

# NEWSLETTER

January  
\*\*\*2008\*\*\*

## January Birthdays

- 6- Julie Braun  
Tracy Zöellick
- 8- Robert Ballard  
Gladys Charlton
- 12- Rebecca Parente
- 13- Kouk Davis
- 14- Megan Morris  
Stanley Davis  
Gillian Gay  
Kaitlyn Mulcahy  
Dawn Stevenson
- 15- Esther Davis
- 16- Lisa Covington  
Stephanie Jean  
Merkle
- 17- Naydene Ames
- 18- Laurie Zbock
- 20- William G. Warner
- 22- Wayne Smith
- 26- Jessica Burch  
Coby Merkle
- 29- Edith Mabon
- 31- Gregg Weinschreider

## In Our Prayers

- Grace Trush,
- Christine Braun
- Geri Choate
- Kelly Meigs
- Joyce Chandler
- David and Tami Crane

Nick Groves

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## Our Mission

“To glorify God in worship and serve Jesus Christ by understanding and effectively responding to the spiritual, physical, and social needs of Morrisville and the surrounding community.”

## COMMUNION

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated during worship on the first Sunday of every month.** If you are sick or shut-in and unable to attend worship to receive the Sacrament, you are invited to call the church office to request that Rev. Duncan and an elder bring the Sacrament to your home.

*NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!!*

**Email:**  
morrisvillechurch@frontiernet.net

**Web site:**  
morrisvillechurch.org

Newsletter deadline will **Wed 11/22/06** due to Thanksgiving

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**Rev. Russell S. Duncan**

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**COMMITTEE NEWS**

The Deacons would like to thank everyone who contributed to our Christmas Food basket project. With your help we were able to fill requests for 73 baskets with all the food and meat needed for a Christmas meal plus some extras. These 73 requests were in addition to the requests (82) for baskets at Thanksgiving that were distributed by St. Joan of Arc church. Families are asked to choose only one holiday, Thanksgiving or Christmas, to receive a food basket. These numbers show that there is a great need for basic necessities, such as food, in our community and with your assistance we were able to help meet that need. Thank you to church members who contributed money and canned goods. Thank you to the Outreach and Evangelism Committee who donated all the canned goods and free will cash donations from the Harvest Dinner. Thank you to the worship committee who contributed the Thanksgiving Service offering to this project. Thank you everyone for supporting this project.

Hope Circle will meet on Thursday January 17th at 7:30pm at Nancy McPhearson's home. We will be studying chapter 4 in our book. All women of the church are welcome to attend.

Faith Circle will meet on Tuesday January 15th at 12pm at the home of Marcia Vair. Karen Tucci will be leading the lesson. All women of the church are welcomed to attend.

Judy Parker, Coordinator of the Christmas 2007 Project, sends a sincere thanks to all who made donations. She commends us for showing the true meaning of Christmas and sharing with others.

PWC (Presbyterian Women of Church) will be holding the yearly organizational meeting (team meeting). Please note that Tuesday January 29th at 7pm is the time of the meeting. It will be held in the library of the church. All officers and committee chairpersons are asked to attend so that we can plan our calendar of activities. Any women of the church are welcome to this planning

meeting. - Sylvia, Sandy and Marlene (co-moderators).

Per Capita for 2008 is \$39.00 per member. This is an assessment on all members of the Presbytery to help pay the staff of the Presbytery office.

The Morrisville Lions Club will be conducting a bottle/can drive on (Saturday) Jan. 12th from 9:00am until noon. Lion members and M-E students will be knocking on residences doors or better yet - please set your bottle/cans outside your door or at the end of your driveway. The can drive will be in the Morrisville, Eaton, West Eaton and the Peterboro areas. You can also support the Lions Club by dropping off your supply of bottles & cans in front of Dougherty's Pharmacy the morning of the drive. Proceeds will help fund the MECS student scholarship awards and other community-service projects.

The Morrisville Lions Club is sponsoring a Superbowl raffle for a 50" Flat Screen, HD, Television. 2nd and 3rd prizes are gift certificates at "Cooley's Do It Best" and the "Big M in Morrisville". Just in time for the Super Bowl, the drawing will be Feb 1st. Tickets can be obtained from Cooley's, The Fort, Dougherty's Pharmacy or any Lion member for \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Stop by at Cooley's to see the television on display. A limited number of tickets will be sold.

The Nominating Committee is looking for 4 members to serve as Elders on the Session and 2 members to serve on the board of Deacons. If you would like to nominate someone or if you wish to make this commitment yourself please see one of the following - Tom Lemery, Sylvia McKinnon, Robin Suarez, Natalie Turner, Norma Galbreath or Nate Miller.

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The Outreach and Evangelism Committee has order 10 sterling silver pendants/ornaments of our church from Norm Dann. If 10 or more are ordered we get a 10% discount. The committee would like to make this a mini-fundraiser. The pendants cost \$40 and will be done before Christmas. If you would like to order one please see Jackie Groves or Marlene Miner.

While we are without a pastor: If you need the services of a pastor call Rev. Steve Thomas the pastor at the First Presbyterian Church in Cazenovia (office: 655-3191, home:655-3120). If you know of someone who is ill or coming home

from the hospital who needs a meal, a visit, phone call, or a friendly card please call Jean Puddington at 495-6459. Transportation to doctor's appointments can also be arranged. These emergency services are coordinated by the Deacons. If you want to add someone's name to the prayer list contact Marcia Vair at 684-3424. With other questions please call Christine Covington in the church office at 684-3314.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday January 20, 2008. All committee chairpersons should be working on their end-of-the year reports for 2007 and have them into the church office by January 10th

## **This month's member highlight**

Do you know the January hi-lite is? Of course you don't, but you will after you get done reading this. Here are some clues for you to figure out who it is....

The first clue is that our hi-lite has been described as "always on the go." The second clue is that our hi-lite can be a real "cut up." How are we doing so far? Have you figured it out yet? The third clue is that our hi-lite is **not** a "con" man.

If you are still stumped, our hi-lite is Connie Shepard. Here are a few things about her you may not have known.

- Connie was born on February 28 (We won't say the year.)
- She is a graduate of M.E.C.S.
- Connie has had thoughts, sources say, to fly the "friendly skies" as a stewardess. However, her heart was into cosmetology and has owned her own business for over 30 years.
- She and her husband, Mark, have been married for 34 years. They were married on August 25. They renewed their vows on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. They have three daughters – Tracy, Nicole, and Julianna.
- Connie has five siblings – Dave, Bob, Dean, Margaret, and Malcolm.
- She has been a Sunday School teacher. She also volunteers to watch the nursery during the worship services.
- Connie has also videotaped the M.C.C. Players' productions.
- Besides operating her business, The Image Salon, she also helps her husband at times with AAA Towing.
- Connie has served on different committees in the church. Currently, she serves on the Outreach and Evangelism committee.
- When she is not busy, she likes to read, crochet, knit, and she is a good cook.

Connie has been also described as an outgoing, caring, and always willing to help somebody out. We are always blessed to have a person like, and glad she is a member of our church.

CHECK THIS OUT OUR PASTOR'S SERMONS ARE ONLINE!! [morrisvillechurch.org](http://morrisvillechurch.org)