

CHURCH MATTERS

August
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 Office 684-3314
Clothes Basket 684-9970 Fax 684-7817

August Birthdays

1 Gabrielle Bartlett	14 Aaron Olney
3 Duane Button	16 Kathleen Brodeur
4 Ryan Burch	17 Gene Larchar
5 Danielle Parker	18 Pat Morse
7 Hank Douglas	21 Valerie Mullenax
8 Dorothy Tainter	21 Jasmine M. Temple
9 Lily Pearl Mullenax	24 David Holbert, Sr.
11 Bob Virgil	26 Bert Conrad
11 Elijah Zbock	28 Calla Miller
12 Jamie Kent	30 Lois Thurston
13 Scott Holbert, Sr.	31 Jim Parker

August Anniversaries

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

Pulpit Supply

August	7	Pat Olsson
	14	Rev. Earl Arnold / Congregational Meeting
	21	Rev. Joe "Bud" Adams
	28	Fenner Voices

September	4	Rev. Ray Lighthall
	11	Jeanette Michaels
	18	Rev. Ray Lighthall
	25	Elizabeth Smith

August 2016 Calendar of Events

- 1 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 2 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 3 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 3 Worship Sermon Classes 6:30 pm Library
- 4 PW Ministry Team 6:30 Library
- 4 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 8 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 9 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 9 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Worship Sermon Classes 6:30 pm Library
- 10 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 11 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 11 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 **Congregational Meeting / Church Service**
- 15 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 16 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 17 Worship Sermon Classes 6:30 pm Library
- 18 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 21 **Crouse Community Center 2 pm "Service & Song"**
- 23 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 23 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Worship Sermon Classes 6:30 pm Library
- 25 Book Read "Shanghai Girls" by Lisa See
12 - 2 pm at Pat Parker's
- 25 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 30 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 31 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 31 Worship Sermon Classes 6:30 pm Library

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.

From the Worship Committee

Prayer

Jesus said, "...the water I give you will become a spring of water welling up to eternal life." John 4: 14b

Every day the news brings horrific acts into our homes. I don't need to describe these events. You know. I know. Let us join together in prayer.

Call to Prayer: Gracious God, as we lift our prayer to you, may the spirit of grace from the refreshing coolness of living water restore our souls as instruments of compassion and peace. Let us pray:

Loving and merciful God,

"Make your ways known upon earth, and your saving power among all peoples.

Renew your Church in holiness

and help us to serve you with joy.

Guide the leaders of all nations,

that justice may prevail throughout the world.

Let not the needy be forgotten,

nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Make us instruments of your peace

*and let your glory be over all the earth."***

"We pray for peace in our communities this day.

We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions...

We pray for an end to fear,

For comfort and support to those who suffer,

For calm and understanding in our streets and cities

*That all people may go about their lives in safety and peace."***

On this day, we ask that you fill our lives with your living water

That brings new life to all.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine Hunter

(* Prayers are from web-site: Prayers of Peace, Church of England)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fashion Show

Please select your summer outfit soon. The Clothes Basket will be changing over to fall/winter at the end of August.

From the Food Pantry

Fifty (50) families visited the Pantry in June. This is the largest number to date. These families represent 173 individuals being provided with 1,557 meals (3 meals a day for 3 days).

The generosity and caring of others in the community brought us 71 donated food and other product items. The Caribbean American Student Union Club, at the college, continued their support and donated \$33.81 and a regular monthly donation of \$30, from a local, was received.

The Pantry is continually in need of hygiene and paper products: Paper towel, toilet tissue, etc. and hygiene items: shampoo, conditioners, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Paper products are not, normally, ordered from the Food Bank of CNY since they are expensive and hygiene items are not available.

"Blessed are the givers and receivers"

Thank you.

Sue Bartow, Co-coordinator

PW LADIES RETREAT

September 17 from 9 am - 4 pm

"Deadline Extended to August 10"

We all love going out for a warm cup of coffee or tea with friends. And most of us long to extend those short visits and take time to slow down and really enjoy time together.

Join me at this retreat, where we'll savor time with God and friends. Together we'll experience meaningful Bible studies, flavor-filled activities, and scrumptiously delicious fun! A signup sheet is in the Narthex. The cost is \$15 for materials.

Come - Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship God, and to **savor your relationship with Jesus**. I hope you will join me at my home "AKA" Katie's Café.

From the Deacons

The Deacons hope that you had a good month last month. We also hope those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month have a great day!!

Thank you to all who stopped by our “Community Café” during the Garage Sales Day in July. Thank you to Robin Suarez, Ron Brodeur, Calla Miller, Sue Bartow, David Link, and Roberta Link. A special thank you to “George” for cooking A LOT of hot dogs for us.

The Deacons will be collecting socks for the MECS Elementary School this month. Child size sweatpants are also in need as well. There will be a box in the Narthex for any donations. We thank you in advance for your support.

We wish the best to all those going to college at the end of the month. We hope you have a wonderful school year.

As a reminder, we are here for you. Talk to your Deacons, and share any joy and concern (if needed) with them.

And, as always, we hope all of you have a blessed month. May all of God’s Love surround you always.

