



# ***CHURCH MATTERS***

## **MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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FB - Morrisville Community Church, PCUSA

### **JANUARY 2020**

Sunday School 9:30 am

Sunday Service 10:30 am

Church Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 am - noon Office: 315-684-3314

Pastor's Office: 315-684-9971 Clothes Basket: 315-684-9970

### **January 2020 Calendar of Events**

- 1 New Years Day (office closed)**
- 3 Clean Up Christmas 9:00 - 11:00am**
- 4 Memorial Service for Dave Pearsall  
Visitation 10-12, 2-4, Service 4pm  
Morrisville Community Church**
- 6 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 7 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 9 PW Meeting 6:00 pm Library
- 13 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 13 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 16 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 19 Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
(following the church service)**
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (office closed)**
- 20 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 21 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 21 Valentine Express 1:00 pm Fellowship Hall**
- 22 WIC 9:30-3:00pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 30 American Red Cross Blood Drive  
1-6pm Fellowship Hall**

**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 9:00 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.



We 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.



### ***January Birthdays***

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|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 2 John Eriksen          | 15 Esther Davis      |
| 8 Robert Ballard        | 17 Naydene Ames      |
| 12 Rebecca Eriksen      | 17 Rachael Armstrong |
| 13 David Link           | 18 Laurie Zbock      |
| 14 Stan Davis           | 19 Ann Berlew        |
| 14 Gillian Gay Crescent | 22 Wayne Smith       |
| 14 Dawn Stevenson       | 24 Kenneth Parker    |
|                         | 26 Jessica Burch     |

### ***January Anniversary***

- 20 Dave & Becky Burgess

From the Worship Committee

One of the Thousand Points of Light

Again, Jesus spoke to them saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." John 8:12

"...go and make disciples of all nations...And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 19,20

I enjoy watching the television show "Jeopardy". During the week before Christmas, there was an interesting and, I thought impossible, category: Four Word Phrases Spoken by Presidents. Yes, quite impossible, except unlike the contestants, I got the answer to "the four words spoken in a 1988 speech" The answer in Jeopardy form: what is a "thousand points of light?" These were the words spoken by George H. W. Bush at the 1988 Republican National Convention. He repeated the phrase in his inaugural address, January 1989.

Some said they didn't understand what President Bush meant. Well, I didn't need it explained. I had my own thoughts on what it meant. In fact, in the 2016 January Church Newsletter, with this phrase in mind, I wrote an article titled, "Beacons of Light." It is now January 2020. Because of the Jeopardy reminder, I decided to revisit the thought, emphasizing once again that we are to be God's point of light to all the world.

As I write, the winter solstice—the day with the fewest hours of daylight in the Northern Hemisphere—is two weeks past. It is already apparent that our daylight hours are increasing. By the end of the month, I rejoice that at 5 p.m. daylight will surround us. And, yes, we can hope that this winter daylight is filled with sunshine. But, however many hours of daylight fill our days, it is up to us to remember "The Light, our Savior Jesus Christ." When the world seems wrapped in a cloak of darkness of both thoughts and deeds, we are told in the Gospel of John 1:5 that the Light shines in darkness even if the world does not comprehend it. In John 8: 12 Jesus reminds us with these words: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness but will have the light of life." Let us be the "light of life" of God's love, hope, joy and peace. Let us take this

welcoming point of light into the world, letting all know that God is with us always. Let us be one of the thousand points of light.

