

CHURCH MATTERS

JANUARY

2019



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM

Sunday Service 10:30 AM

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12pm

Office 684-3314

Pastor's Office 684-9971

Kitchen\ Clothes Basket 684-9970

January Birthdays

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

January Anniversaries

20 Dave & Becky Burgess

Pulpit Supply for January:

6 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima {Communion}
13 Rev. Ray Lighthall
20 Rev. Diane Monger (Annual Meeting)
27 Rev. Jerry Saliba

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.

January 2019 Calendar of Events

1 New Years Day (office closed)
3 Presbyterian Women 6:30 pm Library
5 "Clean Up" Christmas 9 am
7 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
8 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
14 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
14 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
15 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
17 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
19 Safe Driving Class 8:30 - 1:30 Fell. Hall
20 Annual Meeting of the Congregation (after service)
21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (office closed)
21 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
22 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
22 Valentine Express 1-3pm Fellowship Hall
23 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
29 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
30 Community Blood Drive - 1-6pm in Fellowship Hall.

Please Note:

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 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library during the school year.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

When the school is closed, so is the Church Office and the Clothes Basket. Local radio and TV may say, but the District Website at www.mecs.org will also have the information. The school district phone is 684-9300.

TV Channels: 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 WOUR 96.9FM WOMX 102.5FM

WOKR 93.1FM WTLB 1310AM WKLL 94.9FM

*“Winter Solitude—In a world of one color,
The sound of wind.” Basho*

In Mark 6: 31b, *Jesus said, “Come with me by yourself to a quiet place and get some rest.”*

During this New Year take to heart Jesus’ words and seek moments of quiet solitude where you can experience God and be filled with the knowledge that in God great things are still to come.

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

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 2019
May it bless you in its days
May it enrich your life endlessly
May it bless you in many ways.

Tom Lemery
December 2018

From the Property Committee

- COVE comes on January 25.
- Morrisville Community Church Food Pantry is now "on house".
- Ron is fixing one light in chapel and programming sanctuary lights.
- Morrisville Village Christmas Project completed.
- Thyssenkrupp has not done a PM since 7/25/18.
- Ordered a motor replacement.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon

2019 Valentine Express

The **7th Valentine Express** will be held **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**, 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 2019.

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.

From the Food Pantry

As we near the end of the year and the beginning of the holiday season, the “spirit of giving” is evident in our community with an increase in donations, in November, from collections received from Morrisville State College, M-ECS Elementary School students and individual donations. Four Hundred Thirty-Nine (439) food and hygiene items were received, that we expect will continue through December, and \$161 in cash.

We served 25 families and provided 729 meals in November. This number is not unusual for this time of year.

The Pantry moved into the lower level of the church on December 7. Volunteers from Colgate University’s Athletic Department assisted with the move, along with our own volunteers and crew, and made quick work of moving and placing equipment, racks and stocking shelves. Thank you to all. Our annual volunteer Christmas luncheon was held after the move.

The Pantry opened for distribution on Tuesday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m. Within one hour we had served 11 families. There has been only one other time, since we took over the pantry, that we had that kind of a number in one day.

Food Bank Facts: During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, food was distributed to 364 partner agencies (Morrisville Food Pantry being one); 68,200 meals were distributed through their mobile food pantry; 2.3 million pounds of fresh produce was distributed.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

From the Deacons

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We pray all of you were blessed last 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 again for their donations to make our Christmas Baskets a success!! Special Thank You to Dougherty's Pharmacy for putting out a box to collect donations for us.

We also want to thank everyone who sang carols with us at Waterville Residential. What away to bless the residents with God's Love. What a way to be blessed!!

Your Deacon should be in touch with you by phone, a note, or a visit this month. Any questions or problems, call Tom Lemery (315-684-7535.)

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 2019 bring you many memories of joy!!

Sincerely,
The Deacons

Christmas 2018 Children's Shopping Nights at the Clothes Basket

The Clothes Basket was open four evenings during the second week of December for 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.

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. 24 children shopped for members of 9 families. 206 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 14 workers who helped with this program: Claudia Loomis, Irene Akers, Jackie Groves, Sandy Merkle, Nancy McPherson, Judy Griese, Kaaren Arrington, Marlene Miner, Julie Vair, Ellen Davis, Kathy Cross, Sylvia McKinnon, Jessica Cross and Karen Jacobs. Because of you this program is successful. Thank you all for your support of our program.

THREE CROSSES
By: Pathrik L. Olsson
A.K.A. Mr. Bonnie

[Psalm 104:34](#)

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

When I was researching a necktie to wear on Trinity Sunday I found one that was called Trinity Necktie. On the tie was depicted a hill with three crosses. Three crosses. One for the Father, one for the Son, and one for the Holy Ghost?

As I delve deeper in to my faith I consistently see the Holy Trinity represented by the three crosses on a hill. After a while I wondered, why three crosses? I understand the Trinity but of the three, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, only the Son was crucified. Or was He the only one crucified?

As I read and explore the Bible for my newsletter articles and sermons and such I am struck by the fact that Jesus was crucified along with two other men. One on His right and one on the left with Jesus in the middle. Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Could the two other men symbolize, on some level, the Father and the Holy Ghost?

As is my nature I started to postulate...

Each of the four Gospels all mention the two other men. But only the Gospel of Luke gives them voices and so gives them each a distinctly different personality.

The first man, according to Luke says in 23 verse 39 "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!"

To me this sounds like a father giving his son some "tough love". When we as children feel like giving up because something is too hard our father may say to us "Go ahead give up". There is no doubt in my mind that Jesus could have saved himself and the two others. But Jesus knew what needed to happen. John tells us in 19 verses 28 through 30 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would

be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit." This proves that Jesus knew he had to die. When His Father gave Him the 'reverse psychology' of "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" Jesus responds in Matthew 27:46 and Mark 15:34 "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" this sounds a lot like a child wondering why dad is making him do this impossible task.

Is the first man a representation of the Father of the Holy Trinity?

The second man is a calming influence. Luke 23 verse 40 through 42 says "But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

To me this sounds like the Holy Ghost. In my mind the Holy Ghost is a representation of the feeling of community we feel as Christians when we come together. When sympathize and empathize for our fellow man. Jesus responds in verse 43 "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise." And in verse 46 "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

Is the second man a representation of the Holy Ghost of the Holy Trinity?

Whether the two men that were crucified with Jesus were *physically* The Father and the Holy Ghost is a personal matter. I think the Bible is full of symbolism and representations that are there to personalize it for each of us and to promote postulation and discussion.

Amen.