

# CHURCH MATTERS

NOVEMBER

2015



## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

3824 Swamp Rd., P.O. Box 178, Morrisville, NY 13408

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Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service 10:30AM

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am- 12pm

Office 684-3314

Clothes Basket 684-9970

Fax 684-7817

## November Birthdays

2 Karen Gay	21 Murry Ames
5 Darrell Bush	24 Clarissa Akers
6 Devin Bartlett	27 Audra Mockovak
6 Audrey Gower	27 Gertrude Sindima
7 Keith Josephs	28 Katie Bracy
17 Claudia Loomis	28 Lynda Smith
18 JoAnn Holbert	28 Irene Akers
20 Brenda Buell	

## November Anniversaries

4 Kenneth & Peg Nodell
5 Harvey & Gertrude Sindima
6 Robert & Darlene Virgil
7 Dan & Tracy Akers
19 James & Natalie Turner

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## Pulpit Supply

November 1	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
8	Veterans Recognition Service
15	Rev. Ray Lighthall
22	Rev. Jerry Saliba
29	Worship Committee - Hanging of the Greens (1st Sunday in Advent)
December 6	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (2nd Sunday in Advent)
13	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (3rd Sunday in Advent)
20	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (4th Sunday in Advent)
24	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima Christmas Eve Service

## November 2015 Calendar of Events

- 2 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11
- 2 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 2 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 3 **Election Day**
- 3 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 5 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Youth Room
- 7 **Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale 9 - 2 pm**
- 8 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 8 **Veterans Recognition Service & Reception 9:30 - 1:30 Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall**
- 9 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11
- 9 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 9 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 9 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 10 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 **Veterans Day Holiday - Office Closed**
- 11 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 11 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 12 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 12 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 16 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 16 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 17 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Faith Circle 12:00 noon Church Library
- 18 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 19 Book Read "Simple Christmas" by Mike Huckabee 12-2 pm at Dot Mulcahey's home
- 19 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 23 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 24 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 24 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26-27 **Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed**
- 28 "Hanging of the Greens" (decorating) 9:00 am
- 29 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 29 **"Hanging of the Greens" - First Sunday in Advent**
- 30 Cerebral Palsy 10-11

From the Worship Committee

## A Time of Remembrance

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.” Hebrews 12: 1

There is something about November. Is it the cold, frosty air? Is it the colorful leaves falling, falling, falling, and leaving only barren branches to grace the sky? Is it the days growing steadily darker? Is it the last of harvest time? Is it simply a time of thanksgiving? Perhaps it is all of these things. But ever so slowly my thoughts turned. My answer: November is a time of remembrance.

Since the year 835 the first day in November has been known as All Saints Day. It is a day to rejoice in all who through the ages faithfully served God. As we remember and rejoice we are reminded that we are part of the “continuing living communion of saints.” It is time for us to again stop and remember, not only those from past ages, but those who have natured our own faith. This quote from the PCUSA web-site explains:

*“ Rather than putting saints on pedestals as holy people set apart in glory, we give glory to God for the ordinary, holy lives of the believers in this and every age. This is an appropriate time to give thanks to members of our community of faith who have died.... We also pray that we may be counted among the company of the faithful in God’s eternal realm.”*

At this point, I began to form my list of saints. My list became quite long, so I’ll simply mention two: Ethel Crane, July 2014; Joan Ferris Coop, July 2015.

I hope you take a few moments to remember and then to make a list of those who’s ordinary, holy lives helped guide and nurture your faith.

Prayer: Dear God, We are thankful and filled with gratitude for the beautiful, faithful lives of friends and family who were an inspirational part of our faith journey. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,  
Maxine Hunter

## Recap Drive and Parking Lot Project

The total cost of the project was \$5,700. The lining was free. We received contributions of \$5,275. That means only \$425.00 will need to come out of church funds. Thank you all for your donations. If you still wish to contribute, you may do so.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Property Committee

## Worship & Informational Service

Members, friends and other interested persons met together on October 25 for worship and an informational discussion. The topics mentioned on the postcard, which was sent to all members, were covered throughout the service. Highlights included:

1. We have done well with outreach activities by hosting events and opening our doors to various agencies and groups.
2. Our finances, while stable at the moment, need a boost. We need to develop and implement stewardship opportunities. It is evident at this time that we do not have the finances to search for and employ a pastor.
3. Those present endorsed our proposal to assume responsibility for the local Food Pantry which is currently located on the CAP sight in Morrisville. With assistance from the CNY Food Bank the food pantry will be relocated to the Cooperative Extension building and the Morrisville Community Church will assume administrative responsibilities.

