

CHURCH MATTERS

JUNE

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

June Birthdays

1 Mitch Miller	20 Eric Kent
2 Tony Sikes	20 Emily Turner
2 Norman Robertson	23 Natalia Parker
8 Sue 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

9 Tom and 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
29 James & Phyllis Parker

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

June 4	Katie Bracy
11	Outreach/Evangelism Committee
18	Father's Day - MCC Women
25	Rev. Jerry Saliba

The Family of Lenore "Kouk" Davis invites you to a memorial luncheon on Saturday, June 17 at noon in Fellowship Hall. Please notify Naydene Ames or the Church Office if you plan to attend.

OUTDOOR SERVICE followed by CHURCH PICNIC Sunday, July 9, 2017
We will be celebrating the 20th anniversary of our church building.

June 2017 Calendar of Events

1	PW Committee 6:30 Library
1	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
5	CE Committee 5:30 pm SS
5	Deacons 6:30 pm Library
6	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
8	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
12	Outreach Committee 5:30 pm SS
12	Worship Committee 6 pm Library
12	Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
13	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
13	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
14	Flag Day Observed
15	Finance Committee 7 pm Library
15	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
17	Lenore "Kouk" Davis Memorial Luncheon Noon in Fellowship Hall
18	Father's Day Observed
19	Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
20	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
20	Faith Circle noon Irene Akers
21	First Day of Summer Observed
22	Book Read "Angela's Ashes" noon at Marie Smith's
22	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
27	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
27	Rebekahs 2:00 Fellowship Hall
28	WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
29	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

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

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.

From the Worship Committee

Joy in the Morning

"...joy comes with the morning." Ps. 30: 5b

It's June. The pink and rose colored sky of dawn comes earlier and earlier. As the bright colors take on a golden hue, the morning air is alive with bird song. In this hour, the day fills with possibilities. The distracting thoughts that clouded my mind during the night waft away. But if the worrisome things on my mind have not disappeared—and let's face it not all concerns disappear quickly—the relaxing atmosphere of early morning brings a new perspective to the challenges that filled my thoughts during the night. For me this is all a part of the refreshing of God's love and blessings that is the joy that comes with the morning.

As I further ponder on Ps. 30: 5b, I am stuck on what else to say. I realize I need to let things simmer in my mind for awhile. I pause, and make a needed phone call to a friend. During our conversation I inadvertently slip the words, "joy comes with the morning", into the conversation. I could hear from my friend's response that she is smiling when she says, "Indeed it does." She tells me that she has been waking up early and as she lies there in the early dawn she lets thoughts of the day fill her mind. First, she thanks God for the new day. Next she counts all the blessings that fill her life. She finishes by saying something like this: With joy in my heart I can begin my day. If I feel negative thoughts intruding, I remember again all my many blessings.

My friend's reaction was so unprompted and inspiring that it gave me an idea. I phone another friend and casually mention the words "joy comes with morning". She, too, laughs and says something like this: How true. Joy is in the morning. I get up early, have coffee, work in the garden, and feed the birds and squirrels that live in my little woodlot. God is so good to give me this pleasant way of beginning the day.

In conclusion, the poetic phrase and words, "...joy comes with the morning", lifts my spirit and touches my imagination and heart. The two I spoke with seem to have the same happy reaction to the words. I admit I could go into a more detailed commentary of the psalm, but for now, I simply hope the words lift your spirit knowing that with God, "joy comes with the morning".

Prayer, Psalm 57:8-9: "Awake my soul...I will awaken the dawn. I will praise You, O Lord." Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee
Maxine G. Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Committee Request

Hello All. The Worship Committee needs your help. We are planning the outdoor service for July 9 and we would like copies of any "church related" pictures from the past five years to add to the collage and / or any written memories relating to losing the old church or gaining the current one. Please see Pat, Bonnie, Ellen, Nancy, Karen, or Maxine, for additional information or submissions.

Please have your submissions in by June 11.
God Bless, your Worship Committee.

From Outreach & Evangelism

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee would like to thank everyone who came to our covered dish dinner. We had almost 80 people from 10 different churches.

We are working on the information that we got from the vision study sheets to be able to inform you about what answers you gave us. Outreach and Evangelism will be leading the service on June 11 in Fellowship Hall to work together on the vision study sheets. Let's all get involved.

