



CHURCH MATTERS

MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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FACEBOOK - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA

June 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.

June Birthday

- 1 Mitch Miller
- 2 Tony Sikes
- 2 Norman Robertson
- 8 Sue 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

- 2 Alex & Joy Gifford
- 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
- 29 James & Phyllis Parker
- 30 Ron & Barbara Sabine

Church Picnic July 12, 2020

PENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Unfortunately for the safety of our community we will be closed until further notice.

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

Statistics for May 2020

All church services for May were cancelled.

PRAYER LIST: Steve Jones and family, Peggy Czyznikewicz, Family of Paul Mockovak, Rachael Armstrong, Henry Douglas, Jean Furner (Ann Batchelor's friend and co-worker), (David & Jean Puddington, 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

A Collection of Thoughts and Hopes

As I was preparing to write my regular worship committee article, I realized I had more information than would fit in one article. Thus, this second article, which is an eclectic collection of thoughts and hopes shared with me over the past 12 weeks. The material is organized under the challenge sentence: "My thoughts and hopes are...."

Jim Bohannon: (high school friend, South Carolina) I expect that we'll see more remote work. That was already a trend, which the pandemic could accelerate. I would also think that we'll refocus on maintaining certain domestic capabilities: Not just military hardware, but pharmaceuticals and vaccines.

Magdalene Lewis: (Jamaica-Queens, NY, PW sister/friend) I hope we come out of this pandemic with the realization that we need to use our resources (money) on essentials and not all the outward fluff such tattoos and body art. And that we take care of the children.

Barbara Cress Buschmann: (high school friend, Alabama) Whether sheltering in place, unemployed or having to work from home, our blessings from God are far greater than our inconveniences or tragedy. Distancing from family and friends is the hardest, but what a joyful reunion is to come!

Su-ling Lai: (PW Sister/friend, New Jersey) Someone called this pandemic an interruption of our daily life. Indeed. However, I also felt like the interruption might bring out the better part of us - to come out to reach a few people whom we normally are too shy to reach.

Ann Berlew: This "stand-still" time has caused me to slow down and reconnect with friends. So often we think we are too busy, particularly for friends that have moved. I am now reconnecting, and it is good because it helps older friends know we care.

Nick Hunter: From this pandemic we can gain an awareness and appreciation for our

neighborhood and community and life's simple pleasures. Activities like walking, cooking, gardening and bird watching keep us grounded and our priorities as they were meant to be.

If you are so motivated, complete the challenge sentence and share it with me and others.

Maxine G. Hunter

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)

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee met by email with the following discussed.

- Thyssenkrupp/Elevator did preventive maintenance.
- Culligan/water softener did preventive maintenance.
- Kendra/Chris Brown already did one mowing.
- Ron and Charlene raised numerous questions about "opening" of Covid 19. These were relayed to Session.

Respectfully Submitted
Sylvia McKinnon, Property Chairperson

COLGATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Members of the Colgate Community,

I write to share the good news that **Harvey J. Sindima**, professor of philosophy and religion, has been selected as the 2020 recipient of the Jerome Balmuth Award for Teaching and Student Engagement. This award, endowed by Mark Siegel '73, is named for the late Jerry Balmuth, Harry Emerson Fosdick Professor of philosophy and religion emeritus. The Balmuth Award Selection Committee and I would like to thank all of the faculty, students, and alumni who took the time to nominate a faculty member for this award.

Professor Harvey Sindima received his PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary and is the author of 14 books, some of which include *Classical Theories in African Religion*; *The Gospel According to the Marginalized*; *Religious and Political Ethics in Africa*; and *Drums of Redemption: An Introduction to African Christianity*. His research and scholarship reflect his areas of expertise in African philosophy and religions, philosophical hermeneutics, ethics, theology, and African Christianity.

Since 1989, Professor Sindima has contributed more than a dozen courses to the Colgate curriculum, some of which include African Traditional Religion; African American Religious Experience; African Philosophy; Hermeneutics: Text and Interpretation; in addition to thematic courses on Religion and Capitalism; Religion and the Enlightenment; and Religion, War, Peace, and Reconciliation; and Core 151: Legacies of the Ancient World.

In nominating him for the Balmuth Award, a former student wrote, "Dr. Sindima taught me how to dissect texts — to reach beyond their most immediate meanings and to locate them in wider intellectual lineages. He helped me to understand what theory, method, and methodology actually mean for the study of religion and demanded nothing less than excellent written summaries, syntheses, analyses, and comparisons of the materials we were studying."

