

CHURCH MATTERS

January

2012



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am– 12pm

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January Birthdays

6 Tracy Zöellick	15 Esther Davis
8 Robert Ballard	16 Stephanie Jean Merkle
8 Gladys Charlton	17 Naydene Ames
12 Rebecca Nichols	18 Laurie Zbock
13 Kouk Davis	19 Desiree Allen
13 David Link	22 Wayne Smith
14 Stanley Davis	26 Jessica Burch
14 Kaitlyn Mulcahy	26 Coby Merkle
14 Dawn Stevenson	29 Edith Mabon

January Anniversaries

20 David & Rebecca Burgess

A NEW YEAR'S WISH

It is here - the New Year.
It came to you on a plate
To fill up, eat up, and enjoy
All the happiness that you create.

May your heart be dear
In the New Year
To make plates beyond compare
That's filled up, given out, and enjoyed
By others with whom you share.

May you be blessed in 2012
May it bless you in its days
May it enrich your life endlessly
May it bless you in many ways.

Tom Lemery
December 29, 2011

January Calendar of Events

- 1 New Year's Day Communion Brunch and Worship - 10:30 am - Fellowship Hall
- 2 C.E. Comm. Mtg. - 6 pm
- 2 Deacon's Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 3 O & E Meeting - 6:30 pm
- 5 Tae Kwon Do - 6-8 pm
- 7 De-Decorate Sanctuary - 10 am
- 8 Annual Congregational Meeting after Worship Service**
- 9 Finance Comm. Mtg. - 4 pm
- 9 Worship Comm. Mtg. - 6 pm
- 9 Property Comm. Mtg. - 7 pm
- 10 Fellowship Hall used by Tourist Club 5-9 pm
- 11 Renewed Hope Circle - 6:45 pm - Church Lib.
- 12 PW Ministry Team Mtg. - 6:30 - Library
- 12 Tae Kwon Do - 6-8 pm
- 16 Personnel Comm. Mtg. - 6 pm
- 17 Faith Circle - 11:00 am - Community Room in apartments across from church - Irene Akers
- 17 Valentine Express - 1 pm - Fellowship Hall
- 19 Tae Kwon Do - 6-8 pm
- 20 O & E Committee's Free Frivolous Family Fun Night - 6-9 pm - Fellowship Hall
- 21 Food Sense - 9:30-10:30 am - Fellowship Hall
- 23 Session Meeting - 7 pm
- 25 WIC - 8am - 3 pm
- 26 Book Read - 12:30-2 pm - Church Library - "Minding Frankie"
- 26 Tae Kwon Do - 6-8 pm
- 27 Red Cross Blood Drive - 11 am - 7 pm - Fellowship Hall

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held Sunday, January 8, 2012, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to receive the annual reports for 2011 for all committees and organizations in the church, to elect officers and to approve the 2012 budget. Please reserve this date and plan to be present at this very important meeting.

Per capita assessment for 2012 is \$41.00. By paying your assessment it lessens the output of the operating budget.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR & SAVE THE DATES

Community-wide Event: The Valentine Express Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 1 pm, Morrisville Community Church's Fellow-ship Hall Remember the fun we had as kids making valentines? Remember how much fun it was sharing these valentines with special people?

This is the aim of the Valentine Express. The purpose for this activity: to deliver the valentines to Crouse Community Center, Valentine's Day 2012. Materials for making the valentines will be provided. What participants need to bring: Scissors! However, those that want to make valentines using stamping 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, 684-9278.

Note: Faith Circle will meet at 11:00 a.m. this day at the Community Room across the street from the church. Irene Akers will be hostess - Thanks, Irene. After Circle meets and eats, they will come across to the church for the Valentine Express.

The Outreach & Evangelism Committee's **Free Frivolous Family Fun Night** will be held Friday evening, January 20th from 6-9 pm in the Fellow-ship Hall. There will be movies for young children, hotdogs, soda, prizes and Fun!

Ash Wednesday service with the Cazenovia Presbyterian Church will be here Feb. 22 at 7 p.m. Let's fill the house!

PROPERTY COMMITTEE REPORT

Both refurbished sign and newly hung quilts (by Ron) were a wonderful addition to our holiday season. The newly purchased earbuds for our sanctuary audio system have arrived. Anyone needing to use one, please see the Property Comm. or one of the ushers. We have our old chairs and tables available for loan. Check with the office to sign up at least two weeks in advance. They should be cleaned before returning. The Property Comm. will work with the Christian Ed. Comm. to organize the Youth Room. If you have children that are using the church facilities, please supervise them at all times and help them put away all

items used (e.g., nursery) before leaving. Thank you. Please remember: If you are the last person leaving the building, please check to see that all exterior doors are locked. THANK YOU!

INTO THE NEW YEAR

Christmas Day is past. If we have not already done so, we will soon box up all signs of the Christmas season. Next comes New Year's Day. Often our expectations are bright on this day, but after the cheers and festivities, our lives settle into winter. Maybe we ski; maybe we quilt; maybe we read; all of these are good things. But maybe we also remember that what began with Advent, the renewal of Jesus in our lives, is not boxed up. The light of Jesus still shines and, of course, the work of the church continues to Epiphany; to Lent; to Easter; to Pentecost--and it even continues in Ordinary Times. As this bright and happy New Year of 2012 begins and progresses, we on the Worship Committee look forward to working with all of you.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine Hunter

Thank You Notes

From the Deacons

The Deacons of the Morrisville Community Church would like to thank all who made our mission with the Christmas Baskets a success. We appreciate your donations of non-perishable items and money. We made Christmas better for families.

We would also like to thank all those who made our trip to Harding Nursing Home a success, as well. We hope, if the way be clear, to make this mission bigger and better.



We truly appreciate all of your support with these missions.

*Dear Friends, Your kind donations to our "**Christmas 2011**" project were greatly appreciated. Many of our area families had a nicer Christmas because you shared with them.*

*Sincerely,
Judy W. Parker, Coordinator*

from **Friendship Inn at St. Joan of Arc Church**

"Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Thank you.

At the Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at St. Joan's a free will offering was taken, and donated to Friendship Inn, thank you. The people in this village and surrounding area are some of the most generous, and giving people I have ever been blessed to know.

Throughout the years Friendship Inn has been serving the community, the members of Morrisville Community Church have been supporting Friendship Inn. You have donated energy, money, talents, food and especially your time. Thank you.

Friendship Inn exists due to the grace of God, and the goodness, and kindness of people like you.

May God bless each of you and your loved ones, and we, your friends at FI look forward to working side by side with you for the people of this community.

On behalf of Friendship Inn,
Nettie Periard, Coordinator
684-9636"

and from **Community Action Partnership for Madison County:** "Thank you for your generous in kind donation of a variety of canned and bagged food to CAP Food Pantry, which you have valued at \$15.00. Gifts like yours make possible a number of programs and services that help our vulnerable neighbors in Madison County become and remain self-sufficient."

Yours in Service
Julie Dale, Executive Director