

CHURCH MATTERS

MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

3824 Swamp Rd., P.O. Box 178, Morrisville, NY 13408

www.morrisvillechurch.org morrisvillechurch@frontiernet.net

FACEBOOK - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA

Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Church Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9:00 am - noon

Office: 315-684-3314 Pastor's Office: 315-684-9971

Clothes Basket: 315-684-9970 Thursdays & 1st Saturday -- 10 a.m. – Noon

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

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

DECEMBER 2020

December Birthday

- 1 Kyle Graves
- 4 Kaydin R. Dutcher
- 5 Jill Leamer
- 10 Delaney Graves
- 11 Ronald Sabine
- 12 Natalie Turner
- 13 Alex Gifford
- 13 David Holbert, Jr.
- 14 Catharine Andrews
- 14 Steven Broedel
- 15 Calixto Suarez
- 20 Greg Dutcher
- 21 John Mbagu
- 22 Corey Olney
- 31 Bob Mitchell

December Anniversary

- 14 Stephen & Jacalyn Groves
- 18 David & Faith Lichoro
- 19 Ken & Pat Parker
- 20 Jeff & Karen Gay
- 21 Nate & Calla Miller

Pulpit Supply - December

- 6 Ann Berlew
Sylvia McKinnon, Liturgist
- 13 Rev. Charles Vollmer
Marlene Miner, Liturgist
- 20 Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams
Ann Berlew, Liturgist
- 27 Elder Bill Porter
Tom Leamer, Sr., Liturgist

We have opened, if you attend services please follow these conditions:
Wear masks - Use hand sanitizer - No singing
Practice social distancing (no passing peace, no coffee hour)

December 2020 Calendar of Events

- 3 American Red Cross Blood Drive
1-6pm Fellowship Hall**
- 7 Deacons 7 pm Library
- 9-10 Community Christmas Project Setup in Fellowship Hall
- 11-12 Community Christmas Project Distribution
9 -3 pm in Fellowship Hall**
- 14 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 14 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 21 Session 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 21 First Day of Winter**
- 24 Christmas Eve (no service)**
- 25 Christmas Day Holiday (office closed)**
- 31 New Year's Eve**

PRAYER LIST: George Fearon, Rev. Ray Lighthall, Andrea Loson (Calla Miller's friend), Esther & Stan Davis, Sue Droege (cousin of Karen Jacobs, Ellen Davis, Peggy Czyznikewicz, Calla and her family, Bruce Larabee (Calla Miller's friend's Dad), Terry Moore (Calla Miller's friend), Jackie Groves, Catharine Andrews, Harriet Stevens, Adrien Brodeur, Dick Loomis, Tom Lemery, Sue Rowley (Calla Miller's friend), Howard Wilkinson (Norma's brother), Jean Furner & Family (Ann Batchelor's friend and co-worker), Gratia Burleigh's daughter, Joan Winkler and family, Savannah (Calla Miller's co-workers daughter), Debbie Rifenburg (Priscilla Suits' daughter), Martha Tyre (Maxine's friend), Deanna Moyes (Norma's sister), Jeanna Acosta (Norma's niece), Tammy Hutchinson (Tara Truett's sister), Shirley Ford, Sue Bristow (Hank Douglas' daughter), Fred Banks, Dave & Gerry (co-worker of Tom Lemery).

From the Worship Committee

*Advent**



In the ancient world, various peoples lit fires to mark the turning of the light into winter's season and to pray for the return of the light. The church has Christianized that practice in the lighting of the Advent wreath. To us, these candles are signs of the growing light of Christ who is coming again in all fullness into the darkness of our world. Until the dawning of that Great Day, we watch and wait in Holy Spirit for Christ's coming into the darkness of our world, lighting candles of hope, peace, joy, and love; and remembering the promises of God with prayer. Let us pray:

Faithful God, renew us in hope, that we may work toward
Christ's advent of peace among all nations.

Faithful God, you are at work to restore all of creation
in its intended harmony. Give us your shalom that
we may be reconciled to all enemies in the peace
that passes all understanding through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lord, our redeemer, you lead us from languishing in sorrow's shadows
into laughter's joy over your abundant restoration.

Thank you that you are coming for us to lead
us home along your Way, Jesus Christ.

Lord of love, your goodness is beyond our wildest imaginings.
You give us more than we can think to ask, coming to us with impossible possibility
in the union of flesh and spirit. Teach us to love this world and all people
as you love us in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God of Hope, God of Peace, God of Joy, God of Love,
Into our darkness come. In Jesus name, Amen.

