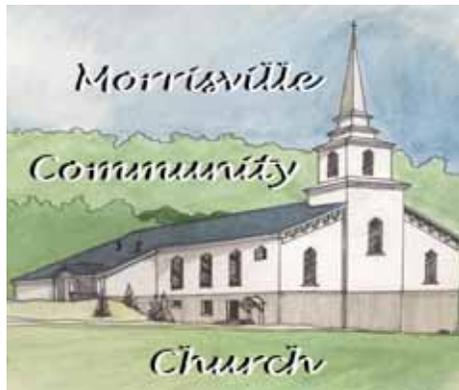


# CHURCH MATTERS

JANUARY

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

## January Birthdays

2 John Eriksen	14 Gillian Gay Crescent
8 Robert Ballard	14 Dawn Stevenson
9 Ameiliana Ames	15 Esther Davis
9 Julia Bush	17 Naydene Ames
10 Ann Mullenax	17 Rachael Armstrong
12 Rebecca Eriksen	17 Bradley Dean Temple
13 Lenore (Kouk) Davis	18 Laurie Zbock
13 David Link	22 Wayne Smith
14 Stanley Davis	24 Kenneth Parker
	26 Jessica Burch

## January Anniversary

20 Dave & Becky Burgess

## Pulpit Supply

January 3	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
10	Maxine Hunter
24	Rev. Earl Arnold / Annual Meeting
31	Open

## Church Officers

### ELDERS

#### Class of 2016

Ellen Davis  
Nancy Douglas  
Priscilla Suits

#### Class of 2017

Henry Douglas  
Sylvia McKinnon  
Mark Shepard

#### Class of 2018

Jeff Cring  
Lois Thurston  
Bonnie Olney

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2016

Tom Lemery  
Ron Brodeur  
Naydene Ames

#### Class of 2017

Calla Miller  
Connie Shepard  
Sue Bartow

#### Class of 2018

David Link  
Roberta Link  
Robin Suarez

## January 2016 Calendar of Events

- 1 **New Years Day - Office Closed**
- 4 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 4 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 5 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 6 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 7 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 11 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 11 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 13 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 13 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Finance Committee 7:00 pm Library
- 14 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 18 **Martin Luther King Day - Office Closed**
- 18 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 19 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 19 Faith Circle 11:30 Irene Akers
- 19 **Valentine Express 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 20 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 21 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 24 **Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Installation and Ordination of Officers**
- 26 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 27 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 **American Red Cross Blood Drive 1-6 Fellowship Hall**
- 28 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

**FACEBOOK** "like" AND "share".

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## Beacons of Light

*“The light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.” John 1: 5*

*“Again Jesus spoke to them saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” John 8:12*

It is now January, 2016. The Winter Solstice—the day with the shortest hours of daylight in the Northern Hemisphere—is two weeks past. It is already apparent that our daylight hours are increasing. By the end of January I rejoice that 5 p.m. in the afternoon—if we aren't hit by a snow storm—will be filled with daylight. And, yes, we can hope that this winter daylight is an afternoon of sunlight. But however many hours of day light/sunlight fill our days, it is up to us to remember The Light, our Savior Jesus Christ. When the world seems wrapped in a cloak of darkness of both thoughts and deeds, we are told in the Gospel of John 1:5 that the Light shines in darkness even if the world does not comprehend it. In John 8: 12 Jesus reminds us with these words: “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life.” Let us be the “light of life” of God's love, hope, joy and peace in this new year and always.

Prayer: Dear God, It is only by the light of your love and grace that we are able to hear and understand your Word. Each day fill us with your light so we can be beacons of light in the world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,  
Maxine G. Hunter

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pulpit Supply** for upcoming weeks are as follows:

<b>January</b>	3	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
	10	Maxine Hunter
	17	Ellen Davis
	24	Rev. Earl Arnold / Annual
Meeting	31	Open

**Thank You** from **Unity Acres** for the many Christmas cards we sent to the men. There was a card added to each gift bag and placed at each table setting for the men for Christmas dinner.

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Sunday, January 24 at 10:30. During the service there will be the installation and ordination of officers. A business meeting will follow the service. Your attendance will be greatly appreciated.

**Per Capita Assessment** for 2016 is \$35.00 per member.

### From the Property Committee

A review of the Cerebral Palsy program was done on December 2. Both parties have decided that at this time the program does not fit the need and will be discontinued.

The roof has been tarred by the kitchen vents. New LED lights have been used as replacements where needed. Ice Melt will be ordered again in January. The #1 boiler - circulating pump is leaking and will need repair or replacement. We are looking into getting a free energy assessment for our building to make it more energy efficient.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sylvia McKinnon

### **A NEW YEAR'S WISH**

It is here - the New Year.  
It came to you on a plate  
To fill up, eat up, and enjoy  
All the happiness that you create.

May your heart be dear  
In the New Year  
To make plates beyond compare  
That's filled up, given out, and enjoyed  
By others with whom you share.

May you be blessed in 2016  
May it bless you in its days  
May it enrich your life endlessly  
May it bless you in many ways.

Tom Lemery  
December 2015

## *All aboard! Join the Valentine Express*

The 5<sup>th</sup> Valentine Express will be held Tuesday, January 19, 2016, 1 p.m., Morrisville Community Church's Fellowship Hall.

Remember the fun we had as kids making valentines? Remember how much fun it was sharing these valentines with special people? This is the aim of the Valentine Express. During an afternoon of fun and fellowship, we invite you to help make valentines to fill up the Valentine Express. The valentines will be delivered to Crouse Community Center for Valentine's Day 2016.

