

# CHURCH MATTERS

October  
2017



## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12pm

Office 684-3314

Pastor's Office 684-9971

Kitchen\ Clothes Basket 684-9970

### October Birthdays

1 Agnes Carr	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 October:

1 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima World Communion
8 Rev. Ray Lighthall
15 Rev. Jerry Saliba
22 Katie Bracy
29 Rev. Jerry Saliba

**Clothes Basket** will be open every Wednesday and Saturday from 10 to 2 p.m., unless otherwise noted.

**Per Capita Assessment** for 2017 is \$37.50 per member.

The **American Red Cross** will be hosting a **Blood Drive** at **Morrisville Community Church** on **Tuesday, October 3** from **1-6 pm** in **Fellowship Hall**.

**Crouse Community Center** - Morrisville Community Church will be providing "Service and Song" to be held at 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 29 at the center. **Helpers Needed!!**

### October 2017 Calendar of Events

- 1 World Communion Sunday**  
(10:30 service - Morrisville Community Church)
- 2 CE Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 2 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 3 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 3 American Red Cross Blood Drive** 1-6 pm
- 5 PW 6:30 pm Library
- 5 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 Memorial Service for Joann Conrad**  
(Morrisville Community Church at noon)
- 9 Observance of Columbus Day - Office Closed**
- 9 Outreach Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 9 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 9 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 10 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 10 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 12 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 12 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 16 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 17 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Faith Circle noon at Ann Berlew's
- 17 Homecoming 6:30 pm Library
- 18 Wednesday Club Guest Night**  
(6:30 pm - Fellowship Hall)
- 19 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
- 21 Men's Retreat 9:00 - 2:00 Library**
- 24 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 24 Rebekahs 2:00 Fellowship Hall
- 25 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 26 Book Read "House Girl" noon Library
- 26 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
- 29 Crouse Community Center 2 pm "Service & Song"**

**Adult Bible Study** Sundays at 9:30 a.m. - Church Library

**Sunday Hour of Prayer** is held every Sunday from 6:30-7:30 pm. This will be time for anyone from our church and community to gather with others and share a time of prayer.

## From the Worship Committee

### *October Song*

*"Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Psalm 103: 2*

October Song is a song of contrasts. I like to think of it as a quiet song with sparks. The colors of October are both vivid but mellow. The hills and valleys of summer, which surrounded us in a cloak of greens, have slowly changed into a brilliant tapestry of red, orange, gold, purple and white. The crops of October – pumpkins, squash and apples—provide us with tastes that are spicy, tangy but subtle. The sounds of October are harmonious but irregular. The coo of the mourning dove has been joined with the aggressive chipping and chatter of chipmunks and red squirrels as they collect and store seed for winter. The sound of rain drops has been joined with the sound of heavy acorns and pine cones that are now falling and hitting the ground with a clunk. Yes, my October song is a quiet song with sparks.

At this point you might tell me that my song is too pastoral, too idyllic. When I think of the hurricanes that slammed the east coast of Texas, the state of Florida and the islands' of the Caribbean islands in September and knowing that October is also a prime time for hurricanes, the word "quiet" and "peaceful" do seem farfetched. But within all of this heart breaking destruction we have witnessed people coming together to help each other. Not only people helping each other but helping pets and wildlife. This is an inspiring and good thing.

In scriptures, nature, our physical universe, is used to help us gain wisdom of God by seeing what God has done to sustain our physical life and well being. It is good for us to praise God for all he has done. Unfortunately, the extreme happenings—Hurricanes, Tornados, Earthquakes—are often hard to reconcile with the glory of God's creation. As I thought about the storms and how they fit into my October Song, I turned to the hymn, "It is Well with My Soul". The song writer, H. G. Spafford, who had suffered the death of four daughters, penned these words: "When sorrows like sea billows roll...it is well with my soul." The scripture inspiring the hymn, Psalm 103: 2 tells us, "Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits." Let this be our October Song.

Dear God, we give you praise for your wonderful and glorious world. Surround us with your love and hope so that we too can say, "it is well with my soul." In Jesus name we pray. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee, MG. Hunter

## **BAZAAR BUZZ**

A reminder to members and friends of the Morrisville Community Church that the Presbyterian Women's Biennial Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017 from 9 am to 2 pm. That is only one month away!

We need volunteers to work in the booths and to be cashiers. If you can help (even for just a couple of hours) please let us know.

To help the volunteers who are setting up the different booths, we are asking for two things:

1. that each person making a donation complete a PW Bazaar donation sheet for each booth. Forms will be available on "The Table" in the fellowship hall. It is often hard for someone else to put a price on an item when that person does not know how much it cost to make the item. We want items to sell, but we do not want to under price or over price items either. Your help would be deeply appreciated.

2. that all donations (except baked items) be at the church no later than Thursday, November 2. This will allow the booth chairpersons more time to price items and set up the booths. Baked goods will be accepted at any time.