Prayer: Dear God, it is only by the light of your love and grace that we are able to hear and understand your Word. Each day fill us with your light so we can carry it into the world. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

On Behalf of the Worship Committee,  
Maxine G. Hunter

**PRAYER LIST**

**PRAYER LIST:** Theresa Kidd & Family, Family of Dave Pearsall, Brad Babcock, LaVia Wedge (Calla's sister), Ron Stanley(Sam & Karen Tucci's friend), Missy Landis (Ann Batchelor's friend), Donna Dockray(Peggy Rashford's mom), Debbie Rifenburg (Priscilla Suits' daughter), Henry & Nancy Douglas, Sharon Townsend (Ron Brodeur's sister-in-law), Jim & Linda Taylor (requested by Sam & Karen Tucci), Justine Nightingale (requested by Ann Batchelor), Robin Suarez's mom, 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, Eleanor Horton (Claudia's sister), Sue Bristow (Hank & Nancy's daughter), Fred & Gail Banks, Dave & Gerry (co-worker of Tom Lemery), Paul Mockovak, and Service men and women

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

- January 5 Rev. Bud Adams
- 12 Rev. Dr. Clarice Martin
- 19 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Annual Meeting of the Congregation)

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

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>
<i>Statistics for December 2019</i>	1	38	\$ 1,261.00
	8	42	\$ 1,340.00
	15	38	\$ 939.00
	22	42	\$ 2,314.00
	24	65	\$ 1,141.00
	29	32	\$ 4,332.00



## **INCLEMENT WEATHER**

Hard to think about snow and sleet and freezing rain, but...**when the school is closed, so is the Church Office, the Clothes Basket, and the Food Pantry.** Local radio and TV may say, but the District Website at [www.mecs.org](http://www.mecs.org) will also have the information. The school district phone is 315-684-9300.

TV Channels with school closings are:  
WSTM Channel 3    WTVH Channel 5    WSYR  
Channel 9    YNN Channel 10

Radio Stations are:  
WSYR 570 AM    WMCR 1600AM    WMCR  
106.3FM    WFRG 104.3FM  
WODZ 96.1    WLZW 98.7FM    WIBX  
950AM    WOURL 96.9FM  
WOMX 102.5FM    WOKR 93.1FM    WTLB  
1310AM    WKLL 94.9FM

## **From the Deacons**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** We pray all of you were blessed month. We pray that this year will be filled with many blessings!!

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

The Deacons would like to thank everyone for their donations to make our Christmas Baskets a success!! We blessed 60+ families with Christmas bags for a Christmas meal. Thank you again.

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 2020 bring you many memories of joy!!

Sincerely,  
The Deacons



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## **From the Food Pantry**

In November, the Pantry was the recipient of three 50 lbs. bags of white potatoes, free, from Compassion Connections Pantry in Canastota. They receive a truck load of donated potatoes every year that they generously share with other pantries in the area. We, in turn, shared and gave 50 lbs. to Friendship Inn.

We also had visitors to the Pantry sign up for Thanksgiving and Christmas Bags. Thirty-one signed up for St. Joan's Thanksgiving Bags and Twenty-three signed up for the Deacon's Christmas Bags.

The Dollar General did a food drive for us, during the month of November, that brought in 378 items of food, hygiene and other products.

November Statistics: 46 households came to the pantry

5 new enrollees  
1,332 meals provided  
\$1,130 in monetary donations received  
467 food and hygiene products received

We have been truly blessed this year with the generosity of many.

Sue Bartow,  
Coordinator



From the Property Committee

REQUEST FOR APPROVAL FROM SESSION:

- To sign on with Thyssenkrupp (elevator) for new service agreement.

- 1: year \$1,621.92
- 2: monthly \$140.75

\$1,682.40

- 3: quarterly \$417.64 \$

1,670.40

- The first monthly payment for plowing was made.
- Brian Ward came and did the semiannual fire extinguisher inspection. Need to call.
- J. Meadows to make appointment for annual pipe/sprinkler inspection.
- Hopefully the next billings from Frontier will show that both accounts have been corrected( payment was put in wrong account).
- Our yearly report is ready to be printed and handed in to church. The proposed Property Committee budget for 2020 will be put on spreadsheet for session.
- The replacement for the boiler is in and will be replaced on Monday, December 16, 2019.
- Culligan has made an appointment to inspect our equipment on Thursday, December 27.

Ron will be picking up driveway salt pallet on Tuesday Dec. 17.

