

CHURCH MATTERS

September

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MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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September Birthdays

John Galbreath 9/1	James Marshall 9/21
Hazel Holborn 9/1	Richard Stevenson 9/21
Scott Jr. Holbert 9/2	Steven Brody 9/22
Connor Bartlett 9/4	Darlene Virgil 9/22
Nancy McPherson 9/4	Vanessa Davis 9/23
Walta Bush 9/6	Brandon Episcopo 9/23
Julianna Shepard 9/6	Jeffrey Cring 9/24
Vicki Deaner 9/8	Will Griffin 9/25
Jessica Broedel 9/11	Michael Gay 9/26
Erin Dutcher 9/12	James McPherson 9/26
Matthew Marshall 9/12	Andrew Kent 9/28
Ronald Bush 9/14	Mark Tucci 9/28
Dru Bartlett 9/15	Olivia Hill 9/30
Nancy Douglas 9/15	

Anniversaries

Kenneth & Mary Miller 9/25
Deryck & Shannon Hill 9/26

Calendar of Events

9/1 – O&E Committee – 5:30pm
9/2 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm
9/6 – Choir resumes
9/7 – Labor Day
No Deacons or Christian Ed. meetings
9/9 – Lunch Bunch – 12:30pm
9/13 – Sunday School begins – 9:00 am
9/14 - Finance Committee – 4:00pm
Worship Committee – 6:30pm
Property Committee – 7:00pm
Deacons meeting – 7:00pm
9/15 – Faith Circle – noon – Karen Tucci's home
9/16 - Lunch Bunch 12:30-1:00pm
Book Discussion – 1:00 – 2:00 pm
9/17 – Stop DWI Project – 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Hope Circle – 7:30pm – Ethel Crane's home
Session – 7:00pm
9/23 – WIC – 8:00am – 3:00 pm
Lunch Bunch 12:30pm
9/25 – PW Retreat at Vandercamp – 5:00pm
9/26 – PW Retreat at Vandercamp
9/26 – Food Sense 8:30am – 10am
9/29 – Blood Drive 1-6pm
9/30 – Lunch Bunch 12:30pm

d In Our Prayerse

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

P From The Pastor

What do Outdoor Service, Lunch Bunch, Book Group, Unbinding the Gospel, Garage Sale, Updating Christian Education Rooms, Water Safari, and General Church Clean-up and Spruce-up have in common?

Answer: They all happened over the Summer of 2009 at our church building in addition to our usual Worship on Sundays!

We have had an uplifting time together and as you return from your restorative time away, we are delighted to welcome you back and invite you to take your place with us in this very vibrant and lively congregation! We can hardly wait to hear your stories!

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life." I believe that we can claim this every day here at MCC, enjoying ourselves daily as we enter our life together September through May.

Others will be writing articles on some of the activities I named above. I would like to take a moment to address Lunch Bunch and our Book Group.

Lunch Bunch is an opportunity to meet in the church library for laughter, conversation, and a chance to deepen friendships. Everyone is invited! We bring our bag lunches and enjoy each other's company. We will be meeting every Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. If you are working outside the home, we hope that you will be able to make time to join us as well!

The MCC Book Group meets on Wednesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. We discuss a book a month and what discussions we have! If you are recognizing that you can come for lunch at 12:30 p.m. and stay for Book Group, you are on to something HUGE! Come to either or both! Again, everyone is welcome. Below, you will find a list of the books that we intend to read by month. In September we will meet to discuss "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society" on the third Wednesday (September 16th) and Karen Jacobs will be inviting us to conversation on that particular book. Every month thereafter, we will discuss a book on the 4th Wednesday of each month. This should provide everyone the time they need to read the book of the month.

The best way to obtain a book is to check it out of our public library or go online at half.com or amazon.com. If you are not a computer person, call Rev. Saunda Thomas, and she will get a copy for you! (684-9971)

Steve and Saunda Thomas will be on vacation the month of September. Although they will be out of state, you will be in their hearts and prayers. Christine Covington and Nancy Douglas have the telephone numbers for our Pastor on call, The Rev. Dennis Doerr, from the Chittenango Presbyterian Church.

Again, Welcome Home! Please start sharing those stories of your summer adventures!

Blessings,
Saunda

Country Crossroads 2009 will be held **Saturday, November 7, 2009**, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. That's only 2 months away! Time to get projects started or finished as the time goes by really fast. Need ideas for projects? Please check with the bazaar chairpersons....and don't forget that we have crafting materials in the "bazaar room" downstairs. If you are looking for particular crafting supplies, ask Sylvia as she has been organizing that room and knows where everything is.

