

# CHURCH MATTERS

NOVEMBER

2018



## 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

### November Birthdays

2 Karen Gay	20 Brenda Buell
5 Darrell Bush	21 Murry Ames
6 Devin Bartlett	24 Clarissa Akers
6 Audrey Gower	27 Audra Mockovak
7 Keith Josephs	27 Gertrude Sindima
7 Jerry O'Hara	28 Katie Bracy
9 Lillian Richardson	28 Lynda Smith
17 Claudia Loomis	28 Irene Akers

### November Anniversary

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

**Pulpit Supply** for upcoming weeks are as follows:

### November

4 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (World Communion)
11 David Andrews
18 Rev. Jerry Saliba
25 Worship Committee (Hanging of the Greens)

### November 2018 Calendar of Events

- 1 Presbyterian Women 6:30 pm Library
- 1 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 4 **Daylight Savings Time Ends**
- 5 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 6 **Election Day**
- 6 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 8 **Church Office Closed Today**
- 8 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 8 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 **Church Office Closed - Veterans Day Observed**
- 12 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 12 Outreach Committee 6:30 SS
- 12 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 13 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15-18 **Via De Cristo Women's Weekend**
- 19 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 20 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 22-23 **Thanksgiving Day Holiday - Office Closed**
- 24 **Decorate the Church Day - 9:00 am Sanctuary**
- 25 **Hanging of the Greens Service 10:30 am**
- 27 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 27 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 29 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

### Please Note:

**Chapel at Morrisville Community Church** is open for your use of prayer and reflection 24-7 everyday, Monday thru Sunday.

**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.

## *Thanksgiving Prayer*

*"O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endureth forever." Psalm 107:1*

Dear God of all creation, during this time of Thanksgiving,  
We give you thanks for all the wonders of our natural world:  
The stars at night that reflect your majesty,  
The rain in the growing season which provides for the land,  
and the snow of winter which blankets the season of slumber.  
You have cared for the earth and filled it with flowers and trees and  
flowing streams and gentle breezes;  
You have filled our fields, gardens, steams, and forest  
with an abundance of food to sustain us.  
And you have given us the joy of the sunrise in morning  
And the peace of the sunset hour which restores our soul.  
For all these natural wonders  
We give you thanks.

At this Thanksgiving time we lift to you  
in remembrance of our forefathers  
who came to this "New" land seeking a new life.  
We give you thanks, that though their way was a challenge,  
a new nation was forged  
with the values of liberty and justice for all.  
We give you thanks for our many freedoms of expression  
in both worship and our daily lives.  
Freedoms—when guided by our faith—give us  
the opportunity to contribute  
toward the good of our church, community and country.  
At this time help us to be a shining light to all peoples,  
by furthering the cause of peace, justice and hope in the world.  
For all these blessings of freedom and opportunity,  
We give you thanks.

As unworthy as we are, you have filled  
our lives with your amazing grace.  
Praise and thanks to you dear God.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen

May the blessings of Thanksgiving be with you at this time and always.  
On behalf of the Worship Committee,  
Maxine G. Hunter

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Christmas Wreath Orders** are due in the church office by November 4.

**Christmas Poinsettia Orders** are due in the church office by December 2.

The **Finance Committee** is in need of more members. This committee meets once a month. If you are willing serve, please contact Mark Shepard. Thank you.

**Friendship Inn** has asked Morrisville Community Church to supply the pies for their Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 15 at 1:00 pm. They will need 12. Sylvia will be putting a list out for sign-ups. Please sign up with type (fruit) and number of pies. Thank you for your contribution.

### **INSPIRATIONS**

As we continue to grow our church spreading God's Word we are always in search of new ideas. We call these ideas "Inspirations".

If you have any Inspirations please let Pat Olsson know and he will get them to Session who will farm them out as appropriate to the different committees. Even a small Inspiration can make a big difference. Thank you.

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

### **From the Property Committee**

The deadline for plowing bids is 10/12/18. After reviewing them, we will notify the bidders of our decision.

Ron has been adjusting the outside lights as it gets darker. He is also evaluating the sensors and bulbs of the sidewalk lights (replacing when necessary). He is continuing to work with Dick Davis on leaky faucet and also pricing vacuums.

Our team will be setting a time to wash inside windows of the sanctuary. Sylvia will contact Pat Olsson to see if he has heard from Frontier (Steve) about the write-up on the phone system. Paul, from Personal Graphics, will be coming next week to do upgrade of our sign. Karen Jacobs is in charge of this. Boiler PM will be done on October 23.

Discussed items of building usage. Our meetings will be on the second Monday of the month.

Respectively Submitted.  
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairman

### **From the Deacons**

Hey everyone!! We pray all of you were blessed last month. If not, we pray November will be more fruitful for you. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it's a wonderful day for you!!