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

*Advent message and prayer adapted from material provided by the Office of Theology and Worship,
Presbyterian Church (USA).

Good News:

The Search Committee and the Session is pleased to announce that we are moving forward in our efforts to formalize a "Shared Ministry" relationship with the Presbyterian Church in Chittenango, NY. The Rev. Charles Vollmer, aka. Pastor Charlie, looks forward to serving both churches in preaching the Word, pastoral care, and basic leadership, such as moderating Session.

To introduce you to Pastor Charlie, he agreed to fill our pulpit on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020. During this time of COVID-19 and all its challenges and concerns, our hope is that you can attend this service.

Brief Bio:

Pastor Charlie is a second-career pastor having retired from the U.S. Army. He is a graduate of Northeastern Seminary and holds an MDiv. He loves serving in rural and village communities and has been used by God to serve across denominational lines in his 12 years of ordained ministry. For the past five years, he has been serving at First Presbyterian in Chittenango.

He is happily married to his wife of 44 years, Darce. He has three children, a daughter and two sons, and one grandson living in the area. Pastor Charlie enjoys the outdoors, cycling, hiking, camping, reading and believes pizza and chocolate are the two basic food groups.

The **Clothes Basket** will now be open every week, beginning in December, on Thursdays, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. **(Note the new hours)** Beginning Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020 we will also be open the first Saturday of the month every month, from 10 a.m. to noon.

We are accepting donations. They can be dropped off any Tuesday or Thursday morning at/around 10 a.m. Thank you for your patience as we try to adjust hours to the time of most needs and to safely serve our clients and workers.

Christmas Cards for Unity Acres!

Christmas Cards for Crouse Community Center!

We have decided to include Crouse on our Christmas Card list. There will be a basket in the Narthex for the cards. Please simply address the card "To A Friend", and sign "From A Friend". We will be collecting Sundays - Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and 13. There are 34 men at Unity Acres and 115 residents at Crouse Community Center.

Per Capita for each member in **2020** is \$38.50.

From the Property Committee

Present : Charlene & Ron Bush, Sylvia McKinnon, Nate Miller

- Ralph Colvin returned the plowing contract signed but needs to send his liability certificate.
- Culligan brought the salt supply on 10/16/20.
- A repair work order was received from Thyssenkrupp for \$1,211.00 to install an emergency lighting kit that was necessary. They came to do the quarterly maintenance on the elevator.
- Armani-Woodcock did our bi-annual maintenance of filters and boilers plus repair to one boiler.
- Since the weather has been in the 60's this past week Ron has done outside work in the entrance ways and flower beds.
- Clothes Basket now open Thursdays and first Saturday of the month from 10 to noon.
- There will be no CB Christmas distribution 2020.

- Deacons will have only certificates for 2020.
- Henry Douglas's funeral will be 11/14/20.
- Nate will be away 11/21-28/2020.

Sylvia McKinnon,
Chairperson

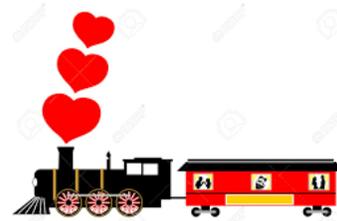
Annual Report *REMINDER*

Attention Committee Chairmen!

Please have your **Annual Report** to the Church Office

no later than December 31, 2020.

The **Annual Meeting** will be held following the service on **January 17, 2021.**



2021 Valentine Express

There will not be a special workshop organized to make valentines for our Valentine Express in 2021. However, it is my hope, that we all can prepare at least 6 valentines (3 for men and 3 for women) on our own. To help facilitate this project, some supplies--paper, glue stick, trims, and valentine verses, etc--- will be packaged in a zip-lock bags--and made available on a table in front hall or Narthex in early January. I will also set out a few finished valentines as samples of what we have done in the past. I would like to have the completed Valentines by January 31. Valentines will be delivered to Crouse Community Center close to Valentine's Day.

I look forward to all our valentine creations. Let's load up the express!

Maxine Hunter



From the Food Pantry

I attended the USDA Commodities (TEFAP*) Webinar on October 29, 2020. USDA provides healthy items free of charge. The Food and Nutrition branch (FNS) purchases surplus food from farmers and other producer outlets. On average, hundreds of millions of dollars are put into the program. A portion is given to TEFAP and the rest distributed throughout the country. The recipient agencies (pantries) find these free food items on the Food Bank's shopping list marked as "US". I try and order as many of these items as I can, to keep our food bill down, and stock up them, since they might not be available the next time we order.

