

CHURCH MATTERS

September

2019



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Service 10:30 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 Conner 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

Anniversaries

30 David & Catharine Andrews

BAZAAR BUZZ

"Country Crossroads 2019" Saturday, 11/2
We are beginning to plan for it and hope all our crafters are thinking about projects they can do and donate. The time goes by really

September 2019 Calendar of Events

2 Labor Day Holiday (office closed)

2 Deacons 6:30 pm Library

3 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

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

16 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library

17 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

18 Wednesday Club 1:30 pm Fellowship Hall

23 First Day of Autumn

24 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library

24 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall

24 Mobile Cancer Screenings 9am to 2pm

North Parking Lot - Morrisville Community Church

25 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall

26 Book Read "Britt Marie Was Here"

by Fredrik Backman - noon at Marie Smith's

Please Note:

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

Adult Bible Study will be held every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library during the school year.

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

Food Pantry will be open every Tuesday and Wednesday from 10 to 12 noon and the 1st Saturday of every month from 10 to 12 noon, unless otherwise noted.

From the Worship Committee

"God is Listening. Are We?"

"Do not mistreat or oppress a foreigner; remember you were foreigners in Egypt. Do not mistreat any widow or orphan. If you do, I the Lord, will answer them when they cry out to me for help..." Exodus 22: 21-23 (GNB)

"Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31: 6 (GNB)

In the spring of 2013, I attended the 2013-2014 *Horizons* Bible study workshop at Stony Point Conference Center. The study, "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy", was twofold: One, it told the story of the Hebrew exodus from Egypt and how God was always with them on this long journey to freedom; and, secondly, how the books of Exodus and Deuteronomy can be tied to the issues of migration today.

The part of the study I found most compelling and a bit difficult to hear was the plight of migrants, not just here in the USA, but worldwide. The challenge for us today, as in 2013, is this: Migrants find themselves in a political no-man's-land. They are often exploited. Women, youth and children are targeted by those with unsavory motivations. They find themselves trapped in these dangerous situations where they can't go back because that is dangerous. They can't stand still, because that is dangerous. They need to go forward, but they are blocked. They are trapped in limbo. They are metaphorically (and many in reality) in jail.

Who hears their cry? Is anyone listening? God is listening. Are we?

Prayer: "Gracious God, we lift up to you all migrant people across the world. As their lives are uprooted by change, may they be surrounded by your steadfast love. We lift up to you those whose lives are not comfortable or secure. We pray for those who suffer because of oppressive power and uncaring greed. Be with them, Lord,

and grant they may come one day to a place of safety, rest, and abundance. In Jesus name, Amen." (Prayer created from 2013-2014 *Horizons* Bible Study prayers on page 76 & 84)

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

September 1 (Communion)	1	Rev. Dr. Clarice Martin
	8	Open
	15	Open
	22	Open
	29	Open

Morrisville Community Church Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is in need of a couple of volunteers on Tuesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, for distribution to low income families with food insecurities. The ability to reach above your shoulders and head and lift light cases is helpful, however not necessary.

Some key points to consider are:

1. Kindness, understanding and a non-judgmental approach is expected of this position.
2. This is a year-long commitment. Any individual, wife/husband or a couple of friends committing to this position works well.
3. It is possible to take leave or to meet private commitments or appointments that may fall on that day. If possible, a couple of days notice is preferable to secure a sub.

Training and shadowing prior to start is necessary.

Please join us for this rewarding and worthwhile cause.

Contact: Sue Bartow, Coordinator
315-684-3698

Thank you.

Per Capita for each member in **2019** is \$38.50.

Statistics for August 2019

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>
4	20	\$ 2,381.00
11	30	\$ 462.00
18	15	\$ 625.00
25	30	\$ 995.00

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.

Property Committee

Sealing and stripping will be done 8/15-8/16—Have proposal and insurance form. Payment will be made next week (\$6200.00).

Ron needs to finish installing batteries when he returns from trip (Aug. 16-25).

A total of three companies have been contacted for proposals for replacing the roof. One has been received and two others we expect to receive next week. These will be presented to Session members. Session does not meet this month.

We received a notice from Frontier (telephone) regarding the maintenance reenlistment due. We will check with Jeff Gay to determine type needed.

Staff will need to attend a sexual harassment prevention training. It is mandated by NYS and Presbytery. Presbytery is planning on having a training soon.

Tae Kwon Do has not been and will not be using our facilities.

