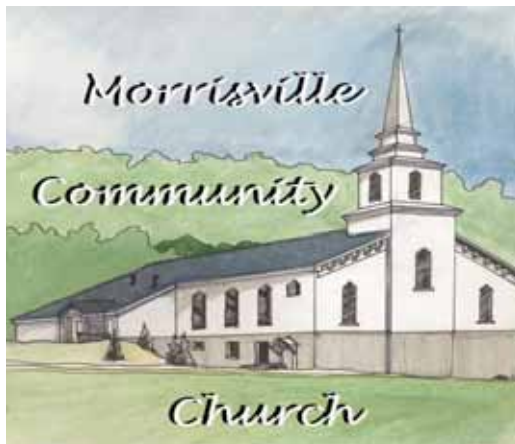


# CHURCH MATTERS

March

2010



## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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## March Birthdays

Shaun O'Brian 3/1

Kamron Virkaitis 3/3

Harvey Sindima 3/10

Tom Davis 3/12

Clarence Holbert 3/12

Judy McKinnon 3/12

Ken Nodell 3/12

Tracey Akers 3/16

Jeffrey Gay 3/16

Bill Batchelor 3/17

Ethel Crane 3/18

Sylvia McKinnon 3/25

Nick Suarez 3/26

Julie Vair 3/26

Bonnie Olney 3/27

Sam Tucci 3/29

James Turner 3/29

Scott McKinnon 3/31

## Anniversaries

Catherine & Clarence Holbert 3/31

**Daylight Savings Time** begins Sunday March 14<sup>th</sup>. Don't forget to "Spring Forward" by setting your clocks one hour ahead.

## Calendar of Events

3/1 – Christian Education Committee Meeting – 6pm  
Deacons – 7pm

3/2 – Outreach and Evangelism Meeting – 5:30pm

3/3 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Bible Study – 6pm

3/5 – World Day of Prayer Service – 7pm – Ecumenical

3/7 – Communion and Soup Sunday

Bible Study – 9am

3/8 – Finance Committee Meeting – 4pm

Worship Committee Meeting – 6pm

Property Committee Meeting – 7pm

3/10 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Bible Study – 6pm

3/14 – Daylight Savings Time

Bible Study – 9am

3/15 – Personnel Committee Meeting – 6pm

Session Meeting – 7pm

3/16 – Faith Circle – 12pm – Dot Mulcahey's home

3/17 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Bible Study – 6pm

3/18 – Hope Circle – 7:30pm – Nancy McPherson's home

3/19 – O&E – Garage Sale set up – 7-8pm

3/20 – O&E – Garage Sale – set up 8am, sale 9am-3pm

9/21 – Bible Study – 9am

3/24 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Book Discussion – 1pm

Bible Study – 6pm

WIC – 8am-3pm

3/27 – Food Sense – 8:30-10am

3/28 – Bible Study – 9am

3/31 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

Bible Study – 6pm

## d In Our Prayerse

Ruth Matthias, Steve and Grace Trush, Carol Andrews, Alex Brown, Christine Braun, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Andrew Sykes, Michael Griffin, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Carol Andrews, Lexi Steight, Travis Tabolt, Harriet Stevens (B3), Brenda Shepard, Karen Tucci, Walta Bush (D5), Lucy Winslow, Family and Friends of Judy Short, Jamie Loomis-Kent, Dot Mulcahey's daughter, son-in-law, grandson and brother

## LENT IS HERE

It seems nearly impossible, since some of us have barely put away the Christmas decorations, that a new season of the church is here.

Seasons of the church do not run concurrently with the secular calendar. We began a new church year in late November with the beginning of Advent, followed by Christmastide, and then Epiphany. Epiphany concludes this year on Wednesday, February 17th, which marks Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent.

Lent is 40 days (not counting Sundays) leading up to the highest point of the church year, Easter. We all love Christmas and couldn't do without it --we all need a mid-winter break to celebrate. It is important to remember, though, that our faith as Christians is centered around the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, with its climax on Easter Sunday.

The liturgical color for the Lenten season is purple, which you will see in the paraments in the sanctuary and on the stole of the pastor. It is traditionally the color of majesty and repentance.

