can assist residents on April 24, please contact Ellen Davis or call the church office.

Per Capita Assessment for 2016 is \$35.00 per member. We have 106 members on our active roll at this time. That means the church will pay \$3710 this year. For those that can afford this it would be helpful if members paid their individual assessment. Please keep this in mind as you plan throughout the year.

Clothes Basket re-opens!!!

The Clothes Basket at the Morrisville Community Church reopened on Saturday, April 2, fully stocked with "new" spring and summer items, shoes, purses and household goods. Most items are sold for \$3 a bag—we supply the bags. There is a small corner on

the right inside the entry door that has individually priced items. Come and check out our merchandise. Free baked goods, donated by Price Chopper, will be available on Saturdays. Hours will be 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays. Donations are gratefully accepted during open store hours.

From the Property Committee

Future usage of the facilities: Craft Sale, April 23; Covered Dish Supper, May 14; PWs Spring Social, June 2; Chicken BBQ, October 1

The bids were presented for plowing by Bohndorf, Groves, and Pearsall for the 2016 season. They were discussed and decided to use the quotes for the "total season". It was given to the lowest bidder, David Pearsall. Letters of notification were sent to all three parties by the secretary.

Please note when calling the church to dial the three digits 315 before the seven digit phone number. Usherwood (copier) contacted us about our current contract coming due. A new contract was written, upgrading the machine and lowering the usage amount. Kaaren, Ellen, and Sylvia reviewed and agreed on the contract and submitted it to the company. The monthly payments will now be \$158.16 instead of \$203.90.

A free energy assessment (lighting) was done by LIME Corp. on our building. It was sent to us for review.

Plans for finishing the Youth Room renovation are in the works. Materials will be purchased for removing finger prints, painting the walls, sealing the ceiling tiles, painting the hallways, washing and waxing the floor, and labeling and storing the Christmas tree in the garage.

Vacations: Sylvia -- April 10-13; Ellen -- May 2-18; Ron -- May 5-8; Kaaren -- May 13 & 16

Ron has requested that we have our Property Committee Meeting during May through August on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Please let me know if there are any conflicts.

The April meeting will be held on Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Sylvia McKinnon

WHAT COMES AROUND

By: Pathrik L. Olsson
(A.K.A Mr. Bonnie)

Many years ago as my submarine was doing operations off of the coast of Alaska I took ill and was to be sent back home. I went ashore in Ketchikan and after a day or two of waiting; a flight back to Pearl Harbor was procured for me. On the morning of my flight, I got a ride to the dock to catch the ferry to the airport. As I stood on the dock with my single hastily packed duffle bag at my feet, another couple arrived with more duffle bags than seemed possible to stuff into a seven-passenger van. As they unloaded, I saw that they had two long bags for ski equipment and several shorter bags for everything else. As we waited a dozen or so, more passengers came with their luggage and waited with us.

When the ferry arrived and it was time to board the ski couple and I waited for the rest of the passengers to board. When it was our turn I, without thinking, threw my bag over my shoulder and loaded my arms up with as much of ski couples stuff as I could carry and in one trip we got all of our stuff loaded. Once on board they thanked me for the help and asked why I automatically carried their stuff. I responded telling them that I just happened to be going in the same direction and had one free shoulder and two free hands. They thanked me again and we sat in silence for the rest of the trip to the airport.

In due time the ferry docked at the airport and we all shuffled off. I once again carried some of their stuff with mine and we walked the pathway to the airport gate. Arriving at the gate, a sign stating that it cost two dollars and fifty cents enter the airport hit me in the face. Getting on the ferry was free, getting off will cost you. In my rush to get off my submarine, I neglected to grab any cash. So there I stood staring at the sign, dumbfounded. What am I to do now? I have to catch my flight back home. I am all alone stranded in Alaska! My submarine was back out to sea and totally out of touch.

Then, suddenly, just as the real panic was setting in, I was waved on through the gate. I looked questioningly at the gatekeeper and she pointed to the ski couple behind me and said that they had paid my way. I thanked the ski couple profusely for saving me, and they said since I was caring their stuff it was the least they could do.

Eventually the ski couple got a cart for their stuff and we parted ways. Throughout the flight home, I thought about how the ski couple had saved me and thanked God for their generosity.

To this day I shudder to think about what would have happened to me, had they not paid my way through the gate. That experience taught me that it *always* pays to help people. Maybe not right away, but sometime when you need it most and in some way that you can't even imagine you will be repaid. What comes around

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Mar. 6	40	\$ 2740.00	\$ 525.00
Mar. 13	35	\$ 765.00	\$ 1000.00
Mar. 20	45	\$ 1460.00	\$ 180.00
Mar. 27	65	\$ 1876.00	\$ 146.00

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CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

DEACONS

Class of 2016

Ellen Davis
Nancy Douglas
Priscilla Suits

Class of 2016

Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur
Naydene Ames

Class of 2017 Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard

Calla Miller
Connie Shepard
Sue Bartow

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring
Lois Thurston
Bonnie Olney

Class of 2018

David Link
Roberta Link
Robin Suarez