9,375,000 pounds of food was distributed to agencies for the period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, enough food for 7.8 million meals.

They also covered record keeping – Most documents need to be kept for three years. Financial records for seven years. All volunteers are to be given the Civil Rights training annually and a signed log kept. They would like everyone to take the Safety Training Course every three years. Certificates of completion will be provided. Fair and equitable distribution practices are to be implemented (offering the same amount of food to persons of similar situations).

October statistics: 30 households visited the pantry consisting of 26 children, 47 adults,
12 seniors
2 new enrollees
765 meals provided
\$30 monetary donations
160 lbs. in food donations, 2 hygiene products

*The Emergency Food Assistance Program

Sue Bartow, Coordinator



From the Deacons

The Deacons wish everyone who will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month that you have a wonderful day. We wish everyone happy holidays, wear a mask, stay safe, and remember the reason for the season.



Since we are all still struggling with the Coronavirus Pandemic, the Deacons have decided not to collect cans of food for the Christmas food baskets this year. Instead, we will be giving each family in need a gift certificate to Price Chopper to purchase food for their Christmas meal. Anyone in need of a Christmas meal who has not already completed a meal card, should contact a deacon as soon as possible as we will be ordering gift cards very soon.

A few Deacons attended the November Session meeting to share concerns that we have received. The meeting went well and we have decided to have a Deacon attend each Session meeting to help keep communications open.

Anyone needing something, or someone to talk to, please feel free to call your Deacon, or any Deacon. God loves you and so do we. We are here for each other. Have a Merry Christmas.

Your Deacons are: Naydene Ames, Rachael Armstrong, Ron Brodeur, George Fearon, Norma Galbreath, Tom Leamer Jr., Tom Lemery, Calla Miller and Marlene Miner.

Worry is a conversation you have with yourself about things you cannot change.

Prayer is a conversation you have with God about things He can change.

Respectfully submitted by Naydene Ames, Secretary

LEARN.KNOW.BELIEVE: LEARN.BELIEVE.KNOW

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.

When I was very young, I *learned* the Bible...

Deuteronomy 6 verses 6 and 7 tell us "These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children..."

And so, my elders taught and I *learned* the Bible.

As I grew in my faith, I came to *know* the bible as 1 Timothy 4:13 commands "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching."

As I began to know the Bible I started to *believe* for as Romans 10:17 says "Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ."

I learned. I knew. I believed. Academic instruction...

Later, it struck me that the sequence 'to *learn* then to *know* and finally to *believe*' *isn't quite right when it comes to God...*

With God, although it starts with *learning* - Ephesians 6:4 "fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" - *belief* comes next and *knowing* comes last. John 14:1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

As I live and experience God's Love I have discovered that "*belief* in God" turns into *knowing* that God is real. I *know* God is with me. It is not just "*belief* in God" it is "*knowledge of God*". Certainty. It is true faith, Hebrews 11:1 "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and *assurance* about what we do not see."

Finally I see John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."



Two of our church positions need to be filled for next year 2021. You are encouraged to look over the descriptions of the two positions carefully as you or a friend might be able to fill one of the two positions.

Financial Secretary

- Collect monies each Sunday, count it, record on appropriate sheets.
- Give reports to Treasurer (Jeff Gay) and deposit in the bank weekly.
- Record all in appropriate ledger and statement cards.
- Order envelopes and assign them to pledges.
- Send out yearly statements, distribute pledge cards.
- Record designated funds and deposit, inform Treasurer.
- Attend Finance Committee Meetings.

Clerk of Session

- Record all transactions of Session.*
- Keep rolls of membership and attendance.
- Keep all registers up to date.
- Preserve records, registers.
- Prepare extracts.
- Attend all Session meetings and annual meeting. *(There is a possibility that a recording secretary could be a separate job only needed at Session meetings.

THANK YOU

If you find one of these are your "calling," or have a question, please contact Sylvia McKinnon (315)-684-3194.

**SESSION MEETING 16 NOVEMBER 2020
SUMMARY**

Caveat: All plans subject to change due to COVID 19 Virus pandemic.

