

# CHURCH MATTERS

OCTOBER  
2018



## 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	10 Tom Lemery
1 Christine Cring	14 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

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

7 Communion - Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
14 Rev. Diane Monger (Cong, Meeting)
21 Pat Olsson
28 Rev. Ray Lighthall

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

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

*"God doesn't have Facebook, but I'm still friends with him, he doesn't have Twitter but I still follow him, and he doesn't have a phone number but I still talk to him"*

*(submitted by Irene Richardson)*

### October 2018 Calendar of Events

- 1 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 2 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 2 **United Blood Services**  
**1:00 to 6:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**
- 4 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 7 **World Communion Sunday**  
(10:30 service Morrisville Community Church)
- 8 **Columbus Day Holiday Observed (Office Closed)**
- 8 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 8 Outreach Committee 6:30 S
- 9 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 9 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Property Committee 7:00 Fellowship Hall
- 11 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 11 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 15 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 16 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 17 Wednesday Club Guest Night 6:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 18-21 **Via De Cristo Men's Weekend**
- 23 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 23 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 24 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 25 Book Read "Chance Developments"  
by Alex McCall Smith 12:00 noon  
at Harriet Stevens home
- 25 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 **Crouse Community Center**  
**"Service and Song" 2:00 pm**
- 30 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

**Please Note:** **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.

## From the Worship Committee

### October

*“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.” Genesis 8: 22*

October—the “orangey” time of year. Even as splendid as these various shades of orange are, we know that a wintery change is coming. We know October is a month of farewells to leaves and flowers and to planting, cultivating and harvesting. We know that all nature—at least here in the Northern Hemisphere—is settling in for the long winter’s nap. A nap that is the beginning of the new cycle of life.

How do we fit into this enduring cycle? The Genesis scripture tells us, “As long as the earth endures...” the ebb and flow of all life “will never cease.” In the little booklet, *Nature Therapy*, Ted O’Neal describes it best: “Remember you are part and parcel of the natural world, too, and thus a creature of cycle and rhythm and season. Respect the rhythms of the day, the seasons of the year, and the cycles of life...Nature’s melody is one that we can step to. We know it well in our very being, even though we sometimes forget. Recapture the rhythm and the flow of nature. Let the blending, the communing, the immersion, bring harmony and peace.”

Prayer: Dear God, we thank you for each season and the enduring cycle of life. As we now enter autumn we give you thanks for all its many blessings: the blessings of the colorful leaves as they drift to earth; the blessing of the asters—the last wild flowers of the year; the blessing of clear, cold nights with a sky full of stars; and for the blessing of crisp morning air and the dew-covered grass. For all these many blessings we give you thanks. In Jesus name, Amen.

On behalf of the Worship Committee,  
Maxine G. Hunter

## 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.

## **MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH MEN’S RETREAT**

The Morrisville Community Church Men’s Retreat will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. in the Morrisville Community Church Library. The cost is \$15.00 for food. All men are invited to bring a friend if you 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 21.

To allow those that wish to look ahead at the topics, itineraries will be available in church on Sunday, October 21. If you are not going to be in church on Sunday, October 21 and would like an itinerary early let me know and we can make arrangements. Thank you and God Bless.

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## From the Food Pantry

Our prayers were answered with the addition of David Andrews as a volunteer on Thursdays and Sandy Merkle as a sub. Thank you both for answering the call.

Dave thought he could be helpful, also, by relieving me of some of the paperwork and maybe doing some of the things we just have not had time to do. In the short time he has been with us, he has started putting together a procedure manual that I had started a draft of over a year ago. He has designed a business card that I have been wanting to work up for sometime. Dave also helped to meet a grant deadline by securing some quotes and invoices for a freezer and/or refrigerator that needed to be included with our Equipment Grant Application.

The following grant applications have been submitted for the 2018-2019 year: HPNAP Grant (Food), Space Grant(Rent), Seed Grant(Produce) and Equipment Grant. We should hear in October what our awards will be. We should also be notified in October if we will receive anything from the Presbyterian Restricted Funds Grant that was applied for back in April.

