

CHURCH MATTERS

AUGUST
2015



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Sunday School 9:00 AM Sunday Service 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am- 12pm Office 684-3314
Clothes Basket 684-9970 Fax 684-7817

August Birthdays

1 Gabrielle Bartlett	9 Lily Pearl Mullenax
3 Duane Button	11 Bob Virgil
4 Ryan Burch	11 Elijah Zbock
5 Danielle Parker	12 Jaime Kent
7 Hank Douglas	13 Scott Holbert, Sr.
8 Dorothy Tainter	14 Aaron Olney

August Anniversary

2 David and Sheila Bartlett
5 David and Jessica Burch
6 Greg and Erin Dutcher
6 Kyle and Alisa Graves
8 Richard and Wanda Gorton
8 Scott and Karen Holbert
17 Sam and Karen Tucci
25 Bob and Darlene Ballard
25 Mark and Connie Shepard
30 David and Jean Puddington

Congregational Meeting of Morrisville Community Church will be held **Sunday, August 30** immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting will be to elect Elders, Deacons and members of the Nominating Committee. The Rev. Earl Arnold will lead us in worship and moderate this meeting.

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

August 2	Maxine Hunter
9	Ellen Davis
16	Fenner Voices
23	Rev. Jerry Saliba
30	Rev. Earl Arnold

August 2015 Calendar of Events

- 3 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 3 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 3 No Deacons Meeting in August
- 4 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 5 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 6 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- **8 Church Property Cleanup 9:00 am**
- 10 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 10 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 10 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 10 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 11 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 12 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 13 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 13 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- **15 Village Bottle & Can Drive**
(9-noon in the parking lot)
- 17 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 17 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 18 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 19 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 20 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 25 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 25 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Zumba 5:30 pm Youth Room
- 27 Book Read "Safe Haven" by Nicholas Sparks
12:00 - 2:00 at Pat Parker's - Hatch Lake
- 27 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hal
- **30 Congregational Meeting**
(immediately following worship)
- 31 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am

"ATTENTION"

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR FUND DRIVES

Morrisville Community Church has been requested to run the Village Bottle and Can Drives for the months of August and October. We will help to collect and sort bottles and cans for a portion of the returns. We will start at 9:00 a.m. and we should be done by noon. The dates are Saturday, August 15 and October 19. Anyone interested, please contact Henry Douglas (315) 684-3845 for further details.

FACEBOOK

We now have an active Facebook page Morrisville-Community-Church-PCUSA. There will be regular postings about our church and the events held or hosted there. It is important that those of you who have a Facebook page look at our page and **"like"** AND **"share"**. We need to get the word out there that we are live, active and moving forward. If you have any suggestions for a posting please let us know. Thank you for your support and help.

Statistics for Junely

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
July 5	50	\$ 3478.00	\$735.00
July 12	45	\$ 2605.00	\$65.00
July 19	35	\$ 831.00	\$65.00
July 26	35	\$ 734.00	\$65.00
Misc: driveway sealing: \$600 July		\$2750.00	Total

"TIDBITS"

Reminder!! If you are using any part of the church, please make sure you put away used items or throw away left over items you have used. The counter tops and tables tend to accumulate left over items.

From the Worship Committee

Living in Community

"The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body - whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink." *1 Corinthians 12: 12-13 (NIV)*

Morrisville Community Church: When I first moved to Morrisville I was a wandering soul. I wondered what this village had to offer. The journey of discovery was interesting and indirect, but in my search I soon discovered a community. The first thing I looked for in the village was not a church, but a library. The "Big M" store turned out to be a fount of information. While checking out, I asked the cashier "Is there a library in the village" After a brief and lively discussion with several other shoppers and the other cashier, I received an answer: "Yes it is directly across from the Community Church." A visit to the Public Library eventually led to a visit to the Morrisville Community Church. The result of my first visit to the church led to an ever increasing circle of friends. The "lost soul" was finding its way and back to the Way. I soon learned that the word "Community" was indeed a very important part of the name of the Morrisville Church. I was told, "When the United Church and the Methodist Church became one, the committee decided to choose a denomination that both groups could accept. The denomination chosen was Presbyterian Church, USA. However, the important part and dominant part of the name had to be Morrisville Community Church: A church for the "community." Does this mean that we all think alike or should think alike? Behave alike? Dress alike? No. The word "community", however, does imply inclusiveness. As the scripture says, "...we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body." It also implies indirectly, at least it does to me, that the oneness-in-spirit reaches out beyond our church community. It means all of us with different thoughts, different ideas, and different creative talents bring these differences together and work not only for our church community but the world community. We are to be always, "one in the Spirit."

Prayer: Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Amen ("Blest Be the Tie That Binds", p.286. The Hymnal)

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

SUMMER MUSINGS

By Pathrik L. Olsson

As I spend my summer days communing with nature, a.k.a. losing the battle against weeds, I find myself pondering recent events and topics. Two of these musings stand out. The first recent event was Trinity Sunday. (To me this is recent because as I grow older time is more fleeting and days and weeks tend to blur together.) In my search for understanding of the Holy Trinity, I have learned it is one of the most abstract and hard to grasp concepts of Christianity. Trinity - three as one.