Next meeting is January 13, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sylvia McKinnon, Chairperson



**NEW YEAR, NEW VISION**

2020

What do you see  
In the future that  
Lies ahead?

What are your goals?  
What are your dreams?  
How will they be led?

Will it be with Jesus,  
Or will it be on my own?  
Goals and dreams can be made;  
They cannot reached alone.

With Him,  
You know it can be done.  
This is VERY true;  
But know at times  
You may fall short,  
The Lord will still love you.

May this year be a blessed one....  
That all your days are thriving.  
Believe your goals and dreams are blessed  
When you let Jesus do your driving.

*(submitted by Tom Lemery)*



THE TIME IS RIGHT  
By: Pathrik L. Olsson  
A.K.A. Mr. Bonnie

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[Psalm 104:34](#)

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

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Christians around the world and throughout time have quoted the Bible verse about “beating swords into plowshares” to show that Christians love forgiveness and pacifist ideals. Being a relatively new Christian and a curious person I wanted to learn more about the verse...

In [Isaiah 2:4 he talks about God saying](#) “ He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

A world without war...

And yet later the prophet [Joel urges people in chapter 3 verse 10 to](#) "Beat your plowshares into swords and your pruning hooks into spears. Let the weakling say, “I am strong!” He says this because the Lord will free the oppressed and that they will rise against their oppressors.

Later again [Micah, a student of Isaiah, repeats him in chapter 4 verse 3 by again saying](#) “ He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

So what do we do? Do we beat swords in to plowshares or plowshares in to swords?

I think we turn to Ecclesiastes 3 verses 1 through 8A Time for Everything. In this case though we will stick to verses 1 and 8. “There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens... a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.”

A right time for everything...



## 2020 Valentine Express

The **8th Valentine Express** will be held **Tuesday, January 21, 2020**, 1 p.m. to approximately 3:30 p.m., Morrisville Community Church's Fellowship Hall.

During an afternoon of fun and fellowship, we invite you to help make valentines to fill up the Valentine Express. The purpose for this activity: to deliver the valentines to Crouse Community Center, Valentine's Day 2020.

Materials for making the valentines will be provided. If possible participants should bring their own scissors! Those that want to make valentines using stamping-up materials will need to bring their own stamping supplies.

### **All aboard! Join the Valentine Express.**

This event is sponsored by the Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team of the Morrisville Community Church. Questions: contact Maxine Hunter, 315-684-9278.

## Christmas 2019 Children's Shopping Nights at the Clothes Basket

The Clothes Basket was planning on being open five evenings during the first week of December for 10 families to bring their children in by appointment to shop for gifts. This program has children select gifts that they give to their family members at Christmas. We help the children find the joy in giving to others during this holiday season. As it happened we started with the very first night being cancelled due to a snow storm. Rescheduling didn't work for a couple of families so we ended up with 7 participating families this year.

Each child is partnered with a personal shopper who helps them select appropriate gifts. While the children selected their gifts for others, volunteers helped wrap and tag and pack these gifts so they could be taken home and put under the tree. Parents were able to shop the Clothes Basket for clothing and household items while we worked with their children in the youth room. Everything was given to the families at no cost to them. 25 children shopped for members of 7 families. 235 family members received gifts from these children. We wrapped and tagged over 500 gifts. Throughout the year as donations come in to the Clothes Basket, we pack away items we think could be used for this program. Although we have some wonderful donations come in we are always in need of items specifically for men and boys.

***A big thank you*** to the 15 workers who helped with this program: Claudia Loomis, Maxine Hunter, Connie Shepard, Jackie Groves, Sandy Merkle, Nancy McPherson, Judy Griese, Kaaren Arrington, Julie Vair, Ellen Davis, Kathy Cross, Sylvia McKinnon, Lillian Richardson, Jessica Cross and Karen Jacobs. Because of all of you this program is successful. Thank you all for your support of our program.