God Bless,
Outreach and Evangelism Committee

From the Food Pantry

Thirty-five (35) households were served in April for a total of 999 meals being provided. The CORE Federal Credit Union Grant has been applied for. The 2016 Mid-York Grant of \$4,000 has been used and a letter sent to the Board, as required, with documentation as to how the money was allocated. We are still trying to provide data required to receive the balance of \$455 from the Food and Shelter Program Grant. A couple of new volunteers have been trained, Vera Brady, Patrick Durden's mom, and his new advocate Beverly Warren. Beverly and Patrick will be volunteering on alternating Wednesdays with Seth Downen and Jason Stastny.

Cornell Cooperative is in the process of developing what they hope, one day, will be a community garden in the back lot located at the back of the building. A few of our volunteers will be assisting with this project and the Pantry will be one of the benefactors of some of the produce grown.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

From the Property Committee

Our meetings for the summer are: Thurs. June 15, July 13, Aug. 10

Budd and Katie are doing the sign, Crane and back gardens this summer. Ellen has the bell area. We need someone for the chapel area.

Dave Bohndorf is doing the mowing for 2017. We paid this quarter for the elevator with our credit on account.

Most of our meeting was spent discussing the need to redo the piping of the water softener so that we can have J. Meadows replace the back flow valve that is not functioning correctly. Sylvia had contacted Culligan and they came out and tested the water for a possible new tank/ salt. The proposal was sent and we reviewed it. We had numerous questions so the representative will be meeting with us on May 22 to clarify items on the proposal. We will need approval after we get answers to questions and decide on this approach.

Respectfully Submitted, Sylvia McKinnon

From the Deacons

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 real 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 June

June 4 Robin Suarez and Sue Bartow
June 11 Norma Galbreath and Rachael Armstrong
June 18 Calla Miller and Sue Bartow
June 25 Connie Shepard and Tom Leamer, Jr.

God Bless,
Deacons

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.

THE VINE

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.*

While doing some Biblical Research for another article I came across John 15 The Vine and the Branches in which Jesus says in verse one "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener."

Reading this I asked myself, why a vine? Wouldn't Jesus be better represented by a mighty tree?

So I did some more reading and came across Psalm 80. Psalm 80 is a plea to God to protect Israel now that is free from slavery in Egypt.

The verses that stuck with me were verses 8 and 9. **"You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land."**

"Took root and filled the land". Spreading out like a vine does.

Jesus truly is a Vine. Spreading throughout the land a like a vine and like clinging to each of us. Connecting each of us to Him and each of us to each other.

John 15 verse 4 "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

"No branch can bear fruit by itself". We must remain in the Vine, remain in Christ, if we are to bear fruit. Our lives will be "fruitless endeavors" if we are not connected to the Vine and so to each other.

So I guess that a vine is a better representation than a tree.

P.S.

Someone told me once that they did not feel God in our Church. So I wondered if I did...

My answer is an emphatic YES. I feel do God in our church. I feel God in every handshake, every hug, every "good morning", every "peace be with you" and every smile I receive and give very Sunday and every other day we are together in the Vine and connected to one another.

God will be felt by each of us in the way God decides is best for us.

BAZAAR BUZZ

"Country Crossroads 2017"

It's time to start planning for our Bazaar! The date has been set for November 4, 2017. Mark your calendars. For those who are new to the church, the Bazaar is held the first Saturday in November, every other year. It is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women and the proceeds are used to support home, local and world missions. All items for the bazaar are donated by members and friends of the church.

We will have the following booths----

Grandma's Attic: treasures from the past and present

St. Nicholas' Place: Christmas decorations and items

The Country Peddler: a variety of all-season items and decorations

The Stitchery: knitted, crocheted, and sewn items

The Twisted Vine: plants, decorative items from natural materials

The Bake Shop: a variety of homemade goodies

Mrs. Claus' Cafe: serving breakfast & lunch during the bazaar

We hope all our crafters are thinking about projects they can do and are willing to donate. We have lots of craft supplies and even kits available in our Bazaar Workroom downstairs. Before you purchase supplies for your craft projects you should check and see if we have what you need. Just ask Sylvia McKinnon for a tour.

Time to start crafting!!!!

Statistics for May 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
7	55	\$ 3290 .00	\$ 275.00
14	45	\$ 1060.00	\$ 200.00
21	41	\$ 1155.00	\$ 150.00
28	45	\$ 1458.00	\$ 325.00

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard
Priscilla Suits
Nancy Douglas

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring
Lois Thurston
Bonnie Olney

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