

CHURCH MATTERS

MAY
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

May Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Peg Nodell | 22 | William Carr |
| 3 | Charlotte Harter | 22 | Tom Leamer, Jr. |
| 8 | David Bartlett | 23 | Suzanne Bartow |
| 11 | Kaaren Arrington | 23 | Catherine Holbert |
| 11 | David Burgess | 26 | Samantha Leamer |
| 11 | Sandy Merkle | 27 | Aiden Zbock |
| 14 | Russell Buell | 29 | Lynne Lemery |
| 17 | Richard Loomis | | |

May Anniversaries

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| 20 | David & Roberta Link |
| 22 | Budd & Katie Bracy |
| 22 | David & Lynne Lemery |
| 26 | Jeff & Chris Cring |
| 29 | Stan & Esther Davis |

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

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| May | 7 | Tom Leamer, Sr. |
| | 14 | Mother's Day - MCC Men |
| | 21 | Rev. Jerry Saliba |
| | 28 | Elizabeth Smith |
| June | 4 | Katie Bracy |
| | 11 | Outreach/Evangelism Committee |
| | 18 | Father's Day - MCC Women |
| | 25 | Rev. Jerry Saliba |

May 2017 Calendar of Events

- 1 CE Committee 5:30 pm SS Room
- 1 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 2 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 4 PW Committee 6:30 Library
- 4 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 Outreach Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 8 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 8 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 9 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 9 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 11 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 Via de Cristo Team Meeting**
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- 13 Outreach Covered Dish Supper**
5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Mother's Day Observed**
- 15 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 16 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 16 Faith Circle Noon Marlene Miner's home
- 18 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
- 20 Craft Supply Sale 9-2 Fellowship Hall**
- 23 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 23 Rebekahs 2:00 Fellowship Hall
- 24 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Book Read "An Irish Doctor in Love and at Sea"
- 25 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 Memorial Day Holiday Observed - Closed**
- 30 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

Please Note:

Clothes Basket will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 pm unless otherwise noted.

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.

The Face of God

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek his face continually." 1 Chronicles 16: 11

On October 9, 2016 an article titled "Awe" was published in the Parade magazine. It was an interesting article. It also carried me back to a joint retreat of the Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse/Utica which I attended in 2003. The theme of the retreat was "Who Knows the Face of God?" Through scripture, music, art, poetry and drama we explored various images of God and the way these images comfort, challenge and inspire us. For the final task we were placed in three groups of six to seven members. Each group was asked to describe the face of God. One member of each group was to record the statements of their members and then to compile their statements into an affirmation. Below is my group's affirmation.

The Face of God

We know the face of God, for we see the face of God in each person and in all creation. God is within us, and like a feathery cloud God is around us. God, creative, ever present, unlimited comes to us in the harmony of the spheres and the divine geometry.

We know the Face of God for we see the face of God

In children who look to us in hope;

We know the Face of God for we see the face of God

In the haunted gray-green eyes of a veiled Afghan woman;

We know the Face of God for we see the face of God

In the diverse majesty of our world;

In the tiny wild flower and the majestic rose;

In the soaring eagle and the flitting sparrow;

In the lunar moth and the dragon fly;

In the glimmering planets and stars;

We see the face of God

In those serendipitous moments of Grace when we recognize it and say, "YES".

On Behalf of the Worship Committee
Maxine G. Hunter

Many Thanks...to everyone for the prayers, cards and calls at the time of the death of my sister, Mildred Glaze...**Irene Akers**

New Moderator ... Rev. Earl Arnold will be leaving us as Moderator of Session. He and his wife will be moving to Owego, NY. Our April Session meeting was his last time with us. Replacing Rev. Arnold will be Rev. Diane Monger of Cazenovia.

Per Capita Assessment for 2017 is \$37.50 per member.

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

There will be a third indoor ***Sale of Craft Supplies*** on Saturday, May 20, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall at the Morrisville Community Church, 3824 Swamp Road, Morrisville, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We have unpacked more storage boxes. Some of the items for sale will include (but are not limited to) ribbons, plastic mesh, doll supplies, artificial flowers, wooden items, felt, and craft kits.

Several additional crafters will have their own tables offering their excess supplies, including Stampin' Up items, scrapbooking, wooden items, tins and much more. If you craft, this is a sale you won't want to miss.

Mark your calendars and join us on May 20. For additional information, call Jackie Groves (684-9337).

From Outreach & Evangelism

We would like to thank the members that participated with the new vision study sheet. We are compiling all the information and will be discussing the results with the congregation on June 11 at a congregational meeting.

We want to remind everyone about the upcoming covered dish dinner on Saturday, May 13 at 5:30pm. Please come join us for fellowship with other churches and the "Friends of God" band. Let's all enjoy the music, fellowship and food.

The Outreach and Evangelism is having Sunday Night Prayers every Sunday night at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. If you are in need of prayers or you know someone who needs prayers please come on join us. We are inviting everyone to come and pray with us. It is open to all in the community.

God Bless,
Outreach & Evangelism Committee

From the Property Committee

Session: Need approval of quote from J, Meadows Fire & Sprinklers in the amount of \$465.00 to replace a backflow. A correction of the installation of the water softener must be completed first.

