

CHURCH MATTERS

October
2016



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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Clothes Basket 684-9970

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October Birthdays

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

October Anniversaries

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

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

October

2	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (World Communion)
9	Rev. Tanya Atwood-Adams
16	Katie Bracy
23	Rev. Marsha King
30	William Porter

October 2016 Calendar of Events

- 3 CE Committee Mtg. 5:30 pm SS Room
- 3 Deacons Mtg. 6:00 pm Library
- 4 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 4 American Red Cross Blood Drive**
1 - 6 pm Fellowship Hall
- 5 Worship Sermon Class 6:30 pm Library
- 6 PW Committee 6:30 Library
- 6 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 8 Craft Sale 9 - 2 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 10 Columbus Day Holiday (Office Closed)**
- 10 Worship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Library
- 10 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 pm SS Room
- 10 Property Committee Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 11 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 11 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 13 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 13 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 17 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 18 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 18 Faith Circle 12 - 2 pm at Ann Berlew's
- 19 Wednesday Club Guest Night**
5:00 - 9:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 20 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 22 Covered Dish Supper 5:30 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 25 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 25 Rebekahs 2 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 27 Book Read "The Hurricane Sisters"
12 - 2 pm at Dot Mulcahey's home
- 29 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

Clothes Basket is open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 pm unless otherwise noted.

Adult Bible Study is held every Sunday at 9:30 am in the Church Library unless otherwise noted.

From the Worship Committee

Bless All Creatures Great & Small

*“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand are the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”
Job 12: 7-10*

October 4, 2016 known on the Catholic calendar as the Feast of St. Francis is the day when a smattering of churches both Protestant and Catholic celebrate the blessing of pets and animals. How appropriate for the blessing of the animals celebration to culminate on the Feast Day of St. Francis, since Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of animals and the environment.

But why bless the animals? My answer: the animals, pets and wildlife, are God’s creation just as you and I our God’s creation. Of course we know this but a nice reminder is never out of order. A celebration such as Blessing the Animals reminds us that all life is interconnected. We make statements, at least some of us do, that “we are all one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord”, but fall short of really connecting the dots with the rest of humanity, particularly, those we view as the foe; and, as for pets and wildlife, they are often completely left out of our “oneness” thoughts. Thus the focus of Blessing the Animal celebration is “reinforcing the common kinship of all animals—human and otherwise.” As the scripture says, *“In his hand are the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.” Job 12: 10*

Dear God, through your son Jesus you “blessed us in the heavenly realm with every spiritual blessing ...” (*Ephesians 1:3*) May it be pleasing in your sight as we impart life affirming blessings on pets, on all animals great and small and on all of humankind. We are so blessed that “...the whole world is your hands.” In Jesus name we pray. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

CLOTHES BASKET is OPEN!!!

After 1 ½ weeks of packing up the clothes left from spring and summer, cleaning the room, and refilling the racks, 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 work every week on donations that come in so new things appear each Wednesday. Also, 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. Without the many hands helping we wouldn’t be able to be so efficient and timely with closing and reopening. Thank you all for your help.

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 (440-9256) and volunteer---we will train you! We offer a much needed service to our community and thus we need to continue to be open on Saturdays as well as Wednesdays.

From the Deacons

The Deacons hope that you had a good month last month. We also hope those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month have a great day!!

Thank you for all that donated for the “Box of Socks.” This will help our young people in the Elementary School. We hope to do this next year (and maybe start in July.)

Hints of the Holiday Season will be creeping upon us in stores (if they haven’t already). Christmas is only three months away. We will be looking for can fruits, veggies, and other non-perishable items for the Christmas baskets this month and November.

We are planning to go to Harding Nursing Home in December. No date has been set yet. We hope that you will join us to spread God’s Love.

As a reminder, we are here for you. Talk to your Deacons, and share any joy and concern (if needed) with them.

And, as always, we hope all of you have a blessed month. May all of God’s Love surround you always.

Respectfully submitted, Tom Lemery

CHURCH WINDOW

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

During each Sunday's service I find myself looking out the window above the altar and each Sunday I see God providing the backdrop for the sermon and these scriptures that provide the direction:

Sometimes the backdrop is Deuteronomy 32:2 "Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants" and we become like Job's words in 8:16 "They are like a well-watered plant in the sunshine, spreading its shoots over the garden" or sometimes we may miss the point and Matthew 16:3 tells us that missing the point is nothing new "and in the morning, 'Today it will be stormy, for the sky is red and overcast.' You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times."

Some services, He, is like Psalm 147 verse 8 "He covers the sky with clouds; he supplies the earth with rain and makes grass grow on the hills." Yet even on the gloomiest of days we can have hope because we can be assured by Luke chapter 1 verses 78 through 79 that because of the tender mercy of our God, by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven to shine on those living in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the path of peace."

So I will continue to watch the backdrop during service and together "Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge Him. As surely as the sun rises, He will appear; He will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea chapter 6 verse 3.

Psalm 104:34

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

From the Property Committee

Session - It was suggested one manual be organized to include any and all policies of our church (wedding, building usage, kitchen, tables/chairs, etc. Building & Grounds Usage Forms for (non members) and Wedding Policy Forms were given to Session.

COVE invited us to be a part of their work day again this year. Due to date and time frame, we declined and asked to be on their mailing list for next year.

Letters for bids on plowing were mailed out with a due date of 9/16/16.

The heating units of the Youth Room will be spray painted with white paint to match room.

ThyssenKrupp (elevator) will be contacted for its Preventive Maintenance.

The gardens are looking great! Budd has put in a wildflower "bed" near the garage.

The extra stone will be placed under the portico area.

