

CHURCH MATTERS

JUNE
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

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June Birthdays

- 1 Mitch Miller
- 2 Tony Sikes
- 2 Norman Robertson
- 8 Susan Leamer
- 8 Dorothy Mulcahey
- 12 Jean Puddington
- 13 Alisa Graves
- 20 Chelsea Batchelor
- 20 Eric Kent
- 20 Emily Turner
- 23 Natalia Parker
- 26 Phyllis Parker
- 28 Charlene Bush
- 29 Richard Gorton
- 29 Charlotte Hill

June Anniversary

- 5 Darrell & Kayla Bush
- 9 Tom & Sue Leamer
- 10 Steven & Jessica Broedel
- 11 John & Norma Galbreath
- 18 Bill & Ann Batchelor
- 19 John & Becca Eriksen
- 22 Richard & Claudia Loomis
- 23 Calixto & Robin Suarez
- 24 Eugene & Sally Larchar

FYI: Pulpit Schedule

- June 7 Rev. Earl Arnold
- June 14 Ellen Davis
- June 21 MCC Men's Group
- June 28 Open

June 2015 Calendar of Events

- 1 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 1 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 1 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 2 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 3 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 4 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 6 **Deacons & Elders Retreat 9 am - Noon Fellowship Hall**
- 7 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 8 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 8 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 8 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 8 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 9 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 9 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 10 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 **"Spring Fling" 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 11 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 11 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 13 **Memorial Service for Thirza Suits 2 p.m.**
- 14 **Flag Day Observed**
- 14 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 15 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 15 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 16 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Zumba 5:30 pm Youth Room
- 18 **"Young Families" Social 5:30 - 7:30 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 18 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 19-20 **Via DeCristo Teaming - Fellowship Hall (6 pm Fri - 5pm Sat)**
- 21 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 21 **Father's Day and Summer Begins**
- 22 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 23 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 23 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Book Read 12:30 to 2 pm "The Book Thief" Library
- 25 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 29 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 30 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

From the Worship Committee

“You set the limits of the earth; you made summer and winter.” *Psalms 74:17 (GNB)*

“Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near.” *Mark 13: 28 (GNB)*

Surrounding us in many shades of green, summer unfolds slow and easy. Day dawns earlier and earlier. In this early morning light bird song fills the air. It is a time to greet our day with peace and relaxation. Enjoy a coffee or tea. Or just sit and meditate on the day. Give thanks that God has provided us with this season of sunshine. Let us slow down; give praise and enjoy.

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you always for the seasons. As we enter summer we are particularly happy for the long days of sunshine. We give thanks for this time of planting and look forward to the harvest to come. We give thanks for giving us a time of picnics, where we share a time of outdoor feasting with family and friends. And always, we give you thanks for your son Jesus who is with us in all seasons. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

FYI: Coming Events

- June 21, 2015 is Father's Day Sunday. The men of the church are planning the worship. It should be a great day in honoring our men and father's.
- July 5, 2015 is Communion Sunday. The Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima will lead the service.
- July 12, 2015 is our summer outdoor service and picnic. This year's theme for service is Laughter in Church, or oft times referred to as Holy Humor Sunday. (not sure of our exact title at this point)

---Things to bring for service: Sun hat/sunscreen;
lawn chair---

---Things to bring for picnic: dish to pass; your own
place setting

---Beverage will be provided---

From the Property Committee

This past week the Kindergarten Screening for MECS was held in our building. It was interesting to see the little ones interact with the staff.

We are starting the planning, with the Horticulture Department at the college, to refurbish the Crane Memorial Garden using designated funds.

We are still looking for a group or individuals to maintain three of our landscaped areas - Crane Memorial, Chapel, and the front sign. Please see Sylvia if you are interested in helping.

The bids for sealing and striping the drives and parking lots have been reviewed. We are researching ways in which we can raise the amount needed for the project (\$5700 just to seal them, they are donating the striping). More later.

