



# CHURCH MATTERS

## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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**MAY 2020**

ZOOM 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 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.

### *May Birthday*

- 1 Peg Nodell
- 8 David Bartlett
- 11 Kaaren Arrington
- 11 David Burgess
- 11 Sandy Merkle
- 14 Russell Buell
- 17 Richard Loomis
- 20 Darlene Ballard
- 22 William Carr
- 22 Tom Leamer, Jr.
- 23 Sue Bartow
- 23 Catherine Holbert
- 26 Samantha Leamer
- 27 Aiden Zbock
- 29 Lynne Lemery

### *May Anniversary*

- 20 David & Roberta Link
- 22 Budd & Katie Bracy
- 22 David & Lynne Lemery
- 26 Jeffrey & Christine Cring
- 29 Stanley & Esther Davis

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

THANK YOU for hosting us on Tuesday, April 28, 2020! I wanted to let you know how the drive did. We collected 36 units and welcomed 9 first time donors! Wow, these numbers are AWESOME! The set up worked well and we were able to maintain social distancing at all of our stations.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Unfortunately for the safety of our community we will be closed until further notice.**

**We wish you and your family health and peace during this trying time.**

### Statistics for April 2020

All church services for April were cancelled.

**PRAYER LIST:** Jean Furner (Ann Batchelor's friend and co-worker), (David & Jean Puddington, Nettie Periard, Tracy Akers, Emmett (Rachael Armstrong's brother), Lloyd Jones (son-in-law of Ann Berlew), Joan Winkler and family, Russ Duncan, Zimmerman Family, Savannah (Calla Miller's co-workers daughter), Ruth (friend of Malinda Tucci), Isabella (Ann Batchelor's daughter's best friend's daughter), Christine Treece (Rachael's niece), Brad Babcock, LaVia Wedge (Calla's sister), Ron Stanley (Sam & Karen Tucci's friend), Debbie Rifenburg (Priscilla Suits' daughter), Sharon Townsend (Ron Brodeur's sister-in-law), Jim & Linda Taylor (requested by Sam & Karen Tucci), 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 Douglas' daughter), Fred & Gail Banks, Dave & Gerry (co-worker of Tom Lemery), Paul Mockovak, and Service men and women

## *From the Worship Committee*

### **What I See Out My Window**

By Marlene Miner

“My favorite journey is looking out the window.” \*

So much is changing in our world today. But the actual view from my window is physically the same: I see my first robin; I see the first flowers of spring; I see the beautiful sunsets; and I see stars in the sky.

The robins are now many; the myrtle covers the yard; and the crocus have withstood two snow coverings. And I know that during this time of social distancing and staying at home I'm spending more time at my window. I stand there appreciating more than ever the spring birds, the flowers, the greening grass, the rolling meadow and the faraway hills. The sunsets are glorious and the stars are clear and bright. For all these things I thank God.

What I am witnessing is the resiliency of nature. When the snow melts the flowers are still blooming; the grass is greener; and the robins are hopping around the yard finding worms. And with carbon emissions being down because of less driving, the sunsets are brighter and the glittering stars more visible. Simply—nature does not give up and neither should we.

Prayer: Dear God, for your steadfast love and presence in our lives we lift up these words to you: “Faith came singing into (our) room and other guests took flight. Grief, anxiety, fear and gloom, sped out into the night.” \*\* In Jesus name, Amen.

On behalf of the Worship Committee: thank you to Marlene for sharing her out-the-window journey; thank you to Harvey and Clarice for keeping worship alive with their sermons; and thank you to Keith for the messages in hymns and the joy in music. This said: Be Prayerful; Be Patient; Be Connected in Thought and Voice.

Maxine G. Hunter

\*Quote by Edward Gorey

\*\*Quote in prayer by Elizabeth Cheney

## *From the Property Committee*

No formal meeting held in April. The Property Committee texted on 4/13/20. The bid for mowing was approved for 2020 from Kendra Landscaping at \$2860.00 for the season. They will provide proof of insurance.

In the last month we had the new copier delivered and installed. Elevator yearly was paid.

No other business was conducted.

