

CHURCH MATTERS

SEPTEMBER

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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September Birthdays

1	John Galbreath	15	Nancy Douglas
2	Scott Holbert, Jr.	21	Andrea Josephs
4	Connor Bartlett	21	Richard Stevenson
4	Nancy McPherson	22	Darlene Virgil
8	Hayla Josephs	23	Amanda Leamer
10	Evelyn Shepard	24	Jeff Cring
11	Budd Bracy	26	Michael Gay
11	Jessica Jacobs-Broedel	26	Jim McPherson
12	Erin Dutcher	28	Andrew Kent
14	Ron Bush	29	Mikyla Broedel
15	Dru Bartlett	29	Mikenna Broedel

September Anniversary

2	Bert & Joann Conrad
17	Calvin & Valerie Mullenax
18	Keith & Andrea Josephs
30	David & Catharine Andrews

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

September	6	Nancy Douglas
	13	Elder William Porter
	20	Katie Bracy
	27	Open
October	4	Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
		(World-wide Communion)

September 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**
- 12 **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
- 24 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

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

From the Worship Committee

“Sipping Coffee at 5:30 A.M.”

“I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, O Lord.”
Ps.57:8-9

It is very early in the morning. I open the door even though the pre-dawn air is quite cool. As I sit sipping my first cup of coffee, I gaze out across the yard. The sky is clear, but the trees, grass and flowers are dark silhouettes. The only movement is three Blue Jays quietly—amazing for Blue Jays to be quiet—looking for some sunflower seeds on our feeding stump. The words of Psalm 46: 10, “Be still and know that I am God...” drift through my thoughts. But the world is not static, and the dark silhouettes of trees, grass and flowers turn gradually to their natural colors. The green of the lawn shimmers with dew. Soon the dark shadows on the Norway spruce turn golden. As it always does this time of year, the morning sun of late summer is doing its thing: turning this quiet hour into a golden hour. Psalm 139: 14 describes it perfectly: “Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.” But the quiet time and golden world slip quickly by. I am now hearing traffic; the quiet Blue Jays decide to squawk; and the world is now in full light. Perhaps a second cup of coffee is in order. However, that second cup never matches the pleasure and peace of that very first cup in early morning when the world awakens and I awaken with it.

*Prayer: “When morning gilds the skies, my heart awakening cries: May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let earth’s wide circle round in joyful notes resound: May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!” Amen

*(Prayer: verses 1 &3, “When Morning Gilds the Skies”, Presbyterian Hymnal, p.487)

May peace and beauty surround you this day and always, ON behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

Adult Bible Study resumes **Sunday, September 20**, when youngsters are starting as well. All are welcome. We meet in the church library at 9:30 a.m. We are using a book entitled "Get Acquainted With Your Bible." Although it is out of print, we can get you a copy - paper-back or photocopied. It is an overview of our Bible - explaining its organization and including history of the region and people of the Bible. We will resume with Chapter 5 which starts the New Testament. Nancy Douglas will lead this lesson, but we usually take turns, breaking a chapter into two parts. It's a good time to join us for the first time!

If you have questions or want to get a copy of the book, contact Nancy at 684-3845, or email douglasn@twcny.rr.com

“Minister walks into a bar: Not a joke, but a new kind of faith outreach in Syracuse”

This was the title of an article in the Post Standard on August 23, 2015. In order to reach out to people in a new and different way, local religious denominations have launched a project called , God@TheBar.

Ministers are planning to lead conversations at local watering holes—at the bar, or at least in an adjoining room. Beer and appetizers will be served. God, faith, and spirituality will be the focus.

Pastor Bob Langston of the Onondaga Hill Presbyterian Church got this idea while visiting in St. Paul, MN where he saw a sign for a series called “Theology on Tap” in a Catholic cathedral. The Syracuse diocese has a similar program aimed at young people and have their meetings at Dinosaur Bar-B-Que. This inspired Rev. Langston to consult with other local Christian ministers and the project was developed.