The local Cerebral Palsy group continues to help with cleaning on Monday's.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon
Property Committee

MEMORIAL SERVICE

There will be a memorial service for Thirza Suits on Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. A luncheon served by the PW will follow the service.

Anyone who can help by providing food, setting up or cleaning up should contact Naydene Ames.
Thank you.

"TIDBITS"

Reminder!!

- 1.If you are putting out garbage in the garage, it must be in one of the plastic (lid) garbage cans.
- 2.The upstairs bathrooms and pantry light are on a motion sensor. You don't need to turn them "on" and "off".

Statistics for May

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
May 3	5	\$3351.00	\$ 650.00
May 10	50	\$1462.00	\$ 65.00
May 17	48	\$ 718.00	\$ 1065.00
May 24	35	\$ 793.00	\$ 65.00

From the Financial Secretary

We have three checking accounts, current funds, for operating fund, per capita, loose plate, initial offering reimbursements for items purchased or donated. These can be put into one check with explanation where the monies are to be credited.

Designated Funds

For Sunday School offering, special offerings, OGHS, Hunger, Pentecost, Peacemaking, Christmas, Easter and Christmas plants, Memorials.

Building Fund

Monies used to pay off our mortgage.

Each account needs a separate check.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcia Vair

BAZAAR BUZZ

“Country Crossroads 2015”

Our biennial bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015, 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	Naydene Ames
The Twisted Vine	Maxine Hunter & Ellen Davis
St. Nicholas' Place	Sandy Merkle
The Bake Shop	Karen Jacobs & Sylvia McKinnon
Grandma's Attic	Marlene Miner
The Country Peddler	Calla Miller
Mrs. Claus' Café	Norma Galbreath & Julie Vair
Cashiers	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 2015

Jeff Cring
George Fearon
Vacancy

Class of 2016

Ellen Davis
Nancy Douglas
Priscilla Suits

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard

DEACONS

Class of 2015

Marlene Miner
Roberta Link
Dave Link

Class of 2016

Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur
Naydene Ames

Class of 2017

Calla Miller
Connie Shepard
Sue Bartow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacons and Elders will have a "retreat" on Saturday, June 6, from 9:30 to noon in Fellowship Hall.

Madison County Office for the Aging is holding its 4th Annual Golf Outing Fund Raiser on Monday, June 22, 2015 at Casolwood Golf Club in Canastota. Registration and fee payment must be received by June 12, 2015. More information can be found at ExecutiveDirector@ofamadco.org

Vanderkamp Summer Kamp brochure is available in the Fellowship Hall. If any child or family is interested, more information can be found on the pamphlet.

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

Thank you from CAP (Community Action Partnership) for the generous in kind donation of food items to CAP's Food Pantry in the amount of \$49.50. Gifts like ours make possible a number of programs and services that help our vulnerable neighbors in Madison County become and remain self-sufficient.

Thank you from the American Red Cross for the great turnout at the blood drive on April 3 at Morrisville Community Church. Twenty four (24) units were collected which equates to helping save up to 72 lives.

Holy Humor Sunday - July 12, 2015

Traditionally many churches hold a Holy Humor Sunday on the Sunday following Easter to counter low attendance. This is a tradition that started with the Greeks, went by the wayside, and then was resurrected in the 1980's. Holy Humor Sunday is a way of celebrating, through laughter, the fact that Jesus brought victory over Sin and Death.

The following is an excerpt from *"Between Heaven and Mirth: Why Joy, Humor, and Laughter Are at the Heart of the Spiritual Life"* by James Martin, S.J.

11 Reasons for Humor and Joy

1. Humor and joy evangelize others by showing our hope.
2. Humor can shock listeners into recognizing reality.
3. Self-deprecating humor reminds us not to take ourselves too seriously.
4. Humor can speak truth to power.
5. Joy, humor, and laughter show Christian courage in the face of adversity.
6. Humor deepens our relationship with God by encouraging us to share in prayer.
7. Humor and laughter welcome others into the group.
8. Laughter helps in the healing process.
9. Humor fosters good human relations.
10. Laughter relaxes us and so opens our minds.
11. Humor is fun, a gracious gift to enjoy.