Materials for making the valentines will be provided. What participants need to bring: Scissors! And those who want to make valentines using stamping materials will need to bring their own stamping supplies.



This event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women's Ministry team of the Morrisville Community Church. Questions: contact Maxine Hunter 684-9278.

## **Children's Christmas Shopping Project at the Clothes Basket**

The Children's Christmas shopping project was held over four evenings this year, Nov. 30 through Dec. 3. This is the sixth 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 to close family members in our special Christmas shop while the adults shopped the Clothes Basket.



We had 21 children and 7 families total, names supplied by the elementary school nurse. The children averaged finding 10 gifts each—for moms, dads, siblings, grandparents, etc. Each gift was tagged and wrapped and sent home to be placed under the tree. A total of eleven volunteers spread over the four nights 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. We plan on continuing this program next year so anyone who has any extra "medium" sized (approx. 9" x 12") gift bags after the holiday, please consider donating them to us. Our supply was wiped out this year. We have plenty of small bags on hand. Thank you again for helping us succeed with this community outreach.

**SAME PLANET** By: Pathrik L. Olsson  
(A.K.A Mr. Bonnie)

It is mid-December and as I write this, I am musing on how this season, thus far, had not provided any opportunities to muse while shoveling. I am not complaining because, as always, the good Lord provided other occasions for musing. The latest opportunity presented itself when I was asked to help a friend ready his home for the winter. When he first asked I had jokingly responded, "Sure that's why God put us all on the same planet." The following days as we readied his house I mused that helping each other is, most likely, one big reason God put us all on the same planet. It is rather convenient that opportunities to help each other are so readily available, so close at hand and that helping someone does not always require a lifesaving gesture. The simple offering of a ride to someone in need can seem like a lifesaving gesture.

In my early Navy days, I was stationed at the Naval Submarine School in Groton, Connecticut. A base of unique design such that no matter where you are walking your destination is always uphill and, always, head on into the wind. On one particularly windy day, my boss gave me one hour to move out of my barracks and into another barracks clear across the base. I did not have a care at the time and having only one hour I ran uphill to my old barracks, threw all of my stuff into my duffle bag and into my folding garment bag, strapped it all to my back and started the *uphill* trek to my new home. My folding garment bag was so stuffed it would no longer fold and so was like a wing on back which magnificently caught the billowing headwind causing me to fight for every *uphill* step. If not for the extreme weight of my duffle bag I would surely have blown away. After many minutes of climbing the bases main road, a random sailor driving passed in his pickup truck stopped and offered me a ride. A simple offer of a ride, a lifesaving gesture.

When I offered to pay him for his kindness, he responded with "when I do something nice for someone it makes me feel good inside. If I accept money from you, you are buying that feeling back and it's not for sale at any price."

That ride and the response to the payment offer are a big part of who I am. Those two simple things helped shape me as a person. God put us on the same planet not only to help each other out but also to be assisted in becoming who we are.

**From the Deacons**

**Happy New Year!!!**

A warm welcome to Robin Suarez to the Board of Deacons. Welcome Robin!! David and Roberta Link will returning for another term. Thank you David and Roberta!!

Speaking of "thank yous," The Deacons want to say a big thank you to Marlene Miner for her dedication and service with us. THANK YOU MARLENE!!!

The Deacons would like to thank you for your support during the holiday season! We made 43 families' Christmases a little brighter with Christmas food bags. We also thank those that came to carol with us. It made Christmas brighter for the residents at Harding Nursing Home brighter. We hope more will come next year.

Finally, the Deacons hope that all of you have a blessed month. May all of God's Love surround you always.

In His Service -- Tom Lemery

**Outreach and Evangelism  
Committee**

The purpose of this committee is to connect the people of our community and the surrounding areas with Jesus Christ through Christian based activities and Christian based example.

In the past this committee has planned and hosted events such as the ecumenical covered dish supper where other area churches were invited. The Chicken BBQ was another event that reached out to the community. These events do not happen without people and support.

At this time the Outreach and Evangelism Committee is reaching out in search of friends and members who are interested in helping to plan our next event. Many hands make light work. We need you. If you are interested please see Connie Shepard, Mark Shepard or Ellen Davis. The committee usually meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month. See you there.

# Food Pantry

## January 2016

The Food Pantry was moved on December 28 to the Cooperative Extension Building on Eaton Street. Food from the CNY Food Bank will be delivered on January 4 and the facility will be open of the public beginning on January 5.

We have been blessed with financial assistance from various sources. In October we wrote a grant to the Mid-York Foundation asking for funds to help with the cost of utilities, plowing and food purchases. We were informed before Christmas that we were being granted \$4000. The CNY Food Bank informed us that we were receiving a grant through them of \$1000 which was the result of the Boiler Maker Race Give to Charity. During the Christmas season we were blessed with another \$1000 from personal giving.

We are also fortunate that the current volunteer staff has agreed to continue with us as we proceed with this new venture. Their experience will be much appreciated throughout the coming months.

We are ready to serve this community to the best of our ability. Thanks be to God for this opportunity.

## Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Dec 6	45	\$ 2796.00	\$ 200.00
Dec 13	45	\$ 1096.60	\$ 765.00
Dec 20	50	\$ 1929.00	\$ 565.00
Dec 24 Christmas Eve		\$ 1913.00	
Dec 27	40	\$ 1025.00	\$ 65.00

## 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