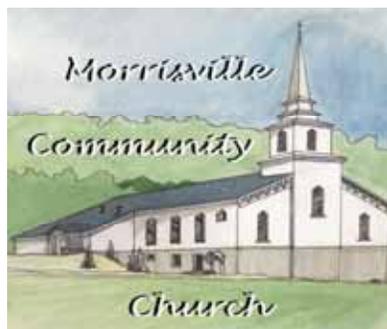


CHURCH MATTERS

MARCH

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

March Birthdays

2	Maria Josephs	21	Emily Marshall
4	Cindy Monaghan	25	Sylvia McKinnon
10	Harvey Sindima	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
17	Bill Batchelor		

March Anniversaries

17	Bud & Rachael Armstrong
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Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

March	5	PW - Gifts of Women
	12	Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams
	19	Open
	26	Rev. "Bud" Adams
April		Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
	2	- Communion
	9	- Palm Sunday
	16	- Easter Sunday
	23	Elder Pat Olsson
	30	Elder Bill Porter

March 2017 Calendar of Events

1	Ash Wednesday Observed
2	PW Committee 6:30 Library
2	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
6	CE Committee 5:30 pm SS Room
6	Deacons 6:30 pm Library
7	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
9	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
12	Daylight Savings Time Begins
13	Outreach Committee 5:30 pm SS
13	Worship Committee 6 pm Library
13	Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
14	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
14	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
15	Wednesday Club 1 - 4 Fellowship Hall
16	Finance Committee 7 pm Library
16	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
20	First Day of Spring Observed
20	Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
21	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
21	Faith Circle Noon Marcia Vair's home
22	WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
23	Book Read "In the Unlucky Event" noon at Midge's
23	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
28	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
28	Rebekahs 2:00 Fellowship Hall
30	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
31	American Red Cross Blood Drive 1 - 6

Please Note:

Clothes Basket will be 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 during the school year.

March Meditation

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." John 3: 16

March is the month when winter slowly creeps into spring. Our natural world, even if it is still under ice and snow, is beginning to stir. With this in mind, as well as the John 3: 16 scripture passage, let us begin March meditating on rebirth and life everlasting. To help us focus, I give you these poignant and hopeful words from the "Hymn of Promise" by Natalie Sleeth:

In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed,
an apple tree;

In cocoons, a hidden promise:
butter flies will soon be free!

In the cold and snow of winter there's
a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
There's a dawn in every darkness,
bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
Unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
In our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last a victory,
Unrevealed until its season, something
God alone can see.

In closing: *"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 7:12*

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

Started in 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing is a long-standing ecumenical effort aimed at raising the funds necessary for reconstruction of communities in the aftermath of disaster. What started as an hour-long radio appeal has evolved, varying from eight to twenty-nine participating denominations, and has become the most participated in offering in the PC(USA). The three programs supported by the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People) all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope.

More information will appear in the weekly bulletins and the One Great Hour of Sharing offering envelopes will be collected on Palm Sunday.

From Outreach & Evangelism

I would like to thank the Outreach & Evangelism Committee for the gift certificate given to me when I won the Bingo game.
Sylvia McKinnon

We would like to remind everyone of the covered dish dinner. Please circle the date May 13 on your calendar. We will be having "Friends of God" band and others that want to be involved.

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our NEW VISION planning. Your thoughts and ideas were very constructive and valuable. There will be more information coming out in the future.

We want to remind everyone that the Bouckville Methodist Church is having a potato dinner on April 1 at 4:30. After the dinner they have a talent and untalented show which is a lot of enjoyment for everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Outreach & Evangelism Committee

From the Food Pantry

Our monthly numbers for January 2017 - 37 families visited the pantry whose numbers totaled 123 individuals for a total meal count of 1,107. There was one emergency request for food after normal hours. We were successful in being awarded part of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Grant for Madison County in the amount of \$910. Half of this amount, \$455, has been received and the required forms submitted in order to receive the balance in April or May. Donations received - 166 items of food and other products and \$335 in funds.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our February 2 PW Ministry Team Meeting: Naydene Ames, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon and Marlene Miner.

We received thank you cards for local mission donations sent to the school nurse at the MECS Middle High School and Judy Parker from the 2016 Christmas Program.

Due to the weather, it was a low turnout for the Valentine Express project held on January 17, but we will have enough cards to deliver to the residents at Crouse Community Center. By the time you read this newsletter, all residents at Crouse Community Center would have been personally delivered a Valentine.

The Sunday Service to Celebrate the Gifts of Women will be March 5.

