

CHURCH MATTERS

MAY
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

May Birthdays

1	Peg Nodell	22	William Carr
8	David Bartlett	22	Tom Leamer, Jr.
11	Kaaren Arrington	23	Sue Bartow
11	David Burgess	23	Catherine Holbert
11	Sandy Merkle	26	Samantha Leamer
14	Russell Buell	27	Aiden Zbock
17	Richard Loomis	29	Lynne Lemery
20	Darlene Ballard		

May Anniversaries

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

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

May	6	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima - Communion
	13	Pat Olsson - Mother's Day
	20	Marlene Miner
	27	Bill Porter

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

Please Note:

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

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

May 2018 Calendar of Events

1	May Day Observed
1	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
3	Presbyterian Women 6:30 pm Library
3	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
6	Christian Ed Committee 11:30 am SS
7	Deacons 6:30 pm Library
8	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
8	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
9	Pastoral Classes 6:30 pm Library
10	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
10	Property Committee 7:00 Fellowship Hall
13	Mother's Day Observed
13	Honoring 80s & 90s Club after service
14	Worship Committee 6 pm Library
14	Outreach Committee 6:30 pm SS Room
15	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
15	Homecoming Committee 6:30 pm Library
17	Pastoral Classes 6:30 pm Library
17	Finance Committee 7 pm Library
17	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
20	Pastoral Classes 11:30 am Library
21	Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
22	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
22	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
23	WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
24	Book Read "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman Noon - Church Library
24	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
27	Open House 70th Anniversary Stan and Esther Davis 2-4 pm Fellowship Hall
28	Memorial Day Observed (Office Closed)
29	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
30	Pastoral Classes 6:30 pm Library
31	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

Hidden Blessings

“God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you’re ready for anything and everything...”
2 Corinthians 9: 8 (MSG)

It is early morning. A gentle spring rain is falling. As I gaze out the window, I think to myself, “Is there anything more peaceful than an early morning rain?” I am grateful that I can sit here sipping my coffee watching the natural wonders unfold.

Our lives are filled with many such blessings. Some are small like the peacefulness of an early morning rain. Some are large like the celebration at the birth of a baby. But some are hidden. The hidden blessings are the blessings we receive that make our daily lives run smoothly. These past four years our church has received many such blessings: every Sunday the pulpit has been filled; our committees have continued with a high quality of work to both maintain and enhance our worship, missions and church home; and, when the local Food Pantry was on the verge of leaving our community, we as a church stepped in to give it a new home as well as to provide its management. All of this has happened because God has poured blessings on using “astonishing ways”.

We are now at point where we need and want a part time pastor. As we move forward let us take heart by remembering all our blessings—small, large and hidden—that God has given and will continue to give to us. The scripture 2 Corinthians 9:8-11 says it best: *“God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you are ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. This most generous God...is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.”*

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for carrying us when discouragement causes us to falter. Forgive us for forgetting that you are always with us. Forgive us for forgetting that you “pour on the blessings in astonishing ways”. For all your many blessings we give thanks and praise. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

From the Property Committee

- Elevator (Thyssenkrupp): did Preventive Maintenance on 4/10. Bill will be paid.
- Extinguishers (Ward) did six month check up.
- Mowing : one bid received (Chris Brown) waiting for others.
- State Inspector did boilers.
- Boilers (Woodcock Armani) did Preventive Maintenance 4/6. Replaced part in one boiler, repaired two small gas leaks, hot water heater was leaking and had very bad corrosion/needs replacement. A new heater has been ordered (after checking prices) and will be installed.
- Ron will check with Culligan to see if salt usage is working.
- Sylvia will contact Personal Graphics (front sign) to schedule appointment for upkeep (fee-contribution).
- Kitchen cleaning is on hold.
- Received a form from CORE for grants available. Will talk to Session about writing one.
- Via DeCristo dates need to be clarified on building usage forms.
- Starting in May the Property Meetings will be on Thursdays (Bush golf on Mondays) Dates are: May 10, June 14, July 12, and Aug.25

Vacations: Bush—May 11-13, May 18-27
 Miller—June 18-22
 Bush—August 18-26
 McKinnon—August 31-Sept. 10

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Time" has done a "number on our hot water heater. It was leaking and very corroded. We purchased a new one at a cost of \$1,019.99.