The church will be open during the following times for drop off and for booth chairpersons to work in their areas:

Sunday, 10/29 during Sunday School and Church  
Monday through Friday (10/30 - 11/3) 9 am - 12 noon (enter via church office)  
Wednesday & Thursday (11/1-11/2) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (enter fellowship hall)  
Friday (11/3) (booth chairpersons and baked goods) 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (enter fellowship hall)

Donations and completed donation forms may be left in the fellowship hall on the tables set up by the nursery wall.

If you have any questions about the Bazaar, please contact any of us.

### **PW Ministry Team**

Naydene Ames 315-684-9657

Karen Jacobs 315-684-9119

Sylvia McKinnon 315-684-3194

Marlene Miner 315-684-3481

Maxine Hunter 315-684-9278

Ellen Davis 315-559-2397

## **Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team News**

PW Team: Naydene Ames, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter, Karen Jacobs, Sylvia McKinnon, Marlene Miner

We had ten ladies attend our Fall Retreat on Saturday, September 16. The presenter was Mrs. Gail Banks who delivered "The Peace of God ...*And the Peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guide your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:7).*

Gail ended her presentation with the following poem:

Silence leads to Prayer  
Prayer leads to Faith  
Faith leads to Love  
Love leads to Service  
Service leads to Peace  
Peace leads to Prayer

Our Country Crossroads Bazaar will be Saturday, November 4. We would like all Bazaar Chairpersons to attend our next meeting on October 5 to finalize the set up for the bazaar, review the list of volunteers and answer any questions. We are always in need of volunteers so if you haven't been approached and can help please contact one of the ladies listed above. If you don't want to work in one of the booths, we always need help setting up and cleaning up afterwards.

### ***"Country Crossroads 2017"***

The Stitchery	Naydene Ames
The Twisted Vine	Maxine Hunter & Ellen Davis
St. Nicholas' Place	Sandy Merkle
The Bake Shop	Karen Jacobs & Sylvia M.
Grandma's Attic	Marlene Miner
The Country Peddler	Calla Miller & Andy Sikes
Mrs. Claus' Café	Norma Galbreath
Cashiers	Priscilla Suits

Through the leadership of Maxine Hunter, our church family made up hygiene kits and PW purchased supplies for one clean up bucket for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Plan for Hurricane Harvey that swept through Texas. Thank you to those who supplied the hygiene kits.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,  
Naydene Ames, Secretary

## **From the Food Pantry**

With the road construction on Eaton St., forty (40) families managed to make it to the pantry in August. Five new families were enrolled in August. One hundred forty-eight (148) canned food and other products were donated along with monetary donations totaling \$421. (Forty one dollars (\$41) was collected at the Carnival for the pantry, and \$250 was donated by PW.

Thank you very much.

We are now purchasing fresh produce from local farmers - sweet corn, blueberries and zucchini was available in August. We are still uncertain as to what our HPNAP, Operation Support, and Fresh Produce Grant money might be for the year. The Food Bank did advance us some funds to carry us for a few months until the awards are made.

The Cornell Cooperative Extension building, where the pantry is housed, is getting a much needed fresh coat of paint. We have finalized the design for the Morrisville Community Church Pantry sign which should be ready in a week or so and will be installed on a post at the entrance of the driveway on Eaton St. We hope you like it. I don't think any of us will miss having to hang up and bring in the current signs during inclement weather.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

## **From the Property Committee**

We received only ONE bid for plowing from Ralph Colvin. We chose his SEASONAL proposal for the season November 1 - March 31 (2017-18) at \$3900.00.

Coverage for Ron's vacation (September 5-20) was organized.

Other items of interest:

- Syracuse Time Alarm has appointment to put strobes in on September 21.
- J. Meadows has appointment to replace leaking valve in boiler room September 22.
- ThyssenKrupp will be calling to do regular Preventive Maintenance this month.
- It was noted in the kitchen the grill is not secure on the table-top where it rests. We are asking all to refrain from using it until it can be secured.

A second meeting was held with Frontier about the phone system. Jeff Gay will be researching other companies for prices of systems.

Beginning in October our regular meetings will be on the second Monday of each month. Our next meeting is October 9.

Sylvia McKinnon  
Chairperson  
Property Committee

## **Morrisville Community Church**

### **Men's Retreat**

The Men's Retreat will be held on Saturday, October 21, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Church Library. The cost is \$15.00 for food. All men are invited to bring a friend if you'd like. Lunch and water will be provided, just bring your Bible. In order to get an accurate count for the food, please see Pat Olsson to sign up by Sunday October 8.

To allow those that wish to look ahead at the topics, itineraries will be available in church on Sunday, October 8. If you are not going to be in church on Sunday, October 8 and would like an itinerary, early let me know and we can make arrangements.

Thank you and God Bless.

### **From the Deacons**

The Deacons have begun the planning for the Christmas food basket distribution. Connie and Calla will be co-chairpersons this year and will share more information as it becomes available.

Remember, there is a box in the Narthex for food donations. If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please contact any of the Deacons. (*see below*)

As always, the Deacons are here for you. If you need assistance, prayers or just a friend to chat with, please let us know.

