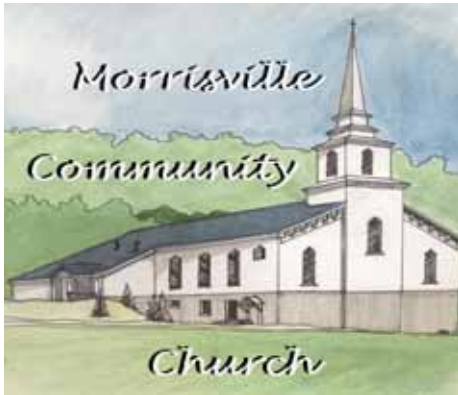


CHURCH MATTERS

MARCH

2015



March Birthdays

- 2 Maria Josephs
- 4 Sandy Jarvis
- 4 Cindy Monaghan
- 6 Heather Gorton
- 9 Calvin Mullenax
- 10 Harvey Sindima
- 12 Clayton (Tom) Davis
- 12 Kenneth Nodell
- 13 Alex Charlton
- 16 Jeffrey Gay
- 16 Tracey Akers
- 17 Bill Batchelor
- 21 Emily Marshall
- 24 Jennifer Pierce
- 25 Sylvia McKinnon
- 26 Julie Vair
- 26 Nick Suarez
- 27 Freda Josephs
- 27 Bonnie Olney
- 27 Wayne Partelow
- 29 Sam Tucci
- 29 James Turner

FYI: Pulpit Schedule

- March 1 Communion Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
- March 8 Celebrate the Gifts of Women---PW Ministry Team
- March 15 Rev. Jerry Saliba
- March 22 Ellen Davis
- March 29 Palm Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
- April 5 Easter Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima

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March 2015 Calendar of Events

- 1 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 2 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 2 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 2 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 3 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 4 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 5 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 **Deacons/Session Joint Retreat** 9 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 **Daylight Saving Time Begins**
- 8 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 9 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 9 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 9 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 9 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 10 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 11 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 12 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 12 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 16 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 16 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Observed**
- 17 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Faith Circle 12:00 Dot Mulcahey
- 18 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 19 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 20 **First Day of Spring Observed**
- 22 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 23 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 24 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 24 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Book Read 12:30 - 2 pm Library "Mr. Owita's Guide to Gardening"
- 26 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 **Palm Sunday Observed**
- 29 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Church Library
- 30 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 31 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

From the Worship Committee

Lent: The Spring Time for our Souls

It is snowing. It is cold. It has been this way for the entire month of February. March is fast approaching. In fact when you receive this newsletter it will be March. Indeed, it will be March and the world will still be covered in snow and it will probably still be cold. It will, also be March 1st, the 2nd Sunday of Lent. But, Lent isn't about the snow and cold. Lent is the 40 days leading to Easter. Lent is the time of reflection on our spiritual lives, and not the continual thinking about the struggle with piling up snow and sub-zero temperatures. However, there is a positive to all of this WEATHER. (Oh, yes, there is!!!) To reflect, we need to slow down. Snow and cold weather are a good time to do just that. In those precious hours before or after you meet the challenges of the winter day, give yourself a time for reflection. The Lenten meditation/study guide, **The Sanctuary for Lent 2015**, by Sue Mink, provided for you by the Worship Committee, is a perfect place to start. Or, as suggested by the Rev. Dr. Sindima (message of Feb. 22, 2015), we could begin our reflection time by praying to God concerning the deep hidden fears or 'cookie monsters', as Rev. Dr. Sindima called them, that dwell deep in our hearts. As we progress through these waning days of winter, we know the world will awaken anew into spring. Oh, it may not be a perfect awakening. There may be flowers blooming in the snow and hungry songbirds still needing us to supply seeds at the birdfeeder, but spring does come. The world is renewed. So, let us use this Lenten time of reflection as our "soul's spiritual springtime."*

Prayer: "Lord, to my heart bring back the springtime. Take away the cold and dark of sin; O return to me, sweet Holy Spirit, May I warm and tender be again."** Amen

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

*the quote, "soul's spiritual springtime" is from the writing of Edward Hays in *Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim*, p. 136.