The Worship Committee has designated Sunday, July 12 as Holy Humor Sunday for our church. This will also be the time of our Outdoor Service and Church Picnic. The Worship Committee welcomes contributions for this day - jokes, riddles, amusing stories, etc.

If you would like to personally participate, please contact Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, or Karen Jacobs. If you choose not to personally participate, please feel free to give contributions to the Worship Committee members. We are looking forward to a Sunday filled with laughter.

**Please invite friends to come and
join us.**

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our May 14 PW Ministry Meeting held at the church library: Naydene Ames, Katie Bracy, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon, Marlene Miner and Connie Shepard. In addition to accepting the monthly treasurer's report and minutes of our last meeting and hearing Circle reports, the following topics were discussed:

Memorial Luncheon:

The Memorial Service for the family and friends of Thirza Suits will be at our church at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 13. The Presbyterian Women will be preparing a memorial luncheon for family and friends following the service. The family expects 100 in attendance just in family and close friends so we will need more volunteers to help set up, bring in a dish to pass or dessert, and clean up afterwards. We will be setting tables up on Friday, June 12 at 1 p.m. We are asking people who are bringing in food to bring it in to the fellowship hall on Saturday between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. If you can help out, please contact Naydene Ames.

PW Spring Fling - JUNE 11!

We will have our annual Spring Social, or "Spring Fling" and Birthday Celebration and Offering on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Entertainment will be a select group of students from the Morrisville-Eaton Elementary Choir under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Martin, along with two of Mrs. Christine Smalley's piano students and a couple of instrumentalists. Following the half-hour entertainment, birthday cake and punch will be served. The birthday celebration is to celebrate our birthdays and to give as we have been blessed. Women attending will be encouraged to give one penny for each year of their lives. We hope to have a good turn-out. Anyone needing a ride may contact any of the ladies listed above who were in attendance at our PW Ministry Team meeting.

MCC Presbyterian Women's Retreat:

We have tentatively set the date for our PW Retreat for Saturday, September 19. The basic theme will focus on God in our Daily Rounds. We all agreed to ask Gail Banks to be the presenter. She was contacted after our meeting and said she would be delighted to lead our Retreat. We still need to confirm the time and place. Last year we had a well attended fall retreat held at the home of Katie and Budd Bracy. If anyone has room and would like to host this year's retreat, please contact someone from the PW Ministry Team. Once we have confirmed the date and time, a sign-up sheet will be posted.

PW Country Crossroads Bazaar:

Karen Jacobs is in charge of publicity and has posted an update on our Bazaar in this newsletter. Please be sure to read it.

Our next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully, Naydene Ames, Secretary

LIFE'S LESSONS

BY: Pathrik L. Olsson

In the first months of 2009, I endured a period of major changes in my life. I didn't so much as start a new chapter, I started a new book. In February of that year, I lost my wife of twelve years to cancer. A short time later, I retired from a 24-year naval career, and left Hawaii where I had been stationed for eleven years. It was during this transition from my old life to my new life that I learned three Life Lessons that still carry me to this day.

The first lesson is about wants versus needs and letting God decide which is which. Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones sang, "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, well, you just might find, you get what you need." The act of flying my wife from Hawaii to Connecticut so she could pass away with her family was a grueling fifteen hours. During a stopover in Minneapolis-St. Paul. I took her to the restroom where she fell to the floor. I was not strong enough to lift her back into her wheelchair by myself so held the bathroom door open and screamed for help. Thankfully, a cleaning crew arrived and with the assistance of the four gentlemen, we got her into her wheelchair. My screams had also alerted the airport emergency crew and by that time they were standing by talking to the ticket agent. The ticket agent came over to me and explained that they were going to transport my wife to the local Hospital for she may have injured her knees in the fall. I proceeded to tell the ticket agent that I was flying my wife home to die with her family. She was not going to die in some strange hospital because she may have hurt her knees. Her knees were the least of her problems. Within moments, the chief of the rescue squad came over to me and stated, "I heard your troubles and I promise you we will get your wife on the plane one way or another."