We will have the following booths:
Grandma's Attic: treasures from the past and present
St. Nicholas' Place: Christmas decorations and items
The Country Peddler: a variety of all season items and decorations
The Stitchery: knitted, crocheted, and sewn items
The Twisted Vine: plants, decorative items from natural materials
The Bake Shop: a variety of homemade goodies
Mrs. Claus' Cafe: serving lunch during the bazaar

And in charge of it all: Bazaar Chairpersons:
Naydene Ames [684-9657](tel:684-9657) Robin Suarez [684-9722](tel:684-9722)

PWC Retreat – The women of the church will be having their annual retreat at Vanderkamp on Friday September 25th and Saturday September 26th. Our leader will be Gail Banks. Her topic is "Women At the Well". We can be at Vanderkamp anytime after 3pm on Friday. The program actually starts at 6pm. Everyone brings snacks for Friday evening. We have breakfast and lunch at the camp dining hall. The closing of the program will be after lunch. The cost is \$50 per person. There are scholarships available for anyone needing one, provided by the PWC. It is a time for fun, fellowship and good food. A sign up sheet will be in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions please see Marlene Miner or Dot Mulcahey.

Property Committee – By Newsletter publication we shall have finished the preparation of the classrooms for starting Sunday School in September. Tasks done include applying new paint, organizing and cleaning. We have (as of 8/3) six 6-foot tables and enough pledges to purchase seven 8-foot tables. The cost of an 8-foot table is \$70. A procedure for usage of the building will be presented to Session, and then we will publish for all to see and follow. There are plans to organize the garage and clean it out to make it more usable. As the first step in creating a landscaped area to display our two church bells, the Property Committee is looking for up to 5

interested persons to serve on the design committee. Please contact Karen Tucci or Sylvia McKinnon.

A Big Thank You to Bill and Agnes Carr who have been "fixer uppers" since returning this spring. To mention a few items they have done: painting, door trim and cleaning. Their time and efforts are greatly appreciated.

Drive Thru Chicken Barbeque is "Bah-Bah-Bah" Back!

That's right!! The church's ever-popular Drive Thru-Chicken Barbecue is coming back!!! Mark your calendar for **Oct 3 4 p.m.** sharp.

And that's not all.... the experience of working this event is exciting, and exhilarating. If you are interested, please see Natalie Turner.

Just one more thing....workers planning to pre-pay will have to do so by **October 3 at 2 pm.**

AUGUST SESSION MEETING

Session heard from several committees to take care of routine business. As Saunda will be away during September, she wanted to be sure she could offer assistance to any committees as they prepared for the fall start-up.

Christian Ed noted that Sunday School will resume Sept. 13th. Flyers have gone to all children who were enrolled in the past year. They will be put up at the Big M with the possibility of a mention in the Hi Neighbor or MidYork Weekly.

Sam Tucci reported that the young man who played the organ at worship a few Sundays ago has decided he cannot take the job here. He is entering his senior year at Colgate and after further consideration he realized that adding the church was too great a responsibility on top of his college work.

Saunda reported that the group studying "Unbinding the Gospel" has found it to be a rich spiritual experience for the group. As part of their study small prayer groups have been meeting weekly and have reported those to be a very positive experience.

Session will meet in September while Saunda is away. See any current member if you have questions.

While Saunda is away, the Rev. Dennis Doerr will be our pastor on call. If you have an emergency please contact the church office or Nancy Douglas (684-3845) and we will help you get in contact with him.

Dancing With God

When I meditated on the word Guidance,
I kept seeing "dance" at the end of the word.
I remember reading that doing God's will is a lot like dancing.
When two people try to lead, nothing feels right..
The movement doesn't flow with the music,
and everything is quite uncomfortable and jerky.
When one person realizes that, and lets the other lead,
both bodies begin to flow with the music.
One gives gentle cues, perhaps with a nudge to the back
or by pressing lightly in one direction or another.
It's as if two become one body, moving beautifully.
The dance takes surrender, willingness,
and attentiveness from one person
and gentle guidance and skill from the other.
My eyes drew back to the word. Guidance.
When I saw "G": I thought of God, followed by "u" and "I".
"God, "u" and "I" "dance."
God, you and I dance.
As I lowered my head, I became willing to trust
that I would get guidance about my life.
Once again, I became willing to let God lead..
My prayer for you [today](#) is that God's blessings
and mercies are upon you on this day and every day.
[May](#) you abide in God, as God abides in you.
Dance together with God, trusting God to lead
and to guide you through each season of your life.
This prayer is powerful and there is nothing attached.
If God has done anything for you in your life,
please share this message with someone else.
There is no cost but a lot of rewards;
so let's continue to pray for one another.

And I Hope You Dance Through 2009!

Submitted by Sandy Merkle