

CHURCH MATTERS

July
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

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July Birthdays

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| 2 Heidi Gorton | 17 Becky Burgess |
| 2 Marlene Miner | 19 Jacob Burch |
| 2 Priscilla Suits | 20 Ellen Davis |
| 5 Abby Leamer | 20 Dorinda Koehl |
| 6 Mark Shepard | 20 Roberta Link |
| 8 Jeanne Deaner | 23 Sally Larchar |
| 9 Allison O'Hara | 24 Jennifer Gay |
| 9 David Puddington | 25 Max Akers |
| 12 Audrey Clark | 25 Janice Button |
| 12 Shannon Puddington | 25 Karen Jacobs |
| 13 Anna Zbock | 27 Kasey Holbert |
| 13 Gracie Zbock | 30 Karen Tucci |

July Anniversaries

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| 3 Nick & Maxine Hunter |
| 5 William & Agnes Carr |
| 7 Henry & Nancy Douglas |
| 16 Wayne & Linda Smith |
| 19 Norman & Jeanette Michael-Robertson |
| 21 Eric & Jamie Kent |
| 22 Ronald & Charlene Bush |

Pulpit Supply - July

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| 3 Communion: Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima |
| 10 Outdoor Service/Picnic -:Worship Com. |
| 17 Rev. Joe "Bud" Ams |
| 24 Rev. Ray Lighthall |
| 31 Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams |

July 2016 Calendar of Events

- 4 Independence 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 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 9 Clothes Basket Indoor Garage Sale/Bake Sale
8:00 am to 4:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Outdoor Worship Service & Church Picnic
(picnic to follow outside service)
- 11 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 11 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 12 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 12 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 13 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 14 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 14 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 17 Crouse Community Center 2 pm "Service & Song"
- 18 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 19 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 20 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 21 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 26 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Book Read "Clementine" by Sonia Purnell
12 - 2 pm at the Church Library
- 28 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 American Red Cross - Blood Drive
1:00 - 6:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

Clothes Basket is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 pm unless otherwise noted.

Adult Bible Study is held every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Church Library unless otherwise noted.

From the Worship Committee

Sunday Morning Encounter

“Beloved, you are acting faithfully in whatever you accomplish for the brethren, and especially when they are strangers.” 3 John 1:5

It was a beautiful Sunday morning. As I approached the church I noticed a vehicle parked by the edge of the road and a man with a camera walking across the lawn towards the bells and crosses. After I parked, I walked down to the front of the church and asked the photographer, “Would you like background to reference your photographs?”

The gentleman walked up to where I stood. He told me that he drove by our church almost every Sunday and as a photographer decided today was a perfect day to get a few pictures. After I had filled him in on the history of the bells and the memorial crosses, the conversation took an interesting turn. He told me that he really wasn't much of a church person. (*I didn't say anything. I listened.*) He continued and told me the reason. (*Still I just listened. Well, I may have said something like, “I can understand why that would be upsetting.”*) After more conversation he said: “What I don't get is all this business about being born again?” I realized I needed to reply. I said, “Oh~I am not a pastor. I am a choir member.” He said, “I know”. My next utterance wasn't much better: “I really don't speak in those terms concerning faith. However, I think I understand why there are those that do. I believe those that say they have been “born again” have experienced such a deep and profound experience in accepting Jesus into their hearts that the newness is literally a feeling of new birth—born again.” I finished saying, “Faith journeys are so varied, and some are complicated.”

After a few more pleasant exchanges, his parting words were something like this: “I enjoyed speaking with you. Maybe we can speak again.” My reply: “We are here every Sunday. You are welcome to join us.”

I have thought about this conversation all week. I know we Christians are often faced with statements like “I am not much of church person” to “what does born again mean?” You'll note that I did not give lengthy answers, but I spoke my heart. My question for you: How would you have answered?

Prayer: Dear God, help us to speak and act faithfully in all that we do. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Classes - Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima is willing to conduct some classes in regard to sermon and service preparation. Anyone who is interested in attending these classes should notify Ellen Davis or the church office. Once a group is formed, meeting times will be arranged.

From the Outreach & Evangelism Committee



The committee is working on a church information sheet to give to all incoming college freshman students and let them know about our church.

We are looking at the possibility of another covered dish dinner in late summer or early fall. We are starting to plan for the chicken BBQ which will be Saturday, October 1.

Remember we are always looking for ideas and that we meet on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Sunday School room.

Respectfully,
Connie Shepard

From the Deacons

The Deacons hope that you had a good month last month. We also hope those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month have a great day!!

The Garage Sales Day is not too far away. If you are out and about shopping for treasures, or just take a break, or just need some food, stop in at the Deacons' "Food and Drinks" Cafe for lunch. You will get great service, great food, and all at a great price!!

As a reminder, we are here for you. Talk to your Deacons, and share any joy and concern (if needed) with them. And, as always, we hope all of you have a blessed month.

Respectfully,
Tom Lemery

From the Property Committee

We discussed the policies for the use of the building. Also discussed the protocol for funerals. We will continue to hold meetings on the second Thursday of the month.