As I spent my day battling the weeds and thinking, I believe I have found a way of making it all fit together. Three parts Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, as one entity. The first two parts are easy to see. The Father is, of course, God and the Son is Jesus Christ who teaches us to love one another. But then, who or what is the Holy Ghost and how do all three become one? I have come to believe the Holy Ghost refers to the soul and that the soul is love. I also believe God is love and through love Father, Son and Holy Ghost become one. Furthermore, I believe, each of our souls is a piece of God's soul and so the Holy Ghost also symbolizes the love that brings a community together. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost equal the Trinity, which equals love, and which, in turn, equals community.

The second musing of the summer is much easier to put into words. Freedom / Freewill. It all starts with a question. If God wants us to follow his Son and his Word then why does he give us freedom / freewill to choose not to?

If we think of our own children. We can make their life choices for them but if we give them the freedom / freewill to choose their own paths they will be much happier doing what they choose to do and subsequently much better at it. God our Father gives us the same freedom / freewill. Our faith will be much stronger if we find it on our own than if God forces us onto His path.

These are just two concepts that I believe I have sorted out. I am sure others will present themselves as summer progresses and fear not God has provided me with a never-ending supply of ever re-growing weeds so I will have plenty of time and opportunities to continue my musings.

From the Deacons

The Deacons are encouraging you to be "fruity" this summer. We are looking for donations of canned fruit. These cans will go into the Food Baskets we distribute at Christmas. No GLASS jars can be accepted. Please check the expiration date. There is a box in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Thank you in advance. As we head toward the Christmas season, (145 days and counting down) watch for more announcements from the Deacons.

We sold food and drinks at the Garage Sale Day on July 11. The Deacons made a profit of \$131. Thank you to Calla Miller, Sue Bartow, David Link, Roberta Link, and "George" for a fun-filled day.

The "Bakeless Bake Sale," a fundraiser, has blessed the Deacons. Thanks to the hard work of Deacons Connie Shepard, Naydene Ames, and Marlene Miner, and your generous giving, we have made over \$1000.

We wish the best for ALL of the MECS graduates as they head into the next chapters of their lives.

Finally, the Deacons hope that all of you have a blessed month. May all of God's Love surround you always.

Respectfully Submitted
Tom Lemery, Chairman

From the Property Committee

The Special Fund now has \$2,750 for sealing the blacktop. The cost of the total project is \$5,700. If you are still thinking of contributing to this special project, we will continue to accept any contributions through September 30. Thank you to those who have already done so. August 5-6 has been agreed upon for the project. We will contact the Clothesbasket, Zumba, and Tae Kwon Do for that week. The rain date is August 19-20. The church would be accessible on the work dates by parking on the front lawn and walking across the grass and blacktop to the sidewalk.

A "test and inspect" will be done by Syracuse Time and Alarm this year.

We will be placing an ad in the Hi Neighbor and the Newsletter to try to get rid of the four fire proof filing cabinets that we cannot use. Asking price is a donation and take away.

Respectfully Submitted
Sylvia McKinnon, Property Chair

I have been reading, well actually browsing through, "Treasury of Joy and Enthusiasm" by Norman Vincent Peale. There are times when I feel discouraged, overwhelmed, and sometimes desolate. I am not always sure what my purpose is or how things should be accomplished. Prayer is always one way to go but sometimes we need a boost or word of encouragement from an outside source that can help us refocus. A friend gave me this book to read and so I have been working through a positive attitude "reeducation". In the process I found this poem in this book.

It Couldn't Be Done

By Edgar A. Guest

*Somebody said that it couldn't be done,
 But he with a chuckle replied
 That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be the one
 Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
 So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
 On his face. If he worried he hid it.
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

*Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
 At least no one ever has done it";
 But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
 And the first thing we knew he's begun it.
 With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
 Without any doubting or guiddit,
 He started to sing as he tackled the thing
 That couldn't be done, and he did it.*

*There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
 There are thousands to prophesy failure;
 There are thousands to point out to you, one by one,
 The dangers that wait to assail you.*

*But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
 Just take off your coat and go to it;
 Just start to sing as you tackle the thing
 That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.*

(Submitted by Ellen Davis)

From the Financial Secretary

We have three checking accounts, *each account needs a separate check.*

1. Current funds for operating fund, per capita, loose plate, initial offering reimbursements for items purchased or donated. These can be put into one check with explanation where the monies are to be credited.

2. Designated Funds

For Sunday School offering, special offerings, OGHS, Hunger, Pentecost, Peacemaking, Christmas, Easter and Christmas plants, Memorials.

3. Building Fund

Monies used to pay off our mortgage.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Marcia Vair

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2015

Jeff Cring
 George Fearon
 Vacancy

Class of 2016

Ellen Davis
 Nancy Douglas
 Priscilla Suits

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
 Sylvia McKinnon
 Mark Shepard

DEACONS

Class of 2015

Marlene Miner
 Roberta Link
 Dave Link

Class of 2016

Tom Lemery
 Ron Brodeur
 Naydene Ames

Class of 2017

Calla Miller
 Connie Shepard
 Sue Bartow

Thank you from CAP (Community Action Partnership) for the generous in kind donation of food items to CAP's Food Pantry. Gifts like ours make possible a number of programs and services that help our vulnerable neighbors in Madison County become and remain self-sufficient.