Thirty families came to the pantry in August, and they were able to select from a wide variety of fresh produce items purchased or donated from local farms and local gardeners. Donations totaled 423 food and hygiene items along with \$30 in cash.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

### **From the Property Committee**

Marlon Brown has completed the work on the building (lights, fascia, power- wash, library window) and has been paid.

Checked on motions lights at the front of the building (was set at AM instead of PM).

The timer for the parking lot lights was reset to start earlier.

We amended the plowing bid letter for 2018-2019 and we send them out Friday, September 28, to Dave Bondorf, Chris Brown and Ralph Colvin with the deadline of October 12. Ralph Colvin had already sent in his bid.

Cindy and Bill Snyder are doing a very nice job with custodial work , substituting for Ron Bush (on leave). Directions for the use of the Dishwasher have been posted above the dishwasher in a waterproof sleeve.

Ron Bush and Dick Davis are working on fixing the outside dripping faucet by the nursery. Parts will be needed. Ron is also searching for a lightweight vacuum that will do "heavy duty" work.

We experienced difficulty with our new phone system on Wednesday, Sept. 5. Pat Olsson and Mark Shepard tried to solve it but our installer, Steve, came and found major changes that needed to be corrected. We are waiting for the print-out of the problems and corrections from Steve.

We will need to set up a "work time" to clean the inside of the sanctuary windows.

The outsides were done by Marlon Brown.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia McKinnon

### **From the Deacons**

Hello everyone!! We pray all of you had a good month last month. If not, we pray October is better for you. If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it's a wonderful day for you!!

We want to thank the congregation for being Ambassadors for Christ and greeting everyone you see. Keep up the good work!!

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. We will get the box out so you can place your donations in it.

The Deacons will be discussing the Christmas Baskets and Caroling at Waterville Residential as the holidays approach. We are planning, with your help and the Madison Baptist Church, to make Christmas a little brighter all over the world. More information will be in our bulletins, announcements, and future church newsletters.

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

Psalm 104:34

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

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So I bought myself another tie clip for church. It is a bubble level. Some green liquid with a bubble in it all contained in a silver tube with a clip on it.

Why, you may ask, did I buy a bubble level tie clip for church?

Well, my thinking goes like this...

Bubble levels are also called *Spirit Levels* so it would be appropriate to wear it in church; the home of the Holy Spirit.

Going to church on Sundays helps keep my *spirit level*. It helps me maintain a healthy balance between sin and piety. I don't want to be sinner and, yet, I don't think God wants me to have a "holier than thou" attitude either. Balanced. Level.

It also helps to remind me that I need to remain "level headed" at times.

Lastly the tie clip also reminds me that God will "level the playing field" so I can defeat the evils and evil temptations of the world. God will *help me* win. God wants all of us to win our own battles with our own evils. We will only be strong enough to help each other if we are strong enough to help ourselves. Yet we never need to feel we are fighting alone. Isaiah 41:10 tells us that God will help us win. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

God *will* level the playing field and we *will* win...

GOD'S LIGHT

Many people fear admitting their sins to God for they feel those fears will be exposed and highly visible in the Light of God. Which is true but only for a moment for in the glorious and brilliant Light of God sins are soon washed away. Just like watching the sun rise. At the start when the sun first rises the world slowly become visible then as the sun clears the horizon the brilliance washes away the scenery.

**CHURCH OFFICERS**

**ELDERS**

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring  
Lois Thurston  
Bonnie Olney

Class of 2019

Pathrik Olsson

Class of 2020

Sylvia McKinnon  
Mark Shepard  
Tom Leamer, Sr.  
Sheila Bartlett  
Ellen Davis

**DEACONS**

Class of 2018

Robin Suarez  
Connie Shepard  
Evelyn Shepard

Class of 2019

Norma Galbreath  
Rachael Armstrong  
Tom Leamer, Jr.

Class of 2020

George Fearon  
Tom Lemery  
Ron Brodeur

***Statistics for September 2018***

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
2	72	\$ 5,057.00	\$ 1,350.00
9	35	\$ 1,321.00	\$ 210.00
16	32	\$ 824.00	\$ 0
23	31	\$ 1,320.00	\$ 0
30	40	\$ 1,407.00	\$ 1,160.00