

CHURCH MATTERS

JULY
2017



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12pm

Office 684-3314

Pastor's Office 684-9971

Kitchen\ Clothes Basket 684-9970

July Birthdays

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 Jeffrey 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

9 Nick and Maxine Hunter
5 William and Agnes Carr
7 Henry and Nancy Douglas
16 Wayne and Lynda Smith
19 Norman Robertson and Jeanette Michael
21 Eric and Jamie Kent
22 Ronald and Charlene Bush

Summer Hours for church service will begin **Sunday, July 2 at 9:30 a.m.**, and will remain until after Labor Day.

July Pulpit Supply

2 Communion - Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
9 Outdoor Service/Picnic
16 Fenner Voices
23 OPEN
30 Bill Porter
30 Elder Bill Porter

Clothes Basket - Beginning Saturday, July 15, 2017 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.

July 2017 Calendar of Events

- 1 **Matteson-Rung Wedding 11:00 am Sanctuary**
- 3 CE Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 3 Deacons 6:30 pm Library (Cancelled)
- 4 **Independence Day Observed - Office Closed**
- 6 PW 6:30 Library (Cancelled)
- 6 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 **Indoor Garage Sale and Bake Sale (9 am - 2 pm in Fellowship Hall)**
- 9 **Outdoor Worship & Church Picnic**
- 10 Outreach Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 10 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 11 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 11 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 13 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 18 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 20-23 **Via De Cristo Men's Group Meeting (noon July 20 - 6:00 pm July 23)**
- 23 Worship Service 2 p.m. Crouse Community Center
- 24 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 25 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 25 Rebekahs 2:00 Fellowship Hall
- 26 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Book Read "The Invention of Wings" by Sue Monk Kidd - noon - at Pat Parker's
- 27 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
- 26 **American Red Cross Blood Drive (1-6 pm in Fellowship Hall)**

Please Note:

Adult Bible Study has been discontinued for the summer, and will resume after Labor Day every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Sunday Hour of Prayer is held every Sunday from 6:30-7:30 pm. This will be time for anyone from our church and community to gather with others and share a time of prayer.

Season of the Three R's: Relax, Rest, Recreate

"There is a time for every season..."
Ecclesiastes 3: 1a

Although July begins with a "bang", I always think of July as time to relax, rest and recreate. I say this because the fleeting spring days leading to summer and July are full of the energy of an awakening world. This year spring exploded with a WHAM! Rain came in abundance. Leaves and flowers burst to life. Migrating birds filled our feeders with twitters and tweets. Bird song filled the early morning hours. Friends and neighbors roto-tilled and planted their gardens. The dedicated busied themselves with the ritual of spring cleaning. Celebrations of joy and remembrance—Easter, Mother's Day, Pentecost, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Father's Day, and Graduation Days from college to kindergarten—filled out the days. Whew! What a time!!

Now it's July and the lazy days of summer stretch out before us. It is time for the season of relaxation and rest—the means by which we recreate ourselves both physically and mentally. How do we do this? Perhaps sit quietly in the early morning hour listening to the cooing of the mourning dove. Perhaps spend solitary time in the garden enjoying the feel of the warm earth as you pull up an errant weed. Perhaps sit in the shade and day dream. Perhaps read a novel you have been anticipating. Perhaps watch winking fireflies light up the summer night. Better yet, take time to read and reflect on Bible verses filled with imagery such as Psalm 23: 2, "He makes me to lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside the still waters, he restores my soul...", or Song of Songs 2:12, "Flowers appear on the earth, the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in the land", and/or Luke 12: 27, "Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in his entire splendor was dressed like one of these". Even if it is a short time in your day, take time to be.

Prayer: Ecclesiastes says for every time there is a season. The time now is to relax rest and recreate. Help us to do this dear God. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

On Behalf of the Worship Committee
Maxine G. Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our **Annual Picnic** and **Outdoor Service** will be on Sunday, July 9 at 9:30 a.m.
This will be our **20th anniversary celebration**.

Please bring a lawn chair and a dish to pass. We have increased coverage from the sun but you may wish to bring a hat, sunglasses, etc.

Updated Address:
Joann Conrad, c/o R. Conrad
4617 Lower River Rd.
Lewiston, NY 14092

Rev. Diane Monger is now our moderator for Session meetings and is available as needed for other things.

There are copies of the "**Upper Room**" in the Narthex. Please take a copy if you are interested.

We need a Sunday School Coordinator and teachers beginning in September. We also need volunteers for the Christian Ed Committee to help with this project.

The July **Session** meeting is rescheduled for July 24.

Per Capita Assessment for 2017 is \$37.50 per member.

Indoor Garage Sale & Bake Sale

There will be an Indoor Garage Sale and Bake Sale on Saturday, July 8, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall of the Morrisville Community Church, 3824 Swamp Rd., Morrisville from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the Morrisville 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 7, or Saturday morning beginning at 8 a.m. To reserve a booth, contact Jackie Groves (684-9337).