Highlights

- Shawn Reyburn is our new Moderator as well as our new liaison to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.
1. We are in communication with Rev. Sindima to comprise a list of new perspective members in order to ensure they are apprised of church happenings. (i.e. church reopening etc.)
 2. We are looking in to the process of Shared Leadership with another church.
 3. See the Pastor Search Committee article for more exciting information.
 4. We desperately need people for the Finance Committee and a new Financial Secretary starting in January 2021.
 5. New Clothes Basket hours 10 to 12 on Thursdays and the First Saturday of the month.
 6. A new Clerk of Session and a Recording Secretary will also be needed starting in January 2021. See Newsletter for details.
 7. Due to COVID restrictions/concerns there will NOT be a Christmas Eve Service.
 8. There will be a Blood Drive on 03 December 20.

Session is now meeting formally. As we move forward a Congregational meeting will be scheduled as needed to discuss issues. Here is a list of items/concerns we received from congregation that we have addressed or will address as we move forward:

Items:

1. Nursery issues: Renaming, Refining, and Defining usage?
2. How could we as a church become recognized as working for justice in;
 - a. Protecting the environment or future generations.
 - b. Some other major judicial issue.
3. I think a letter explaining who we have filling the pulpit now while we search for a pastor needs to be mailed to all in our directory inviting those who haven't been here in a while to come.
4. We used to hand out welcome bags.

5. ~~Have Pat speak more often. Also, have both Andrews speak.~~ Addressed

6. ~~Hire a minister even if we need to break from Presbytery.~~ Addressed

7. ~~Hire a minister that can reach out to community demographic.~~ Addressed

8. Spark Joy in this congregation and this community.

9. Reach out to younger families/ singles/ searching for a belief.

10. Be a presence in the community a Joyful / Happy presence.

11. Embrace change and younger viewpoints and all Levels of Spiritual growth (not everyone has a degree in Theology).

12. A Sunday Service of prayer for growth with repentance, worship, teaching on prayer and faith.

Sincerely,

Pathrik Olsson, Clerk of Session



JARS OF CLAY
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.

In Second Corinthians we are referred to as “jars of clay”.

So, I wondered, why clay? Why not gold or, at the very least, bronze?

Let us find out why we are clay. Let us see what the bible has to say about clay.

We start at the beginning...

In the New International Version clay first shows up in [Leviticus 6:28](#) "The clay pot the meat is cooked in must be broken; but if it is cooked in a bronze pot, the pot is to be scoured and rinsed with water." The ‘meat’ in this case is a “sin offering”. So the pot must be destroyed after being used to cook a sin offering. Leviticus tells us that the meat may be eaten and is holy but the pot must be broken. I think this means that we are corruptible.

Several other verses in Leviticus support the fact that clay is corruptible. So it seems we are corruptible...

And yet in [Leviticus 14:5](#) "Then the priest shall order that one of the birds be killed over fresh water in a clay pot." The clay pot is used as a vessel of purification.

And again several other verses support the notion that clay / people can be used to purify those corrupted.

So far we are corruptible and yet we can be agents of purification. Sinners and yet forgiven. Sounds about right.

Let us see what else we can learn about ourselves...

[Numbers 5:17](#) "Then he shall take some holy water in a clay jar and put some dust from the tabernacle floor into the water." The priest here is making “bitter water” to see if a woman has been cheating on her husband and if she was cause her to miscarry if she was indeed unfaithful. It seem we can root out evil and dispense justice. Again, sounds true.

[1 Kings 7:46 and 2 Chronicles 4:17](#) "The king had them cast in clay molds in the plain of the Jordan between Sukkoth and Zarethan". The clay is used to make molds that intern make precious objects and treasures. Our “clay” bodies are used to make Christians as we teach and show others what it means to be a Christian and Christians are precious treasures.

In [Job 4:19](#) "how much more those who live in houses of clay, whose foundations are in the dust, who are crushed more readily than a moth!" we learn that we are fragile and frail. [Job 13:12 echoes this frailty](#). In [Job 10:9](#) "Remember that you molded me like clay. Will you now turn me to dust again?" We learn that God molded us and can turn us back into dust. Again, we are pretty frail.

[Job 27:16](#) "Though he heaps up silver like dust and clothes like piles of clay." Reminds us that we are to be molded and not taken for granted. Clothing was scarce. Most people had only 1 or 2 robes. Clothing was not taken for granted. To heap clothes like piles of unmolded clay is to take them for granted.