Remember you can keep informed by using the following sites:

Email: [morrisvillechurch@frontiernet.net](mailto:morrisvillechurch@frontiernet.net)

Web: (newsletter found here)

[www.morrisvillechurch.org](http://www.morrisvillechurch.org)

Facebook: Morrisville Community Churchy, PCUSA  
Session Meetings: Third Monday of the month at 7pm  
in the church library.

**"All are welcome"**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Unity Acres** - we will be collecting Christmas cards for the men at Unity Acres on December 6, 13 and 20.

**Come One Come All...** to the Veterans Day Service at Morrisville Community Church on November 8 at 10:30 a.m. to honor veterans. There will be a free will offering. A reception will follow. All are invited. The Morrisville Community Church is located at 3824 Swamp Road, across from the Cedar Street Apartments in Morrisville.

**Church Membership** - If you are interested in becoming a member of the Morrisville Community Church, please see Ellen Davis for more information.

### From PW Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our October 8, PW Ministry Meeting held at the church library: Naydene Ames, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon, Marlene Miner, Norma Galbreath, Julie Vair, Rachael Armstrong, Sandy Merkle, Calla Miller, Priscilla Suits and Jill Leamer.

Our PW Bazaar will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 7 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. There will be a table set up in the Fellowship Hall on the Sunday before for anyone who wishes to bring their hand made donations in when they come to church.

**We would like all donations brought to the church by Wednesday, November 4, except for the food items which should be brought in on Friday, November 6.** If you have an item to donate, PLEASE BE SURE TO COMPLETE A FORM LISTING THE ITEM(S) YOU ARE GIVING US. These forms can be found on the card table under the PW Bulletin Board. We definitely could use more volunteers. Volunteers are needed to help package up purchased items, return the shopping boxes and be cashier for Mrs. Claus' Cafe. Please contact any of the ladies listed above if you can help out in any way.

The Presbyterian Women plan to go Christmas Caroling again this year at the Morrisville Crouse Community Center. We will publish the details of this program as soon as we finalize the date.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR and BRING A FRIEND TO THE Presbyterian Women's Country Crossroads Bazaar to be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 7, 2015 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Mrs. Claus' Cafe will be open starting at 8:30 a.m. For those who do not wish to shop, bring a friend to Mrs. Claus' Cafe for lunch and enjoy a bowl of delicious soup, a sandwich and dessert. Bazaar shopping starts at 9:00 a.m. (No Early Bird Shoppers)**

The money raised at the Bazaar goes toward supporting many church programs plus local and world-wide missions.

Respectfully, Naydene Ames, Secretary

## **BAZAAR BUZZ**

The week before the bazaar on November 7, the church will be open at these times for drop off of donations:

Sunday, 11/1 during Sunday School and Church Service  
Monday through Friday (11/1-11/6) 9-12 noon (enter via church office)  
Wednesday, 11/4 Booth areas will be set up during the day  
Wednesday & Thursday (11/4-11/5) 6:30-8:30 p.m. (enter Fellowship Hall)  
Friday (11/6) 6:30- 8:30 p.m. (enter Fellowship Hall)

Donations and completed donation forms may be left in the Fellowship Hall on the tables set up by the nursery wall. We are asking that all donations except for baked goods be in the Fellowship Hall by **Wednesday evening** (11/4) so that the booth chairpersons can price items and set up their booths. Baked goods may be dropped off Friday evening.

If you are unable to bring your donations to the church, please call the church office (684-3314) and someone will get back to you to arrange a pick-up.

Unsold items will be for sale after church for two (2) Sundays (Nov. 8 & 15) after the bazaar. If you wish your unsold items returned to you (and you marked the box on the donation sheet), that will be done after Nov. 15.

