

# CHURCH MATTERS

June  
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

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## June Birthdays

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

## June Anniversaries

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

## Pulpit Supply

June 5	Elder Bill Porter
12	Katie Bracy
19	MCC Men (Father's Day)
26	Elder Bill Porter

## FACEBOOK

"like" AND "share".

Morrisville Community Church,  
PCUSA.

## June 2016 Calendar of Events

- 1 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 2 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 2 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 6 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 6 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 7 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 8 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 8 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 9 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 9 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 **Sunday School Recognition**
- 13 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 13 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 14 **Flag Day Observed**
- 14 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 14 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 16 Finance Committee 7:00 pm Library
- 16 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 19 **Father's Day Observed**
- 20 **Summer Begins**
- 20 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 21 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 21 Faith Circle 12:00 Irene Akers
- 22 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 23 Book Read 12:30 - 2 pm Library
- "An Irish Doctor in Peace and at War"
- 23 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 **Choir Recognition Sunday**
- 28 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 28 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 30 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 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

### Summer Songs

*“Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the world!” Psalm 96: 1*

It is now June. Summer is slowly arriving. It is time to enjoy the new life that surrounds us. Wildlife is at its zenith as the new born of the year can be seen in yards (baby squirrels), pastures (fawns) and streams (ducklings). The Honeysuckle and Dame’s Rocket are in full bloom. Spring greens are changing over to the darker greens of summer. The grass and the dandelion appear to be leaping out of the ground. The songs of the returning birds have softened. Sunrise is earlier and earlier. Ah~ what a lovely time of year. It is a time of year when I want to sing all the hymns that in word and music praise God’s creation. I call them “summer songs” and this is why.

I remember when my sister and I learned the hymn “This is My Father’s World.” It was the first day of Vacation Bible School. During the closing service we were taught “This is My Father’s World”. As we sang “*all nature sings, and round me rings*” to “*of rocks and trees of skies and seas—His hand the wonders wrought*”, a beautiful picture filled my mind. I am not sure if my sister was having the same images dancing in her head, but I know we both felt that we had just experienced something really good. How do I know this? At the end of the song we looked at each with a look that twins share and nodded a big “YES”. Thus, it was confirmed: this was the best song ever.

My list of favorite hymns has grown over the years. Most of my favorites contain if not a verse or two lifting up nature/creation at least a word or phrase that brings God’s creation into focus. These hymns really resonate with me. When singing hymns such as “Fairest Lord Jesus”, “How Great Thou Art” and even “The Holly and the Ivy”, I always seem to experience a “close encounter of the third kind” with God. The message: This is indeed our Father’s world of which we all are one.

Prayer: Dear God, we give thanks to the Psalmists whose “summer songs” have inspired so many of our hymns which praise you and your creation. We give you thanks for our poets and song writers, who inspired by the Psalms, have given us our own “songs of summer”. The songs that remind us that all creation is connected and thus, connected to You. In Jesus name we pray and sing: “let us sing together one and all a joyous song.” 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.

### **Annual Outdoor Service and Picnic July 10, 2016**

Theme: Nature  
Start thinking of your own favorite nature songs, hymns and poems. We may ask for your input. So be ready.

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.**

## September 17

We all love going out for a warm cup of coffee or tea with friends. And most of us long to extend those short visits and take time to slow down and really enjoy time together. Join me at this retreat, where we’ll savor time with God and friends. Together we’ll experience meaningful Bible studies, flavor-filled activities, and scrumptiously delicious fun!

There will be a signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall. The cost will be \$15 for materials. I would like to have everyone sign up by July 30 so I have enough time to prepare the materials needed. There are PW scholarships available if you would like to attend but need financial assistance.

Come - Take time to relax, to make new friends, to worship God, and to savor your relationship with Jesus. I hope you will join me at my home “AKA” Katie’s Café. *Submitted by Katie Bracy*

### **From the Food Pantry**

The Pantry served 44 families in April that provided 1,197 meals. Eighty-eight (88) food product donations were received and a monetary donation of \$28.65 from the Caribbean American Student Union Club at Morrisville State College.

We also received the Mid-York Foundation \$4,000 grant, which is to be used to pay for a portion of Cornell's utilities, snowplowing and pantry food purchases. This has to be used within one year with documentation as to how it was spent.

We have entered into a contract with Cornell Cooperative Extension, beginning in April, for \$125 a month to cover our costs for use of the building.

### **From the Property Committee**

We still need volunteers to manage the Crane Garden and Chapel area. Adam, from the College Horticulture Dept. has not returned calls so the status of the bushes that were removed last fall are on hold. There is a lot of "winter burn" on some of the remaining bushes that will need to be monitored.

There was a brief discussion on lower level entrance and the possibility of having an intercom lock system. The Craft Sale was a success and will be held again in the fall. Tables and chairs will be loaned out for graduation (May 20-22).