To anyone celebrating a birthday or anniversary may God's love and peace surround you now and always.

God Bless You,  
Calla Miller

(on behalf of the Deacons)

## **2017 Breast Cancer Walk**



The American Cancer Society Breast Cancer Walk will be on Sunday, October 15, 2017 on the OCC Campus. Bonnie, Pat and their team will be doing the walk. If you would like to sponsor them or donate see either Bonnie or Pat. All checks or cash are due by Saturday, October 14. If you would like to donate on line see Bonnie and she will email you the link. Online donations are due by the morning of the 15.

Thank you and God Bless.

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### **OF SLAVES AND SERVANTS**

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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Living our lives according to the Bible is no easy task when one considers the monumental task of Scripture Interpretation. How can a book thousands of years old be relevant today?

Enter Biblical Interpretation. Let's look at Slaves and Servants....

Both the Old Testament and the New Testament contain stories and references to Slaves and Servants. The servants mentioned are mainly conscripted servants who are barely a full step above a slave. In order to save my typing fingers I am going to use the word slave to represent both. Slaves were a normal part of ancient life and, sadly, still exist in many forms today.

We Christians, however, do not have slaves, so how do we interpret scriptures referencing slaves or servants? Do we just ignore those scriptures? I don't think we should ignore them. Many important Biblical life lessons concern slaves and servants.

Let's look at a few...

Exodus 5 'Bricks without Straw' tells of the Pharaoh making the Hebrew slaves maintain their brick quota while also forcing them to provide their own straw. This was done as punishment because the Hebrews wanted time to worship God and rest. This did not work out well for the Pharaoh as the Hebrews kept their faith in God and were set free.

Allowing slaves time to worship and rest is reinforced in the Ten Commandments. Deuteronomy chapter 5 verses 12 through 15: "Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female *servant*, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female *servants* may rest, as you do. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore, the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day."

In First Kings chapter 12 the servants ask King Rehoboam for leniency from the "heavy yoke" placed on them by Rehoboam's father King Solomon. Rehoboam's elders advised him, "If today you will be a servant to these people and serve them and give them a favorable answer,

they will always be your servants." Rehoboam rejected their advice and instead took the advice of the younger men to make the "yoke heavier". Just like the Pharaoh, this did not end well for Rehoboam. His servants rebelled, his 'man in charge of forced labor' was stoned to death and Rehoboam, himself, was forced to flee.

Exodus chapter 21 contains Laws for the "ethical" treatment of slaves. As does Leviticus 25 which also says; "Do not rule over them ruthlessly, but fear your God."

The Bible, in Jeremiah chapter 34 verses 8 through 22 "Freedom for Slaves", talks about just that, "freedom for slaves". As a warning, when the Hebrew slaves were freed and their former masters recaptured them and enslaved them again the masters did, indeed, incur the wrath of God.

Deuteronomy 15:12-18 "Freeing Servants" is another example of how to treat and when to set free servants. Deuteronomy also states in chapter 23 verse 15, "Miscellaneous Laws", "If a slave has taken refuge with you, do not hand them over to their master.

Ok, now that the Biblical scripture/history lesson about slaves and conscripted servants is over the question still remains, what has this got to do with us Modern Christians who have neither slaves nor conscripted servants?

Now comes the time for Biblical Interpretation...

The New Testament tells us time and time again that we are Servants of The Lord and, although God treats us more like family than the best slave master in all of the Bible ever did, I believe, it goes deeper.

Consider...

If you hold the door open for me or help me bring my groceries out to my car are you not my servant for that brief moment? Do I not owe you the respect and ethical treatment of returning the favor or at least thanking you? Do not employers owe the same respect to their employees?

Are we not each other's servants and masters each and every day?

So yes, even a book thousands of years old can be relevant in today's world, especially when interpreted with an air of love and kindness.

#### WHEN THE LORD

When the Lord gave a simple task  
I knew He would aid me. All I had to do was ask  
When the Lord told me to do what was right  
I know He would hold me in His steadfast light  
When the Lord did reach me. He guided me along the  
way  
I knew He would teach me. All I had to do was pray

### *Statistics for September 2017*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
3	30	\$ 3220.00	\$ 500.00
10	40	\$ 1314.00	\$ 275.00
17	40	\$ 1068.00	\$ 75.00
24	40	\$ 1135.00	\$1275.00

(Stewardship Commitment Pledges - 18 returned totaling \$66,508.00)

## CHURCH OFFICERS

### ELDERS

#### Class of 2017

Henry Douglas  
Sylvia McKinnon  
Mark Shepard  
Priscilla Suits  
Nancy Douglas

#### Class of 2018

Jeff Cring  
Lois Thurston

#### Class of 2019

Pathrik Olsson

### DEACONS

#### Class of 2017

Calla Miller  
Connie Shepard  
Sue Bartow

#### Class of 2018

David Link  
Roberta Link  
Robin Suarez

#### Class of 2019

Norma Galbreath  
Rachael Armstrong  
Tom Leamer, Jr.