Respectfully,
Tom Lemery

From the Property Committee

- Two sets of policy forms (Wedding & Building Usage) will be reviewed and presented to Session at their August meeting.
- Tables and chairs have been loaned to those requesting usage. Donations have been received. A request for building usage on Thanksgiving Day has been approved for a family dinner.
- The area below the windows of the Nursery have been covered with landscape cloth and pebbles. Planters with geraniums have been placed on the area.
- The plans for the security system for the lower level entrance is in the works.
- The tractor will be taken by Chris Davis for maintenance and part replacement soon.
- Ron and Charlene vacation July 20-28. Ron away August 8-14. Sylvia trip July 31-August 6.

Respectfully Submitted
Sylvia McKinnon

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
July 3	42	\$1598.00	\$ 895.00
July 10	45	\$3062.00	\$ 475.00
July 17	45	\$1630.00	\$ 0
July 24	40	\$1196.00	\$ 225.00

BULLETIN BINGO

Bulletin Bingo began on July 17. Bingo “typos” in the bulletin should be marked on the card that was provided to everyone who wished to participate. If you did not get a card yet, please see Ellen Davis or Connie Shepard. It is never too late to join in the game.

Look for “typos” in this newsletter also. There will be two of them. Let your friends know so they can come and join in the fun. When your number forms a “cross” just call

the office to have your card verified. Let the competition and fun begin!

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Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

Thank you to all who helped us make our recent garage sale a huge success....A BIG Thank You to those who donated items, to those who priced items, to those who helped set up, to those who manned the sale and to those who cleaned up after it was over. The Clothes Basket raised \$800 from this event—our best garage sale ever--- and it was only possible because of all the help we received before, during and after the event. The money raised will go back out in the community and beyond to the many missions PW faithfully and generously supports every year. The following are the annual missions we give to, made possible through the Clothes Basket monthly income, the Bazaar, the recent Craft Supply Sale, the Fashion Show and the annual garage sale in July:

Christmas 2016 (Morrisville Area Christmas Project) \$200
GAA \$200
MECS-Elem. School Nurse \$150
MECS Middle/High School Nurse \$150
St. Joan's Thanksgiving Baskets \$200
Deacons Christmas Baskets \$200
Vanderkamp \$100
Camp Lookout \$250
Malawi \$200
Thea Bowman (home for children in Utica) \$200
Morrisville Community Church Pledge \$2000
MCC Building fund \$1000
PW Presbytery Missions \$1200
PW Presbytery operating fund \$100
American Legion Girls' State \$250
Morrisville Local Food Pantry \$250

And the following are given to or paid as needed:

Valentin40e Express (for Crouse Nursing Home residents)
Scholarships for summer church camp attendance
Presbyterian Mission trips-Youth and Adult (\$600 donated this year so far)
Memorial luncheons (food and supplies)
A new sturdy outside sign for the Clothes Basket and other church activities
Presbyterian Women Retreat scholarships
Needed replacement lights in the Clothes Basket
Other unexpected expenses not covered in the church budget

Thank you to all for making this possible.
Karen Jacobs, PW Treasurer

THE TWO C's

BY: PATHRIK L. OLSSON

During my recent musings, or rather communing with nature, ok... I was digging out an errant stump from the yard. Anyway, during this time I was thinking about the things that are most important to a church and I came up with two:

Community and Communication. The Two C's.

It struck me that they share a common root. The word 'Common'. So, I did some digging, i.e. Google, and learned:

Communication (n.) To make common, from *communis*

Community (n.) Society, fellowship, from *communis*

They both come from the Latin *communis* which means *common*.

Within a church there must be some things in common and it is my belief that Biblical interpretation is not one of them. If a thousand people read the Bible then there will be a thousand different interpretations. The things that must be in common are communication and community. Communication shares ideas and needs. Community shares respect for similarities as well as differences.

Through communication and community all things are possible. Genesis 11:6 states that, "The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them." Communication and community enable us to share burdens that would crush us individually. They allow us to share not only burdens but God's love with one another. Consider Numbers 11:17; "I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone."

Communication and community, need not only be used during the tough times but all the time. Church should not be something we attend only at Christmas or Easter or funerals. Church should be where we continuously strengthen and support each other's Christian ideals. Even though the author of Hebrews chapter 10 verses 24-25 is unknown their words are true. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of

doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” We will each have our “Day” and won’t it be nice to know that through communication and community we can ask for and receive love and support.

The Two C’s should not just be confined within the Church but should be extended to the larger community. When communicating with the outside community one must remember to speak the language of that community. During the Pentecost God enabled the crowd to understand. As recorded in Acts 2:4-8 “All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?”

God can still assist us in spreading His Word by enabling us to adapt to the outside community. If the Church is speaking in a traditional language that is no

longer spoken by the community then the Message will be lost or worse, misinterpreted.

That being said, be warned the Two C’s, come with the responsibility not to abuse them: Ephesians 4:29 “Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”

Used for good, the Church can do amazing things and it should be these amazing things that should be its primary duty. Spreading God’s love as well as His Word is not possible without the Two C’s. Communication and Community are at the heart of each Church and as such should forever beat strong.

Psalm 104:34

May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.