

CHURCH MATTERS

MAY
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

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May Birthdays

1 Peg Nodell	20 Darlene Ballard
3 Charlotte Harter	21 Nan Schurer
8 David Bartlett	22 William Carr
11 Kaaren Arrington	22 Tom Leamer, Jr.
11 David Burgess	23 Suzanne Bartow
11 Sandy Merkle	23 Catherine Holbert
14 Russell Buell	26 Samantha Leamer
15 Kayla Bush	27 Aiden Zbock
17 Richard Loomis	29 Lynne Lemery

May Anniversaries

20 David & Roberta Link
22 Budd & Katie Bracy
22 David & Lynne Lemery
23 Clayton & Kouk Davis
26 Jeffrey & Christine Cring
29 Stanley & Esther Davis

Pulpit Supply

May	1	Elder Bill Porter
	8	Elizabeth Smith
	15	Marlene Miner
	22	Elder Bill Porter
	29	Rev. Jerry Saliba

Covered Dish Supper -

Morrisville Community Church will be hosting a covered dish supper on May 14, at 5:30 pm.

We will have an evening of food, fellowship and fun, including musical performances.

May 2016 Calendar of Events

- 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 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 5 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 **Mother's Day Observed**
- 9 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 9 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 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 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm SS Room
- 12 Finance Committee 7:00 pm Library
- 12 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 **Outreach & Evangelism Covered Dish Supper**
5:30 pm - till Fellowship Hall
- 16 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 17 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Faith Circle 12:00 Marlene Miner
- 18 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 19 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 24 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Book Read 12:30 - 2 pm "Inside the O'Briens" Library
- 26 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 30 **Memorial Day Observed - Office Closed**
- 31 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

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.

FACEBOOK "like" AND "share".
Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA.

From the Worship Committee

Spring Time around Us—Spring Time within Us

“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land.” Song of Songs 2:12

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

Spring—the vernal equinox—arrived on March 21! My answer to this fact is, “Oh, really?” For those of us dwelling in the lovely hills of central New York I believe the author/clergyman, Henry Jackson van Dyke, had a better description of spring’s arrival: “The first day of spring is one thing, and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.”

Sometimes shivering in spring outfits; sometimes seeing the beauty of the small purple spring flower, Glory of the Snow, pushing up through the snow; and sometimes watching a chipmunk peeking out from its winter barrow with a look of question because of the icy snow falling past its nose; all point to the “great” time between spring’s arrival and the actual first spring day. Even as we wait for that first spring day, looking longingly for signs such as the blooming of wild flowers, the leafing of the trees, the greening of the grass, the peeping of spring peepers, and the tweeting of song birds, we do not lose hope that spring time is around us. Why? The answer can be found in God’s promise to Noah, Genesis 8:22: *“As long as the earth endures, seedtime (springtime) and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”* And in the words of 2 Timothy 1:7: *“For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline.”*

In conclusion: Spring like all the seasons will endure. All seasons have their special lessons. Spring is more than the rebirth of our natural world. It is more than what we see around us. For you and me spring reveals God’s spiritual truths. The Rev. Kit Billings in his sermon, “Reminders of Spring Time”, says it best: “For spring represents spiritual rebirth and regeneration. It corresponds to the greatest spiritual agenda God has for you and me: the re-creation of our inward being.”

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you for all the seasons. Each season brings its own challenge to our lives. In the season of spring time, as the warmth of the spring sun returns, may our hearts be filled with the love and power of the spirit to enable us to meet all of life’s many challenges. We pray that you reawaken the springtime in our souls. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Classes - Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima is willing to conduct some classes in regard to sermon and service preparation. Anyone who is interested in attending these classes should notify Ellen Davis or the church office. Once a group is formed, meeting times will be arranged.

Food Pantry News for March - We provided food to 41 families for a total of 1,125 meals. Our paper products drive took in 55 items. Thank you to all who participated. We also received \$545 in monetary donations and an additional 270 Food and Product items from individuals and various organizations and stores in our area.

Craft Sale - The result of the *Craft Sale*, hosted by Presbyterian Women of Morrisville Community Church on Saturday, April 23 netted them a total of \$301.40, (Sales \$251.40 and Table Rental \$50.00).

From the Outreach & Evangelism Committee Covered Dish Supper

The Outreach and Evangelism Committee will be hosting a covered dish supper on Saturday, May 14 at 5:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Area churches and the community are invited. If possible please bring a covered dish to pass. Beverages and table service will be provided. There will be entertainment following the supper. Bring your friends and family and join in the fun and fellowship.

CLOTHES BASKET

Spring is here to stay (we hope!!) The Clothes Basket has re-opened with spring and summer fashions— actually we reopened right before the last significant snowstorm when no one wanted bathing suits, sandals or shorts! Now with the weather finally cooperating, visit us and check out our offerings. And as a reminder, if you are doing spring cleaning, keep us in mind for your donations. We can take and store out of season items also so don't discard those winter things you no longer want or need—give them to us. Our hours are Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Stop in, visit and shop.

From the Property Committee

Members agreed to change our meeting day to the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm. through September 2016.

