

CHURCH MATTERS

MAY
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

May Birthdays

1 Peg Nodell	22 Bill 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	

Anniversaries

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

Thought for the Month:

"God grades on the cross, not the curve."

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.

May 2019 Calendar of Events

1 May Day
6 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
7 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
12 Mother's Day
13 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
13 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
14 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
14 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
16 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
20 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
21 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
22 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
25 Book Read "The Great Alone" noon - A. Berlew
27 Memorial Day Holiday (Office Closed)
28 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
28 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Pulpit Supply for May

5 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Communion)
12 Pastor Class
9 Pastor Class
26 Pastor Class

Please Note:

Chapel at Morrisville Community Church is open for your use of prayer and reflection 24-7 everyday,

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.

Easter is a Season

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” Psalm 118:1

It is May 5, 2019, the 3rd Sunday of Easter. Yes, I said this correctly. May 5 is the 3rd Sunday of Easter. We don't often think this way concerning the Easter celebration. In fact, for years I thought Easter was one Sunday, but it is a season of seven weeks—a week of Sundays spanning 50 days. Each Sunday of the season is treated as a Sunday of Easter. Therefore, after the Sunday of the Resurrection, they are named Second Sunday of Easter, Third Sunday of Easter, etc. up to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, while the whole fifty-day period concludes with Pentecost Sunday.

Technically, we are to continue celebrating Easter---or at least to be joyous in our faith—as we each journey through the Easter season. Beginning now, with the 3rd Sunday of Easter, I have listed prayers/and scriptures from the Presbyterian Mission PC(USA) web-site to help guide our Easter journey from this day forth to Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 2019.

3rd Sunday of Easter

Lord, you have called us to be fishers of people and shepherds of your flock. Teach us to follow, to love and to serve; to feed those who hunger and cast out our nets to welcome the world into your eternal realm; through Jesus Christ, the fish, the lamb, the Lord. **John 21:1-19**

4th Sunday of Easter

Living God, you open your hand to give us the gift of eternal life and to feed us with your abundant mercy. Let nothing take us from your presence, but bless and keep us always; in Jesus Christ our Lord, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

John 10:22-30

5th Sunday of Easter

Living God, we have seen your glory in Jesus Christ, your Word, our Lord. By your grace you have made us beloved children. Now make us faithful disciples, loving one another as Christ loves us; in his holy name we pray. **John 13:31-35**

6th Sunday of Easter

Living God, through Jesus Christ you give peace that the world cannot give. By the power of your Holy Spirit calm our troubled and fearful hearts

and fill them with rejoicing as we await Christ's glorious return; we pray this in his name. **John 14:23-29**

7th Sunday of Easter

Lord God, you are one – eternal and holy – one with Christ and the Spirit. Make us one with you, one with Christ, one in the Spirit, one body in the church, that all the world may believe in you and receive your love; through Jesus Christ we pray. **John 17:20-26**

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship Committee is reviewing and revising the manual "Duties of Church Members Called Upon to Serve". This is the revised information for the church nursery.

Nursery

The nursery is available for children in grade 2 and below. Children in grade 3 and above are expected to remain in church for the entire service.

All children, regardless of grade, should attend the beginning of the church service. Children in grade 2 may leave for the nursery after the offering is taken or after the children's message is given, whichever comes last in the order of the service.

Volunteers staff the nursery. Parents of children attending the nursery are expected to take turns on the schedule each month, signing up on the clipboard when it comes around. Any other adults or teenagers are welcome to volunteer for nursery duty also and should sign up on the clipboard.

There are some games and craft kits in the nursery that may be used. Or the volunteer may bring their own activities to use with the children.

The Nursery should be picked up at the end of the church service. Games, craft items and toys should be put away. Scrap papers and waste items should be placed in the wastebasket. Anything taken out of cupboards and/or cabinets should be put away.

Parents should pick up their children as soon as the service is over, before attending coffee hour.

Sunday School Office - During the past 22 years we have accumulated many different items in the room we call Sunday School Office. Due to a leaky faucet it was necessary for us to remove all of those items and place them elsewhere (the Classroom next to the Library). The Sunday School Office had become a catch-all.

