

CHURCH MATTERS

OCTOBER

2015



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am- 12pm

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October Birthdays

1 Agnes Carr	14 Tom Lemery
1 Chris Cring	15 Sheila Bartlett
2 Patricia Parker	15 Jeanette Michael-Robertson
8 Daniel Kent	19 Norma Galbreath
12 Wanda Gorton	27 David Andrews
12 Michele Olney	28 Steve Groves

October Anniversary

4 Duane & Janice Button
6 Murry & Naydene Ames
6 Ron & Kathy Brodeur
26 Richard & Dawn Stevenson
28 David & JoAnn Holbert

FACEBOOK We now have an active Facebook page - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA. There will be regular postings about our church and the events held or hosted there. It is important that those of you who have a Facebook page look at our page and **"like"** AND **"share"**. We need to get the word out there that we are live, active and moving forward. If you have any suggestions for a posting please let us know. Thank you for your support and help.

Pulpit Supply for October

4 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (World-wide Communion)
11 Rev. Marsha King
18 Ann Berlew
25 Session (Informational Meeting/Service)

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

October 2015 Calendar of Events

- 1 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 2 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 3 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 **Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed**
- 7 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 8 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 8 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 Deacons Mtg. 6:30 pm Library
- 9 New Hope Circle 6:30 pm Library
- 9 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 PW Ministry Team 6:30 pm Library
- 10 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 **Deacons & Elders Retreat**
9:00 - noon Fellowship Hall
- 14 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 14 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 14 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 14 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 16 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 16 Finance Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 17 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 19 **Presbyterian Women's Retreat 9 - 2**
- 20 **Sunday School Begins**
- 20 **Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library**
- 21 Cerebral Palsy 10-11 am
- 21 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 22 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 22 Faith Circle 12:00 noon at Esther Davis' home
- 22 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 23 **First Day of Autumn**
- 23 WIC 9:30 - 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 23 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 Book Read "A Spool of Blue Thread" by Anne Tyler
12:00 - 2:00 Library
- 24 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Adult Bible Study 9:30 am Library
- 28 Cerebral Palsy 10 - 11 am
- 29 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 30 Zumba 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall

From the Worship Committee

A Festival of Harvest: Pentecost to Advent

“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven: ...a time to plant and a time to reap...” Ecclesiastes 3:1,2b

Autumn has arrived. We are now entering what I like to call “October Country.” It is a time of pumpkins, apples, concord grapes and colored leaves. It is harvest time, although the harvesting of summer’s bounty began weeks ago: Katie Bracy has canned 199 jars of vegetables from her garden; Silvia McKinnon has, and is, still picking fresh lettuce; sweet corn abounds, and I am told will last until the end of October; and since mid-August my neighbor has been leaving gifts of fresh dug potatoes on my doorstep. Happiness is truly all this fresh produce. Life is good.

But what has grown in our spiritual gardens? How bountiful is this harvest? Only recently did I become aware of comparing Ordinary Time, which is the period in the Christian calendar between Pentecost and Advent, as a time for Christians to tend to the “spiritual harvest.” How did I learn this? The answer: from a friend preparing her Sunday sermon. She said, “I am organizing my sermon around Pentecost.” I said, “Pentecost? That was weeks and weeks ago.” (*And as of Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015, Pentecost was 19 Sundays ago*) She said, “True. But what has happen since this celebration? Have we been tending our spiritual gardens?” She continued to explain: “We are all excited on Pentecost Sunday. It is a renewal celebration of the Holy Spirit entering the world and our lives. We leave the church service that day with good intentions. We are feeling good. Then, in the Ordinary Time of the Christian calendar, which begins the day after Pentecost Sunday and ends on Advent Sunday, we are to work on the spiritual harvest. It is a time where we should ask God to help us see the people around us who are ready for spiritual harvest. But then as the days past and the Sundays past, our enthusiasm can disappear. The business/busy-ness of our day to day lives takes precedent. Within all this activity, our spiritual garden becomes messy---full of weeds like---well, like my own unattended flower garden.” (This give us pause to laugh, because we just walked by her own weed patch of a flower garden.) She concluded with, “We forget that during this time we should ask God to help us see the people around us who are ready for spiritual harvest. And like any garden, what we sow so will we reap.”