Our Country Crossroads Bazaar is held the first Saturday in November in every odd year. This event will take place on Saturday, November 4, 2017. If you haven't already started, please start making items to donate to the Bazaar. Before purchasing supplies, you might want to visit the Bazaar Room downstairs where we house our supplies (suggest you see Sylvia). We have such an abundance of supplies, that we plan to have our third Craft Sale on May 20, 2017, so be sure to check out supplies before that date. More Bazaar

information will be published in the April church newsletter.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

The Service of Diminishing Lights

Lent offers us a special opportunity to grow in our relationship with God. In our busy world, Lent provides us with a time to reflect upon our daily life, to pray more deeply, experience sorrow for what we have done or failed to do, and to be generous to those in need.

During the Sundays in Lent we will share in The Service of Diminishing Lights. We begin Lent with seven candles inserted into a crown of thorns. The candles symbolize Jesus' journey to the cross and the events that led him there. According to three of the Gospels a woven crown of thorns was placed on the head of Jesus during the events leading up to the crucifixion of Jesus. It was one of the instruments of the Passion, employed by Jesus' captors both to cause him pain and to mock his claim of authority. It is mentioned in the gospels of Matthew (27:29), Mark (15:17), and John (19:2,5) and is often alluded to by early Church Fathers.

We begin with all of the candles lit and on each successive Sunday in Lent, one of the candles is extinguished. The circle of gathering darkness and the crown of thorns serves as a constant reminder of the role of human sin in bringing about the crucifixion and the need for Resurrection.

We will remember that Jesus came to bring hope and light to the world, but at every step there were those who willingly tried to put out that light.

On Easter Sunday all the candles will again be lit symbolizing the hope and light of Jesus Christ.

(Submitted by Ellen Davis)

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee did not meet (due to the weather).

We will continue to handle items assigned to us.

COVE (Colgate) sent six volunteers for their workday on January 27. They were able to polish and clean all pews in the Sanctuary and Chapel. They also vacuumed the carpets and washed all windows (Narthex, Chapel and Nursery).

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon

From the Deacons

The Deacons are here for you. Prayers and anything you need please let us know. We want to wish anyone who has a birthday or anniversary this month the most blessed day you can have. The Deacons are collecting cans of fruit for the Christmas baskets. You might think it is too early but this is the one food item we always don't have enough of. We decided to start early and maybe we can get enough. Thank you

The Deacon greeters for March are:
March 5 - Robin Suarez and Norma Galbreath
March 12 - Sue Bartow and Tom Leamer
March 19 - Calla Miller and Connie Shepard
March 26 - Roberta and Dave Link

Our prayers are with everyone to have a very blessed month and that God's arms are surrounding you and your family.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Shepard

IN THE NAME OF JESUS 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.

According to my recent Googling I have discovered that there are well over two-hundred different names and/or titles for Jesus Christ. Seem like a lot for just one person. Most of us have only a few. Mom, dad, nick names, official titles and so on. But, if you think about it Jesus was more than just one person. Just as we are different things to different people at different times (we can be both healer and punisher to our children at the same time). Jesus is also different things to different people at different times...

Let's look at a few of His names...Some are easy to understand -

1. Son of God ~ Self-explanatory.
2. Savior ~ Again, pretty straight forward.
3. Teacher / Rabbi ~ Not too hard to understand.

So far so good, let's get a little deeper...

1. Messiah or Christ ~Both mean "anointed one" or "protected or blessed one".

2. The Word ~ According to John 1:14 "The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."

3. Good Shepard ~ He will protect us and lead us to the safety of our Home.

4. Son of Man ~ If Jesus is the Son of God why does Matthew call Jesus the Son of Man in Chapter 25 verse 31? "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne". Now is time to muse and ponder. I think He is called the Son of Man to remind us that just as our children are a part of us Jesus is also a part of us. We should all try to live up

to the image that our children have of us. Our children see only the best in all of us and none of our faults just as does Jesus.

These are just a small sampling of the other names of Jesus Christ. He has so many names and titles because He has to in order for us to try to understand all that He is. He has to be all things to all people all the time.

I don't think He worries so much what we call Him for He will always answer.

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard
Priscilla Suits
Nancy Douglas

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring
Lois Thurston

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.

Statistics for February 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
5	38	\$ 3282.00	\$ 440.00
12	32	\$ 910.00	\$ 120.00
19	38	\$ 1108.00	\$ -0-
26	38	\$ 1628.00	\$ 225.00