The Deacons thank the congregation for being Ambassadors for Christ and greeting everyone you see. Keep up the good work!! We also thank you for contributing items for the Shoebox Christmas. Children around the world will have a brighter Christmas this year.

Your Deacon should be in touch with you by phone, a note, or a visit this month. Any questions or problems, call Tom Lemery (315-684-7535.)

Although Christmas is "down the road," we are asking everyone to save a can or two of non-perishable canned fruits and vegetables for the Christmas baskets. The box is in the Narthex. Let's see if we can overflow it with LOTS of fruits and vegetables!!

The Deacons will be discussing the Christmas Baskets and Caroling at Waterville Residential. A tentative date and time for caroling is December 16 at 2 pm.

If you know of someone who is need of our assistance, please let a deacon know. This is one of our responsibilities, and need your help to care for our church family.

As a reminder,...God loves you, and SO DO WE! If you need anything, please call on us.

May the Love of God fill your hearts, and may October bring you many blessings!!

Sincerely,  
The Deacons

*Thought for the Month:*  
*God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts"!*

WHY WE PRAY  
By: Pathrik L. Olsson  
A.K.A. Mr. Bonnie

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[Psalm 104:34](#)

May my meditation be pleasing to him, as I rejoice in the LORD.

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In the bible the act of praying is talked about over 500 times. 1 Thessalonians 5:17, one of the Bible's shortest verses, tell us to "pray continually".

We have all heard of or have proof that prayer works. Have you ever wondered why?

As usual I spent some time musing about it and here is what I have come up with...

Some years ago a study was done involving the power of prayer several people were CAT Scanned while in the act of prayer. While they prayed a normally quiet part of the brain became very active. The harder they prayed the more active it became.

I believe that even though God knows what we need before we need it when we pray we open ourselves up and become more receptive to God's gifts. It also helps us reaffirm that what we pray for is what we really want.

For example; praying for success while hunting for lost car keys results in success because praying helps us relax and receive God's insight to their location. Or do we really want that new job in Saskatchewan...

Group prayer also taps into God by allowing His gift of energy / power / love to be shared and subsequently focused by all those in the group because we are all connected spiritually through God. This spiritual connection has been called a "gestalt" by some. A gestalt is something that is much more than just the sum of its parts. A car for instance is a gestalt. All its parts together make a mode of transportation but a "car" is more than just transportation it is also sign of independence, a rite of passage in to adulthood, etc. A "car" is much more than just the sum of its parts.

Praying for a person's healing or wellbeing by a group uses our gestalt to focus all the love given by God onto that person.

For me being able to theorize how and why something works make it a bit more tangible and becomes something I believe in more strongly.

God Bless you all and you all have my heartfelt prayers...

LOOKING GLASS

We are all mirrors reflecting God's Love  
A shattered mirror shows more reflections

## 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.

### Statistics for October 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
7	30	\$ 2,708.00	\$ 200.00
14	32	\$ 413.00	\$ .00
21	24	\$ 6,009.00	\$ .00
28	32	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 160.00

### Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team opened their meeting of October 4 with a Moment of Silence for church member Norma Jeanne Deaner who passed away at the Oneida Health Care on September 21 at the age of 91.

Upcoming events for December include the collection of Christmas cards to send to the men at Unity Acres, Christmas Caroling at Crouse Community Center and the 9th Annual Children's Christmas Shopping Program. The Valentine Express returns on Tuesday, January 22.

The Ministry Team is always open to hearing about new program and mission ideas. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 1 at the church library at 6:30 p.m. Ladies, all are welcome!

Naydene Ames, PW Secretary

### From the Food Pantry

Three new families were enrolled in September among the twenty-five that came to the pantry. Seven hundred twenty nine (729) meals were provided. Thirty dollars (\$30) in cash was received and 411 donations of food and other products. Among the food donations we are now receiving the harvests of local farmers and gardeners - tomatoes, peppers, eggs, squash and cucumbers.

Cornell has requested that we move over to the building next door. No time frame has been established. We are also looking at other alternatives. Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

### STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship! You've heard the word in church many times but do you know what it means? The dictionary defines stewardship as:

1. The position and duties of a steward, a person who acts as the surrogate of another or others, especially managing property, financial affairs, and estate, etc.
2. The responsible overseeing and protection of something considered work caring for and preserving.

Another source says that stewardship is a theological belief that humans are responsible for the world and should take care of it. Stewardship refers to the way time, talents, material possessions or wealth are used or given for the service of God.

This is the time of year when our church will be conducting a stewardship campaign. Each week there will be a "Stewardship Minute" during the service. As we progress through the next few weeks each of us should pray and contemplate about what our contribution for the coming year will be.

November 25 will be our "Commitment Sunday". At this time there will be pledge cards available and you will be asked to fill them out and place in the offering plate. After "Commitment Sunday" the session can begin to create a budget for 2019.

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**

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Tom Leamer, Sr.  
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**Class of 2018**

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