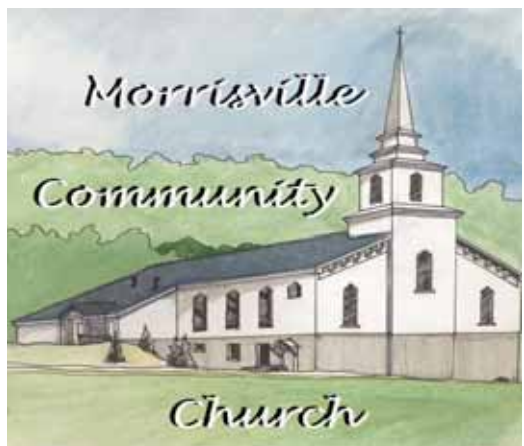


CHURCH MATTERS

May
2010



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service 10:30AM

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am– 12pm

Office 684-3314

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Fax 684-7817

Birthdays

Peg Nodell 5/1

Theresa Becker 5/5

Shawn Bartow 5/6

David Bartlett 5/8

David Burgess 5/11

Sandy Merkle 5/15

Donna O'Brian 5/15

Kayla Burleson 5/15

Dick Loomis 5/17

Darlene Ballard 5/20

Nan Schurer 5/21

Bill Carr 5/22

Sue Bartow 5/23

Catherine Holbert 5/23

Steve Trush 5/27

Stephanie Braun 5/30

Anniversaries

Chris & Tracy Zoellick 5/5

Saunda & Steven Thomas 5/7

Dirk & Clara DeJong 5/13

Clayton & Kouk Davis 5/23

Jeffrey & Christine Cring 5/26

Esther & Esther Davis 5/29

Calendar of Events

5/1 – Drive Thru Chicken BBQ @ 4PM

5/3 – Christian Education Meeting 6pm - Church Library

– Deacons meeting – 7pm- Church Library

5/4, 6, 7 – MECS Kindergarten Registration 8 - 3:30

5/4 – Outreach & Evangelism – 6pm- Church Library

5/5 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

5/6 – Rebekah's 1 – 3pm - Library

5/8 – **PW Spring Banquet – 6pm – Fellowship Hall**

5/9 – New Member Orientation – 9am – Church Library

5/10 – Finance Committee Meeting – 4pm

– Worship Committee Meeting – 6pm

– Property Committee Meeting – 7pm

5/12 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

5/17 – Personnel Committee Meeting – 6pm

– Session Meeting – 7pm

5/18 – Faith Circle @ Rev. Thomas House Noon

5/19 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm

5/20 – Rebekah's 1 – 3pm - Library

5/22 – Food Sense – 8:30-10am

5/26 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm \

Book Discussion 1pm – *An Irish Country Doctor*

WIC 8am – 3pm

In Our Prayers

Ruth Matthias, The Trush Family, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Travis Tabolt, Walta Bush, Jamie Loomis-Kent, June Trask, Rev. Dennis and Linda Doerr, Dina Scott, (daughter of Barb Manley), Dennis Smith



May brings thoughts of spring, flowers, warm days and mothers. The second Sunday of the month reminds us to celebrate our mothers; for all that they have done for us, taught us, and sacrificed for us. Thank you, Mothers, for loving us unconditionally. Thank you, Mothers, for guiding us every day. Thank you, Mothers, for taking your job so seriously and for always being there for us.

THANK GOD FOR MOTHERS

It was Sunday morning and her son still had not appeared at the breakfast table. She had tried yelling up the stairs: “Wake up and get down here!” But there had been no response. Finally, she went up the stairs and opened the door to her son’s room and said, “You need to get up and get dressed. It’s time to go to church!”

