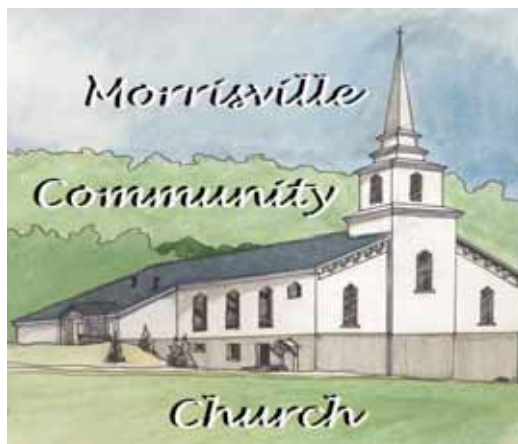


# CHURCH MATTERS

October

2009



## MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 9 am– 12pm

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### SERVICES

Sunday School 9:00 AM

Sunday Service

10:30AM

### October Birthdays

Agnes Carr 10/1  
Christine Cring 10/1  
Andrew Olney 10/3  
Natalie Morris 10/5  
Brian Bristow 10/6  
Nathan Davis 10/6  
Daniel Kent 10/8  
Michelle Olney 10/12  
Nicholas Groves 10/13  
Donald Shepard 10/13  
Thomas Lemery 10/14  
Shelia Bartlett 10/15  
Norma Galbreath 10/19  
Judy Zheng 10/19  
Abigail Bristow 10/20  
Gui Zheng 10/21  
Robert Berkey 10/24  
Stephen Groves 10/28  
Keith Stevenson 10/31

### Anniversaries

Ginger & Bob Berkey 10/2  
Duane & Janice Button 10/4  
Brenda & Doug Arnold 10/5  
Murry & Naydene Ames 10/6  
Dawn & Dick Stevenson 10/26  
Dave & JoAnn Holbert 10/28  
Kathy & Shawn Merkle 10/28

### Calendar of Events

10/4 – Soup Sunday  
10/6 – Outreach and Evangelism – 5:30pm  
10/7 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm  
10/12 – Columbus Day  
    Finance Committee – 4p  
    Worship Committee – 6:30pm  
    Property Committee – 7pm  
10/14 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm  
10/15 – Hope Circle – 7:30pm  
10/16 – Girl Scout Sleepover  
10/17 – Girl Scout Sleepover  
10/18 – PW reception for the Rebeccas  
10/19 – Session  
10/20 – Newsletter Deadline  
    Faith Circle at Edith Mabon's home  
10/28 – WIC 8am – 3pm  
10/21 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm  
10/22 – PWP Fall Gathering – 9:30am – 2pm  
10/24 – Food Sense 8:30-10am  
10/28 – WIC 8am – 3pm  
    Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm  
    Book Discussion – 1 to 2 pm

### d In Our Prayerse

Ruth Matthias, Steve and Grace Trush, Carol Andrews, Alex Brown, Christine Braun, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, The Presbytery of Cayuga-Syracuse, Robert Vair, Paul and Audra Mockovak, Rose, Hollis and Cheryl Smith, Zachary Webb, Jeanne Hearst, Ron Hopkins, Andrew Sykes

## **BAZAAR BUZZ**

A reminder to all members and friends of the Morrisville Community Church that the Presbyterian Women's Biennial Bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 7, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. That is only one month away!

We need volunteers to work in the booths and to be cashiers. We also need volunteers to help clean up the Fellowship Hall, beginning at 2 p.m., on November 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can help in any way (even for just a couple of hours) please let Naydene or Robin know.

To help the chairpersons who are setting up the different booths, we are asking for two things:

1. that each person making a donation complete a PW Bazaar donation sheet for each booth. Forms will be available on "The Table" in the fellowship hall. It is often difficult for someone else to put a price on an item when that person does not know how much it cost to make the item. We want items to sell, but we do not want to under or over price items either. Your help would be deeply appreciated.
2. that all donations (except baked items) be at the church no later than Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. This will give the booth chairpersons time to price items and set up the booths. Baked goods will be accepted at any time. If you are unable to bring your donations into the church, please call one of the chairpersons and we will arrange a time to pick them up.

The church will be open during the following times for drop off and for booth chairpersons to work in their areas:

Sunday, 11/1	during Sunday School and Church
Monday through Friday (11/2-11/6)	9 a.m. – 12 noon
Monday through Thursday (11/2-11/5)	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday (11/6) (booth chairpersons and baked goods)	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Donations and completed donation forms may be left in the fellowship hall on the tables set up by the nursery wall.

If you have any questions about the Bazaar, please contact us.