The scripture John 4: 34-36 says this best:

“My food,” said Jesus “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together.”

Prayer: We thank you God for the abundant harvest we now enjoy. But please restore in us the energy and enthusiasm to nurture and cultivate our spiritual gardens. Open our eyes to this awaiting harvest. Give us energy to carry our faith forward to meet the future with open eyes and hearts. Amen

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

Looking Towards the Holiday Season

1. I know it may seem early to be thinking about this but sometimes we need to do things before we forget. So I am doing this before I forget and miss a newsletter deadline. I came across the following address while on the internet:

A Recovering Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue
NW Washington, DC 20307-5001

It would be wonderful if we take the time to remember our service men and women during the advent and Christmas season as well as at other times, too.

2. As usual there will be a box for cards in the Narthex for us to remember the gentlemen at **Unity Acres**.
3. **Advent** begins on November 29. We will be decorating the church on November 28. There will be a special **Hanging of the Greens** service on November 29. The Worship Committee is asking for participants to do some reading from a prepared manuscript and for some members and friends to help with the placement of some symbols. If you are winning to participate, please contact a member of the Worship Committee -- Karen Jacobs, Maxine Hunter or Ellen Davis.
4. The Worship Committee would also like to have some special music by the choir for our **Christmas Eve Service**. We are looking for

singers who would be willing to attend some practices and prepare for the one time performance. If you are interested, please see Maxine Hunter.

Submitted by Ellen Davis

BAZAAR BUZZ

Attention Crafters and Bakers!

The Country Crossroads Bazaar will be opening in less than one month. All projects welcome.....We hope to fill the shops with your wonderful handicrafts. The Bake Shop needs any and all homemade desserts, breads, etc. Finished projects (except for baked goods) may be dropped off at any time. We ask that you fill out a donation sheet (copies on the table in the Fellowship Hall). That will help us keep track plus help with pricing. Baked goods may be dropped off 7 p.m. Friday evening, Nov. 6 or before 9 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 7. Questions? Call Naydene (684-9657), Sylvia (684-3194), Karen (684-9119), Maxine (684-9278), Marlene (684-3481) or Ellen (559-2397). Help us make this the most successful Bazaar ever!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR FUND DRIVE

Morrisville Community Church has been requested to run the Village Bottle and Can Drive for the month of October. We will help to collect and sort bottles and cans for a portion of the returns. We will begin at 9:00 a.m. and should be done by noon. The date is Saturday, October 17. Anyone interested, please contact Henry Douglas (315) 684-3845 for further details.

Our Special Project has received \$5,100 (all but \$600 of the expense). We will still accept any donations for the project.

Thank You to all who have given!

The Horticulture students from the college have cleaned up the Crane Memorial Garden. It looks great! They removed 7 "yew" bushes (deer devastation), trimmed and weeded. They will be putting in 1 or 2 new bushes.

Ron will be putting pebbles by the Nursery and caulking the kitchen vents this next week.

Renewable insurance with HFC has been reviewed by Session.

We have paid ThyssenKrupp (elevator) for billing date 8/15/15. They are searching in their archives for billings job completions and payments in 2010-2013. Hopefully this will help us determine times actually visited vs. times billed during this time.

We have chosen Dave Pearsall to do the plowing this winter. He will be sent an acceptance letter.

Doug Mennig doesn't feel that cables are a good idea for the ice on the roofs. He suggests calling Standard Insulation to get an evaluation and suggestions.

Respectfully Submitted
Sylvia McKinnon

Clothes Basket

WE ARE OPEN!!! After 1 ½ weeks of intensive stripping, cleaning, and refilling, the Clothes Basket is open, fully stocked with fall and winter clothing, shoes, boots, purses, hats and mittens. We unpacked and hung up clothing that was stored in all our "banana" boxes. We have new household things plus Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving items. Come and check out our merchandise.

We wish to say a **big thank you** to our volunteers who worked many a morning to make this changeover possible. Now that we are open on our regular schedule (Wednesdays and Saturdays 10- a.m. – 2 p.m.) we need volunteers for the Saturday shifts, from 10 a.m. – noon or noon - 2 p.m. If you could give 2 hours of your time just once a month, please contact Claudia Loomis. We offer a much needed service to our community and need to continue to be open on Saturdays.