Dave Pearsall has provided his liability paper for mowing. The new copier is set up and all those needing to use it will need to be trained by Kaaren. Thyssenkrupp has done the required PM on the elevator. The bill has been paid but no added information on the account received. We received the free energy assessment on the building (electrical) but the cost is too prohibitive to accept the proposal. So far we have the following persons agreeing to manage flower beds:

Fellowship Hall- Budd Bracy

Planters by portico - C. and R. Bush

Bells - Ellen Davis

Crane Garden (need volunteer)

Front sign (need volunteer)

Chapel area (need volunteer)

The sanctuary Christmas tree will be labeled and placed in covered plastic tubs(in garage). We hope to be making progress on the Youth Room shortly(wash, paint, wax).

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our April 7 PW Ministry Team meeting: Naydene Ames, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon and Marlene Miner.

Representatives from Faith Circle and New Hope Circle reported that attendance has been down. Anyone interested in attending a bible study group may contact Marlene Miner for a day meeting and Sylvia McKinnon for an evening meeting. There is also an adult bible study in the church library on Sunday mornings before church for men and women, should anyone be interested.

PW had been approached to help sponsor a girl to attend Girls' State as there is a lack of local sponsorships. A motion was made and approved for this sponsorship under local missions and a check for \$250 will be sent to the American Legion Mead Post 165.

The Clothes Basket has had their over and they are now stocked with Spring items. If you haven't visited the Clothes Basket you might want to as you'd be surprised of the treasures you might find. The Clothes Basket is open to the public on Wednesdays from 10 am - 2 pm, and Saturdays 10 am - 2 pm.

By time you read this article, we would have had our **CRAFT SALE**, held on Saturday, April 23, which I am sure will be successful as we had many crafts items for sale.

After some discussion, we decided to cancel our Spring Social for this June, mostly due to low attendance at this event. Ladies, please mark your calendar for our Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 17. We hope to have a presenter for this event to approve at our next meeting. We confirmed the date of Sunday, November 6, 2016 for our PW Fashion Show.

PW will be preparing a memorial luncheon for the family of Calvin Mullenax on Saturday, June 11. If you are willing to provide a dish for the buffet table, or a dessert, please see Naydene. Keith is not available to play the piano for this service so a motion was made and approved for PW to pay the cost for obtaining someone else to play the piano, up to \$125, if needed.

Our next PW Ministry Team meeting will be held in the church library on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm, and ladies, you are always welcome.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

PW FASHION SHOW

The PW *FASHION SHOW* will be held on Sunday, November 6, 2016 at 2 pm. We are looking for models for this show. Everyone is welcome – men, women, children. Invite your friends to participate, too.

Models will need to select 2 outfits from the Clothes Basket, one spring/summer and one fall/winter. The spring/summer clothing is on display now. Stop by, take a look and select something. Remember that the merchandise is always changing so you may need to stop by more than once. When you find something please put it on a hanger or in a bag and label with your name. We will need to see your items so we can write some commentary for the show. Find your spring/summer outfit before the end of August when the Clothes Basket will changeover to fall/winter.

Your participation and support will be greatly appreciated.

From the Deacons

Congratulations to the MECS students on the High Honor and Honor rolls.

The Deacons have been active last month we manned the kitchen for the Craft Supply Sale. Thank you to Sue Bartow and Calla Miller and, David and Robert Link for the loan of their grill.

The Deacons will be continuing to be active as we will recognize our seniors in May. In June, we will recognize the Sunday School program and the Chancel Choir.

Remember to look for us in July to be in the kitchen for the Garage Sales Day in July. We will have good food, good service, and good meal-deals at great prices.

As a reminder, we are here for you. Talk to your Deacons, and share any joy and concern (if needed) with them.

And as always, we hope all of you have a blessed month.

Respectfully,
Tom Lemery

M-O-T-H-E-R by Howard Johnson

"M" is for the million things she gave me,
"O" means only that she's growing old,
"T" is for the tears she shed to save me,
"H" is for her heart of purest gold;
"E" is for her eyes, with love-light shining,
"R" means right, and right she'll always be,
Put them all together, they spell "MOTHER,"
A word that means the world to me.

Submitted by Tom Lemery

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
April 3	30	\$ 2205.00	\$ 300.00
April 10	43	\$ 2845.00	\$ 400.00
April 17	37	\$ 1828.00	\$ 75.00
April 24	45	\$ 885.00	\$ 75.00

SERVICE'S GIFTS

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

Some time ago we, the Church Members, were asked, "What do we receive from our weekly service?" After months of searching for an answer, I have come up with three things I look for and ultimately receive from each service.

These three things are guidance, validation, and forgiveness.

I look for guidance in helping me make the right decision in a given situation. 'Should I let someone know that they hurt me or is it better just to let it slide?'

I look for validation for those decisions that I make for which I have yet to receive guidance. 'Should I have let that person know that they hurt me or was it better just to let it slide?'

Moreover, I need forgiveness for decisions that I make to hastily because I let my emotions run away with me or maybe I did not control any one of my numerous faults.

The three gifts of guidance, validation, and forgiveness, that I receive each week get me through each week so that I can continue to do "the right thing" as best as I can as life continues to happen all around me.