

# CHURCH MATTERS

FEBRUARY

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

### February Birthdays

- 2 Ashley Kent
- 3 Barbara Manley
- 5 David Lemery
- 8 Nathan Miller
- 9 Dan Akers
- 11 C.J. Suarez
- 12 Christine Covington
- 13 Quinn Graves
- 13 Louis Olney
- 18 Louisa Bartlett
- 18 Marcia Vair
- 24 Joann Conrad
- 24 Thomas Leamer
- 28 Connie Shepard
- 28 Wendy Simcoe
- 28 Jason Zbock

### February 2015 Calendar of Events

- 2 **Groundhog Day**
- 2 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 2 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 2 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 3 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 4 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 5 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 9 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 9 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 9 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 9 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 11 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 11 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 12 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 12 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 **Valentine's Day**
- 15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 16 **President's Day Observed - Office Close**
- 16 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 16 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 17 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Faith Circle 12:00 Marcia Vair
- 18 **Ash Wednesday**
- 18 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 19 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 23 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 24 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 25 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Book Read 12:30 to 2 pm Library "Headmaster's Wife"
- 26 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

### FYI: Pulpit Schedule

- February 1 Maxine G. Hunter
- February 8 Tom Lemery
- February 15 the Rev. Jerry Saliba
- February 22 First Sunday in Lent,  
the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
- March 1 Communion Sunday,  
the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
- March 8 Celebrate the Gifts of  
Women---PW Ministry Team
- March 15 TBA
- March 22 TBA
- March 29 Palm Sunday, the Rev. Dr.  
Harvey Sindima
- April 5 Easter Sunday, the Rev. Dr.  
Harvey Sindima

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

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

TV Channels with school closings are:

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

Radio Stations are:

WKLL 94.9FM      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

### **Statistics and Finance**

Beginning this month the Session, with the help of the Finance Committee, will be making the effort to keep you updated on some of the statistics of our church.

We have 128 members on our church roles. Please keep this number in mind as you see the date we will be sharing throughout the coming year.

The church is required to pay a "per capita" assessment to Presbytery each year. For the coming year the assessment is \$32.00 per member. That means that \$4096.00 has to come out of our budget. For this reason, as in past years, we are asking members who can afford to pay their per capita assessment to do this before the end of 2015.

Those of you who have attended our meeting/worship services this past year know that we have refinanced our mortgage. This means that the monthly mortgage payment has been reduced to approximately \$970.00 per month. If you are not currently contributing to the building fund please consider doing so.

It is difficult to make and implement a budget without knowing what friends and members are willing to pledge so it is important that pledge cards be returned ASAP to Marcia Vair.

As we publish monthly statistics please keep in mind that people make their offerings at different times. Some make a weekly offering while others may update pledges monthly, quarterly, or yearly. This will be reflected in the data that will be presented.

**Statistics for January, 2015 are as follows:**

| <u><b>Attendance</b></u> | <u><b>Regular Offering</b></u> | <u><b>Building Fund</b></u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Jan 4    50              | \$2176.00                      | \$285.00                    |
|                          | (2014 Pledges \$2200.00)       |                             |
| Jan 11   50              | \$2027.00                      | \$290.00                    |
| Jan 18   47              | \$1733.00                      | \$130.00                    |
| Jan 25   47              | \$ 710.00                      | \$1370.00                   |

### **Annual Report**

The Annual Meeting was held on January 18, 2015. If you were unable to attend and would like a copy please contact the church office by email or phone and a copy will be provided.

### **Membership Classes**

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Morrisville Community Church please see Ellen Davis. Anyone wishing membership is required to attend a couple of classes which we can arrange at your convenience. It is hoped that new members can be received on Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015.

### **Adult Bible Study**

We are forming an Adult Bible Study Group. The first meeting will be on Sunday, February 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the church Library. At this first meeting we will discuss materials and a format for our study time together. If you are interested, please see Hank Douglas or Ellen Davis, or just show up. We are looking forward to sharing time with you.

## Bible Trivia

### The Full Armor of God

***"Therefore put on the full armor of God,  
so that when the  
day of evil comes, you may be able to  
stand your ground....."***  
***Ephesians 6:13***

Fill in the blanks:

1. Belt of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Breastplate of \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Feet fitted with \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Shield of \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Helmet of \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Sword of \_\_\_\_\_.

