

CHURCH MATTERS

MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SEPTEMBER 2020

Church Office Hours: Tues \ Thurs 9:00 am - noon

Office: 315-684-3314

Pastor's Office: 315-684-9971

Clothes Basket: 315-684-9970 CLOSED until further noticed

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

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

September Birthday

- 2 Scott Holbert, Jr.
- 4 Connor Bartlett
- 4 Nancy McPherson
- 8 Hayla Josephs
- 11 Budd Bracy
- 11 Jessica Jacobs-Broedel
- 12 Erin Dutcher
- 14 Ron Bush
- 15 Dru Bartlett
- 17 Clarice Martin
- 21 Richard Stevenson
- 22 Darlene Virgil
- 23 Amanda Leamer
- 24 Jeff Cring
- 26 Michael Gay
- 26 Jim McPherson
- 28 Andrew Kent
- 29 Mikyla Broedel
- 29 Mikenna Broedel
- 29 Faith Nyambura
- 30 Peggy Czyznikewicz

September Anniversary

- 30 David & Catharine Andrews

We have opened, if you attend services please follow these conditions:

- A) Wear masks
- B) Use hand sanitizer
- C) Practice social distancing (no passing peace, no coffee hour)
- D) No singing

We will be using volunteers and ministers from our pulpit supply list.

As we move forward please keep our church in your prayers.

Thanks for your participation.

TO ALL WHO WISH TO HELP WITH CLEAN-UP

Those who wish to help clean parts of the church are asked to call Kaaren Arrington, at the office, to sign up for a date and time. The Property Committee is trying to co-ordinate building usage to limit exposures. If you need access to the church, the staff is at church TUES. AND THURS. 9-12.

There will be a limited # of persons allowed in the church at one time. When you arrive at church sign in at office, wear a mask and distance 6 ft. Please clean all surfaces that you have touched when finished. Sign out at office. Thank you for your help.

From the Worship Committee

What is Your Race?

*“So, God created human beings, making them like himself.”
Genesis 1:27 GBN*



“There is one body and one Spirit, just as there is one hope to which God has called us...there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.” Ephesians 4:4 & 6 GNB

Have you ever been asked on a document to answer the question, “what is your race?”

I remember the first time I ever heard that this question was a “thing”. It was at a covered dish dinner at my church. The speaker for the evening was exciting and exotic.

I say this, because down in the Ozarks in the mid-1950’s we didn’t see many people from faraway places such as the Middle East. I can’t remember much about his talk---after all I was only about 11 or 12 years old— but I remember this one comment. In his introductory remarks, he told us about applying for his Visa card. As he filled out the application, he got to a question that confused him: What is your race? He said he didn’t know what to put down, but he knew he needed to put down something because he wanted and needed the Visa. Finally, he wrote in the blank provided: "Human".

This is a very good answer. Why? It is a great reminder of what we are: human. Even those of us in the Christian faith often find it difficult to accept or deal with those that are different, particularly those that differ from us racially, ethnically or even in life style. When we struggle, we must remember that God created all; God does not play favorites; and, as the scripture tells us, “there is one God and Father of all people, who is Lord of all, works through all, and is in all.”

Prayer: Dear God, when our spiritual humanity weakens, we ask for your forgiveness. Fill us with your love and hope that you have for all humankind. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

PRAYER LIST: Catharine Andrews, Harriet Stevens, Shawn Bartow, Sue, Bartow, Adrien Brodeur, Dick Loomis, Tom Lemery, Judy Griese & family, Ron Stanley & family, Sue Rowley (Calla Miller's friend), Howard Wilkinson (Norma's brother), Tom Lemery, Jean Furner & Family (Ann Batchelor's friend and co-worker), Russ Duncan & family, Gratia Burleigh's daughter, Joan Winkler and family, Peggy Czyznikewicz, Henry Douglas, Zimmerman Family, Savannah (Calla Miller's co-workers daughter), Debbie Rifenburg (Priscilla Suits' daughter), Martha Tyre (Maxine's friend), Deanna Moyes (Norma's sister), Jeanna Acosta (Norma's niece), Pat Parker, Tammy Hutchinson (Tara Truett's sister), Shirley Ford, Sue Bristow (Hank Douglas' daughter), Fred Banks, Dave & Gerry (co-worker of Tom Lemery).

VANDERKAMP

At a Cayuga/Syracuse meeting it was voted to sell Vanderkamp (with Utica Presbytery, and Lutheran conference). Cayuga/Syracuse does not have the funds to "buy out" the other two owners.



THE BLESSED PARADOX

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.