Tractor service has been completed.

The kitchen is to be cleaned "professionally" in the near future.

Ron will be replacing the security light in Fellowship Hall. He will also be replacing the chalk and bulletin boards that were removed to pai22nt the Youth Room and hallways.

Ron and Charlene vacation: September 15-17 and October 7-9, and Thanksgiving W-F.

Sylvia trip: October 12-17

Budd leaving in November for winter.

Beginning in October, our meetings will be on the second Monday of each month (10/10/16).

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia McKinnon

Outreach & Evangelism

Outreach and Evangelism will have a covered dish supper on Saturday, October 22 at 5:30 until approximately 8:00 pm. We will have music, fellowship, and fun. If you would like to bring an instrument or sing you need to contact Mark Shepard 750-8672. We are inviting other churches from our area to participate.

If anyone has any ideas for future events please see Outreach and Evangelism members.

Respectfully Submitted,
Connie Shepard

FASHION SHOW NEWS

The PW Fashion Show is a month away. There is still time for you to participate so please consider visiting the Clothes Basket and selecting items to wear. It is very important that you let Ellen Davis know that you are participating. It is super important that she see your outfit so that a commentary can be written.

This year's show will present the usual beautiful models. However there will be several handsome men also participating. Our Marlene and friend will be providing some entertainment. There will also be a couple of other amusing happenings.

The drawing for the quilt that is being raffled by the Needlers' will be held during the fashion show.

Please plan to join in the fun on Sunday, November 6 at 2 pm in the fellowship hall. Looking forward to seeing you there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correction Noted...

The poem "Another September" was highlighted in our September issue. It was indeed submitted by Irene Akers, but was also "written" by Irene in 1974. Very impressive Irene!

Rev. Sindima offered the preaching class some insight into the "Lectionary". He has chosen to share this information with our members and friends. Each month we will be running a portion of Rev. Sindima's handout for your information.

The Lectionary (*continues*)

The Ecumenical Lectionary

The churches that kept the lectionary, the Catholics, Calvinists, and the Lutherans each church had its own lectionary until 1965 and in one-year cycles. The current three-year lectionary started after the Second Vatican Council, a series of meetings of Bishops that met 11 October 1962-8 December 1965. The Council was about renewal of the life of the church. In line with the idea of renewal, the Catholic Church had a group of bishops that revised the organization of the

Biblical readings for Sunday and other church celebrations in three-year cycles of four passages from the Bible: One from each section of the Bible and Psalms. The Protestant lectionary is based upon the Catholic Mass Lectionary. That is why the lectionary is known as the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL). The Catholic and the RCL lectionaries are organized on three-year cycles identified by the first three letters of the alphabet: A. B. C. Each cycle begins on the First Sunday in Advent. In other words, Advent marks the beginning of a new church year.

The use of the lectionary among Protestants almost died in the twentieth century in America as preachers felt it constrained them and was not relevant to the life and situation of the people, or what was happening in large society. This attitude towards the lectionary was common from the 1950s to the 1970s, but interest again picked up thereafter.

The Lessons

The readings are arranged in such a way that Christians will go through most of the Bible in three years, covering a third each year. The readings are organized for biblical literacy for Christians to know the Bible. Each year has a gospel dedicated to it.

Year A: The Gospel of Matthew

Year B: The Gospel of Mark

Year C: The Gospel of Luke

The Gospel of John is read during the high seasons: Easter, Advent, Christmas and Lent.

The lectionary begins with the Gospel of Matthew, not because it was the first, it was not, but that it provides continuity with the Old Testament. The Gospel of Luke was written for Jewish readers. Next comes Mark, which was the first gospel to be written completed in the year 60. Mark is brief, a gospel written in a hurry, as he saw that the generation of the disciples was aging. He wanted to keep an account of their memories of the life and teachings of Jesus before they were all gone. The Gospel of Luke was the third to be written. Drawing materials from both Mark and Matthew along with his own research, Luke wrote for Gentiles, or non-Jewish people like us. That is why there are a lot of explanations of Jewish culture and practices. John was the last gospel, written by John while away from Palestine and completed in

the year 90. This is the gospel that focuses on the mystery that Jesus, who was God, became human. The language for becoming human is called the incarnation in church language.

Food Pantry

July – 56 families visited the Food Pantry in July. A total of 1,701 meals were provided. We are seeing more and more families visit the pantry each month. Some have transferred back from CazCares in Cazenovia. The demographics, not only in this area, are changing. The family unit now includes grandparents, their children and their children’s children. It’s not unusual to see six or seven members, and sometimes even eight in a family living together. We received \$220.95 in cash donations and 403 items of food and other products. Very welcomed since the CNY Food Bank’s food prices have increased.

August - In August, with the blessing of our Fresh Produce Grant, we are starting to see fresh produce harvested by some of our local farmers. Yellow and green beans, blueberries, cucumbers, sweet corn, yellow and zucchini squash, potatoes, beets and a variety of onions. Wonderful to see fresh produce on our shelves.

Forty-nine (49) families came to the pantry in August for a total of 1,386 meals provided. 104 food and other product items were received in addition to a monthly \$30 cash donation. However, it seems as fast as donations come in, they disappear from the shelves.

Paper towel, toilet tissue and other personal hygiene items continue to be in demand. Any and all donations are always welcome and appreciated.

Thank you.

Sue Bartow
Co-Coordinator

Statistics for September 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
September 4	40	\$ 3272.00	\$ 545.00
September 11	48	\$ 1275.00	\$ 125.00
September 18	53	\$ 1724.00	\$ 75.00
September 25	48	\$ 1120.00	\$ 75.00