[Job 33:6](#) "I am the same as you in God’s sight; I too am a piece of clay." We are all equal under God and moldable to God’s uses. [Isaiah 64:8 and Jeremiah 18:6 also tell us we are moldable by God. But Jeremiah 18:6 adds that entire nations of people are moldable. Job 38:14](#) "The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment." Talks about the entire world being moldable by God. The clay seal was used to prevent tampering with goods. The clay was placed on the lock and then imprinted with a seal and allowed to harden. The world is taking the shape of the Seal of God.

[Isaiah 29:16](#) “You turn things upside down, as if the potter were thought to be like the clay! Shall what

is formed say to the one who formed it, “You did not make me”? Can the pot say to the potter, “You know nothing”? and [Isaiah 45:9](#) “Woe to those who quarrel with their Maker, those who are nothing but potsherds among the potsherds on the ground. Does the clay say to the potter, ‘What are you making?’ Does your work say, ‘The potter has no hands’? Both tell us that we may not know God’s plan for us but He is molding us.

[Isaiah 41:25](#) “I have stirred up one from the north, and he comes— one from the rising sun who calls on my name. He treads on rulers as if they were mortar, as if he were a potter treading the clay.” This verse uses clay to remind us that even if we are powerful people God is more powerful.

[Jeremiah 18:4](#) “But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.” [Even if we are flawed God can rework us and we can still serve.](#)

[Jeremiah 19:1](#) “This is what the LORD says: “Go and buy a clay jar from a potter. Take along some of the elders of the people and of the priests.” The jar that is bought is smashed in 19:10 to symbolize God’s strength and our frailty.

[Jeremiah 32:14](#) “This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time.” This verse reminds us that as ‘jars of clay’ anything put in us, such as God’s love and purpose will be preserved.

[Jeremiah 43:9](#) “While the Jews are watching, take some large stones with you and bury them in clay in the brick pavement at the entrance to Pharaoh’s palace in Tahpanhes.” The clay in this verse binds the rocks together just like we can inspire each other to bind together unite.

[Lamentations 4:2](#) “How the precious children of Zion, once worth their weight in gold, are now considered as pots of clay, the work of a potter’s hands!” How much more are we worth when molded by God?

[Ezekiel 4:1](#) [*Siege of Jerusalem Symbolized*] “Now, son of man, take a block of clay, put it in front of you and draw the city of Jerusalem on it.” As clay when molded by God we can represent whole communities by our actions.

In Daniel 2:31 through 45 Daniel interprets a dream about a statue with iron and clay feet. When struck the feet break because clay is brittle. The statue represents a kingdom and the feet are its foundations. Though the kingdom is as strong as iron it is built on a foundation of people who are as brittle as clay.

[Nahum 3:14](#) Draw water for the siege, strengthen your defenses! Work the clay, tread the mortar, repair the brickwork!” We, the people, need to be worked and molded by God to hold our own.

And so on to the New Testament...

[Luke 8:16](#) “[*A Lamp on a Stand*] “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.” We must not keep the light of God trapped within us.

[Romans 9:21](#) “Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?” As God molds us He gives us each special talents as well as the ability to do the mundane tasks that must be done.

[2 Corinthians 4:7](#) “But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.” This is the verse that started it all... We are fragile ordinary people yet we all have within us the treasure of a soul full of God’s love.”

Our souls are the treasures in jars of clay but consider this... When God worked through the council of Nicaea making the Bible what He wanted what He left out can deepen our understanding. The writings that were not included in the Bible were to be destroyed but archeologists are discovering that these writings that were left out were sacred to the believers and were not destroyed as ordered but rather placed in clay jars and buried to be preserved. See [Jeremiah 32:14](#). The Dead Sea Scrolls are but one example. As we interpret these lost and preserved writings we

learn much about the early Christians and other religious groups. These scrolls are treasures. They make us think about our lives and beliefs thus bringing us ever closer to God as we explore our own innermost treasures.

One last verse

[2 Timothy 2:20](#) "In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use." Although clay articles may be used for common purposes these common purposes are just as important if not more important in day to day service of God.

So let us recap our "clay" heritage...

We are Jars of Clay so we are frail, moldable, reworkable if flawed, corruptible yet useful for purification. We are rooters of evil and dispensers of justice, dimmers of God's light if we are not careful, used as molds for precious objects (other Christians), and we can bind others together and stand united. We are common yet precious. We are molded, loved by God and under the seal of His Protection. Amen.