September meeting will be September 4 pending contacting Nate.

Ron and Charlene will be on vacation September 5-21.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson

BAZAAR BUZZ

Remember those fall days when the smell of apples filled the air and the pumpkins grew fat and orange? Think of the delicious apple pies and pumpkin pies cooling on the racks in the kitchen. Oh, what an awesome smell that was. Maybe some apple cobbler—or pumpkin bread—Dutch apple muffins—or pumpkin cupcakes. And there is the standard year-round fare of brownies, cookies, breads, cakes, rolls and muffins that we all love.....Does this make your mouth water? We hope so.

The Bake Shop in the 2019 Country Crossroads Bazaar is our featured booth for this month's newsletter. We are asking all home bakers to bake some things for this booth. We would especially like small sizes of items such as pies and breads, as well as regular sizes. Baking pans now come in 1-2 person sizes and are perfect for the 1-2 person household. And we will be pleased to accept any other items you may think of that would be in a bake shop....in our Bake Shop at the Bazaar.

Sylvia McKinnon & Karen Jacobs

HELM AND ANCHOR. AND JESUS

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.

Once a man's necklace caught my eye. It was a ship's wheel (called a helm) set in front of an anchor. The top crossbar of the anchor was a wooden cross upon which Jesus was crucified.

I bought one and after getting it home I studied it and realized what a perfect representation of me it actually was... my two lives together...

During my Navy life Jesus was not a major part of my life. He was in my life ... just not a major part of it.

The Navy was the major part.

Today the Navy is not a major part of my life. It is and always will be a part of who I am but since I have retired it is just not a major part. Jesus is now the major part of my life.

On the necklace, the two parts of my life are as one. Two halves of the same whole....

The Navy used to anchor my life by giving me stability and was also the helm steering my life giving me direction. But now that I am retired...

Acts 27:29 "Fearing that we would be dashed against the rocks, they dropped four anchors from the stern and prayed for daylight." I need only one anchor when I feel I will be 'dashed against the rocks' and Hebrews 6:19 says "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure..." Jesus is the Hope that is an anchor. He holds me firm and secure and Jesus is the only light I need pray for...

Without the Navy steering me anymore there are times I feel directionless. On those occasions I feel like James 3:4 is referring to me "...take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are

steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go."

Sometimes it seems that the smallest thing can act as a rudder and alter my life's course. During those times I turn to the Lord to be my real rudder and make my course true.

2 Thessalonians 3:5 offers me and all of us who are "lost at sea" hope, saying "May the Lord direct your hearts into God's Love and Christ's Perseverance."

And if I ever think that Jesus, my new Helm and Anchor, is not enough to overcome the raging seas that is sometimes my life, I look to Psalm 93 verses 3 and 4 "The seas have lifted up, LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice; the seas have lifted up their pounding waves. Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty."

AMEN

CLOTHES BASKET NEWS

Summer is winding down. Schools are opening. Fall is fast approaching. The Clothes Basket will be closed the first week of September to change over to fall and winter clothing. We ask for and appreciate any help you can give us the mornings of September 3 through September 6, 9:30-11:30. Please let Claudia or Karen know if you are available. Thank you for helping us.

Deacons

Hello everyone!!!

If you are celebrating a birthday or anniversary this month, we pray that it's a wonderful day for you!!

We want to welcome back our college students back to SUNY Morrisville. We pray you have a great school year!!! Our MECS students will be back in school soon. Faculty and staff...a little sooner. May you have a wonderful school year!!

We also say "Welcome Back!!" to our choir and our Sunday School staff and children. We are happy to see you again!! We pray you have a great year as well.

We wish the best of luck to our sports' teams at SUNY Morrisville and MECS.

The Deacons are gearing up for the later months of the year. We plan to be participating in the Shoebox Christmas Project. We hope to have more information later in the month. As you may or may not know, we also go to Waterville Residential (formerly Harding Nursing Home) and spread God's love by singing Christmas carols to the residents and staff. We also help families in need make their holiday each year brighter by providing a "Christmas bag" of food for a Christmas meal. Even though it is many months away, we would encourage everyone to bring in canned fruits and vegetables. There will be a box in the Narthex for it. Please check the

expiration date. We will have a box set out for this.

If you are in need of anything, please know the Deacons are here for you. God loves you, and so do we. We pray that the Love of God fills your heart and overflows always...and may this month bring you many, many blessings.

Sincerely, in His Name
Tom Lemery

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