

CHURCH MATTERS

August

2019



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12pm

Office 684-3314

Pastor's Office 684-9971

Kitchen\ Clothes Basket 684-9970

August Birthdays

1 Gabrielle Bartlett	16 Kathleen Brodeur
3 Duane Button	17 Gene Larchar
4 Ryan Burch	18 Patti Morse
5 Danielle Parker	24 David Holbert, Sr.
7 Hank Douglas	26 Gilbert "Bert" Conrad
11 Bob Virgil	28 Calla Miller
11 Elijah Zbock	30 Lois Thurston
12 Jamie Kent	31 Jim Parker
13 Scott Holbert, Sr.	
14 Aaron Olney	

Anniversaries

2 David & Sheila Bartlett
5 David & Jessica Burch
6 Greg & Erin Dutcher
6 Kyle & Alisa Graves
7 Dick & Lillian Richardson
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

BAZAAR BUZZ

"Country Crossroads 2019" Saturday, 11/2
We are beginning to plan for it and hope all our crafters are thinking about projects they can do and donate. The time goes by really

August 2019 Calendar of Events

5	Deacons 6:30 pm Library
6	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
12	Worship Committee 6 pm Library
13	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
13	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
14	Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
15	Finance Committee 7 pm Library
19	Session Mtg. (No meeting in August)
20	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
22	Book Read "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg noon at Harriet Steven's
27	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
27	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
28	WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

Chapel at Morrisville Community Church is open for your use of prayer and reflection 24-7 everyday, Monday thru Sunday.

Adult Bible Study will be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library during the school year.

Clothes Basket will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

Food Pantry will be open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 to 12 noon and the 1st Saturday of every month from 10 to 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.

From the Worship Committee

I Know its Summer When

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes. 3: 1

In the July newsletter I challenged you to complete the statement, “I know it is summer when.” I did this because I thought it would be fun. Here are the answers I received. Enjoy!

1. I know its summer when the aroma of fresh cut hay fills the air.
2. I know its summer when snapping turtles start crossing the roads.
3. I know its summer when fireflies fill the night sky.
4. I know its summer when I hear the loons on an Adirondack lake.
5. I know its summer when the cows are let out of the barn.
6. I know its summer when I eat my first fresh picked strawberry.
7. I know its summer when I see laundry blowing in the wind on a sunny day.
8. I know its summer when the air is light and warm.
9. I know its summer when I can sit on the back deck without a parka.
10. I know its summer when I hear the hum of insects and bugs.
11. I know its summer when school is out.
12. I know its summer when the woods are suddenly green.
13. I know its summer when the grass is growing and the sound of mowing fills the air.
14. I know its summer when the birds are singing in the tree tops.
15. I know its summer when the alligators crawl out of the swamp.

Indeed, it is the season of summer. So, relax, kick back and enjoy.

Prayer: “Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever.” Psalm 136: 1

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

August	4	Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams
(Communion)		
	11	Rev. Dr. Clarice Martin
	18	Rev. Dr. Clarice Martin
	25	Fenner Voices

Morrisville Community Church Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of a couple of volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for distribution to low income families with food insecurities. The ability to reach above your shoulders and head and lift light cases is helpful, however not necessary.

Some key points to consider are:

1. Kindness, understanding and a non-judgmental approach is expected of this position.
2. This is a year-long commitment. Any individual, wife/husband or a couple of friends committing to this position works well.
3. It is possible to take leave or to meet private commitments or appointments that may fall on that day. If possible, a couple of days notice is preferable to secure a sub.

Training and shadowing prior to start is necessary.

Please join us for this rewarding and worthwhile cause.

Contact: Sue Bartow, Coordinator
315-684-3698

Thank you.

Per Capita for each member in **2019** is \$38.50.

Thought for the Month: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!

Food Pantry

The Food Bank Annual Conference was held at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool on June 13, 2019. Mark, Seth Downen, Jason Stastny and I attended. This year's guest speaker was Dr. Jodi Weinstein Mullen, a professor at SUNY Oswego in Counseling and Psychological Services Dept. Her topic was "Compassion Fatigue" or as she referred to it "volunteer burn or rust out". "Helping is in our cells, soul, wiring, upbringing, culture." "Compassion Fatigue is transformative, changes you and can take away your ability to help." Her topic covered how to identify it, the role of empathy, who experiences it, what does it look and feel like, the affects and how to prevent and have compassion vitality.

We all attended workshops of our choosing out the eleven topics with a break for lunch in between.

We are seeing an increase in the number of families, forty-two in June, coming to the Pantry. We had a number of new families and one emergency after hours. Total donations in June - \$112.00 and 100 items of food and hygiene products.

Sue Bartow, Coordinator

Reminder!!

"TIDBITS"

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.