** (prayer is from the hymn, "Bring Back the Springtime", *The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration*, p. 369)

Presbyterian Women Ministry Team News

At the February 12 monthly meeting of the PW Ministry Team the following events were discussed:

Valentine Express: Several ladies met in the fellowship hall on January 20 and hand crafted beautiful valentines for the residents at Crouse Community Center. On the cold wintery day of Friday, February 13, a group of ladies met at the Crouse Community Center and handed out a valentine to every resident. Maxine Hunter came up with the idea for this community mission program four years ago and it has been a project enjoyed by all involved.

Spring Social: We have selected the date of Thursday, June 11, 2015 for our PW Spring Social. The ministry team would like all the ladies to be thinking of program ideas and to share their thoughts with any of the following who have regularly been attending our meetings on the second Thursday of each month: Naydene Ames, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon or Marlene Miner. Last year we had the Morrisville-Eaton High School Chamber Choir entertain us. If you know of a person or group who would be interesting to have as a speaker, please share your ideas with us.

PW Retreat: Last year's Saturday Retreat at Bracy's was well received. It was unanimously agreed to keep the one day local retreat in the fall. We will be working out the details in the next few months.

PW Bazaar: Our big event of the year is the PW Country Crossroads Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 7, 2015. Instead of having a bazaar chairperson, the PW Ministry Team members will work together to bring his program together. An update will be printed in the newsletter each month.

PW Luncheons: We have been asked to prepare a memorial luncheon at our church on Saturday, April 18th, which we are very willing to do. Naydene will be contacting ladies of our church family to find out who would be willing to be on our call list to help set up, serve, prepare a dish or dessert, for any luncheon we prepare during this new year.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

92 YEAR OLD PREACHER

While watching a little TV on Sunday instead of going to church, I watched a church in Atlanta honoring one of its senior pastors who had been retired many years. He was 92 at the time and I wondered why the church even bothered to ask the old gentleman to preach at that age. After a warm welcome, introduction of this speaker, and as the applause quieted down, he rose from his high back chair and walked slowly, with great effort and a sliding gait to the podium. Without a note or written paper of any kind he placed both hands on the pulpit to steady himself and then quietly and slowly he began to speak...

"When I was asked to come here today and talk to you, your pastor asked me to tell you what was the greatest lesson ever learned in my 50-odd years of preaching. I thought about it for a few days and boiled it down to just one thing that made the most difference in my life and sustained me through all my trials. The one thing that I could always rely on when tears and heartbreak and pain and fear and sorrow paralyzed me... The only thing that would comfort was this verse...

"Jesus loves me this I know. For the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, We are weak but He is strong... Yes, Jesus loves me... The Bible tells me so."

The old pastor stated, "I always noticed that it was the adults who chose the children's hymn 'Jesus Loves Me' (for the children, of course) during a hymn sing, and it was the adults who sang the loudest because I could see they knew it best."

"Here for you now is a Senior version of Jesus Loves Me"...

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow,
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.

(CHORUS)

YES, JESUS LOVES ME...
YES, JESUS LOVES ME...
YES, JESUS LOVES ME,
FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

Though my steps are oh, so slow,
With my hand in His I'll go,
On through life, let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.

(CHORUS)

When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song,
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear, for I am near."

(CHORUS)

When my work on earth is done,
And life's victories have been won,
He will take me home above,
Then I'll understand His love.

(CHORUS)

I love Jesus, does He know?
Have I ever told Him so?
Jesus loves to hear me say,
That I love Him every day.

(CHORUS)

If you think this is neat, please pass it on to your friends. If you do not pass it on, nothing bad will happen, but you will have missed an opportunity to "reach out and touch" a friend or a loved one.

GOD BLESS US ALL!!!!

(Submitted by Marcia Vair)

The Clothes Basket will be having “**Free Days**” on March 21, March 25, March 28 and April 1. Everything on those days is totally free....please come, “shop”, and take! Anything left will be donated to third world countries through a mission in Rochester. So if you’ve seen something you might like, now would be the time to get it. It won’t be there after changeover.

We will be closed from Thursday, April 2 until Saturday, April 11 to clean out remaining fall/winter items and put out spring and summer items. The picture shows the boxes of clothing that have to be unpacked and hung up.



We plan on working mornings, 9:30-11:30 every week day from Thursday, April 2 through Friday, April 10. We need your help every morning. If you have 2 hours a morning, any morning, to volunteer, please see Claudia or Karen. Thank you in advance for helping us serve the community.

BIBLE TRIVIA

"Oh, the Animal In You"

Many people in the Bible were compared to animals. Match these people with their respective beasts or beast parts.