MADISON COUNTY DEPARTMENT of HEALTH

To the Morrisville Community Church Property Committee and Congregation,

Thank you for providing your location to use as a local pop-up drive-thru Covid-19 testing site on Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 3-7pm. Your site provided a convenient and easily accessible location for 89 residents to access to Covid-19 testing. We look forward to partnering with you again on future test sites.

With kind regards,

Eric Faisst, Director of Public Health
Madison County Department of Health

RESULTS OF THE RECENT BLOOD DRIVE

I wanted to thank you very much for welcoming us again and so soon for the blood drive at Morrisville Community Church on Thursday, October 1. At the drive we surpassed our goal and collected 23 units of life saving blood including 5 POWER RED donations. The products from this drive can touch up to 69 lives!

Morrisville Community Church's next drive is Thursday, December 3 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

Stephanie Mahoney, Account Manager
American Red Cross Blood Services
Eastern New York Region/Northeast Division

CLOTHES BASKET NEWS

The Clothes Basket at the Morrisville Community Church, Swamp Rd., Morrisville, re-opened 1 day a week beginning on Thursday, September 17, 2020 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The reopening has gone very well and we thank all of you for willingly following our new procedures implemented to keep all of us including you safe. We are continuing to be open every Thursday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. We now are able to accept your donations and thank you for considering us. We are still charging shoppers \$3 a bag and we will supply the bags. Please do not bring your own bags. Any questions, please call 315-684-3314 (church office) any morning Monday-Friday. Come, visit, shop!

From the Food Pantry

The Pantry could use some donations for our Extra shelf. Any unexpired, unopened items: Soups, canned pastas, condiments (ketchup, mustard) coffee, puddings, sides, instant potatoes. Hygiene items: Bar soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving cream, toilet paper. Thank you.

September statistics: 33 households visited the pantry made up of 29 Children, 54 adults and 14 seniors. 873 meals were provided \$30 received in monetary donations 158 pounds of food and 9 hygiene products were received

Sue Bartow, Coordinator

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee met on Monday, October 12, 2020

Present: Charlene and Ron Bush, Sylvia McKinnon
Absent: Nate Miller

- The switch to the PA system of the sanctuary has been replaced.
- Madison County Health Department held their COVID testing drive thru on Thursday, October 8 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM in our parking lot. They had 80 participants.
- So far only one person has submitted a bid for plowing for season 20-21. If no other reply is received, an acceptance will be sent to that person.
- Session will be using the Fellowship Hall for their meeting on October 19. The Presbyter of Cayuga Syracuse will be in attendance as well as our Deacons.
- Clothesbasket had a successful opening with a change of Thursday instead of Wednesday being the day of operation, 10 a.m. - 2:00 pm.
- Culligan will be delivering the salt October 16. Sylvia will ask them to leave 4 extra bags as we ran out the past time.
- Ron will be contacting Armani-Woodcock to set a date for our maintenance.
- Ron will replace the bulb at the end of the sidewalk and also contact Doug Mennig to put in bulb replacements in the lights on the back outside wall.

Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson
Property Committee

SESSION MEETING 19 OCTOBER 2020

Highlights

9. Karen Chamis the Resource Presbyter moderated the meeting.
10. Deacon representative added to Session Meetings to facilitate better communications.
11. We are in communication with Rev. Sindima to comprise a list of new perspective members in order to ensure they are apprised of church happenings. i.e. church reopening etc.
12. We are looking in to the process of Shared Leadership with another church. The details still need to be worked out but we would share pastor with another church. It is not quite a Yoked Congregation or a Merger but something in between.
13. We desperately need people for the Finance Committee and a new Financial Secretary starting in January 2021.
14. A new Clerk of Session will also be needed starting in January 2021.
15. Due to COVID restrictions / concerns there will NOT be a Christmas Eve Service.

Caveat: All plans subject to change due to COVID 19 Virus pandemic.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Hard to think about snow and sleet and freezing rain, but...**when the school is closed, so is the Church Office, the Clothes Basket, and the Food Pantry.** Local radio and TV may say, but the District Website at www.mecs.org will also have the information. The school district phone is 315-684-9300.

TV Channels with school closings are:

WSTM Channel 3 WTVH Channel 5 WSYR Channel 9 YNN Channel 10

Radio Stations are:

WSYR 570 AM WMCR 1600AM WMCR 106.3FM
WFRG 104.3FM WODZ 96.1 WLZW 98.7FM
WIBX 950AM WOUR 96.9FM WOMX 102.5FM
WOKR 93.1FM WTLB 1310AM WKLL 94.9FM