For more information the newspaper article is posted in Fellowship Hall. It includes dates, times, locations, and leadership for those who are interested.

Review submitted by Ellen Davis

News article submitted by Karen Jacobs

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Many thanks to everyone for all the prayers, cards, calls and food we received at the time of the death of Katie, and at the time of Tracy's surgery...Irene Akers and Family.

Officers' (Deacons and Elders) Retreat will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 9:00 to noon. If you cannot attend, please contact Nancy Douglas.

Wedding Announcement

Shawn Gregory Bartow and Christina Marie Ollendorf Barone were joined in Holy Matrimony on August 1, 2015 in Basking Ridge, NJ. Shawn is the son of Sue Bartow. Shawn and Christina are both employed by Waters Corp., a pharmaceutical company. Shawn is a Sr. Account Manager, Christina is an Asset Management Analyst. Christina has two daughters, Meghan 15 and Katie 12. The family resides in Phillipsburg, NJ.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING REVIEW

At the August 30 Congregational meeting, moderated by the Rev. Earl Arnold, the following were elected:

Elders - Class of 2018
Jeff Cring
Bonnie Olney
Lois Thurston

Deacons - Class of 2018
David Link
Roberta Link
Robin Suarez

In addition, three members-at-large were chosen to serve on 2016's Nominating Committee

Shelia Bartlett
Budd Bracy
Marlene Miner

These three will serve with a member of Session and a Deacon, chosen in January.

Henry Douglas thanked his committee for their hard work, noting we had a complete slate of officers for the first time in quite a while. The congregation, in turn, thanked the committee for their hard work.

The Clothes Basket at the Morrisville Community Church will be closed Saturday, September 5, Labor Day weekend. We will reopen as usual on Wednesday, September 9 and will be having 2 weeks of "Free Days" from September 9 through September 19. Wednesday hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to noon. Everything in the store will be free. Come and shop with us and take as much as you want. Then we will close the week of September 20 for changeover. We will re-open on Wednesday, September 30 at 10 a.m. fully stocked with fashions for fall and winter. Regular Saturday hours will resume on October 3. Regular days and hours will be Wednesdays and Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Baked goods will be available on Saturdays as usual.

Please, no donations until September 30.

From the Deacons

The Deacons are encouraging you to be "fruity" this month too. We are looking for donations of canned fruit. These cans will go into the Food Baskets we distribute at Christmas. No GLASS jars can be accepted. Please check the expiration date. There is a box in the Narthex for you to place your donations. Thank you in advance. We will be asking for "veggies" in the near future. Look for that announcement in future newsletters and bulletins.

We pray every MECS Elementary and High School student has a great school year. We also wish our college and high school fall sports team the best in their seasons.

Finally, the Deacons hope that all of you have a blessed month. May all of God's Love surround you always.

In His Service
Tom Lemery

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.

Bazaar Buzz

It's that time to finish any bazaar projects you have been working on. You may bring in your finished projects at any time. Donation sheets will be on the card table in Fellowship Hall.

We ask that you fill them out to help us in pricing items. Your items may be given to any of the following:

Ellen Davis	Maxine Hunter
Naydene Ames	Katie Bracy
Sylvia McKinnon	Karen Jacobs

Thank you for helping us make this year's Bazaar a success.

From Presbyterian Women

The following were in attendance at our August 13 PW Ministry Meeting held at the church library: Naydene Ames, Katie Bracy, Ellen Davis, Maxine Hunter and Karen Jacobs. Following are events that were discussed which we wish to share with our church family.

MCC Presbyterian Women's Retreat:

We confirmed the date of Saturday, September 19 for our Women's Retreat and are pleased that Gail Banks has accepted our invitation to lead the retreat. This year's theme title is ***Experiencing God's Presence: finding God with us in our daily travels*** - "God in our Daily Rounds." The retreat will be held at the church in Fellowship Hall from 9 to 2 p.m. Registration fee is \$10.00 and anyone needing scholarship money to cover their registration fee should see our Treasurer, Karen Jacobs.