Another wrote, "Dr. Sindima didn't just teach content. He taught schools of thought, debates, and the historical and intellectual horizons for those debates. He stimulated us to probe the foundations of the driving disciplinary questions we were given in the field of religion." While another remarked, "Through his demanding and loving pedagogical style, Professor Sindima forced me to expand my mind and horizons, to think critically and to introspect. These skills and lessons have served me well throughout my life."

A final nominee concluded, "He has sent so many of his students out into the world to demonstrate outstanding domestic and global citizenship in manifold arenas."

Please join me in congratulating Professor Sindima upon the receipt of this award. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this honor will be celebrated at a future occasion.

Sincerely,

Tracey E. Hucks '87, MA'90
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

HEALING AND HOPE IN THE GRIP OF THE PANDEMIC

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.

In this time of crisis, trapped in the grip of this pandemic many wonder why God has not answered our prayers and stopped it.

We must Keep the Faith and have hope...

James 5:15 tells us “And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven.”

And Psalm 10:17 responds “You, LORD, hear the desire of the afflicted; you encourage them, and you listen to their cry”

2 Kings 20:5 says in part “This is what the LORD, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you.”

It is good to be reminded during this time that God does hear our prayers...

I have searched and found many comforting verses, too many comforting verses to cover here.

But let’s look at a few more...

Jeremiah has a couple like 17:14 “Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for You are the one I praise.” And 33:6 “Nevertheless, I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security.”

Promising us that no matter how we have sinned as a world God will bring healing.

Isaiah 57:18 and 19 echo this promise “I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will guide them and restore comfort to Israel’s mourners, creating praise on their lips. Peace, peace, to those far and near,” says the LORD. “And I will heal them.”

As well as Psalm 103:2 and 3 “Praise the LORD, my soul, and forget not all his benefits—who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,”

So even as our sins are forgiven this pandemic still wears on...

We can find more comfort in the word of the Lord...

Psalm 119:50 “My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life.”

And for the many mothers and daughters out there take heart...

Numbers 12:13 “So Moses cried out to the LORD, “Please, God, heal her!”

Then Mark 5:34 “He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering.”

So let us continue to find hope...

Psalm 30:2 “LORD my God, I called to You for help, and You healed me.

Psalm 41:3 “The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness.”

Let us never forget those on the front lines...

1 Corinthians 12:7-9 “Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, *to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit*”

But Proverbs 3 verses 7 and 8 remind us that it is God working through them and we must remain faithful...

“Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones.

Luke 6:19 further tells of God’s healing power through Jesus Christ our Lord...

“and the people all tried to touch Him, because power was coming from Him and healing them all.”

Enough can never be said about Faith...

Exodus 23:25 “Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you.”

Isaiah 58:8 “Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”

And soon we shall see that Psalm 107 verse 20 is Truth “He sent out his word and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.”

From the Food Pantry

I participated in the Food Bank's Town Hall webinar on April 3. The Food Bank felt there would be more individuals looking for help with the delay in getting their unemployment checks. Guidelines were discussed as to how to handle pantry deliveries. As of this meeting, they felt they might have to do mass deliveries and call in the National Guard for assistance. This did not occur. They are trying to get as much funding as possible to assist partner agencies with food needs. There may be a delay in purchasing some things that are not available and we might not see some of the wholesale items we are used to getting at the same time. The partner stores are committed to providing to the Food Bank. There is no disruption in TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) or USDA products. With the closing of restaurants, there is an increase in the food available for the Food Bank. 1.8 billion pounds of food was given out in March.

The Food Bank is looking for boxes or some type of disposable product to provide pantries for their distributions. They also have a tracking tool, and a staff person is able to map agencies and refer people, that call the FB in Syracuse, to pantries in their area.

HPNAP Grant, at this time, has not offered an extension on the due date for applications and will be due on April 17, 2020. Since this meeting it was extended to May 1, 2020.

Shopping Lists were distributed to the Cedar St. and Woodcock Apartments, that brought some of the seniors to the pantry in April. We've also had some of the off campus students that live on Main St. walk down to the pantry. It was so nice and very much appreciated that one of our clients made some masks for all of our volunteers.

Our pantry is in good shape financially. It has been a little overwhelming to see and receive all of the monetary donations that have been pouring in from near and far. April Statistics:

46 households visited the pantry
(33 Children, 66 Adults, 18 Seniors)
13 new enrollees
1,053 meals were provided
\$2,340 monetary donations
17 food and other products donated

Sue Bartow, Coordinator

CHURCH OFFICERS

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Class of 2020

Sylvia McKinnon
Tom Leamer, Sr.
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