The Property Committee is arranging for all members of the church to choose which items will be kept and which will be trashed. A clipboard with a spreadsheet will be in the classroom next to the Library starting April 20, and will be available anytime the church is open. The last day it will be available is May 20. One month should be adequate. The spreadsheets will be reviewed by the Property Committee and the designated items will be kept, all others trashed. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP.

Property Committee

ASKING SESSION APPROVAL:

- 1) Property Committee asks for approval of Ron's contract to say: "four weeks' vacation" (instead of three).
- 2) Property Committee asks for approval of Ron's pay "to be based on minimum pay of \$11.10".
- 3) Property Committee asks for approval to purchase a new floor buffer at about \$1,400.
- 4) The Property Committee was approached by the owner of "The Hot Dog Truck" requesting the use of our kitchen as a "back-up" cooking area. The committee feels it is a for profit business - declines.

Chris Brown of Kendra's Landscaping will be mowing this year at \$2860. for the season. Roger Gray has completed the repair of the outside faucet and shut of valve by the nursery. The cost of two sets and labor is \$307.00.

Sittsy will be contacted to get an approval date to seal the drives. There are a number of jobs and repairs that we will ask Marlon Brown for his assistance (roof, ceiling/sanctuary, stairwell, woman's room) Chris Davis will be connected by Nate to work on the tractor.

Spring jobs to be completed: screens, windows washed, FH walls, windows sanctuary, molding between FH and narthex, bells uprights.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson

Food Pantry

We are starting to see an increase in the number of families visiting the Pantry. Thirty-seven families came for assistance in March, made up of 25 children, 68 adults and 10 seniors. We had six new enrollees.

Our new glass front refrigerator and freezer are in place thanks to the crew and expertise of Mark Shepard, Seth Downen, Bill Pond and some of their friends. We are very fortunate to have these new pieces of equipment. They have really helped with distribution selections without having to keep doors open and no defrosting required on the freezer. That's the best! \$240 of the \$2,779 Operation Support grant money received has been returned to the Food Bank as a refund.

There are certain procedures that need to be followed with the disposition of equipment we do not wish to keep. Since both the refrigerator and freezer belong to the NYS Department of Health and are still in working order, we can either transfer them to another pantry or fill out the appropriate forms and submit to the Food Bank to see what our best options are.

Food Bank Facts: \$.96 of every dollar donated assists people in need. Every \$1.00 donated provides enough food for three meals. 100+ retail partners donate food.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

From the Deacons

Hello...If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it's a wonderful day for you. Congratulations and Best Wishes to area colleges' Class of 2019.

The Deacons are making plans to honor the "80-Plus Club" on May 12. We will also recognize our *Sunday School Program and the Choir in June.*

God loves you, and so do we. We pray that the Love of God fills your heart and overflows always...and may this month bring you many, many blessings.

Sincerely, in His Name,
Tom Lemery – Chairman

Statistics for April 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>
7	41	\$1,978.00
14	35	\$1,318.00
21	70	\$2,893.00

RELAX PART TWO

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.*

The Monkees sang "Some folks are working for reasons and waiting for answers they're never gonna find. They keep on searching for pleasures and looking so hard they can't see."

And Dave Mathews said this about us "... all the little ants are marching, red and black antennas waving. They all do it the same. They all do it the same way.

How many of us while seeking God, Inner-Peace and Salvation get caught up in the rush and commotion of daily life?

How many of us transfer our daily life's anxiety to our search for God, Inner-Peace and Salvation...

"Heavenly Father give me inner peace and be quick about it I have a thousand other things to do."

Seeking God should be relaxing and devoid of stress no matter what the situation...

If we find ourselves in conflict... Exodus 14:14 "The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still."

If we have been wronged... Psalm 37:7 "Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for Him; do not fret when people succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.

In any and all situations... Lamentations 3:26 "it is good to wait quietly for the Salvation of the LORD." And "I waited patiently for the LORD; He turned to me and heard my cry." Psalm 40:1

And always remember Psalm 46 verse 10 tells us, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

All we have to do is relax. God, Inner-Peace, and Salvation are coming. Zechariah 2:13 tells us... "Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because He has roused Himself from His Holy Dwelling."

AMEN

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
Marlene Miner

DEACONS

Class of 2019
Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Tom Leamer, Jr.

Class of 2020
George Fearon
Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur

Class of 2021
Calla Miller
Robin Suarez