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| 1. Judah | A. Feet of a Deer |
| 2. Issachar | B. Maggot |
| 3. Benjamin | C. Young Stag |
| 4. David | D. Lion's Cub |
| 5. Ishmael | E. Dead Dog |
| 6. The Disciples | F. Rawboned Donkey |
| 7. Man | G. Cattle |
| 8. Mephibosheth | H. Ravenous Wolf |
| 9. Job's friends | I. Wild Donkey |
| 10. Solomon | J. Sheep among Wolves |

(Answers will appear on another page)

From the Property Committee

We are sending out letters for bids on February 17 for mowing during the 2015 season. The deadline for submitting them is March 6, 2015.

At the moment we have one of two boilers working to supply heat to our building. The other boiler has parts on order. Hopefully we will have them in place by February 18. Our one boiler has served us well during this brutal winter.

Three Mondays Cerebral Palsy has had to close due to the weather. Maybe February 23 will be warm enough for them to come.

We have met with Frontier Communications to talk about phone and internet options and prices. More questions have arisen. We will present the information to Session when we receive the answers. A few people have been handling the jobs while Ron is on vacation. A big **THANK YOU** to them and David Pearsall.

We had a leak in the kitchen so we had to have the roof shoveled. At present there is no leaking.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon

Gifts of Women Sunday

Gifts of Women Sunday is March 8 2015. There will be a special service led by the women of our church honoring the fellowship and bonds between senior women and younger women. Many reserve Mother's Day as a time to remember the women who have impacted our lives in one way or another. This special service is another opportunity to reflect, pray for, and honor the influential women in our lives. Who are the women you will remember? Will it be mother, grandmother, aunt, sister, pastor, friend, neighbor, teacher, a woman in your church family? What gifts do/did these women give or share with you? How many will have a reserved place in your memories? This is a good time to let those women around us know of our love and appreciation no matter what their age. We are all God's children and share the peace and love.

Delivery: Valentine Express a happy success!

Undaunted by the cold wind chill warnings, and the good luck at having vehicles that would actually start up under these extreme conditions, three of us made our way to Crouse Community Center on February 13 to hand out the Valentines. The Valentines were well received. The residents were so appreciative: "How lovely this valentine is. Please thank, your women," was a comment we heard many times. One of the staff workers told us, "We

have a resident that hoped he would receive at least one Valentine this year." Well, we made his day. One of my friends from Saint Joan of Arc church just this past week related this to me: "I went to visit my mother who is now in Crouse. She'll be 100 on her birthday. My mother had several valentines in her room, but the one she kept picking up and admiring was not from our family. When I looked at the back of the valentine I saw the name: Presbyterian Women of the Morrisville Community Church." Then my friend said, "You women at the Community Church are amazing. You do so much. The valentine is really a special gift; a special gift, because the residents can identify with that...they do remember valentines. And, unlike my mother, many of the residents never receive anything. "

Thanks again to all of you that helped to make the Valentine Express a joyful success. There were more than enough Valentines by the time our February 13 day of delivery arrived. In fact, we now have a head start on loading up our Valentine Express, 2016. All aboard! --- until next time...

On behalf of the Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team
Maxine G. Hunter
Sylvia McKinnon

Statistics for February

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Feb 1	45	\$1643.00	\$365.00
Feb 8	47	\$2390.00	\$310.00
Feb 15	no service		
Feb 22	37	\$1641.00	\$ 50.00

MSC Theater Department and SGO are presenting **The Fantastic's** on March 27 and 28 at 8:00 pm, March 29 at 2:00 pm, and April 2-4 at 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for students.

Lenten Devotional Booklets are available. If you would like one, please contact the church office.

Thank You from the American Red Cross on a recent blood drive at Morrisville Community Church. As a dedicated blood drive sponsor, our leadership in the coming months will help prevent blood shortages.

Thank you from CAP (Community Action Partnership) for the generous in kind donation of 200 Canned Goods to CAP's Food Pantry, which have been valued at \$300.00, as well as a cash donation of \$30.00 for food items.

Answers to Trivia

1. D - Genesis 49:9
2. F - Genesis 49:14
3. H - Genesis 49:27
4. A - Psalm 18:23
5. I - Genesis 16:12
6. J - Matthew 10:6
7. B - Job 25:6
8. E - 2Samuel 9:8
9. G - Job 18:3
10. C - Song of Songs 2:9