As it turns out my wife's wheelchair would not fit down the gangway to the plane and the six rescue squad members picked my wife up and carried her on to the plane so we could continue home to Connecticut.

Had my wife not fallen in the bathroom the rescue squad would not have been on the scene to carry my wife onto the plane. We would have missed our flight and she would not have been surrounded by her family and friends when she passed.

The last thing I *wanted* was for her to fall in the bathroom making a bad trip even worse. The first thing I *needed* was for her to fall in the bathroom so that the rescue squad was on hand to get her on the plane. "You can't always get what you want, but if you try sometimes, well, you just might find, you get what you need." Trust in God to know the difference.

The second lesson is about recognizing the gifts God gives us. When my wife passed away I asked God, "What did I do to deserve this?" Days later at her memorial service I looked around at the overwhelming love and support that was there for me and I asked God once again, "What did I do to deserve this?"

The third lesson involves getting back into life. When tragedy strikes us, it is very easy to 'sit this one out', and then sit the next one out, and the next, and the next... To me this is like going swimming with your friends. At first, you test the waters and discover that it is cold. At this point you can either sit on the shore and watch your friends play or you can wade on in. You *can* sit and watch for the rest of your life. The water will always seem cold at first but changes are you will get used to the water and it won't seem so cold. If the water seems hard to get used to, you can draw warmth from God and from friends in having fun. You can get used to living, you do not need to sit this one or any other one out.

These are just three lessons that life has taught me. Life *teaches* us every day and so we should *teach* others every day. God wants us to live *through* the pain not *in* the pain.

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“FATHER”

F is for the FAITH he has in us;
FORGIVES when we take “nose dives.”

A is for how ACTIVE and ALIVE he is...
in our hearts and in our lives.

T is for the TALENTS he gave us,
the TIME he spends with us,
and TEACHES us different things.

H is for the HONOR He deserves,
and the HELP he brings.

E is for His EVERLASTING LOVE...
(Given in a mysterious way.)

R is for the RESPECT He has earned,
And REMEMBERED every day.

Submitted by Tom Lemery

“TO MY FATHER”

**Dad, you're great!...
I love you
More than you know...
You have loved me
More than I deserve.**

**You may not be perfect,
But you'll always be my dad
Because my life has been so blessed,
I could not want another father.**

**Thank you for teaching me and helping me
Be a devoted son, a loving person,
And a humble man...
A decent human being.**

**Thank you for being there
Spending, sacrificing your time
Listening to my oceans of problems,
Streams of joys,
Watching and supporting
What I do well...**

**And thank you, most of all,
For loving me.**

Submitted by Tom Lemery

FACEBOOK

We now have an active Facebook page - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA. There will be regular postings about our church and the events held or hosted there. It is important that those of you who have a Facebook page look at our page and "like" AND "share". We need to get the word out there that we are live, active and moving forward. If you have any suggestions for a posting please let us know. Thank you for your support and help.

From the Outreach and Evangelism Committee

On Saturday, May 2, the Outreach and Evangelism Committee had a covered dish dinner. We had a great turnout from our congregation and neighboring churches. The band "Friends of God" played and everyone got to sing along. The Lemon Sisters, Swamp Road Soggy Bottom Boys, Tom Lemery, and Barb Lighthall entertained us with their music. The committee is working on scheduling another one for this summer.

On Thursday, June 18, the Outreach and Evangelism Committee is hosting a "*Young Families*" night from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to provide child care (stories, games, etc). If you are available to help, please see Alisa Graves or Ellen Davis. Thank you.