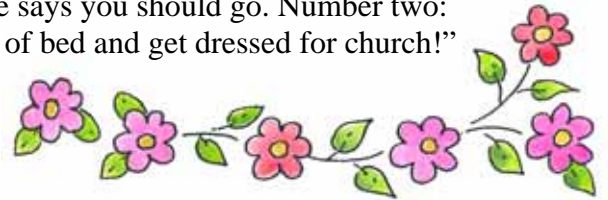
“I don’t want to go to church,” her son groaned from under the covers.

“You can’t give me a good reason not to go to church, so get up!” his mom replied.

“Actually, I’ll give you three reasons. Number one: it’s boring. Number two: the people there are gossipy and critical. And number three: no one likes me. So why should I bother?”

“I’ll give you three reasons,” retorted his mom. “Number one: the Bible says you should go. Number two: you’re 45 years old. And number three: you’re the pastor! Now get out of bed and get dressed for church!”

Where would we be without the tireless urging of our mothers to do what is right?



Congratulations to our College Graduates:



Gabrielle Bartlett

Dru Bartlett

Gillian Gay



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The **Personnel Committee** has advertised for a part-time secretary to fill the vacancy in the Church Office. Upon the review of this position, the Committee felt it was in the best interest of our church and church family to hire someone outside the church's membership.

Property Committee

The Bell Project is proceeding. A proposal has been signed, bells taken for cleaning and painting, three support “crosses” are to be installed. Amy Jones (Manse tenant) has been given permission by Session to have a year to get a mortgage approval for buying the Manse. Our new choir speaker will be installed shortly. Money for another table has been received from Dave and Jean Puddington in memory of their daughter Linda. We have received a \$200 rebate from NYSEG for the furnace that was installed in the Manse. We are waiting for two other proposals for work on the steeple.

Faith Circle will meet on Tue May 18th at noon at the home of Saunda Thomas. Edith Mabon will lead the discussion on Chapter 9 of our study. We will be car pooling to go the Cazenovia.

A Note from the **Finance Committee**: Our Church has bills to pay just as you do at home. Are you up-to-date with your church pledge? Church receipts for the “Year to Date” period that ended March 31st should total \$38,224. Our receipts for the “Year to Date” period that ended March 31st had totaled \$26,837. Your pledge and support is important to the life of this church. You can help by keeping your pledge current...

The **PW Hunger Committee** needs your help. We would like to concentrate on cleaning products and hygiene items for the food pantry. These are not covered by food stamps. Donations such as Mr. Clean, Clorox, paper towels, deodorant, soap, shampoo etc. The basket is in the Narthex for these items. Thank you very much.

PWC Spring Banquet! Saturday May 8, 2010 @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to pass and your own place setting. Sign up sheets are located in the Narthex. If you plan to attend, workers for setting up tables and clean up are needed. Mike Drahos, MECS District Superintendent and students who volunteered to go to Louisiana through Operation Southern Comfort in February 2010 will be our guest speakers. They helped to rebuild areas following Hurricane Katrina. **Remember to bring a friend!**

Presbytery Updates:

PW Spring Gathering @ Baldwinswill Presbyterian Church on May 22nd starting at 3PM. There will be a concert by the Korean Women's Choir.

Fab 5 PPG Gathering at the White Eagle in Hamilton, featuring: Music, Workshops, Speakers. More info to come. (The Fab Five Presbyteries are Albany, Cayuga-Syracuse, Northern New York, Susquehanna Valley, and Utica.)

New Member Orientation class will be offered on Sunday May 9th in the church library at 9am. Everyone interested please call Rev. Thomas at 684-9971. Attendance does not obligate you to join. Come and get your questions answered!

The Deacons are accepting monetary and food donations for 5 student care packages to be sent during finals week. Donations may be given to any Deacon or placed in the basket located in the Narthex.

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.

Special Thanks to everyone who supported & worked on the Chicken BBQ -- Another Successful Event.