Reflections from the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to return to some practices from the past in order to enhance our worship and create a reflective environment.

We are encouraging everyone to move into the Sanctuary in a timely manner upon arrival on Sunday mornings. Our thought is that this will

cut down on the noise in the Narthex that filters into the Sanctuary. We would like the Sanctuary to be a quiet place so that those who wish can experience a quiet time of reflection and prayer before the service begins. Therefore, the doors will be closed at approximately 10:15 as Keith provides some spiritual music conducive to meditation. Thank you for your cooperation.

WEAPONS OF WORSHIP

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

Psalm 104:34

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

I pondered... Weapons of war... Weapons
of a warship... Weapons of Worship...

God uses His power (His Weapons) to shape the world and rid it of evil. In the Old Testament it was primarily a more physical power. In [Leviticus 26:33 God says](#) "I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins." The prophet [Jeremiah tells us in chapter 50 verse 25 that](#) "The LORD has opened His arsenal and brought out the weapons of His wrath, for the Sovereign LORD Almighty has work to do in the land of the Babylonians."

But just what is God's sword and what are His weapons?

In the Old Testament quite often people are the weapons used to change the world. Again we look at [Jeremiah chapter 51 verse 20](#) God tells man that "You are my war club, my weapon for battle— with you I shatter nations, with you I destroy kingdoms." This is just one example there are many more throughout the Old Testament.

As time went on and the world, along with mankind, changed, advanced and matured

God's weapons of change and His weapons against evil also changed.

We are still carrying the weapons...

2 Corinthians 6:7 says that as servants of God we march on "in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left." But what are the "weapons of righteousness" which we are armed?

2 Corinthians 10:4 gives us a hint telling us "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."

Not the weapons of the world... No more clubs with which to shatter nations. No more swords to wage war so that "your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins". No more physical destruction. God has now armed us with the mightiest weapon in Heaven or on earth....

"For the **Word of God** is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

AMEN

Property Committee

Discussed Code Enforcement Work

The hood to the Kitchen stove was cleaned (\$225.00).

The batteries for the building have all been purchased but need to be installed.

Labeling of the electrical panels need to be completed.

Steve from ThyssenKrupp has done the PM for 5/1—7/31.

Syracuse Time Alarm did the yearly PM.

Sylvia gave Sittsy a list of times available to have the drive and parking lots sealed.

Tae Kwon Do will be returning the key to the church by mail as they are not using the building. Ron and Charlene are working on roof proposals. Gave Food Pantry a key to the second door.

Presbytery met at our church for their monthly meeting (7/9/19).

They used one of the classrooms. Pat and Sylvia met with them for about fifteen minutes. They saw a very busy-active church: Garage sale set-up, Food Pantry, etc,

Morrisville Village Bi-Centennial Celebration Saturday, July 20, 2019.

No Session meetings in July and August as Harvey is away.

Sylvia away July 10-15.

Nate vacation July 17-?

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson

BAZAAR BUZZ - Grandmas Attic

A fun place to shop. You never know what you'll find.

Gently used, a treasure from the past!

Handmade or not --

Cloth items, wooden items, metal, glass or china.

**Come visit us Saturday, November 2, 2019,
from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.**

Statistics for July 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>
7	30	\$2,760.00
14	20	\$ 90.00
21	35	\$1,613.00
28	27	\$1,040.00

From the Deacons

Hi everyone!!!

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it's a wonderful day for you.

The Deacons were in the kitchen providing food and drinks for purchase for the Garage Sales Day, July 13. Thank you to Calla Miller, Ron Brodeur, Marlene Miner, and a BIG Thank You to Nate Miller. We had made a profit of \$82.00, and even better... the joy of many happy customers.

The Deacons are gearing up for the later months of the year. We plan to be participating in the Shoebox Christmas Project. More information later. As you may or may not know, we also go to Waterville Residential (formerly Harding Nursing Home) and spread God's love by singing Christmas carols to the residents and staff. We also help families in need make their holiday each year brighter by providing a "Christmas bag" of food for a Christmas meal. Even though it is many months away, we would encourage everyone to bring in canned fruits and vegetables. There will be a box in the Narthex for it. Please check the expiration date. We will have a box set out for this.

If you are in need of anything, please know the Deacons are here for you. God loves you, and so

do we. We pray that the Love of God fills your heart and overflows always...and may this month bring you many, many blessings.

Sincerely, in His Name
Tom Lemery – Chairman

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2019
Patrik Olsson

Class of 2020
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard
Tom Leamer, Sr.
Sheila Bartlett
Ellen Davis

Class of 2021
Lois Thurston
Connie Shepard

DEACONS

Class of 2019
Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Tom Leamer, Jr.

Class of 2020
George Fearon
Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur

Class of 2021
Calla Miller
Robin Suarez