

# CHURCH MATTERS

MARCH

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

Office 684-3314

Clothes Basket 684-9970

Fax 684-7817

## March Birthdays

2 Maria Josephs	17 Bill Batchelor
4 Cindy Monaghan	21 Emily Marshall
6 Heather Gorton	25 Sylvia McKinnon
10 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima	26 Julie Vair
12 Clayton (Tom) Davis	26 Nick Suarez
12 Kenneth Nodell	27 Freda Josephs
13 Alex Charlton	27 Bonnie Olney
16 Jeffrey Gay	29 Sam Tucci
16 Tracy Akers	29 James Turner

## MARCH Anniversaries

17 Budd & Rachael Armstrong

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Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA.

## Pulpit Supply

### March

6 Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams  
13 PW - Gifts of Women  
20 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Palm Sunday)  
27 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Easter)

### April

3 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Communion)  
10 Open  
17 Rev. Joe Adams  
24 Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams

## March 2016 Calendar of Events

- 1 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 2 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 3 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 3 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 7 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 8 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 8 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 9 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 9 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 12 **Deacons & Elders Retreat 9 - 2 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 13 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 13 **Gifts of Women Sunday Service 10:30 am**
- 14 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 14 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 14 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 15 Faith Circle 12:00 Marcia Vair
- 16 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 17 **St. Patrick's Day Observed**
- 17 Finance Committee 7:00 pm Library
- 17 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 20 **First Day of Spring Observed**
- 20 **Palm Sunday Service 10:30 am**
- 21 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 22 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 22 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 23 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 23 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Book Read 12:30 - 2 pm "Orphan Train" at Harriet Stevens
- 24 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 **American Red Cross Blood Drive 1 - 6 pm Fell. Hall**
- 27 **Easter Sunday Service 10:30 am**
- 29 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 30 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 31 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

### **March: The Time Between**

*“The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;” Isaiah 35: 1-2*

March is the time between the snow and cold of February and the gentle, revitalizing showers of April. However, one of my favorite poets, John Updike, described March as a silence after the fury of storms of February. Not sure Updike’s description of March really fits my experience of March here in Morrisville, but I do like his phrase, “March is a silence.”

To me, I like to think of March as the time between winter and the full blown emergence of spring. It is a month when we often see the last snowflakes; it is a month that can be filled with snow—remember the March 13 Blizzard of 1993?; it is a month known for “wind”, which of course is good for the kite business; it is the month of cold crystal skies and sunshine; it is a month of clouds and rain; but most of all it is the month when Spring begins, the promise of life renewed. This renewal is not limited to our natural world. We too know that through worship, fellowship and prayer we can bring back the springtime to our own lives.

*Prayer: Dear God, Bring the springtime back into our lives. In Jesus name we pray. Amen*

On Behalf of the Worship Committee  
Maxine G. Hunter

### **Statistics**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Feb. 7	54	\$ 2203.00	\$ 245.00
Feb. 14	(No Sunday Service due to weather)		
Feb. 21	45	\$ 2241.00	\$ 395.00
Feb. 28	45	\$ 1183.00	\$ 1405.00

**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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Food Pantry News** - 25 families came to the Food Pantry in February. Our Super Sunday can drive collected a total of 85 food items. The largest donation, so far, came from the elementary school, 230 items were collected along with one pair of gloves and hat, and \$89.00 was donated by the Randallsville New Life Church.

### **Update on Addresses**

- Allen & Judy Wollenberg  
4948 Los Altos Circle, Elkton, FL 32033
- Joann Conrad, 7256 Parkway Lane,  
Homosassa, FL 34446

**American Red Cross** - On behalf of hospital patients in your community, **thank you** for your commitment to the American Red Cross blood program at a recent blood drive on January 28. As a dedicated blood drive sponsor, your leadership in the coming months will help prevent blood shortages. The next **Blood Drive** will be held on Friday, March 25 from 1-6 pm in Fellowship Hall at Morrisville Community Church.

### ***As Stated in the Presbytery Newsletter***

The Morrisville Community Church assumed administrative and operational responsibility for the local food pantry on January 1, 2016. With the help of the CNY Food Bank the panty was moved from its current site to the new location at the Cornell Cooperative Extension building on Eaton Street. When our church was approached about this project our Session and congregation knew that this would be an important and necessary mission for outreach to our community. We have been blessed with encouragement from the community, experienced volunteers, support from CAP and CNY Food Bank and financial support from various sources. God presented us with this challenge and has showed us the way. Praise be to God!