PW Country Crossroads Bazaar:

Fall is approaching fast which means our Bazaar is just around the corner. We hope many are working on projects to sell at the Bazaar scheduled for **Saturday, November 7.**

Our next regular meeting will be on Thursday, September 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

From the Property Committee

Our total received for the Special Project (sealing drive/lot) as of August 30 is \$4,450.00. Others have spoken about contributing so we may be able to totally pay for the project with this fundraiser (\$5,700.00). Sittsy did a great job filling the cracks and sealing.

Syracuse Time & Alarm came and did a test and inspection of the system. Only two minor items need fixing.

The elevator company (ThyssenKrupp) did a quarterly maintenance check. This was well overdue.

Darwin Allen (Haylor, Fryer, Coon) came to Session to go over our renewal policy. This is a yearly policy.

We did not have a successful clean-up on August 8. We have left a chart in Fellowship Hall showing the jobs that need to be accomplished. If you have time and are so inclined, please see one of the Property Committee about coming to work (at your earliest convenience).

Respectfully Submitted

Sylvia McKinnon

New Addresses for Church Members & Friends

Please make the following changes in your directory for church members who have moved.

Calvin & Valerie Mullenax
Ann Mullenax
15 Lake Street
Jacksonville, AL 36265

Alison (Mullenax) Temple
11 Harris Street
Jacksonville, AL 36265

Michelle Olney
3036 16th Ave. W. #415
Seattle, WA 98119

Pat Morse
447 Washington Avenue
Oneida, NY 13421

THE END OF THE "SUMMER" MUSINGS

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

The summer draws to a close, the weeds are winning and, of course, the musings continue...

Recently as I was watching the latest Super Hero movie I began to wonder; what kind of Super Hero would Jesus be if His story were written today? ...as the first lash of the whip approaches our hero He breaks His bonds, reaches out, grabs the whip and with a flick of His wrist rips it out of the guard's grasp and sends the handle flying back to the assailant where it renders him unconscious. Jesus then stands firm and in one smooth action slings His halo, which had appeared above his head, into the crowd where it incapacitates the rest of his antagonizers. The halo smoothly returns to His hand. Nodding to the onlookers, He places the halo on His head where it glows with the light of heaven and Jesus rises up and soars off to do battle with the oppressors of the world... I think I prefer the message of the original story.

The second topic this time is Communion. During our latest Communion Service, I was asked why I did not partake. This started me on a quest. Never being one to follow the crowd I did not and still don't think it is right to partake in a sacred rite without knowing what it means to me.

Communion was never a part of my religious upbringing. So in order to understand it I had to start at the beginning. On Google. I read the appropriate Bible verses and several internet posts and this is the result of my research and consequent musing.

I would like to start with the one post that stood out. It was a gentleman recounting that there are occasions that he does not partake in Communion because he does not feel worthy due to having sinned during the week. This for me did not seem right. I do not think Communion is about "being" worthy I think it is about "becoming" worthy. That is to say, since Jesus is the example of perfection and we strive all of our lives to be more like Him, it is during those times that we do sin that we should partake in Communion to reaffirm our commitment to be like Him. In the partaking of Communion, we take in the essence of Jesus to strengthen ourselves against sin and to aid us in becoming more like Him.

With this newfound understanding in my heart and soul, I suspect our next Communion Sunday will be very different for me.

Statistics

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
August 2	36	\$ 3375.00	\$ 585.00
August 9	45	\$ 1505.00	\$ 365.00
August 16	40	\$ 736.00	\$ 65.00
August 23	47	\$ 1080.00	\$.00
August 30	40	\$ 1283.00	\$ 355.00

(driveway sealing \$399)

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