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

From the Deacons

Deacons would like to thank Chris and Jeff Cring and Alisa and Kyle Graves for their years of service to our church for the Sunday School program. We would also like to thank our choir members for the wonderful music they have given us each Sunday. We hope everyone enjoyed their ice cream sundae June 25 in honor of them all.

Deacons would like you to know we are here for you. If you need any special requests or prayers please let us know.

We are collecting cans of fruit for the Christmas baskets it might seem early to do but they seem to be the item we never have enough of. Thank you in advance for your donations. We would like to wish everyone who has a Birthday or Anniversary this month the most blessed day and many more to come. Prayers that everyone feels God's love every day.

Deacon Greeters for July

July 2 - Connie Shepard and Tom Leamer
July 9 - Tom Leamer and Calla Miller
July 16 - Robin Suarez and Sue Bartow
July 23 - Norma Galbreath and Rachael Armstrong
July 30 - Robin Suarez and Sue Bartow

God bless, Deacons

From Outreach & Evangelism

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee members are working on more outreach to the community to let families know we are an active and fun loving church by having a carnival. This will be taking place on Saturday, August 12 from 11- 3. If you want to work, you can call 315-684-9419. Remember many hands make the event more fun and successful.

God bless, Outreach & Evangelism Committee

From the Property Committee

Discussed the bulletin insert requesting help from the congregation for paying for the new water softener. Sylvia had spoken with Jeff Gay about the availability of money for the project. We moved: "Session give approval for paying the balance (if any) of the purchase price of the Mulligan contract \$3,662."

When the installation by Culligan is complete we will contact J. Meadows to install the needed valve (already approved \$465.).

Charlene has been asked to have the spreadsheet /sign-in for maintenance businesses ready for the Culligan installation.

Bonnie and Pat have been organizing the equipment used with the sound system.

Next month work on letter for plowing bids. Get names also. Reminder of next month's meeting.
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2017

Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia McKinnon

From the Food Pantry

Thirty-seven (37) families came to the pantry in May. One thousand eight (1,008) meals were provided. We have been able to purchase fresh produce from North Star Orchards in Westmoreland - strawberries, potatoes, summer and zucchini squash, onions and apples. Students from the Horticulture Dept. at Morrisville State University brought in beautiful lettuce and spinach, grown in their green house, that we were able to package up and distribute.

We are starting to see an increase in visitors to the pantry again. CAP referred three new families to us in May.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

Reflections from the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to return to some practices from the past in order to enhance our worship and create a reflective environment.

We are encouraging everyone to move into the Sanctuary in a timely manner upon arrival on Sunday mornings. Our thought is that this will cut down on the noise in the Narthex that filters into the Sanctuary. We would like the Sanctuary to be a quiet place so that those who wish can experience a quiet time of reflection and prayer before the service begins. Therefore, the doors will be closed at approximately 10:15 as Keith provides some spiritual music conducive to meditation. Thank you for your cooperation.

OUTREACH and EVANGELISM

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.

Since I joined the Outreach and Evangelism Committee I have been abbreviating it as O. R.& E. Ore...

So I wondered if the bible had any insight in to Ore and I found Job 28 which is all about mining...

I think verses 1 through 3 can apply...

Job 28:1-3 "There is a mine for silver and a place where gold is refined. Iron is taken from the earth, and copper is smelted from ore. Mortals put an end to the darkness; they search out the farthest recesses for ore in the blackest darkness."

There is a mine for silver...The world is the mine.

A place where gold is refined...Jesus Christ makes all of us precious.

Iron is taken from the earth...The strong people of the world are taken into Jesus Christ.

Copper is smelted from ore...Those strong people refined into the Faithful.

Mortals put an end to the darkness...We bring the Light of God.

They search out the farthest recesses for ore in the blackest darkness...Strong can be found everywhere. No matter how dark the sin.

BAZAAR BUZZ

"Country Crossroads 2017"

Our biennial bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Plans and preparations continue as the time approaches. Have an idea for a project? Need an idea for a project? Contact any of the following for assistance:

The Stitchery
The Twisted Vine
St. Nicholas' Place
The Bake Shop
Grandma's Attic
The Country Peddler
Mrs. Claus' Café
Cashiers

Naydene Ames
Maxine Hunter & Ellen Davis
Sandy Merkle
Karen Jacobs & Sylvia McKinnon
Marlene Miner
Calla Miller & Andy Sikes
Norma Galbreath
Priscilla Suits

Extra hands are always needed—beforehand and during the actual day. Please contact any of the above to sign up to help.

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard
Priscilla Suits
Nancy Douglas

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring
Lois Thurston

Class of 2019

Pathrik Olsson

DEACONS

Class of 2017

Calla Miller
Connie Shepard
Sue Bartow

Class of 2018

David Link
Roberta Link
Robin Suarez

Class of 2019

Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Tom Leamer, Jr.

Statistics for June 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Designated</u>
4	50	\$ 2395.00	\$ 100.00	0
11	43	\$ 2115.00	\$ 1325.00	0
18	45	\$ 1607.00	\$ 75.00	\$1,000.00*
25	40	\$ 1110.00	\$ 0	

*Water Softener