### **From the Property Committee**

We had four women from COVE, at Colgate, come and scrub the Youth Room and hallways on January 22. A note was sent to them thanking them for a job well done. We plan on painting all of the area in the near future. Three persons have volunteered to help. It was agreed upon that the hand prints on the walls would need to be removed to make the job easier. We

have, therefore, taken photos of them so they can be remembered.

Notification of deadline date for bids for mowing this 2016 season were sent out February 11 to David Bohndorf, Randy Groves, Matthew Dillon and David Pearsall. The deadline date is March 11, 2016.

We have had a flame-out on the other boiler. Repair was done and all are working well. I spoke with Randy, an area manager, about the longevity of the boilers. He said our boilers are in good shape. We have had them well maintained and should be able to have them for 5-10 more years. We have Fulton boilers, but he said there are others that are available depending on our need. They service many brands. There is no problem in getting the boilers in and out of the building.

ThyssenKrupp (elevator) is still working on our discrepancy service/payments for past years. We are billed for the next service (which has not been done) but will not pay until the service is received.

Pruning of front and back shrubs and trees has been done by Dana St. Louis. The college will be working on the replacement of the yews that were removed in the fall.

Respectfully Submitted  
Sylvia McKinnon  
Property Committee

## *Clothes Basket*

March will be a busy month for the Clothes Basket. Beginning Wednesday, March 2 and ending Wednesday, March 9 we will be having a Customer Appreciation Sale....buy one bag (\$3) get one bag free. Then we will be having "Free Days" on March 12, March 16, March 19 and March 23. Everything on these days will be 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, March 24 through Friday April 1 to clean out remaining fall/winter items and put out spring and summer items. We need your help to do this.... We plan on working mornings, 9:30-11:30 every week day from Monday March

28 through Friday, April 1. We need helpers 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.

## IT'S A MIRACLE

By: Pathrik L. Olsson(A.K.A Mr. Bonnie)

"It's a miracle!"... How many times has this been said? How many times has it been true? And where is it written that *all* miracles must be of "Biblical" proportions.

God works countless "miracles" every day. Finding your wallet in the car before you even knew that you had dropped it. The tree that once stood between two houses that, when blown over by the storm, missed both houses. Small miracles when compared to the Bible. Yet, some small miracles can have profound consequences.

Many years ago, back on my first submarine, a good friend was making his rounds and taking readings on the equipment in the engine room. Standing next to one of the High Pressure Air Compressors, he was taking a reading on a remote readout for a completely unrelated piece of equipment. As he looked at the readout, it started flashing random numbers. Knowing this was an issue he promptly left the area of the Air Compressor to seek out the 'man in charge' and get clarification on the strange reading. He no sooner had gone up the ladder to the floor above when the Air Compressor suffered a catastrophic failure and exploded. Had my friend not left to investigate the strange reading the flying shrapnel would have killed him instantly as the Air Compressor fragmented.

The reason for the strange equipment reading was never found. It was officially called "a glitch." We, the crew, called it a miracle.

A strange reading may be a small thing but to the family of a father of two... Everything

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### ELDERS

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2016

Ellen Davis  
Nancy Douglas  
Priscilla Suits

#### Class of 2016

Tom Lemery  
Ron Brodeur  
Naydene Ames

#### Class of 2017 Class of 2017

Henry Douglas  
Sylvia McKinnon  
Mark Shepard

Calla Miller  
Connie Shepard  
Sue Bartow

#### Class of 2018

Jeff Cring  
Lois Thurston  
Bonnie Olney

#### Class of 2018

David Link  
Robertta Link  
Robin Suarez

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Hard to think about snow and sleet and freezing rain, but...**when the school is closed, so is the Church Office and the Clothes Basket.** Local radio and TV may say, but the District Website at [www.mecs.org](http://www.mecs.org) will also have the information. The school district phone is 684-9300.

TV Channels with school closings are:

WSTM Channel 3    WTVH Channel 5  
WSYR Channel 9    YNN Channel 10

Radio Stations are:

WKLL 94.9FM    WMCR 1600AM    WMCR  
106.3FMWFRG 104.3F    WODZ 96.1  
WLZW 98.7FM    WIBX 950AM    WOUR 96.9FM  
WOMX 102.5FM    WOKR 93.1FMWTLB 1310AM