

CHURCH MATTERS

MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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JULY 2020

ZOOM Sunday Service 10:30 am

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - noon

Office: 315-684-3314

Pastor's Office: 315-684-9971

Clothes Basket: 315-684-9970 CLOSED until further noticed

Food Pantry will be open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 to 12 noon
1st Saturday of every month from 10 to 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.

Chapel at Morrisville Community Church is open for your use of prayer and reflection 24-7 everyday, Monday thru Sunday.

July Birthday

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

July Anniversary

- 3 Nick & Maxine Hunter
- 5 William & Agnes Carr
- 16 Wayne & Lynda Smith
- 19 Norman & Jeanette Michael
- 21 Eric & Jamie Kent
- 22 Ron & Charlene Bush

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Unfortunately for the safety of our community
we will be closed until further notice. –
July 12th CHURCH PICNIC CANCELLED**

**We wish you and your family health and
peace during this trying time.**

PRAYER LIST: Sam & Karen Tucci, Peggy Czyznikewicz, Families of Priscilla Suits and Richard and Dawn Stevenson, David & Jean Puddington, Family of Steve Jones, Henry Douglas, Rachael Armstrong, Jean Furner (Ann Batchelor's friend and co-worker), Nettie Periard, Tracy Akers, Emmett (Rachael Armstrong's brother), Lloyd Jones (son-in-law of Ann Berlew), Joan Winkler and family, Russ Duncan, Zimmerman Family, Savannah (Calla Miller's co-workers daughter), Ruth (friend of Malinda Tucci), Isabella (Ann Batchelor's daughter's best friend's daughter), Christine Treece (Rachael's niece), Brad Babcock, LaVia Wedge (Calla's sister), Ron Stanley (Sam & Karen Tucci's friend), Debbie Rifenburg (Priscilla Suits' daughter), Sharon Townsend (Ron Brodeur's sister-in-law), Jim & Linda Taylor (requested by Sam & Karen Tucci), Robin Suarez's mom, Martha Tyre (Maxine's friend), Deanna Moyes (Norma's sister), Jeanna Acosta (Norma's niece), Pat Parker, Tammy Hutchinson (Tara Truett's sister), Shirley Ford, Eleanor Horton (Claudia's sister), Sue Bristow (Hank Douglas' daughter), Fred & Gail Banks, Dave & Gerry (co-worker of Tom Lemery), and Service men and women

From the
Worship Committee

*Summer Time
'Happy Place'*

Photo by Nick Hunter
"Wayside Wildflowers"

"...let the fields be
jubilant, and everything
in them." Psalm 96:12

In April, a friend asked:
"With the shut down of
beaches and parks, and
all summer 'happy
places', what in this new
normal will be your 'happy place'?" After 3 months,
my answer:

How lovely the month of July. I find the warm July
days peaceful and hopeful. I find July a quiet time,
where pause is natural. It is a time to enjoy the
world around me, such as the "jubliant" meadows
filled with warm green grasses and wildflowers of
pinks, purples, blues, yellows and whites; or rural
roads lined with Queen Anne's Lace. Yes, the
discovery of a meadow filled or a rural road lined
with a kaleidoscope of wildflower blooms is



definitely my summer time 'happy place'. Hmm!
Not really so new is it?

In closing, I ask: "What is your summer time 'happy
place'? Share your answers.

Prayer: Thank you God for the gift of nature—the
constant reminder of your presence and steadfast
love for all. In Jesus name, Amen.