Reflections

Laughter drifts down the basement corridors of Community church Tuesday mornings. Following this happy sound brings one to a flurry of activity: a woman breaking down boxes in the corridor, several women sorting through donations from an estate, and finally at the door to the Clothes Basket, many hands hanging clothes and filling empty shelves. The caring chatter and joking are all encompassing. This is our church in action!

Submitted by Nancy McPherson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Family of Cal Mullenax would like you to know if anyone wishes to donate in memory of Cal they could send it to: The Alabama Kidney Foundation, PO Box 12505, Birmingham AL 35202. Please put In memory of Calvin Mullenax on the check or money order. Thank you.

The 5 Fingers of Prayer



1. Your thumb is nearest to you.
So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you.
They are the easiest to remember.
To pray for our loved ones is, as C.S. Lewis once said, a "sweet duty".
2. The next finger is the pointing finger.
Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal.
This includes teachers, doctors and ministers.
They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction.
Keep them in your prayers.
3. The next finger is the tallest finger.
It reminds us of our leaders.
Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators.
These people shape our nation and guide public opinion.
They need God's guidance.
4. The fourth finger is our ring finger.
Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify, it should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain.
They need our prayers day and night.
You cannot pray too much for them.
5. And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all. Which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others.
As the Bible says, "The least shall be the greatest among you."
Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself.

Submitted by Ellen Davis

From PW Ministry Team

The following were in attendance at our September 10 PW Ministry Meeting held at the church library:
Naydene Ames, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon and Marlene Miner.
Following are topics that were discussed which we wish to share with our church family.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A nice thank you note was received from the Property Committee for the \$1,000 donation we gave for their special project fund drive to be used for sealing the drive and parking lots. We also received a very nice thank you letter from the Thea Bowman House in Utica for the monetary donation we gave them from our mission fund.

MCC Presbyterian Women's Retreat:

We went over the details for the Women's Retreat to be held at our church on Saturday, September 19 with Gail Banks as the presenter. We all agreed to have Peterboro's Deli on the Green cater our retreat. Registration is \$10.00 a person.

PW Country Crossroads Bazaar:

At our next meeting on October 8, most of our discussion will be on our Bazaar.... what has been done what needs to be done, etc. Ladies who will be volunteering at the Bazaar are invited to attend. **It is important that all the booth chairpersons, head cashier and the ladies heading up Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, be present at this meeting.**

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Presbyterian Women's Country Crossroads Bazaar
Saturday, November 7, 2015
9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

THE BIG THREE – HOLIDAYS THAT IS

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

The weeds are dying ... bring on the leaves...

The coming of October, to me, has always marked the beginning of the Holiday Season. Many people consider Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's as the Holiday Season but I like to start with Halloween and end with Christmas.

Starting with Halloween and ending with Christmas, in my mind, puts things in order as well as perspective. My thinking - which is sometimes dubious at best – goes like this ...

Halloween is a rather self-centered holiday. It is all about me. What do *I* want to be, how much candy can *I* get. For one night I can be whatever I want to be. Me, Me, Me.

A month later is Thanksgiving. Family time. We eat as a family, watch football as a family, pass out as a family, come-to as a family, and as a family attempt to figure out how our team lost the game when they were way ahead when we had passed out. Thanksgiving is all about family.

Wait another month and Christmas is upon us. Christmas is a time when our thoughts and prayers should expand out and be about peace on earth and good will toward man. The time of year when we should all be a little nicer to each other. Even strangers.

The three big holidays take us on a voyage from thinking about ourselves to thinking about the world and isn't that the mind set we should carry with us in to the New Year.

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
Sept 6	40	\$ 3150.00	\$ 675.00
Sept 13	45	\$ 1217.00	\$ 165.00
Sept 20	55	\$ 771.16	\$ 65.00
Sept 27	?	\$ 722.50	\$ 65.00

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

Class of 2016

Ellen Davis
Nancy Douglas
Priscilla Suits

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard

DEACONS

Class of 2015

Marlene Miner
Roberta Link
Dave Link

Class of 2016

Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur
Naydene Ames

Class of 2017

Calla Miller
Connie Shepard
Sue Bartow