- Tables and chairs are being reserved for events.
- Jobs that have been assigned to individuals are:
Nursery - cleaning of equipment - Jeff and Chris

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Youth Room - border and painting - Bob Mitchell and Sylvia McKinnon

- We will soon be spraying and putting down pebbles outside of the Nursery.

- Our garden workers are:
Crane - Katie
Bells - Ellen
Fellowship - Bud
Chapel - Carr's
Planter's - Bush's

Respectfully,
Sylvia McKinnon

Statistics

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Building Fund</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| June 5 | 50 | \$2825.00 | \$ 470.00 |
| June 12 | 40 | \$1320.00 | \$ 75.00 |
| June 19 | 42 | \$1650.00 | \$1075.00 |
| June 26 | 42 | \$1945.00 | \$ 1175.00 |

BULLETIN BINGO

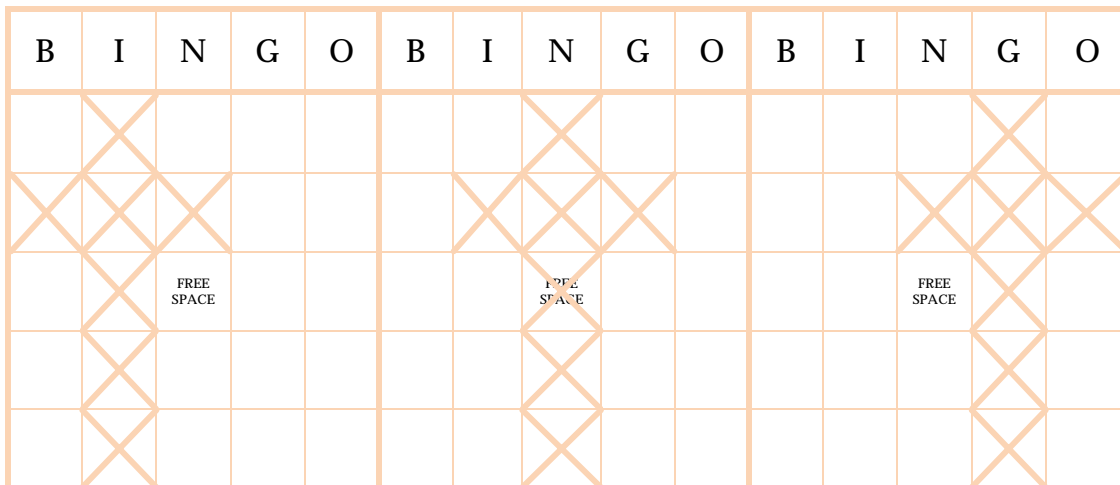
The Outreach and Evangelism Committee is inviting you to join in some fun. For the next several weeks (or until there is a winner) you will have the opportunity to play Bingo with numbers you will need to search for in each weekly bulletin and in the monthly newsletter. Here's how it goes.

Standard Bingo cards will be used. These will be included with the Sunday bulletin. You may also obtain one by calling the church office. Each card will be uniquely numbered and a copy of the card will be kept in the church office for verification. Cards will be given away free. However, donations will also be accepted.

Standard Bingo numbers will be used and will be drawn at random in the church office as bulletins and

newsletters are being prepared. A record of these "called numbers" will be kept in the church office. Two called numbers will be hidden as "typos" in each weekly bulletin. For example: "Praise God**4** from whom all blessings flow". One called number will be hidden as a "typo" in each monthly newsletter. For example: Outreach and **Evang60**elism meets on the second Monday of the month. The winning card will be the first one turned in and verified. Called numbers must form an upright cross five boxes high and three across (above the free space). See the illustration below.

YES! A prize will be presented to the holder of the winning card.



From the Food Pantry

Morrisville Community Church Food Pantry News - May was a busy month. Forty-six (46) families visited the Pantry. The 46 families represent 146 individuals with a total of 1,314 meals provided. All of the 2016 HAPNAP Grant money and Boiler Maker money has been spent for food within the allotted time frames.

A new HAPNAP (Hunger Preventive and Nutritional Assistance Program) Grant application was submitted to the Food Bank of CNY in April and we have been awarded \$3,500 to cover from July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. Half of this award \$1,750 will be given in the near future and kept on account at the Food Bank of CNY in Syracuse. The balance will be available in January and cover until the end of June 2017. Our orders to the Food Bank of CNY are averaging \$500 - \$600 a month.

We also received a small Mini Produce Grant, from the Food Bank, in the amount of \$700 for fresh produce to be purchased from local farmers. We will pay for the produce up front and submit a report to the Food Bank for reimbursement out of the Grant money.

Other canned and food product items were received from individuals and groups in the area totaling 2,712. Among those: 313 from students in the Morrisville Commons, 415 from the U. S. Postal Mail Carriers food drive, 1,851 from Colgate University students, and 100 items from other individuals. We received monetary donations totaling \$383.90 (\$97 from Crouse Community Center, \$256.90 from the M-ECS Leo's Club bottle/can drive and \$30 from an individual).