Items completed:

- PM for Thyssenkrupp(elevator).
- Replacement meter for gas NYSEG.
- Batteries for Security Lights were replaced (Doug Mennig).
- Requests for mowing bids were sent out.
- Submitted bill to Jeff G. for extinguisher testing (Ward).
- Two batteries acquired for Syracuse Time Alarm box.
- Sent in request for yearly STA visit
- Received a quote to put Plexiglas on front of sound system.

Checking on cost to have Culligan replace water softener and maintain it.

Sound system -still working.

Parking lot lights-still working.

Vacations:

- Ron retires on May 5 from MC
- Ron, Charlene April 11-14
- Ellen Davis May 8-22
- Sylvia McKinnon May 10-17

Building usage:

- May12-13 Via De Cristo
- Craft Sale May 20

Respectfully Submitted,

Sylvia McKinnon
Property Committee

From the Food Pantry

We continue to receive some nice monthly donations of food and other products.

382 canned, boxed and hygiene items were received along with \$30 in cash.

Thirty-five (35) families came to the pantry for assistance in March.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

From the Deacons

Deacons would like you to know we are here for you. If you need any special requests or prayers please let us know.

We will be honoring our 80s and 90s Seniors with a reception after church on Sunday, May 7. Please join us to bless these wonderful people.

We are collecting cans of fruit for the Christmas baskets it might seem real early to do but they seem to be the item we never have enough of. Thank you in advance for your donations.

We would like to wish everyone who has a Birthday or Anniversary this month the most blessed day and many more to come. Prayers that everyone feels God's love every day.

God Bless,
Deacons

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.

"BUT GOD" AND "YET GOD"

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.*

Some months ago a pastor I heard speak said that "But God" was his favorite phrase in the Bible. I asked him why and he responded "it exemplifies God".

So in my usual fashion I decided to ponder, muse and research as to why my new friend, the pastor, loved that phrase and why he thought it "exemplifies God". I also decided to expound and add "yet, God" and see what I could find.

In the New International Version the phrase "yet God" (or a version of it) appears nine times. Here are a couple of my favorites that kind of sum things up...

Psalm 78:37-38

"Their hearts were not loyal to Him, they were not faithful to His covenant. *Yet He* was merciful; He forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them. Time after time He restrained His anger and did not stir up His full wrath."

So even if we are less than perfect He forgives us...

In Isaiah Chapter 30 Verses 12 through 17 God scolds His children for being wicked and trying to flee responsibility for their actions and then verse 18 reads "*Yet the LORD* longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the LORD is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!"

...Yet God will always be there for us...

And now for the difficult part. I call it the "difficult" part because the phrase "but, God" (or a version of it) appears twenty-four times in the Bible's New International Version and it was "difficult" to pick the best of the best.

Here are but a few. Paraphrased to save space...

Genesis 8:18 "*But God* remembered Noah and all the wild animals and the livestock that were with him in the ark"

Psalm 9:18 "*But God* will never forget the needy; the hope of the afflicted will never perish."

Psalm 10:14 "*But you, God*, see the trouble of the afflicted; you consider their grief and take it in hand."

Psalm 49:15 "But God will redeem me from the realm of the dead; He will surely take me to Himself."

Psalm 73:26 "My flesh and my heart may fail, *but God* is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

And don't forget poor Joseph in Acts Chapter 7 Verses 9 and 10 "Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. *But God* was with him and rescued him from all his troubles."

Finally one that is very near and dear to my heart since I was away from Jesus for so many years...

Psalm 66:19-20

"but God has surely listened
and has heard my prayer.

Praise be to God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or withheld His love from me!"

BAZAAR BUZZ

“Country Crossroads 2017”

It's time to start planning for our Bazaar! The date has been set for November 4, 2017. Mark your calendars. For those who are new to the church, the Bazaar is held the first Saturday in November, every other year. It is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women and the proceeds are used to support home, local and world missions. All items for the bazaar are donated by members and friends of the church.

We will have the following booths----

Grandma's Attic: treasures from the past and present

St. Nicholas' Place: Christmas decorations and items

The Country Peddler: a variety of all-season items and decorations

The Stitchery: knitted, crocheted, and sewn items

The Twisted Vine: plants, decorative items from natural materials

The Bake Shop: a variety of homemade goodies

Mrs. Claus' Cafe: serving breakfast & lunch during the bazaar

We hope all our crafters are thinking about projects they can do and are willing to donate. We have lots of craft supplies and even kits available in our Bazaar Workroom downstairs. Before you purchase supplies for your craft projects you should check and see if we have what you need. Just ask Sylvia McKinnon for a tour.

Time to start crafting!!!!

Statistics for April 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
2	42	\$ 3480.00	\$ 200.00
9	40	\$ 729.00	\$ 200.00
16	51	\$ 1115.00	\$ 150.00
23	47	\$ 719.00	\$ 75.00

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard
Priscilla Suits
Nancy Douglas

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring
Lois Thurston
Bonnie Olney

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