Matthew 17:20

He replied, "Because you have so little faith. Truly I tell you, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 21:21

Jesus replied, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Mark 11:23

"Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them.

These three verses represent what I call a "blessed paradox". God speaks to us and invites us not only to listen but to think...

If we remove the fact that these three verses could be allegorical and Jesus is saying that we can overcome any thing through faith...If we look at the literal meaning of these verses, we end up with a paradox...

Moving a mountain by sheer faith will never happen... I submit to you the following...

After reading these verses the only reason that one would want to have a mountain jump in to the sea or move at all would be to have God prove that what is written in the Bible is the truth and for God to prove He can and will move a mountain if we ask.

However if our faith is true faith, even if it is as small as a mustard seed, if it is indeed true faith and strong enough to have God move a mountain for us, if our faith is that strong then we would never need for God to move the mountain at all. We need no proof.

The only person who would need that proof would be the one whose faith is weak and, so, would not have enough faith to move the mountain because of their own doubts. Again, no moving of mountains.

The Bible's blessed paradoxes are there not to shake our faith but to strengthen it by making us think about the wonders of God and our own faith



From the Property Committee

Present: Charlene & Ron Bush, Sylvia McKinnon
Excused: Nate Miller

Meeting was held "safely" in Fellowship Hall.

Discussed the request from the Madison County Board of Elections for use of our building for all Primary and General Elections yearly. Will send to Session.

Sylvia will call HFC Insurance to check on liability for opening in Covid 19. Catharine Andrews returned the building key.

Checked all items for church service. Signs on walls and floors complete. A few things left to do. Form for CDC needs to be filled out. Sylvia and Maxine will be on "duty" Sunday, August 23/ sign-in, questions, temp. Ron will sanitize Sanctuary, Narthex and bathrooms.

Property Committee Chairperson,
Sylvia McKinnon

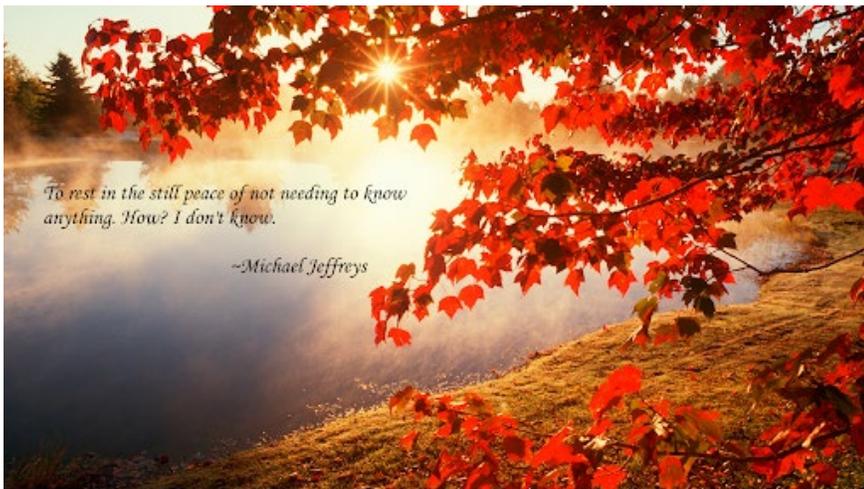
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

September 6	Rev. Jerry Saliba
13	Elder Gail Banks
20	Elder Gail Banks
27	Rev. Jerry Saliba

Deadline for October Newsletter articles is Friday, September 18. Please have to Kaaren in the church office by that date. Thank you.

Per Capita for each member in **2020** is \$38.50.



From the Food Pantry

The pantry was closed for the Fourth of July. We are still seeing a lower number of visitors to the pantry. We've not been able to establish a reason, just speculation. Possibly, the \$600 increase in unemployment benefits and children in households that received SNAP (food stamps) and were in the free or reduced lunch program, are receiving or received \$420 per child.

July Statistics: 31 households visited the pantry made up of:

(34 children, 53 adults, 12 seniors)

1 new enrollee

891 meals were provided

3 after hour distributions were provided

\$30 in monetary donations

56 pounds of produce and other food products were received

Sue Bartow, Coordinator

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2020

Sylvia McKinnon
Tom Leamer, Sr.
Sheila Bartlett
Ellen Davis

Class of 2021

Lois Thurston

Class of 2022

Pathrik Olsson
Claudia Loomis
Maxine Hunter

DEACONS

Class of 2020

George Fearon
Tom Lemery
Ron Brodeur

Class of 2021

Calla Miller
Marlene Miner
Naydene Ames

Class of 2022

Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Tom Leamer, Jr.