### How did you do?

## From the Worship Committee

### "God's Ambassadors"

*"Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." 2 Corinthians 5: 20 (ESV)*

Through Advent the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima asked us each Sunday to make our own personal list of people to pray for. He encouraged us to tell those we placed on our prayer list that we were praying for them. Also, we were not to simply pray for them, but we were to invite them to join us in worship. Concerning the invitation to join us, Harvey told us that it was the inviting that was important, and to not to worry or be disappointed if the person turned down the invitation. He reminded us that as God has blessed us, we as God's ambassadors, must carry the message of God's blessings into the world. These prayers and invitations were those blessings. Mindful of this, I thought a blessing for February from the Worship Committee would be~~Well, that it would be nice.

A February Blessing Just For You: Although the cold and snow of winter surrounds you, may the blessing of God's love fill you with warmth and peace. As God's son Jesus is the light, may Jesus' light shine in you and through you so that as God's ambassador you become a beacon of light in the world. Shine on! Shine on! Amen

On behalf of the Worship Committee,  
God Bless,  
Maxine G. Hunter

## Presbyterian Women Team Announcement

The next PW Ministry Team meeting will be held on Thursday, February 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. We will start discussing plans for the PW Bazaar scheduled for November 7, 2015, at this meeting. **We encourage any lady who has helped with any of the past PW Bazaars to attend this meeting.** In addition, we welcome newcomers who would like to learn more about this PW program to attend.

(Note: PW meetings are not held when the local school is closed or cancels after school activities.)

### Valentine Express 2015

On Tuesday, January 20, 2015 the Valentine Express was held. Thirteen joyful and "crafty" souls came together in our Fellowship Hall to make valentines. As soon as coats were hung and the inspection of the craft materials took place, work began and the room was filled with the quiet joy of the creative spirit. Well~ it was not so quiet that you could hear a pin drop. Of course there was some talking---"Where is the paper punch?"---And some laughter---"Oh, that is just too cute."--- But the focus was on creating valentines. A beautiful assortment of cards quickly accumulated. By the afternoon's end we had approximately 75 valentines. Good job ladies!

Thanks to everyone that participated. First, thanks to the session members that organized the tables for us after Church on Sunday, January 18. Second, special thanks to Connie Shepard who helped with set-up on Monday afternoon (Jan. 19). Third, thanks to all the participants who helped with the clean-up. And finally, a special thanks to Karen Jacobs and Jackie Groves who organized and packed up all the craft materials. As the saying goes, "it takes a village."

However before I close there is an Eek! More valentines are needed. Our goal is 120, which equals the number of residents at Crouse Community Center-- and we only have 75---. But not to worry, we still have time and some have volunteered to make more valentines in the cozy comfort of their home. \*\* Note... at publication we have now reached our goal!

**Valentine Express Delivery:** The date for delivery of the valentines is Friday, February 13, 2015 at 1:30 p.m., Crouse Community Center. Hope you can help with the delivery.

Thanks again, Maxine Hunter

## **From the Property Committee**

We will be asking for mowing bids in February for the coming season. We could still use another person on our committee. Our committee has put out articles and announcements about the need for coverage of the custodial duties while Ron is gone February 6-28. Two people have spoken to us about helping.

### **JOBS**

Collecting recycling and trash, then putting out the cans and bringing them back in.

Wednesdays 2/11, 2/18, 2/25

Cleaning for worship: sanctuary, narthex, nursery, bathrooms

February 13 or 14, February 20 or 21, February 27 or 28

Shoveling front walk, chapel walk and in front of each upper level door. Also spread salt if necessary. Every day there is snow accumulation: February 6-28 or parts of those times.

### **HELP FOR EXTRA PROJECTS**

List of possible jobs to do individually or groups (if you think of another/ask)

1. Murphy oil pews
2. Wash walls on lower level
3. Paint walls on lower level
4. Mop hallways on lower level
5. Mop extra classroom by Library
6. Clean areas of kitchen (divide into sections: stove, dishwasher, center pan storage)
7. Clip shrubs by walkways.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia McKinnon

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thank You** from the American Red Cross on a recent blood drive at Morrisville Community Church. As a dedicated blood drive sponsor, our leadership in the coming months will help prevent blood shortages.

**Thank You** from CAP (Community Action Partnership) for our generous in kind donation of 200 Canned Goods to Community Action Partnership's Food Pantry, which have been valued at \$300.00.