Lent is the church's great gift to us in that we are given opportunity to examine and "fine-tune" our lives so that we may be more in alignment with how God's Holy Spirit redirects our energy into action with others as well as within our relationships.

One way of nurturing our connection with God and others in this season is to participate in the Study of the Word of God. Beginning Wednesday, February 17th (Ash Wednesday) at 6:00 p.m. and each Wednesday thereafter until the March 31st, and again on Sundays Beginning February 21 through Sunday, February 28th, there will be a 7 week study for Adults focusing on a spiritual encounter with the Gospel of Luke. The final Wednesday will be the only time that the last lesson will be presented.

We will gather in the church's library and watch a video segment, pause for conversation and ponder devotional and visual inserts. The schedule of scripture to be explored is as follows. Please note that Wednesdays and Sundays will have the same scripture and that only the last Wednesday will we cover the last lesson in the series, "Easter Glory".

### Wednesdays

Feb 17 Luke 4: 1-13

Feb 24 Luke 13: 31-35

Mar 3 Luke 13:1-9

Mar 10 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Mar 17 John 12:1-8

Mar 24 Luke 22:14-23 - 23:56

Mar 31 Luke 24: 1-12 Easter Glory

### Sundays

Feb 21 Luke 4:1-13

Feb 28 Luke 13:31-35

Mar 7 Luke 13: 1-9

Mar 14 Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

Mar 21 John 21: 1-8

Mar 28 Luke 22: 14-21 - 23:56

During Lent we remember once again that the Call of God comes not in "holy places" but at work and play. The call comes not to extraordinary people but to everyday men and women who understand themselves to be in

need of God's direction and allow God to grow shortcomings into assets for the Kingdom.

Please set aside some time in your lives to study, explore, discuss and fellowship with others!

May Many Blessing Flow  
Pastor Saunda

## **March Servers**

### **Communion Servers – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Sally Larchar, Sandy Merkle, Norma Galbreath and Marlene Miner.

### **Soup Providers – March 7<sup>th</sup>**

Terri Becker, Bev Griffin and Sylvia McKinnon

### **Deacon Greeters**

7- Sandy Merkle and Marlene Miner

14 – George Fearon and Calla Miller

21 – Dorothy Campbell and Barb Manley

28 – Bev and Will Griffin

### **Ushers**

7 – Bev and Will Griffin

14 – Shelia Bartlett and Lois Thurston

21 – George Fearon and Calla Miller

28 – Dorothy Campbell and Ron Brodeur

### **Liturgist**

7 – Sylvia McKinnon

14 – Louisa Bartlett

21 – Irene Akers

28 – Connor Bartlett

### **Nursery Care**

7 – Karen Holbert

14 – Connie Shepard

21 – Marlene Miner

28 – Danielle Parker

### **Coffee Hour**

7- Jackie Groves

14- Maxine Hunter

21 – Hunger – Dawn Stevenson

28 – Sally Larchar

**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!**

### **Property Committee**

As requested at the annual meeting, the Property Committee has placed the sanctuary and vestibule ceiling problems on priority status. We are researching for names of providers who are qualified to do the work. We will ask them to come on site, evaluate and give us an estimate. These will be presented to Session as soon as possible.

Our vote to sell the Manse now has to go to Presbytery to be approved. After approval, we can begin the process of listing the house. Our renters have signed a new lease for month by month agreement starting March first.

Last week, the air handler in the upper level of the women's room was leaking. It was a job that Ron

could not do. Ron and the technician decided the three air handlers have not served any purpose since we occupied the building so they have been drained and closed.

Andy Olney has met with seven interested parties to explain the workings of the sound system. This will help us use the system more appropriately. We have 2 wireless hearing systems that we can use.

Plans are going forward to approve the use of one of the extra classrooms (the bazaar room) as the "Dress Shop". This was Kathy Roher's idea for prom gowns – free of charge except for dry cleaning. Volunteers would man the project.

The committee surveyed the Youth room and is arranging to remove the discard items left room cleaning out the classrooms so that the youth can organize their room to be more efficient and pleasing.

We have received two new donations of money for tables in the Fellowship Hall. They are in memory of Evaline Parker, mother of Ken Parker. There is still a need for a few more tables to complete the group. If you haven't done so and wish to donate a table, please contact one of the members of the Property Committee. Thank You!