A list of jobs that could be done by individuals will be posted in Fellowship Hall in the near future. If you should have some extra time and energy to help spruce up the church, please contact Ron or Sylvia to arrange for opening the church and having supplies available for the time and job that you choose.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia J McKinnon

### **From the Outreach & Evangelism Committee**

The church had a good turn for our covered dish dinner. Many people enjoyed and asked when we were going to do it again. We had singing and fellowship provided by "Friends of God". We also played scavenger hunt musical chairs game and congratulations goes to Esther Davis for winning.

Our committee is working on some ideas for future events. We encourage anyone who like to join us to pray for guidance and come join us. We meet the second Monday of the month in the Sunday School room at 7:00 pm.

### **From the Deacons**

Recognition and Celebration!! As you know, we are surrounded by many blessings not only in our personal lives, but in our church and our community as well.

Congratulations to the 2016 Morrisville State College graduates!!

Congratulations to our Elementary and High School students on the High Honor and Honor rolls.

Congratulations to the MECS Class of 2016!!

Wishing you the best in all your future endeavors!!!

We encourage you to mark your calendars, and join us in these blessings:

On June 12, we will recognize the Sunday School program, and the staff. Their dedication and hard work with the children is appreciated.

On June 26, our Chancel Choir will be recognized for their dedication, and appreciation for the music they provide each Sunday from September to June. There will be a special Coffee Hour in their honor following the service.

Speaking of music...how blessed are we to come to church, and hear the wonderful music our Pianist / Choir Director Keith Josephs plays in our services. V-E-R-Y!!

Don't forget to look for us in the kitchen for the Garage Sales Day in July! We will have good food, good service, and good meal deals at great prices!!

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

## What Makes A Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author is unknown

*(Submitted by Tom Lemery)*

## DAD'S TOOL BOX

By: Pathrik L. Olsson AKA: Mr. Bonnie

*Proverbs 4:1-3*

*Listen, my sons, to a father's instruction;  
pay attention and gain understanding.  
I give you sound learning, so do not forsake  
my teaching.  
For I too was a son to my father, still tender,  
and cherished by my mother.*

As a child whenever I needed any tool for any project I would go to the basement and find my dad's toolbox. Small and red; dad's toolbox was a magical place. It always had the right tool for the right job. It had every tool that would ever be needed for any project that would ever be done. There were hammers, saws, squares, tape measures, from pliers to pipe wrenches; they were all there. In contained tools for carpentry, plumbing, masonry, electrical, everything. It truly was magical how much that little toolbox could hold. Attached to each tool like an invisible instruction booklet; were the 'tricks of the trade'. My dad could have been any of the workers mentioned in *1 Chronicles 22:15* "You have many workers: stonecutters, masons and carpenters, as well as those skilled in every kind of work".

In his younger years my dad had completed numerous trade schools and throughout the years as my dad and I tackled various household projects he imparted on me a wealth of information. He taught me the importance of stepping back and developing a plan of attack before diving headlong in to a project. And yes everything was a project because, as you know, any *small job* can become a *large project*. Not only did my dad teach me how to adapt to a situation should plans go awry he also always stressed that every project was a learning experience for the next one. Always remember what you learn, be it from mistakes or successes, and apply it to the situation. As *Exodus 35:10* says "All who are skilled among you are to come and make everything the LORD has commanded:" I don't know if we made everything the Lord commanded but we made everything we needed.

Now years later I have my own tool box and in it nestled among the tools I have collected over the years are the "tricks of the trade" and the lessons my dad taught me. I also find tools that my dad gave me that I didn't know I took with me. I find patience, perseverance, self-confidence and most importantly the humility to know when it's time to call in the experts. Because of my father's 'tools' I can do as commanded in *Colossians 3:12* "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

My dad was a teacher, mentor and friend and although he's been gone for many years I thank him every day for the tools and lessons he left for me in my 'toolbox'. *Deuteronomy 33:11* says "Bless all his skills, LORD, and be pleased with the work of his hands." My dad's greatest skill was as a father and I feel I am one of his greatest works.

## LEGACY

By: Pathrik L. Olsson AKA: Mr. Bonnie

I was born to finish all he had begun  
I was born to redo all he had done  
I was born to run all the races he had run  
I was born to win all the races he had won  
I was born to have everything whenever he had none  
I was born to him our souls locked as one  
I was born a part of him  
I am my father's son

**Per Capita Assessment** for 2016 is \$35.00 per member. We have 106 members on our active roll at this time. That means the church will pay \$3710 this year. For those that can afford this it would be helpful if members paid their individual assessment. Please keep this in mind as you plan throughout the year.

**Statistics**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
May 1	47	\$ 2725.00	\$ 320.00
May 8	40	\$ 1914.00	\$ 150.00
May 15	40	\$ 1965.00	\$ 0.00
May 22	40	\$ 995.00	\$ 150.00
May 29	42	\$ 1985.00	\$ 275.00