

CHURCH MATTERS

JANUARY

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

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January Birthdays

- 6 Jason Pierce
- 8 Robert Ballard
- 9 Julia Bush
- 12 Rebecca Eriksen
- 13 Lenore (Kouk) Davis
- 13 David Link
- 14 Stanley Davis
- 14 Dawn Stevenson
- 15 Esther Davis
- 17 Naydene Ames
- 17 Bradley Dean Temple
- 18 Laurie Zbock
- 22 Wayne Smith
- 24 Kenneth Parker
- 26 Jessica Burch

January Anniversary

- 20 Dave & Becky Burgess

Dates to remember:

1. Take down Christmas decoration: Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 10 a.m. Hope you can help.
2. Church's Annual Meeting, Sunday, January 18, 2015. Service and meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall.
3. Valentine's Express, Tuesday, January 20 at 1:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Communion will continue to be held quarterly. First Communion in 2015 will be Sunday, March 1, 2015.

January 2015 Calendar of Events

- 1 New Year's Day - Office Closed
- 2 Day After New Years - Office Closed
- 5 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 5 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 5 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 6 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 7 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 8 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 12 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 12 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 12 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 13 Tourist Club 5 - 9 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 14 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 15 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 18 Annual Meeting of the Congregation
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Observed - Office Closed
- 19 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 20 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 20 Valentine Express 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 20 Faith Circle 11:30 Irene Akers
- 21 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Book Read 12:30 to 2 pm Library "I am Malala"
- 22 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 27 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 28 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 30 American Red Cross - Blood Drive 1 - 6 pm

From the Session

Session would like to share more with the congregation; and, as clerk, I hope to be more regular with our news.

Who runs a church? Not a question that is easily answered. Often it depends on the denomination of that church. In a Presbyterian church, it is usually a task shared by the Session and pastor each of us having certain responsibilities. Without a minister, more falls to Session than before. Ellen will be talking about what the different committees are taking on.

For the past four or so years we have had two congregational meetings a year to decide on leadership and responsibilities. In August we elect officers - Elders, Deacons, and the Nominating Committee. Elders and Deacons are elected for a three-year term and may repeat that for a second term. After that time, our Book of Order requires an officer to be away for at least one year. We would like to see enough people interested in serving our church that it is not a difficulty to find officers.

The reason for elections in August is that it gives time to train new officers, set up committee assignments, etc., so that we start the year fresh in January.

The Annual Meeting in January has always been around. At that time we hear from the various committees as to their activities during the past year and their plans for the future. We also receive the budget for the new year as well as hear how we met our budgetary obligations for the past year.

Please plan to attend this year's Annual Meeting on January 18. We will hold it during worship, in Fellowship Hall to allow better communication. The Rev. Earl Arnold will be our Moderator.

Session members for the coming year are as follows:
Class of 2015 - George Fearon, Jeff Cring, one vacancy
Class of 2016 - Priscilla Suits, Ellen Davis,
Nancy Douglas
Class of 2017 - Henry Douglas, Sylvia McKinnon,
Mark Shepard

Any of us would be happy to answer any questions about Session or the church's operations. Feel free to call or email.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!
Nancy Douglas, Clerk

From the Worship Committee

New Year's Blessing:

"May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. May he give you the desires of your heart and make all your plans succeed." *Psalm 20:4*

"Remember not the former things nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." *Isaiah 43: 18-19*

"Praise be to God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. In his great mercy he has given us new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from death." *1 Peter 1:3*

Wishing you all a New Year filled with blessings of love, joy, peace and hope!

From your Worship Committee,
Ellen Davis, Karen Jacobs, Maxine Hunte

From the Property Committee

We will be asking for extra help from the congregation during the time of Ron's vacation (Feb. 6-28). Please see other article "**HELP**".

The boilers have had their bi-annual service and will need some parts replaced - prices to be determined.

We would like to see at least one more person on our committee. The committee now consists of Charlene and Ron Bush, Budd Bracy (4 months in South), and Sylvia McKinnon. If you are interested in helping to keep our property maintained, please see or call Sylvia (684-3194). We meet at 7:00 on the second Monday of each month.

Special individual work projects are going to be placed on a list and started in January. You pick the project and the time. You can work by yourself, with a friend, or as a group. See Sylvia or Ron.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon

The Congregation's "HELP" is needed!

Our Custodian, Ron, is taking his vacation in February. All of his regular duties will need to be covered by us during this time. The Property Committee is now compiling a complete list of items that need to be covered. On the list are: cleaning for church service, cleaning Fellowship Hall, organizing trash and put it out for pick up, cleaning bathrooms, opening and closing building (AM/PM), shoveling and salting the sidewalks around the building, etc.

Please let us (Property Committee) know in what area you would be willing to volunteer so that each duty can be accomplished. The list will be published by January 30. Thank you for your help.

Children's Christmas Shopping Project at the Clothes Basket

The Children's Christmas shopping project was held over three evenings this year, Dec. 1st through Dec. 3rd. This is the fifth year of this project, the purpose of which is to give children the opportunity to give back to others. Families were scheduled to come to the Clothes Basket at the Morrisville Community Church at specific appointment times so each family was there by themselves. The children shopped for gifts to give close family members in our special Christmas shop while the adults shopped the Clothes Basket. The elementary school nurse had given us a total of 20 children coming from 6 families. The children averaged finding 9 gifts each—for moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, etc. Each gift was tagged and wrapped and sent home to be placed under the tree. Ten volunteers helped the children and parents shop each night. Everything was provided to these families for free that evening.

A big **Thank You** to all who donated gifts and wrappings to us for this project. And another big **Thank You** to the volunteers who gave up their busy evenings to help the children shop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2015 Per Capita Assessment: \$32.00 per member

Thank You from the **Deacons** for those who helped with the canned food drive and Food Baskets for Christmas. We also thank those who went Christmas Caroling to Crouse Community Center and Harding Nursing Home. Next year will be bigger and better!

To My Wonderful Church Family - Since my surgery, I can't thank you enough for your prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, and rides to PT. So appreciated, and I'm feeling very loved. Thank you...**Sue Bartow**

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.

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 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