### **Heaven and Hell – The Real Difference**

**By Ann Landers**

A man spoke with the Lord about heaven and hell. The Lord said to the man, "Come, I will show you hell". They entered a room where a group of people sat around a huge pot of stew. Everyone was famished, desperate and starving. Each held a spoon that reached the pot, but each spoon had a handle so much longer than their own arm that it could not be used to get the stew to their mouths. The suffering was terrible. "Come, now I will show you heaven.", the Lord said after a while. They entered another room, identical to the first – the pot of stew, the group of people, the same long handed spoons. But there everyone was happy and well-nourished. "I don't understand", said the man. "Why are they happy here when they were miserable in the other room and everything is the same?" The Lord smiled. "Ah, it is simple," he said. "Here they have learned to feed each other."

**Clothes Basket Update:** Due to the seasonal changeover in March, on the following dates ALL items will be FREE on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please help us by filling lots of bags! Additionally, volunteers are needed March 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> to Assist with the changeover. Contact Karen or Claudia to let them know when you are available. **PLEASE no donations until March 13<sup>th</sup>.** Thank you.

**MCC Book Read** – The MCC Book Read will meet through Aug. 2010 on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome!

**Indoor Garage Sale** at the Morrisville Community Church Fellowship Hall on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 3pm. Tables are available for rent at

\$10 each or a good will offering. Refreshments will be available for purchase. To reserve your spot, call Jackie at 684-9337 or Marlene at 684-3481. Set up times will be Friday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 7-8pm and Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> at 8am. Get your Spring cleaning done early. Join us for a fun day.

**The Friendship Inn** is having a 50-50 raffle as a fundraiser. See Pat Liegel if you wish to participate in this fundraiser.

### **Worship Committee**

The Worship Committee is sending a big "Thank You !" to everyone who helped to make the Advent/Christmas season a beautiful and joyous time. We are thankful for those who helped with the Hanging of the Greens and the de-decoration. The music was special every Sunday and on Christmas Eve. Thank you to the choir and to Nancy Douglas. It was wonderful to have the children and adults participate in a Christmas Play. Thank you to all who participated in the lightings of the Advent wreath. The "goodies" at coffee hour were yummy and we thank those who provided for us. We are grateful for all those who were liturgists, ushers, and nursery care givers. We are appreciative of Nate and Mitch Miller who lit the luminaries on Christmas Eve and of the readers and ushers who participated in the service. A big "thank you" to those who generously made it possible to decorate with poinsettias and wreaths. We are thankful for the leadership and we are thankful for all the people who worked "behind the scenes" to make everything come together. Our church was beautiful in appearance and in the loving participation of our church family.

The Worship committee has created a "To Do" outline for future Advent/Christmas seasons. We have included suggestions that have been given to us and we have also done some research on the preservation of poinsettias and wreaths. The committee appreciates comments and suggestions from everyone. We look forward to continuing to serve our church family.

The Worship Committee is now in the process of planning for Lent and Easter. We are a small but mighty group so feel free to make suggestions and/or come join us. We meet the second Monday of the month at the church

**Daily Lectionary Scripture  
References March 2010**

**March 1**

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145  
Genesis 41:46-57  
1 Corinthians 4:8-20 (21)  
Mark 3:7-19a  
Evening: Psalm 121; 6

**March 2**

Morning: Psalm 34; 146  
Genesis 42:1-17  
1 Corinthians 5:1-8  
Mark 3:19b-35  
Evening: Psalm 25; 91

**March 3**

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11  
Genesis 42:18-28  
1 Corinthians 5:9—6:11  
Mark 4:1-20  
Evening: Psalm 27; 51

**March 4**

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20  
Genesis 42:29-38  
1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
Mark 4:21-34  
Evening: Psalm 126; 102

**March 5**

Morning: Psalm 22; 148  
Genesis 43:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:1-9  
Mark 4:35-41  
Evening: Psalm 105; 130

**March 6**

Morning: Psalm 43; 149  
Genesis 43:16-34  
1 Corinthians 7:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20  
Evening: Psalm 31; 143

**March 7**

Morning: Psalm 84; 150  
Genesis 44:1-17  
Romans 8:1-10  
John 5:25-29  
Evening: Psalm 42; 32