Sylvia McKinnon, Chairman  
Property Committee

## *From the Pastor Search Committee*

The committee is still in search mode, but at present we have been distracted by Covid-19 Pandemic. We hope everyone stays safe and well, and continues to pray for our committee, as well as our church, family and friends.

Co-Chair, Maxine Hunter

## *From the Food Pantry*

March has been a challenge for all of us, especially the Food Pantry. With the spread of COVID-19, directives were coming from the Food Bank of CNY for recommended procedures. I changed them three times in March, in an effort to do what was recommended and keep our volunteers and clients safe. We went from allowing one person from a family in at a time, no children allowed in the building, to not using their totes or bags, to not allowing anyone in the church after it closed. My reluctance to go to pre-packaging, as some pantries are doing, was not having enough boxes and or wasting stock by packing things that might not be wanted or used.

Since we are a small pantry, I ended up doing a Shopping List, with the assistance of Dave Andrews, with a place to put their name and date and time they were coming. This, I thought, would be the closest to coming into the Pantry. The list is emailed to those that have an email address, completed with their selections and emailed back to me if they have the capability or bring with them. Some, just write out their shopping list and take a photo with their Smart Phone and email it back that way. It is necessary to update the list each week and email out. The volunteers like being able to pack their food and have it ready when they come.

Seth Downen is the attendant in the parking lot on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, with a walkie-talkie, hands out shopping lists to those without one, calls down to the pantry when they are ready. I come out and retrieve their list and also fill out an enrollment form if they are new, keeping 6' distance. Orders are brought back out on the carts for them to load into their cars, if they are able. Bonnie Olsson is our attendant on the first Saturday of each month.

Masks and sanitary gloves for all volunteers is mandatory and lots and lots of Clorox wipes, sanitizer, and Lysol spray. The system seems to be working quite well. We have done a few deliveries. I've been able to get some boxes from Dollar General that are broken down, need to sit for a day or be sprayed with Lysol and then put back together and flaps cut off. Even though the traffic has been slow, there is always something to do.

#### March Statistics:

- 39 families visited the pantry
- 4 new enrollees
- 1,179 meals were provided (3 meals a day for 3 days)
- \$142 monetary donations
- 307 food and other products donated

Sue Bartow, Coordinator



### PLURALITY

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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2 Timothy 3:16 tells us that "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness," and if there are no accidents in the bible that means that God made sure that everything in the bible is there for a reason...

And so the question...

Why are there only four verses in the bible where God refers to Himself in the plural? Out of all the times that God refers to Himself, why are four plural? Does the use of a plural pronoun mean anything?

The Trinity says that God can be thought of as plural. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. But why does the plural appear only in those four places?

Let's look at each instance...

The first is Genesis 1:26 which says "Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

I think the answer to why the plural come from the next verse. Verse 27 says "So God created mankind in His own image, in the image of God He created them; male and female He created them."

God's use of the plural is to draw our attention to the fact that God sees male and female as equals "in the image of God He created them."

The second verse to use the plural is Genesis 3:22 "And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

In this instance the plural, I think, is to show that, we, as the human race, are all responsible to ensure that good triumphs over evil. We are all "knowing good and evil" so we therefore know the difference.

Third instance. Again from Genesis. Genesis 11:7 Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other."

And again the use of the plural is to show us that we all share the responsibility to try to understand each other. Not just language and words but dreams and emotions as well.

Our final verse is from Isaiah 6:8 "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

When we go forth bringing God with us we are not only going forth for God we are going forth for all mankind. Bringing God and love not for God's sake but for our sake.

All scripture is God breathed and useful for teaching...

AMEN

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### **An Interesting Word for the Hour**

In 1942, C.S. Lewis wrote:

(SATAN): "I will cause anxiety, fear and panic. I will shut down business, schools, places of worship, and sports events. I will cause economic turmoil."

(JESUS): "I will bring together neighbors, restore the family unit; I will bring dinner back to the kitchen table. I will help people slow down their lives and appreciate what really matters. I will teach My children to rely on Me and not the world. I will teach My children to trust Me and not their money and material resources."

**AND IT IS STILL TRUE TODAY!**

*(submitted by Catharine Andrews)*

## **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.