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Bartow

WORDS (AND ACTIONS) OF COMFORT

By: Pathrik L. Olsson AKA: Mr. Bonnie

Matthew 5:4

⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Not long after the passing of my wife I had returned to my command in Pearl Harbor. When I returned, I felt a little like Job in chapter 17 verse 7 “My eyes have grown dim with grief; my whole frame is but a shadow.”

I had been gone for some weeks and not everyone knew the reason. A close shipmate of mine asked me where I had been and I responded telling him my wife had been diagnosed with cancer. He then asked me how she was doing and I responded with “She passed away”. We stood silently for a moment and then said to me the most heartfelt words I have ever heard “I don't know what to say”.

Those words conveyed more meaning to me than all the “my condolences” and “very sorry for your losses” combined. Although “my condolences” and “very sorry for your loss” are usually said from the heart they can, if we are not careful, come across as contrite and rehearsed. We must choose our words carefully and ensure that they do come from the heart. Saying to someone who has suffered a loss and is in the depths of grief “I don't know what to say” can let them know that you want to say the words that will “make it all better” but realize that there aren't any words that will make it all better.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 says “Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.” The comfort that God gives and that we pass on is not only in the form of words. Actions can and do speak louder than words. Hugs and handshakes can speak volumes and so can other actions.

While my wife was going through her cancer treatment many friends said to us “if there is anything we can do just call us”. As comforting as those words are they are rarely followed up on. We, in our time of grief, seldom want to impose our sadness on others by asking for their help. A couple very close to my wife and I understood exactly what we were going through. She, the wife, had been battling brain tumors for years. One evening they stopped by and presented us with a gift. They had simply cooked their favorite meal and brought it over to us in disposable tins. As it is written in Psalm 31 verse 9: “Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and body with grief.”

At the time our souls and bodies were weak with sorrow as well as with fear and stress. God, acting through their kindness, truly had been merciful to us. It was one less meal that we had to plan and cook. With all we were going through their act of kindness and understanding truly was a Godsend.

Simple acts can provide immense comfort and relief. Mowing the grieving person's lawn or shoveling their walk can say to them than all the kind heartfelt words ever will. But don't forsake the words, just remember to make sure that they are from the heart no matter what they say.

[Psalm 104:34](#)

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

Annual Outdoor Service and Picnic

July 10, 2016

Theme: Nature

What to bring:

A dish to pass for the picnic; a folding chair(s) and sun protection (hat/umbrella) for service

Table service and beverages provided by Worship Committee

Indoor Garage Sale
and Bake Sale

There will be an **Indoor Garage Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, July 9, 2016 in Fellowship Hall from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** during the village wide garage sale day. The Clothes Basket will be participating with a garage sale upstairs-featuring items that have not yet been put out for sale - and a BOGO sale (buy one bag, get one bag free) downstairs in the Clothes Basket.

There are a limited number of booths in the Fellowship Hall available for rent. They are 10' x 10' (including one table) and can be rented for a free will donation. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Set up times will be 7-8 p.m. on Friday, July 8 or Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. To reserve a booth, contact Jackie Groves (684-9337).

Come, *visit*, **shop**.

Beginning Saturday, July 16, 2016 the **Clothes Basket** will only be open until noon on Saturdays. We will resume the noon – 2 p.m. shift after Labor Day. Wednesday hours will remain 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. as always. Baked goods will continue to be available on Saturday mornings, compliments of Price Chopper in Hamilton.

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our June 2 PW Ministry Team Meeting: Naydene Ames, Katie Bracy, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon and Marlene Miner.

Karen reviewed the May Financial Report. A profit of \$301.40 was made from the Craft Sale. We are thinking of doing another Craft Sale in the fall. We reviewed the missions we support. We approved submitting a check for \$500 to the Korean Partnership Mission and Ministry Team Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse to support the 2016 Youth Triennium in July. MCC has had some of our youth attend the Triennium in the past. We added the following to our local missions: Local Food Pantry \$250, American Legion Mead Post 163 for Girls' State \$250, and Camp Look Out at Bradley Brook \$250. We changed the donation that we give to Vanderkamp from \$200 to \$100.

Be sure to mark your calendar for upcoming events:

July 9: Morrisville Garage Sale Day which includes the PW Indoor Garage Sale. The Deacons will be selling food.

September 17: "Welcome to Katie's Cafe" PW Fall Retreat, 9am-4pm at the Bracy Residence on Buyea Road. We hope many of you ladies will treat yourselves to an enjoyable day by attending the retreat, registration fee is \$15.00. There is a sign-up sheet on the PW bulletin board in the fellowship hall. **Please register by July 31.** Please give your \$15.00 registration fee to our treasurer, Karen Jacobs, with checks made out to PW. Scholarships are available and anyone needing one should see Karen.

November 6: PW Fashion Show, 2:00 p.m.

This year marks the 40th year that the Clothes Basket has been in existence. Later in the year, the Clothes Basket Crew will be planning a special celebration. Remember, we receive some wonderful donations. There are many items for sale, not just clothes. Be sure to check it out.

We will not be meeting in July. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully, Naydene Ames, Secretary