If you would be willing to contribute to the cost, please talk with Sylvia McKinnon (315-683-3194). Thank you.

Community Blood Drive

Tuesday, May 15 from 10 am - 3 pm at Crouse Community Center, 101 South St, Morrisville.

From the Deacons

Hi!!

We pray all of you had a good month last month. If not, we pray that this month is better for you. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it's a wonderful day for you.

You should have received your letter with the name of your deacon for this year and a caring list of all deacons. Any questions or problems, contact Tom Lemery at 315-684-7535.

It's going to be a busy day on May 13. Soup Sunday and Mother's Day are among the activities. We invite you, and family and friends, to a special Coffee Hour to honor "80's and 90's Club" after the service that day.

The Deacon Greeters for this month are:

- May 6 Ron Brodeur/Evie Shepard
- May 13 Tom Lemery/Tom Leamer, Jr.
- May 20 Robin Suarez/Connie Shepard
- May 27 Norma Galbreath/Rachael Armstrong

Congratulations to the Morrisville State College graduates!!

As a reminder, we want you to know...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 May bring you many blessings!!

Sincerely,
The Deacons

From the Food Pantry

Matt and Lela Volz of Greyrock Farm in Cazenovia is a new and additional resource for fresh produce. They are a young couple who are into organic farming and raise their own beef cows and pigs. Mark and I visited the farm in March and came back with 18 pounds of organic carrots. When harvest season comes this fall, hopefully they will have an abundance of fresh produce for us to select from at wholesale prices.

We had one emergency call on March 21. An individual had no transportation and was desperate for some food. Mark did not hesitate and together with our volunteers that day put together a variety of foods and he made the delivery after the pantry closed. Twenty-three families shopped at the pantry in March and two new families were enrolled. \$176.00 in cash donations were received along with 417 food items.

A building security, safety audit was completed at Cornell Cooperative Extension. New procedures have been put in place for security and safety. The lower outer door will be kept locked and shoppers coming to the pantry will have to knock for entry. A notice has been posted on the door. Anyone wanting entry to the Cornell offices upstairs will have to go back up and around to the main entrance and buzz for someone to open the door for entry to the hallway.

Thank you to all of those who have donated and continued to help stock our pantry shelves. Some of the items we are in need of are: toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, bar soap or body wash, and shampoo.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

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.

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

“Philemon”

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.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching,
rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that
the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every
good work.*

If the above verse is to be believed, and I think it is, then it stands to reason that all the Books of the Bible should be studied. So I picked a very short one of which I had never heard. I asked myself, if God had a hand in the creation of the Bible as we know it then what could be in a short Book like that of Philemon that makes it important enough to be included? It is after all the third shortest book. So how important can it be?

Let's see...

1 chapter, 25 verses, 335 words...

It is a letter from Paul to his friend Philemon and members of his church. The letter asks Philemon to forgive and welcome back Philemon's thieving runaway slave named Onesimus. After stealing from his master, and running away, Onesimus fell in with Paul and was even imprisoned with him.

Paul tells Philemon that Onesimus is such a good person and Christian now that he would like to keep him around, even going so far as to call him son. Paul doing what is right is sending Onesimus back to Philemon not as a slave but as a brother and if Philemon wants to be repaid what was stolen Paul will pay it for Onesimus.

This is the gist of the letter.

So even though this is a short book it can, as Second Timothy says, be useful for "*teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness*".

Onesimus, a thieving runaway slave has been, through his association with Paul, redeemed and saved and is thus loved by Paul as a brother. Paul is even willing to pay Onesimus' debt. If Onesimus can be redeemed then surely anyone can be saved. If Onesimus, a thief and runaway slave is worth enough as a person to have his debts paid for him then certainly anyone has worth.

I think this is why the letter to Philemon is in the Bible to remind us that through our Lord, Jesus Christ, there is hope, redemption and salvation for anyone and everyone no matter what their circumstances. AMEN.

Statistics for March 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Bldg Fund</u>
1	50	\$ 1,529.00	\$ 355.00
8	40	\$ 2,012.00	\$ 250.00
15	35	\$ 882.00	\$ 160.00
22	38	\$ 3,480.00	\$ 0.00
29	29	\$ 870.00	\$ 80.00

One Great Hour of Sharing \$275.00

Hot Water Heater \$200.00