

# CHURCH MATTERS

MARCH

2019



## 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
6 Heather Gorton	26 Julie Vair
10 Harvey Sindima	26 Dick Richardson
12 Kenneth Nodell	26 Nick Suarez
13 Alex Charlton	27 Freda Josephs
16 Jeffrey Gay	27 Bonnie Olney
16 Tracy Akers	29 Sam Tucci
17 Bill Batchelor	29 James Turner

### Anniversaries

No March Anniversaries

### Pulpit Supply for March

3	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Communion)
10	PW Gifts of Women
17	Rev. Wayne Grow (Pastor Candidate)
24	Rev. Bud Adams
31	Re. Tanya Atwood-Adams

**Order forms** for the Easter Flowers will be the Bulletin on March 3 and March 10. After that the order forms will be placed on the bulletin table in the Narthex. Orders needed by Sunday, March 31. (Questions contact Maxine Hunter at 315-684-9278)

## BAZAAR BUZZ

**"Country Crossroads 2019"** Saturday, 11/2 We are beginning to plan for it and hope all our crafters are thinking about projects they can do and donate. The time goes by really fast. We have lots of craft supplies and even some kits available in our Bazaar workroom downstairs. Sylvia McKinnon knows all the products available downstairs.

### March 2019 Calendar of Events

- 4 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 5 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 6 **Wednesday Club 1-4 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 6 **Ash Wednesday Observed**
- 7 Presbyterian Women 6:30 pm Library
- 10 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- 11 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 11 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 12 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 17 **St. Patricks Day Observed**
- 18 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 19 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 20 **First Day of Spring**
- 26 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 26 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Book Read "The Whole Town's Talking" noon
- 29 **Blood Drive 1-6 pm Fellowship Hall**

### Please Note:

**Chapel at Morrisville Community Church** is open for your use of prayer and reflection 24-7 everyday, Monday thru Sunday.

**Adult Bible Study** will be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library during the school year.

**Clothes Basket** will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

**Food Pantry** will be open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 to 12 noon and the 1st Saturday of every month from 10 to 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.

## *Tread Lightly\**

“The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein”

Ps. 24: 1

“Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen; they are perceived in the things that God has made.”

Romans 1:20

Years ago, in my Junior High Sunday School the teacher asked, “How have you experienced God?” A silence filled the room. After the question was posed to the class, I remember feeling very uncomfortable and looking down at my new Easter black patent shoes for inspiration. My shoes didn’t give me any inspiration, but perhaps my silent prayer helped: “Please, God, have someone say something.” My panic at being called on to give an answer gave way as a boy named Jimmy begin to speak: “How can a person not experience or believe in God when they watch a seed grow?”

Since that time and with the experience of age, I can immediately answer such a question. My guess is that most Christians can also tell of a time when they experienced God. My assumption is that many of these answers would be expressed in terms of our natural world, such as in a sunset or sunrise, or in the beauty of delicate a flower or stately tree. We know that our natural world is important in our experience of God. But we need to take heed, for our natural world is also fragile and in need of care.

The Presbyterian Hunger Program, due to its concern for the stresses on the environment, has created a Lenten calendar that prepares us for the Lent and Easter season and then leads us to focus on the environment. It includes scriptures such as Psalm 8, Genesis 1:29 and Luke 12:48 for reflection days. It provides action suggestions for days of carbon fasting. A carbon fast can include such things as “having a buy nothing day” to “taking a walk to appreciate the earth’s natural beauty” or “by thinking about the environment Jesus lived in and how it affected his ministry.” Thus, as the days of Lent unfold, and we reflect on “Christ’s ministry, death and resurrection”, we need to “slow down, take time, and examine our internal spiritual lives, and the way we live out our Christian faith in the world around us.” As the scripture says, “Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both eternal power and his divine nature...are perceived in the things that God has made.”

Prayer: Dear God, we know you are with us always, but forgive us for not always being with you. Help us to be

better stewards of the natural environment and to “tread lightly on the face of (your) earth.” In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Remember: The love of God surrounds us. Rejoice in that love.

On behalf of the Worship Committee,  
Maxine G. Hunter

\*For free printable copy of the “Tread Lightly for Lent: Daily Refection-Action Calendar 2019” Google: “Tread Lightly for Lent 2019” and follow link.

## *From the Property Committee*

Since Session was not held in January, the items that were on the Committee Report of “1/14” should be addressed at this Session meeting, also. Especially the “motion” about the security file. Property would also request the approval to purchase a new file for our secretary.

A group of 7 from COVE came and washed all bathrooms (walls and stalls), white tables and chairs and helped organize the choir anthems. Sylvia took a photo of the group and had it put in the Newsletter.

Two sessions of defensive driving were held in the Fellowship Hall.

The water softener is working well and the salt will be delivered quarterly.

The Scanner on the Copier will be evaluated and fixed. We need to look into a possible need for an upgrade in our computer.