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

STEPHEN:
MARTYR

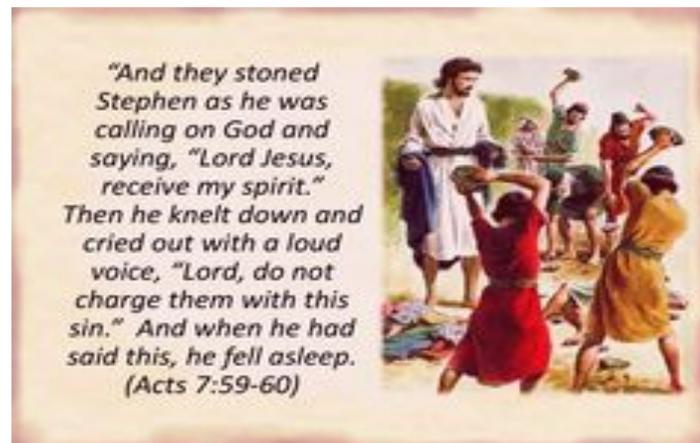
By: Pathrik L. Olsson
A.K.A. Mr. Bonnie

[Psalm 104:34](#)

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

What can we learn from the Bible's
account of Stephen's martyrdom for Christ?

We first meet Stephan in Acts 6 where he
is chosen by the Disciples to assist in the
distribution of food to a group of Jewish widows.
Stephan is described in Acts 6:5 "as a man full of



faith and of the Holy Spirit" and in verse 8 as "a
man full of God's grace and power", who
"performed great wonders and signs among the
people."

Stephen's "power" did not sit well with the Pharisees as they could not argue with Stephen's knowledge and logic or as verse 10 states it "the wisdom the Spirit gave him as he spoke."

The Jewish Elders, were jealous of Stephen and threatened by him so they persuaded some men to bear false witness against Stephen saying "This fellow never stops speaking against this holy place and against the law. For we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs Moses handed down to us."

As the Elders looked at Stephen "they saw that his face was like the face of an angel."

This should have told them something but...

When asked if the charges were true Stephen give them all a history lesson of the Old Testament reminding them that all of the things that God had promised had come true. At the end of his speech Stephen admonishes them saying in Acts 7:51 through 53. "You stiff-necked people! Your hearts and ears are still uncircumcised. You are just like your ancestors:

You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your ancestors did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered Him— you who have received the law that was given through angels but have not obeyed it."

He calls them "uncircumcised" telling them they are not true believers of their faith and accusing them of now following God's Law.

These accusations infuriated the Elders but Stephen full of the Holy Spirit pressed on telling them what he saw saying "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

This was too much for the Elders and they seized Stephen and stoned him to death.

So what can we learn from Stephen? The last two verses in Acts 7 verses 59 and 60 hold the key to God's lesson. We will read those verses momentarily...

Stephen's scolding of the Jewish Elders was an attack on their belief in their own importance. When Stephen challenged this belief they reacted violently. Did they know they were wrong or were they just trying to preserve their own power base? This, I think, is for God to know for only He knows our inner most hearts.

We should concern ourselves with Stephen's last words and last words of Acts 7 verses 59 and 60. "While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep."

Stephen, unto his very last breath, remained a true and faithful Christian. He not only knew that Jesus will receive his soul but even begged for God to forgive his murderers.

It is because of his faith that Stephen, even after being stoned, does not "die". He is said to fall asleep. His body may be finished but his spirit lived on.

The lesson for us... We must always have True Faith in the face of adversity. True Christians will never die they will only sleep and their souls will awaken in the presence of God.

AMEN

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee met on Thursday, June 4th in the Fellowship Hall (SAFELY).

Present were Charlene and Ron Bush, Sylvia McKinnon and Nate Miller. We discussed the Worship Committee's Report that we had received. We used the CDC guidelines for opening churches and prepared our own ideas for procedure for opening our church. Nate Miller took the notes, prepared the report and they were sent to Harvey.

Ron has been searching for items that will be needed and has started the sanitizing procedure.

Sylvia McKinnon, Chairman
Property Committee

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2020

Sylvia McKinnon
Tom Leamer, Sr.
Sheila Bartlett
Ellen Davis

DEACONS

Class of 2020

George Fearon
Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur

Class of 2021

Lois Thurston

Class of 2021

Calla Miller
Marlene Miner
Naydene Ames

Class of 2022

Pathrik Olsson
Claudia Loomis
Maxine Hunter

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Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Tom Leamer, Jr.