Additions and Corrections for the directory:

Anniversary's: Stanley and Ester Davis – May 29th
David and Roberta Link – May 20th

Birthday's: David Link- 1/13
Roberta Link- 7/20
Sandy Christman 5/20
Cindy Monaghan 3/4

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Morrisville, New York 13408

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Hamilton, New York 13346
Phone – 824-0037

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May Servers If you are able to serve where needed, please sign up in the Narthex

Liturgist

9th- Tom Lemery
16th – Irene Ackers
23rd – Sandy Merkle
30th – Marlene Miner

Ushers

9th- Irene Akers and Barb Manley
16th- Dorothy Campbell and Calla Miller
23rd- Ron Brodeur and Natalie Turner
30th- Sue Bartow and TBA

Coffee Hour

9th- Shelia Bartlett and Lois Thurston
16th – Hunger/ Sue Bartow
23rd – Irene Akers
30th – Darlene Virgil\Robin Suarez



The Presbyterian UN Office represents the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) at the United Nations. Staff members help to equip Presbyterians for discipleship by training them to put their faith into action in the global arena. The Presbyterian UN Office bears witness to Jesus Christ by advocating the concerns of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) General Assemblies to the United Nations. The Presbyterian UN Office is one way in which the church responds to Christ's call to bring good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives and let the oppressed go free.

Say "No!" to child soldiers

Here's an equation of faith and love: 10 Presbyterian youth + 2 adult leaders + 2 Presbyterian UN Office staff people + some red paint + some cloth = 16 banners + a witness saying "No Child Soldiers" in the name of Jesus.

Youth and adult chaperones from the Fab Five Presbytery Partnership Group took part in a seminar on the global victimization of children at the Presbyterian UN Office on February 16-17. A portion of the seminar focused on child soldiers. An international treaty, in effect since 2002, prohibits the use of children under age 18 as soldiers. However, Human Rights Watch reports that children are currently used as soldiers in at least 14 countries. The Red Hand Campaign is an international effort, initiated by youth and students, to urge the nations to honor their commitments and to end the use of children as soldiers. Seminar participants made banners with red hand prints to proclaim that children should not be used as soldiers.

How can others join the campaign? Create red hand prints on paper or cloth (using finger paint, drawing an outline, using red paper, or in some other way). Add names, hometowns, and a message. Send the SFE IBOET Uo: Office of Child Advocacy, 100 Witherspoon Street, Room 3224, Louisville, KY 40202-1396. The office will work with the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program and the Presbyterian UN Office to deliver the red hands to country missions at the UN. Together we can spread the message that the children Jesus loves should not be forced to serve as soldiers. **The Fab Five Presbyteries are Albany, Cayuga-Syracuse, Northern New York, Susquehanna Valley, and Utica.**

The Church Cares For Children

Jesus tells his disciples: Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it (Mark 10:13-17). For decades, the PC(USA) and the Presbyterian UN Office have participated in the creation of a world that nurtures and supports children. In 1977, the Presbyterian Church adopted the statement On Being a Child, which recognized the importance of protecting and upholding the rights of children. The United Nations adopted the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989, a turning point in recognizing children as valuable and necessary persons with dignity and rights in the international community. This year, the Presbyterian UN Office and Columbia Theological Seminary partnered to offer a Doctor of Ministry January Term course on the theme of "The Church and Children in a Changing World." Nine students and Professor Mark Douglas explored the church's role in addressing the increasingly complex challenges faced by children in our world today. Students met with staff from UNICEF, Save the Children, and the International Rescue Committee to learn about children's rights and the Millennium Development Goals. Martha Bettis-Gee, PC(USA) associate for child advocacy introduced PC(USA) policy and work concerning children. The course included sessions on children and armed conflict, child labor and trafficking, and children and the environment. The students attended the launch of UNESCO's "Education for All Global Monitoring Report" at the UN headquarters. United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and UNESCO General Secretary Irina Bokova, were among the speakers at the event. The Rev. Dr. Eileen Lindner, child advocate and executive presbyter for the Presbytery of the Palisades, offered the concluding keynote for the course. The students returned home to integrate their experience into teaching and preaching opportunities in their congregations