Ron and Charlene will be on vacation Feb. 21- Mar. 18. The building duties will be handled by Bill and Cindy Snyder as they had done when Ron had surgery.

Next month we will be sending out letters for mowing bids and check on the cost to have the driveway and parking lots sealed and striped.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson

## *DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?*

(In the words of Pope Francis)

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

## *WORDS*

The 10 most important words:

***I won't wait for others to take the first step.***

The 9 most important words:

***If it is to be, it's up to me.***

The 8 most important words:

***If not me, who? If not now, when?***

The 7 most important words:

***Let me take a shot at it.***

The 6 most important words:

***I will not pass the buck.***

The 5 most important words:

***You can count on me.***

The 4 most important words:

***It IS my job!***

The 3 most important words:

***Just do it!***

The 2 most important words:

***I will.***

The most important word:

***Me***

## *Valentine Express Up Date*

The Valentines were delivered to Crouse Community Center on February 13, 2019. It was, as always, a fun task filled with smiles and thank-yous. One gentleman was so pleased that he stopped working on his computer and placed the card by the key board. A sprightly lady kept exclaiming, "Oh, this card is so beautiful." Then she looked at me and said, "You are beautiful, too." (Well, the card was beautiful. Not to sure about me, but it was nice to hear.) Special thanks to Marlene Miner, Sandy Merkle, Sylvia McKinnon and Ellen Davis who helped hand out the valentines.

Maxine G. Hunter

### *Reflections from the Worship Committee*

The Worship Committee would like to return to some practices from the past in order to enhance our worship and create a reflective environment.

We are encouraging everyone to move into the Sanctuary in a timely manner upon arrival on Sunday mornings. Our thought is that this will cut down on the noise in the Narthex that filters into the Sanctuary. We would like the Sanctuary to be a quiet place so that those who wish can experience a quiet time of reflection and prayer before the service begins. Therefore, the doors will be closed at approximately 10:15 as Keith provides some spiritual music conducive to meditation. Thank you for your cooperation

### *From the Food Pantry*

Twenty-six families came to the pantry in January. Our first Saturday of the month was very busy. Six families came to the pantry, of which two were new. We had two weather related closings which could have affected our numbers for the month. \$643 in cash donations along with 346 food and hygiene items were received.

The Food Bank distributed the Equipment Grant money in January. We received \$2,779 towards a new freezer. Documentation of the purchase and use of this money needs to be provided to the Food Bank within sixty days of receiving the funds. Dave Andrews is currently securing new quotes for a

commercial freezer and refrigerator. The first half of the Emergency Food and Shelter Grant \$485 has been received. The Request for Second Payment Form has been submitted.

You may notice a new bulletin board in the hallway outside our pantry door. We will be publicizing the names of the business supporters that contribute to the MCC Food Pantry along with monthly donations. Also, our outdoor Morrisville CC Food Pantry sign was hit by an unknown, at this point. The sign itself appears to be o.k. but the supports will need to be reconstructed.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

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### ONE NATION? UNDER GOD

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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Celebrity Chef Paula Dean once said "When it comes to St. Patrick's Day, no matter our heritage, we are all Irish for a day..."

If for one day on Saint Patrick's Day we can all be of one nationality why can't we for the rest of the year?

From the beginning in Genesis 12 verse 2 God promised Abram "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing."

In Acts 17:26 we are reminded that "From one man He made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands."

We all have a common ancestor so no matter within what boundaries we find ourselves we are all "one nation."

Remember 1 Peter chapter 2 verses 9 and 10 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

Isn't all humanity a "chosen people", a "royal priesthood", "God's Special Possession"? Aren't we all "the people of God"? Haven't we all "received Mercy"?

Doesn't this make all of humanity "a Holy Nation"?!...

Revelation 7:9 and 10 assure us that even at the very End we are all one...

"After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from *every nation, tribe, people and language*, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

"Salvation belongs to our God..." and he freely saves all. No matter what "nationality".

If we can put aside our differences and all be Irish for one day. We can certainly all be God's People the rest of the year...

Amen

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*Thought for the Month: "The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you".*

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*Statistics for February 2019*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>	<u>Food Pantry</u>
3	38	\$ 2,835.00	\$ 300 .00	\$3,179.00
10	30	\$ 958.00	\$ 50.00	
17	35	\$ 1,090.00	\$ .00	
24	34	\$ 727.00	\$ .00	

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

**ELDERS**

**Class of 2019**

Pathrik Olsson

**Class of 2020**

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

**Class of 2021**

Lois Thurston  
Connie Shepard

**DEACONS**

**Class of 2019**

Norma Galbreath  
Rachael Armstrong  
Tom Leamer, Jr.

**Class of 2020**

Connie Shepard  
George Fearon  
Tom Lemery  
Evelyn Shepard  
Ron Brodeur

**Class of 2021**

Calla Miller  
Robin Suarez