

# CHURCH MATTERS

MARCH  
2018



## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Service 9:30 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
6 Heather Gorton	26 Julie Vair
10 Harvey Sindima	26 Nick Suarez
12 Ken Nodell	27 Freda Josephs
13 Alex Charlton	27 Bonnie Olney
16 Jeff Gay	29 Sam Tucci
17 Bill Batchelor	29 Jim Turner

### March Anniversaries

17 Budd & Rachael Armstrong

**Pulpit Supply** for upcoming weeks are as follows for March:

4 Rev. Rev. Diane Monger(Communion)  
11 Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams  
18 Rev. Jim Pollock  
25 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima - Palm Sunday

### Clothes Basket

**Wednesday & Saturday 10 am - 2 pm.**

BOGO sale through March 14. Then beginning on Sat, March 17 we will be free through Wed, March 28.

We will be closed March 31 (Easter Weekend) and the next week...April 2 through April 10. We will re-open Wednesday, April 11 with spring/summer fashions.

### March 2018 Calendar of Events

- 1 Presbyterian Women 6:30 pm Library
- 1 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 5 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 6 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 8 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 12 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 12 Outreach Committee 6:30 pm SS Room
- 12 Property Committee 7:00 Fellowship Hall
- 13 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 13 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 15 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 17 St. Patricks Day Observed**
- 19 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 20 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 20 Homecoming Committee 6:30 pm Library
- 20 First Day of Spring**
- 22 Book Read "Me Before You" by JoJo Moyes - Library
- 22 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Palm Sunday Observed**
- 27 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 27 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 30 Good Friday Observed**
- 30 Blood Drive 1-6 pm Fellowship Hall**

### Please Note:

**Adult Bible Study** has been discontinued for the summer, and will resume after Labor Day every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

**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.

## *A Prayer for Lent*

As I thought about the Lenten season in relationship to what would be meaningful to lift up in this article, several scriptures roamed around in my thoughts. I didn't dismiss these scriptures, but my thoughts kept turning to a prayer I learned as a hymn when I was in Junior High School. The words of the hymn, written by C. Maude Battersby, circa 1895, was a prayer for forgiveness. My feeling was so dominated by this prayer, I felt I wanted, perhaps needed, to share it with you.

God Bless,  
Maxine G. Hunter

### "An Evening Prayer"

"Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love, according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin".

Psalm 51: 1-2

If I have wounded any soul today,  
If I have caused one foot to go astray,  
If I have walked in my own will full way -  
Good Lord, forgive!

If I have uttered idle words or vain,  
If I have turned aside from want or pain,  
Lest I myself should suffer through the strain -  
Good Lord, forgive!

If I have craved for joys that are not mine,  
If I have let my wayward heart repine,  
Dwelling on things of earth, not things divine -  
Good Lord, forgive!

If I have been perverse, or hard, or cold,  
If I have longed for shelter in Thy fold,  
When Thou has given me some part to hold -  
Good Lord, forgive.

Forgive the sins I have confessed to Thee,  
Forgive the secret sins I do not see,  
That which I know not, Father, teach Thou me -  
Help me to live.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pulpit Supply** for upcoming weeks are as follows:

March	4	Rev. Rev. Diane Monger (Communion)
	11	Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams
	18	Rev. Jim Pollock
	25	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima - Palm Sunday

**The Worship Committee** has decided to post the "Rules of the Nursery" again as a reminder for everyone. They are:

1. Nursery volunteer supervisor (12 years or older) - may have 1 (one) assistant.
2. Only children up to Grade 3 allowed.
3. No unsupervised children-all children stay in sanctuary until after the Children's Message.

The rules are posted on the door of the nursery. If you have any questions, please see anyone on the Worship Committee (Ellen Davis, Bonnie Olney, Pat Olsson, Karen Jacobs, Maxine Hunter). Thank you

**Morrisville Community Church** will host another **Blood Drive** on **Friday, March 30**, from **1 - 6 pm**, in **Fellowship Hall**. **All are welcome, please stop by.**

**Per Capita** for each member in 2018 is \$35.22.

### From the Property Committee

Our meeting was held on Thurs. Feb. 15 instead of Monday, Feb. 12.

COVE (Colgate) provided four women to work at our church on Jan. 26. All white tables and chairs were scrubbed and the table/chair closet was also scrubbed top to bottom.

"A Closer Walk" signed up to use our facilities from Fri. Feb 3 (6:30) to Sat. Feb. 4 (3:00).

