

CHURCH MATTERS

SEPTEMBER
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

September Birthdays

2 Scott Holbert, Jr.	15 Nancy Douglas
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 Anniversaries

30 David & Catharine Andrews

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows for September:

2 Communion - Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima
9 Bill Porter
16 Bill Porter
23 Tanya Atwood-Adams
30 Rev. Ray Lighthall

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)

September 2018 Calendar of Events

3	Labor Day Holiday - Office Closed
3	Deacons 6:30 pm Library
4	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
6	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
10	Worship Committee 6 pm Library
10	Outreach Committee 6:30 S
11	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
11	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
13	Property Committee 7:00 Fellowship Hall
13	Finance Committee 7 pm Library
13	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
14-15	Via DeCristo Joint Teaming - Fellowship Hall
17	Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
18	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
20	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
22	First Day of Autumn
25	Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
25	Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
26	WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
27	Book Read "The Other Einstein" by Marie Benedict - 12:00 noon - Church Library
27	Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

The **Clothes Basket** will be **closed for changeover** during the weeks of September 4 and September 10. We will reopen Wednesday, September 19. Hours will be 10 to 2pm both Wednesdays and Saturdays.

Adult Bible Study will restart Sunday, September 16 in the Library. We will be covering the Old Testament Book of Haggai. Thank you, Love to All, God Bless, Pat Olsson

From the Worship Committee

God of the Sunset

“Yet the Lord will command his loving kindness in the day time, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.” Psalm 42: 8 (KJV)

It is September. It is the mellow time of year where yellows, golds, and ambers fill the fields, forests and gardens. The “loving kindness” of long day time hours, where we work and play with joy, is fading. With each passing day the sunset arrives earlier and earlier. But we should not despair. The sunset is God’s gift to us. In the sunset, God has provided us the time to move from all our busy-ness, to a time for tranquil thoughts and mental repose. It is the time when we can pause, and with a peaceful sigh, reflect upon a day well lived.

Prayer: Dear God, thank you for the blessing of the sunset. Its beauty fills our eyes with wonder. Your love and majesty for all creation is set before us. It renews our spirit. As the “day light softly fades, we are set free from care and labor to commune with thee.” * For this we give you praise and thanks. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

*Words in quotation are from the hymn, “Softly Now the Light of Day”, by George W. Doan, written in 1824.

Reflections from the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to return to some practices from the past in order to enhance our worship and create a reflective environment.

We are encouraging everyone to move into the Sanctuary in a timely manner upon arrival on Sunday mornings. Our thought is that this will cut down on the noise in the Narthex that filters into the Sanctuary. We would like the Sanctuary to be a quiet place so that those who wish can experience a quiet time of reflection and prayer before the service begins. Therefore, the doors will be closed at approximately 10:15 as Keith provides some spiritual music conducive to meditation. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Food Pantry

In July three new families were enrolled at the pantry. Thirty-one families came for food distribution. We’ve had an abundance of fresh fruits and vegetables for them to select from: blueberries, summer squash, wax and green beans, sweet corn and cucumbers. We did receive \$350 in Seed Grant money to pay for fresh produce from 11/1/17 to 10/31/18. We gratefully received one hundred sixty-three food and hygiene items along with cash donations totaling \$76.00.

We have two new volunteers on Tuesdays, Jeremiah Werden, who resides in Hamilton, and his advocate Tom Burnash, who resides in Morrisville. They are a welcome addition to our volunteer family. Our Thursday Mormon volunteers are no longer coming to the pantry, so we are looking for a new volunteer to assist Andy Sikes who switched from Tuesdays to Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Please give me a call 315 684-3698 if you are interested and have some time.

Thank you.
Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

From the Deacons

Hello everyone!! We pray all of you had a good month last month. If not, we pray September 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 pray for our Morrisville athletics teams...as they prepare, practice, and play this fall.

We wish our SUNY-Morrisville faculty, staff, and students a great semester. We pray that our MECS elementary and high school faculty, staff, and students have a great school year.

The Deacons are happy to know that the Sunday School program and the Chancel Choir will be back in action September 16. An early “WELCOME BACK” to you!! We can’t wait to see what blessings you bring!!!

Speaking of blessings, last month, the Deacons honored the birth of Kara Ryan Dutcher with a rose and plaque. Kara was born July 15. She is the daughter of Greg and Erin Dutcher.

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 or a note 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.

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, we want you to remember...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 September bring you many blessings!!

Sincerely,
The Deacons

Homecoming 2018

August 25 & 26

The Morrisville Community Church's first Homecoming began on a beautiful August day with fun and games for the young and old. The carnival with the bounce house was a big success with lots of activity. Memorabilia of our church's history was presented in the church's library, and our very own Gertrude Sindima, gave us a presentation on the wearing of cultural scarves. Tours of the Clothes Basket and the Food Pantry, who of our church's missions, were given. A delicious chicken barbecue with all of the sides followed and were enjoyed by friends and members of our church.

That evening, "The Master's Touch Chorale" gave a wonderful concert in our beautiful sanctuary. As one member said, "the rafters in the church were really rocking" and I believe the Holy Spirit was smiling down on us. The evening ended with a blazing bonfire and sing-a-long.

Sunday morning began with a worship service that featured multiple members of the congregation participating. There were special musical selections by Tom Lemery, Sam Tucci, the children and our choir that included a couple of alumni from our past choir. The service was highlighted by the participation of the Reverend Russ Duncan and the Reverend Dr. Harvey Sindima. They gave reflections of their times as pastors here, followed by Dr. Sindima giving the pastoral prayer and Reverend Duncan giving the benediction.

The worship service was followed by a delicious farewell luncheon, with many enjoying a time to visit.

Our first Homecoming Celebration was successful because many people assisted in the planning and working the two days. Many thanks to all!

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

REPLACING MEMORIES

By: Pathrik L. Olsson

A.K.A. Mr. Bonnie

[Psalm 104:34](#)

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

Have you ever found yourself traveling down a road or visiting some place and realized that the road or place held nothing but bad memories?

I think we all have. But what do we do about it?

The easy thing is to push the memories aside and in the future avoid the place. But why let the past win? I like to have the best time possible while I am there. Think about the fact that the past is gone. Think about how much better my life is now.

Replace the bad memories associated with the place with good ones.

I try to remember Isaiah 26:14 “They are now dead, they live no more; their spirits do not rise. You punished them and brought them to ruin; you wiped out all memory of them.”

And to think about 1 Thessalonians 3:6 [Timothy’s Encouraging Report] “But Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your faith and love. He has told us that you always have pleasant memories of us and that you long to see us, just as we also long to see you.”

Wouldn’t it be better to come back with good memories from these places?

Two final thoughts on the subject.

Two different verses from two different Letters so it bears repeating.

The first from Philippians 1:3. Thanksgiving and Prayer “I thank my God every time I remember you.”

And from Ephesians 1:16 “I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers.”

These verses may be about remembering people but I think they can apply to places as well.

I would rather replace the bad memories associated with places with good ones and then to thank God for those good memories.

Statistics for August 2018

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
5	30	\$2,392.00	\$ 250.00
12	30	\$1,960.00	\$ 210.00
19	32	\$519.00	\$ 0
26	72	\$1,799.00	\$ 360.00

(Designated \$957.00)

(Hot water contributions to date \$1,344.00)