## *From the Deacons*

November and December are the back-to-back months that we think about others. The Deacons are encouraging you to donate any fruits and "veggies" to fill up our cardboard box in the Narthex. Let's see how many times we can do it! These cans will go into the Good Baskets we distribute at Christmas. No **GLASS** jars can be accepted. Please check the expiration date. Thank you in advance.

We also hope that you will come join us for caroling at Harding Nursing Home. The tentative date is December 13 at 2 p.m. More information to follow.

We wish our college and high school winter/sports team the best in their seasons.

Finally, the Deacons hope that all of you have a blessed month. May all of God's Love surround you always.

In His Service

**From Ann Berlew:** *I was looking through my mother-in-law's recipe box and found the following, which I thought I'd share:*

### **Ten Beatitudes** (author unknown)

Blessed are they who understand my faltering steps and palsied hand;

Blessed are they who know that my ears today must strain to catch the things they say;

Blessed are they who seem to know that my eyes are dim and my wits are slow;

Blessed are they who looked away when coffee spilled at the table today;

Blessed are they with a cheery smile who stops to chat for a little while;

Blessed are they who never say, "You've told that story twice today";

Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back memories of yesterdays;

Blessed are they who make it known that I am loved, respected and not alone;

Blessed are they who know I'm at a loss to find the strength to carry the cross;

Blessed are they who ease the days on my journey home in loving ways.

## THE WARMTH OF WELCOME

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

Winter looms gray on the horizon threatening another cold and bitter winter...

And yet, although the inevitability of ever-occurring snow removal also brings with it numerous musing opportunities I am not, nor have I ever been, a fan of "the cold." Eleven years stationed in Hawaii did not do much to increase my tolerance and even after six winters back in the mainland's northeast I am still not acclimated. I shiver crying frozen tears at the very thought of spending hours applying layers of clothing to drive to the end of the driveway, to retrieve the ever flowing unwanted correspondence known as 'junk mail'. Even though 'junk mail can be used to light fire places so can cereal boxes and they only have to be lugged in from the car.

Yet, as I sit here bemoaning the winter and all its challenges, this season I dread not the coming cold as much as previous years for I know that each Sunday promises a snugly blanket of welcome and the warmth of acceptance into Church Membership.

## **Statistics**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Sept 6	40	\$ 3150.00	\$ 675.00
Oct 4	49	\$ 3007.00	\$ 435.00
Oct 11	44	\$ 908.00	\$ .00
Oct 18	41	\$ 1158.00	\$ 280.00
Oct 25	49	\$ 1173.00	\$ 185.00

## *From the Financial Secretary*

We have three checking accounts, *each account needs a separate check.*

1. Current funds for operating fund, per capita, loose plate, initial offering reimbursements for items purchased or donated. These can be put into one check with explanation where the monies are to be credited.

### 2. Designated Funds

For Sunday School offering, special offerings, OGHS, Hunger, Pentecost, Peacemaking, Christmas, Easter and Christmas plants, Memorials.

### 3. Building Fund

Monies used to pay off our mortgage.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Marcia Vair

## **CHURCH OFFICERS**

### **ELDERS**

#### **Class of 2015**

Jeff Cring  
George Fearon  
Vacancy

### **DEACONS**

#### **Class of 2015**

Marlene Miner  
Robert Link  
Dave Link

#### **Class of 2016**

Ellen Davis  
Nancy Douglas  
Priscilla Suits

#### **Class of 2016**

Tom Lemery  
Ron Brodeur  
Naydene Ames

#### **Class of 2017**

Henry Douglas  
Sylvia McKinnon  
Mark Shepard

#### **Class of 2017**

Calla Miller  
Connie Shepard  
Sue Bartow\\

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Hard to think about snow and sleet and freezing rain, but...**when the school is closed, so is the Church Office and the Clothes Basket.** Local radio and TV may say, but the District Website at [www.mecs.org](http://www.mecs.org) will also have the information. The school district phone is 684-9300.

TV Channels with school closings are:

WSTM Channel 3      WTVH Channel 5  
WSYR Channel 9      YNN Channel 10

Radio Stations are:

WKLL 94.9FM      WMCR 1600AM  
WMCR 106.3FM      WFRG 104.3FM  
WODZ 96.1      WLZW 98.7FM  
WIBX 950AM      WOUR 96.9FM  
WOMX 102.5FM      WOKR 93.1FM  
WTLB 1310AM