Our church gave permission to St. Joan's to have the funeral arrangements in our facility for Lenno Mbaga on Monday, Feb. 5. Calling hours, service and reception (MSC) from 10-3.

No service was held on Sunday, Feb. 11 due to ice. Ron will pick up the snowmelt order this week.

We will try to find someone to review our new insurance policy. We will finalize the letter for requesting mowing bids at our next meeting of Mar 13.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia McKinnon

### From the Deacons

Your Board of Deacons are: Rachael Armstrong, Ron Brodeur, George Fearon, Norma Galbreath, Tom Leamer Jr., Tom Lemery, Connie Shepard, Evelyn Shepard, and Robin Suarez. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it is a wonderful day for you.

We are preparing for another year. Election of Officers were held at the last meeting. The Deacons chose Tom Lemery as chairman, and Robin Suarez as secretary. We also welcome Evelyn Shepard to the Board of Deacons. Welcome Evie for your willingness to serve!!

One of our duties as deacons is to care for our church and community. We are working on our caring lists, and plan to have them finalized at our meeting this month.

The Deacons had a joint meeting with Session in February. We talked about various things including our joys and concerns.

The Deacon Greeters for this month are:

- March 4 Ron Brodeur, George Fearon
- March 11 Robin Suarez, Connie Shepard
- March 18 Rachael Armstrong, Norma Galbreath
- March 25 Tom Lemery, Tom Leamer, Jr.

The Deacons want to remind you that God loves you, and SO DO WE! If you need anything, please call on us.

May the Love of God fill your heart, and may March bring you many blessings!!

Sincerely,  
The Deacons

### From the Food Pantry

Three new families were among the thirty-six families that visited the pantry in January. Total meals provided – 1,116. Liz Coffey, one of Cornell’s nutritionists, visits the pantry about once a month to provide information on nutrition and prepare a dish with ingredients many might not think to use in a recipe, with samples for all.

We will be having an inspection of the pantry in February to be certain we are posting required information and are in compliance with Food Bank guidelines and procedures.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

**INCLEMENT WEATHER** 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 will also have the information. The school district phone is 684-9300.

TV Channels: WSTM Channel 3 WTVH Channel 5  
WSYR Channel 9 YNN Channel 10  
Radio Stations: WSYR 570 AM WMCR 1600AM  
WMCR 106.3FM WFRG 104.3FM  
WODZ 96.1 WLZW 98.7FM WIBX 950AM  
WOUR 96.9FM WOMX 102.5FM  
WOKR 93.1FM WTLB 1310AM WKLL 94.9FM

### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

#### **ELDERS**

#### **Class of 2018**

Jeff Cring  
Lois Thurston  
Bonnie Olney

#### **Class of 2019**

Pathrik Olsson

#### **Class of 2020**

Sylvia McKinnon  
Mark Shepard  
Tom Leamer, Sr.  
Sheila Bartlett  
Ellen Davis

#### **DEACONS**

#### **Class of 2018**

Robin Suarez  
Connie Shepard  
Evelyn Shepard

#### **Class of 2019**

Norma Galbreath  
Rachael Armstrong  
Tom Leamer, Jr.

#### **Class of 2020**

George Fearon  
Tom Lemery  
Ron Brodeur

### *Statistics for February 2018*

<u>Date</u> <u>Fund</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building</u>
4	?	\$ 1,807.00	\$ 335.00
11	No Service	\$ 0	\$ 0
18	35	\$ 2,567.00	\$ 335.00
25	43	\$ 1,639.00	\$ 170.00

## REMEMBER WHEN...

John Salvetti blessed our church.....

This church has been blessed for many years with wonderful music. The reason is we have had wonderful and talented pianists cross the path of our building and rolled their fingers across the keys.

To name some of them, if not all of them, there was Paul Mockovak, Josephine Rouse, Joe Harrison, and currently Keith Josephs. Wait a minute...there is one more person that blessed this church....John Salvetti.

John was a graduate of Syracuse University. He was also a piano student of Ruth Slenczynska and Ilona Kabos at the Juilliard School of Music. Among his loves, John loved life, music, pets, dining out, Broadway shows, and tennis. He was a former organist at St. Cecilia's Church.

John is one of many people, who blessed me, in my life. He may have blessed you too. As for me, it was such an impact, I wrote two poems about him. You may remember them. Here is one....

### JOHN SALVETTI

John Salvetti passed away  
On June 24, 2009.

Humble, honest, and honorable...  
Never dreamed of small things.

