

CHURCH MATTERS

April
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MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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SERVICES

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service 10:30AM

April Birthdays

Ann Batchelor 4/1

Amanda Miller 4/2

Maxine Hunter 4/5

Harriet Stevens 4/5

Robin Suarez 4/6

Nick Hunter 4/7

Thirza Suits 4/7

Karen Holbert 4/12

Cindy Marshall 4/15

Paul Mockovak 4/19

George Fearon 4/20

Dakota Merkle 4/20

Shannon Hill 4/21

Kristie DeGroat 4/23

Jacalyn Groves 4/25

Cheryl Stevenson 4/25

Lindsay Mulcahy 4/26

Saunda Thomas 4/26

Carl Sellers 4/29

Anniversaries

Grace & Steven Trush 4/28

Calendar of Events

4/1 – American Cross Blood Drive – 1pm to 6pm

Maundy Thursday Worship Service – 7pm

4/4 – Easter and Communion Sunday – no soup lunch

4/5 – Christian Education Committee Meeting – 6pm

Deacons Meeting – 7pm

4/6 – Outreach & Evangelism Committee Meeting – 6pm

4/7 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

4/11 – Session after Worship – bag lunch – “Iceberg”

4/12 – Finance Committee Meeting – 4pm

Worship Committee Meeting – 6pm

Property Committee Meeting – 7pm

4/14 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

4/19 – Personnel Committee Meeting – 6pm

Session Meeting – 7pm

4/20 – Faith Circle – 12pm

4/21 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

4/23 – Hope Circle – 7:30pm – Maxine Hunter's home

4/24 – Food Sense – 8:30am to 10am

Youth “Famine” – fund raiser for Haiti relief

4/28 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Book Discussion – 1pm

WIC – 8am to 3pm

d In Our Prayers e

Ruth Matthias, Steve and Grace Trush, The Family of Carol Andrews, Alex Brown, Christine Braun, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Travis Tabolt, Harriet Stevens, Walta Bush, Lucy Winslow, Jamie Kent, Juliana Howard, Kelson Webb, James Turrell, Tom Lemery, Rev. Dennis and Linda Doerr, Elder Neal Rotach and her sister, Rev. Peter Shidemantle's mother Betty, Friends and Family of Carol Andrews, Janice Soule, Joy MaGee

April Servers

Communion – April 4th

- 1- Natalie Turner
- 2- Shelia Bartlett
- 3- Lois Thurston
- 4- Priscilla Suits

Liturgist

- 4th – Amanda Miller
11th – TBA
18th – Irene Akers
25th – Barb Manley

Nursery Care

- 4th – Connor Bartlett
11th – TBA
18th – TBA
25th – TBA

Ushers

- 4th – Natalie Turner and Priscilla Suits
11th – Connor Bartlett and Devin Bartlett
18th – Tom Lemery and TBA
25th – Irene Akers and TBA

Coffee Hour

- 4th – Natalie Turner
11th – Calla Miller and Dorothy Campbell
18th – Hunger – Connie Shepard
25th – Priscilla Suits

Thank you to Gilbert and Joann Conrad for their donation for a table in honor of their seven grandchildren.

Presbyterian Women - the Presbytery Spring Gathering will be Saturday May 22nd at the Baldwinsville First Presbyterian Church.

Registration begins at 3pm with a program and dinner to follow. At 7pm there will be a concert by the Korean Women's Choir.

Save May 1st for the drive thru chicken BBQ.

Workers will be needed. Sign up sheets will be available in the Fellowship Hall or you can contact Natalie Turner

Wednesday 12:30 Lunch Bunch – Everyone is invited. Come chat, laugh, and grow friendships.

MCC Book Read – The MCC Book Read will meet through Aug. 2010 on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1-2pm to discuss the book of the month. March's book is "Run" by Ann Patchett and will meet on March 24th. Everyone is welcome!

Property Committee – We are still in need of a few more tables for the fellowship Hall. If you are interested in contributing toward a table, please speak to one of the Property Committee members. Thank you.

There will be a called meeting of the Congregation immediately following Service for Worship on Sunday April 18th for the sole purpose of dealing with our Pastor's terms of call. Please plan to be present.

For Your Calendar – The PW fashion show will be on Sunday November 7, 2010 at 2pm. We will be needing models. The Clothes Basket has done a changeover to spring/summer fashions. Each model will need one or more spring/summer outfits so check out the Clothes Basket early and continually check to allow you many options. Keep this in mind too when the changeover to fall/winter takes place.

THE WONDER OF EASTER

Of the many experiences that can impact our lives, Hope is, perhaps, the most elusive to define.

We can be very clear about the absence of hope, but not as clear in describing it. Hope seems so ethereal in nature, so fragile and nebulous in language. And yet, we all have experiences that put us in touch with that “something else” that seems to make quite a substantial difference in our lives; it restores us better than any tonic and we know certainly that something or someone out there must love us beyond measure to be so much in touch with the needs of our deeper selves.

I am reminded of Abraham, who, against all hope believed that at 100 years old he could, in fact, become a father. Romans 4:20 reminds us that, “He did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised.”

Now that’s hope. I can become ashamed of myself sometimes because I rely so readily and heavily upon what “I” can do, or what seems to be within the realm of “what is possible” to limit my ability to hope. I suppose we have all hoped against the odds and found ourselves wanting in the end. But I wonder these days, if we have not thrown hope out of the window with the rest of the bath water.

I experience hope when I have my values and priorities straight, have practiced due diligence and find that good things come to me that I would never have dreamed might have come otherwise. One case in point is finding a world of helpful, intelligent advice and council from others who have had experience in the purchase of house and property. While Steve and I move slowly along with the possibility of the purchase of our first home, the grace of God has been extended to us

through others who have encouraged us in the midst of our fear and ignorance. No longer is the house our focus but what can be learned from allowing a God who is faithful to act in and through others on our behalf while we practice discovering what we can do. I suppose that if Abraham can become a father at age 100, we can finally look forward to owning a home!

I like to think of those two on the road to Emmaus. They had been in Jerusalem for the Passover and the crucifixion of Jesus. They were dismayed, perplexed, upset with the turn of events. Nothing that they might have done could have made any difference in the outcome of the previous week. They were discouraged. What they hoped for was not, in any way shape or form, going to become reality. The one in whom they had so much hope had been destroyed, they thought.

Imagine their surprise as they broke bread only to discover that the one who had been discoursing with them on the road was indeed the Christ for whom they grieved!

I love it when these types of things happen! They teach me that reality is so much more than what I can see or manipulate; that God is in charge and that something can come of a seeming “nothing”.

So much has been said of Easter. We’ve just about heard it all, haven’t we? Or, have we? Are you tired of hearing about hope? I’m not. Let us all pray that the strong wind of the Spirit of God will blow hope into our present and future with vibrant awareness so that we are able to declare with all certainty: He lives! And because he lives, there is hope.

Sincerely,

Rev. Saunda E. Thomas