**March 8**

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145  
Genesis 44:18-34  
1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
Mark 5:21-43  
Evening: Psalm 121; 6

**March 9**

Morning: Psalm 34; 146  
Genesis 45:1-15  
1 Corinthians 7:32-40  
Mark 6:1-13  
Evening: Psalm 25; 91

**March 10**

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11  
Genesis 45:16-28  
1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
Mark 6:13-29  
Evening: Psalm 27; 51

**March 11**

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20  
Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34  
1 Corinthians 9:1-15  
Mark 6:30-46  
Evening: Psalm 126; 102

**March 12**

Morning: Psalm 22; 148  
Genesis 47:1-26  
1 Corinthians 9:16-27  
Mark 6:47-56  
Evening: Psalm 105; 130

**March 13**

Morning: Psalm 43; 149  
Genesis 47:27—48:7  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Mark 7:1-23  
Evening: Psalm 31; 143

**March 14**

Morning: Psalm 84; 150  
Genesis 48:8-22  
Romans 8:11-25  
John 6:27-40  
Evening: Psalm 42; 32

**March 15**

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145  
Genesis 49:1-28  
1 Corinthians 10:14—11:1  
Mark 7:24-37  
Evening: Psalm 121; 6

**March 16**

Morning: Psalm 34; 146  
Genesis 49:29—50:14  
1 Corinthians 11:2-34  
Mark 8:1-10  
Evening: Psalm 25; 91

**March 17**

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11  
Genesis 50:15-26  
1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
Mark 8:11-26  
Evening: Psalm 27; 51

**March 18**

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20  
Exodus 1:6-22  
1 Corinthians 12:12-26  
Mark 8:27—9:1  
Evening: Psalm 126; 102

**March 19**

Morning: Psalm 22; 148  
Exodus 2:1-22  
1 Corinthians 12:27—13:3  
Mark 9:2-13  
Evening: Psalm 105; 130

**March 20**

Morning: Psalm 43; 149  
Exodus 2:23—3:15  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Mark 9:14-29  
Evening: Psalm 31; 143

**March 21**

Morning: Psalm 84; 150  
Exodus 3:16—4:12  
Romans 12:1-21  
John 8:46-59  
Evening: Psalm 42; 32

**March 22**

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145  
Exodus 4:10-20 (21-26) 27-31  
1 Corinthians 14:1-19  
Mark 9:30-41  
Evening: Psalm 121; 6

**March 23**

Morning: Psalm 34; 146  
Exodus 5:1—6:1  
1 Corinthians 14:20-33a, 39-40  
Mark 9:42-50  
Evening: Psalm 25; 91

**March 24**

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11  
Exodus 7:8-24  
2 Corinthians 2:14—3:6  
Mark 10:1-16  
Evening: Psalm 27; 51

**March 25**

Morning: Psalm 27; 147:12-20  
Exodus 7:25—8:19  
2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Mark 10:17-31  
Evening: Psalm 126; 102

**March 26**

Morning: Psalm 22; 148  
Exodus 9:13-35  
2 Corinthians 4:1-12  
Mark 10:32-45  
Evening: Psalm 105; 130

**March 27**

Morning: Psalm 43; 149  
Exodus 10:21—11:8  
2 Corinthians 4:13-18  
Mark 10:46-52  
Evening: Psalm 31; 143

**March 28**

Passion / Palm Sunday  
Morning: Psalm 84; 150  
Zechariah 9:9-12 (morning)  
1 Timothy 6:12-16 (morning) or  
Zechariah 12:9-11; 13:1, 7-9  
(evening)  
Luke 19:41-48 (evening)  
Evening: Psalm 42; 32

**March 29**

Morning: Psalm 119:73-80; 145  
Lamentations 1:1-2, 6-12  
2 Corinthians 1:1-7  
Mark 11:12-25  
Evening: Psalm 121; 6

**March 30**

Morning: Psalm 34; 146  
Lamentations 1:17-22  
2 Corinthians 1:8-22  
Mark 11:27-33  
Evening: Psalm 25; 91

**March 31**

Morning: Psalm 5; 147:1-11  
Lamentations 2:1-9  
2 Corinthians 1:23—2:11  
Mark 12:1-11  
Evening: Psalm 27; 51