Sang with tremendous heart  
And played the piano the same.  
Let others' light shine because he  
Valued and respected their talents.  
Enlightened everyone he could  
Through his love of music...  
Touching many lives  
In his lifetime.

Thank you God for bringing John to us, and for the music he played. Amen.

## REMEMBERING JOHN

I will always remember you, John...  
How you blessed me  
With...

Your music--  
Tickling the ivories...  
Making them giggle  
And laugh out loud.  
Cracking ten whips...  
Making 88 keys run fast,  
Or slo-o-o-o-o-w  
With the gentle touch  
Of your fingers.  
They sang a beautiful melody,  
In harmony,  
In any key.  
The classics from Bach, Chopin,  
The tithe of tunes--  
Schubert, Mozart, and Beethoven.  
How you sang to  
Climb Every Mountain,  
That His Eye Is On The Sparrow,  
And Here I Am Lord....  
Consider Me.

Your generous spirit --  
Offering your talents to  
Make a joyful noise to the Lord....  
Taking the time so others could shine  
In the Glory of God  
And while they shined,  
You glowed in their light as well.

And your courage....  
Fighting the unbeatable foe  
With vim and vigor  
Until you were called home  
To direct a choir of angels  
Or to play on celestial shores.

Thank you John  
Touching my heart....  
Touching my soul....

You will be missed here....

*(submitted by Tom Lemery)*

## SEVEN 'DEADLY?' SINS

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

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### Psalm 104:34

*May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
as I rejoice in the LORD.*

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Most of us are familiar with the Seven Deadly Sins of lust, gluttony, greed, laziness, wrath, envy and pride. They, themselves, do not appear in the Bible rather they came into being when Pope Gregory the Great summarized them from the Christian teachings. But are they sins in and of themselves or is there more to them? When does sinning start? In each case it seems that sinning starts when loss of restraint and self-control start...

Let's take a quick look at each of the seven deadly sins...

**Lust.** It is no secret that lust is a sin according to the bible. But what makes it a sin? Is it wrong to be physically attracted to or "lust after" your soul mate? Not if their feelings and wishes are respected. The 'sin' of lust starts when "lust" gets out of hand or is misdirected and acted upon.

**Gluttony.** Who among us hasn't eaten to bursting at Thanksgiving? Gluttony is the occasional celebration may not be so bad but when we continuously feast while our neighbors starve...

**Greed.** To work hard and have nice things is not a sin. Those nice things can be an incentive. But when you start steeling to get more or forsake your family because you want more and more you have then crossed the line.

**Laziness.** Taking a day off to rest, not bad. Taking your entire life off, bad.

**Wrath.** The need for restitution of wrongs should lead to justice not vengeance.

**Envy.** If the beauty of your neighbor's yard makes you clean up your own you are ok. If it makes you do donuts through their flower bed on your ATV you are so not ok.

**Pride.** I am proud of the fact that I haven't had a cigarette in almost four years. That pride keeps me from falling off the wagon. Pride to the extreme, called hubris, would make me lecture every smoker I saw.

These Seven Sins when left unchecked can destroy lives as well as entire communities. There is an amusing story of a housing development in which the residents decided to live as humbly as possible giving much to the poor. As time went on the residents became prideful of their humbleness and got caught up in "out-humbling" each other. Their pride in being the humblest eventually destroyed the community.

All things must remain in control and remain at a reasonable level. What is a "reasonable level"?

If you are hurting someone yourself or else you are not at a reasonable level remember Galatians 5:22 and 23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, "gentleness and *self-control*. Against such things there is no law." And also Titus 1:8 "Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is *self-controlled*, upright, holy and disciplined."

Although the "seven deadly sins" do not appear in the Bible they should be kept under control if one is to live a good life.

If one is looking for some more sins to avoid look to Proverbs 6:16 "There are six things the LORD hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community." These are not acceptable at any level or to any point.

### SAY THEE THAT I AM FREE OF SIN

Say thee

My clothes are beyond pin  
That they are not worth being sewn  
Let ye who is free of sin  
cast the first stone

Say thee

That I have neither friend nor kin  
That I am forever alone  
Let ye who is free of sin  
cast the first stone

Say thee

That I am draped in pauper's skin  
That I will never sit upon the throne  
Let ye who is free of sin  
cast the first stone

Say thee

That I am deafened by evil's din  
And that I cannot see what evil has shown  
Let ye who is free of sin  
cast the first stone

Say thee

That I add nothing to larder or bin  
And that I reap only what the Devil has sown  
Let ye who is free of sin  
cast the first stone