Bazaar Committee Chairpersons

Naydene Ames 684-9657  
Robin Suarez 684-9722

## **Stewardship Campaign Fall 2009 THE CALL TO SUSTAIN**

Being a faithful steward,

Then the Lord..said, "to your offspring I will give this land." So [Abraham] built there an alter to the Lord. ~ Genesis 12:7

The Lord promised land to Abram [Abraham]. Abram was so grateful for the generosity of God's promise, that he responds by building an altar to his generous Provider even before the promise becomes reality. In doing so, Abram demonstrates for us the impetus of solid stewardship.

Often, when we begin the stewardship season, we immediately jump to the budget and all kinds of financial studies and projections, hoping against hope that we will be able to balance the budget for the next year. These steps are definitely important and have their time and place in our fiscal cycles, but could we just once approach stewardship first from gratitude? That was Abram's response. That was Abram's stewardship.

Would you consider spending time during Stewardship season reflecting on all God has given you? If so, I think your life will be changed by the awareness. Perhaps, your response to God will come out of gratitude more so than a need to "balance the budget". Please reflect on all God means to you and then respond as generously as you can.

**WE ARE OPEN!!!** After 2 weeks of intensive stripping, cleaning, and refilling, the Clothes Basket is open, fully stocked with fall and winter clothing, shoes, purses, hats and mittens. We unpacked and hung up clothing that was stored in **128** "banana" boxes. We also have new household things plus Fall, Halloween and Thanksgiving items. Come and check out our merchandise.

We wish to say a big thank you to our volunteers who worked many a morning to make this changeover possible. Now that we are open on our regular schedule we need volunteers for the Saturday afternoon shifts, from 12 – 2 p.m. If you could give 2 hours of your time just once a month, please contact Claudia Loomis. We offer a much needed service to our community and need to continue to be open on Saturdays.

### **Worship Committee**

The worship committee meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30 in the church library. We would welcome a few more members. Please pray about it and come join us. Our next meeting is October 12.

The clipboards for sign-up for liturgists, ushers, nursery care and communion are always available in the fellowship hall. Please check them out and see what dates are good for you to serve.

The Peacemaking Offering will be collected on October 4 which is World Communion Sunday. In preparation we have presented Minutes for Mission each Sunday in September. We would like to thank Karen Jacobs, Ellen Davis, Bill Carr and Nate Miller for their participation.

The Worship Committee sends out a big "Thank You" to Nancy Douglas, Sam Tucci, Irene Akers and Marlene Miner for preparing and presenting the Sunday messages while Rev. Saunda has been away. We appreciate the willingness of members of the congregation to help with pulpit supply.

The Thanksgiving Ecumenical Dinner will be hosted by St. Joan's on November 22. Please mark your calendars. More information will be presented as the date gets closer.

We have begun to discuss plans for the Advent/Christmas season. Hanging of the Greens will be on November 28. This is another date for your calendar. Many hands make light work. If you have any special requests or suggestions for this season of the church please see a member of the worship

committee.

## September Session News

Session met Monday night, the 21<sup>st</sup>, with Shelia Bartlett acting as moderator. Christian Education reported that Sunday School had started well with a balloon launch Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. The kids are part of a Christian buddy program where each young person has an older friend who keeps in touch, remembers them in prayer, and may join them in the closing prayer after Sunday School.

Sam Tucci reported that he continues to follow up on any suggestions he receives about a possible church musician. So far we aren't having a lot of luck, but there are people who can sub. That may be what we do when Nancy and Hank take a break in the winter.

Charlene Bush reported that the CAP office has received some stimulus money to be used to help in job seeking. CAP will be set up to offer help in preparing resumés. People will also be able to get help in preparing their appearance for interviews and work. CAP may use the Clothes Basket to find job-appropriate clothing or interview clothing. If you have such items you could send them to CAP directly. Also, if you or someone you know could use this service, call CAP or Charlene Bush.

## OUTREACH & EVANGELISM

Met: Sept. 1, 2009

Discussed:

Chicken BBQ for Oct.

Natalie is coordinating the event. She has contacted the necessary people for the different responsibilities.

Discussed the advertising.

Will check for more student volunteers through Jamie Kent - for community service.

Harvest Dinner Nov. 14. Signup sheet will be in Fellowship Hall after the chicken BBQ.

Price T - Tom suggested t shirts with the church logo on them. May order two colors - navy blue for workers to wear at our public events. These will be collected, washed & reused. Red ones will be sold to individuals for personal use. Tom will check on prices, etc.

A sample of a smaller visitor card was passed around. We will print some up.

A delicious meal of Asian chicken medley rice, peas, broccoli salad and strawberry cream pie was shared and enjoyed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marlene Miner