

CHURCH MATTERS

September

2017



MORRISVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Sunday School 9:30 AM Sunday Service 9:30 AM

Office Hours Monday-Friday 9am-12pm Office 684-3314

Pastor's Office 684-9971 Kitchen\ Clothes Basket 684-9970

September Birthdays

2	Scott Holbert, Jr.	15	Nancy Douglas
4	Connor Bartlett	21	Richard Stevenson
8	Hayla Josephs	23	Amanda Leamer
10	Evelyn Shepard	24	Jeff Cring
11	Budd Bracy	26	Michael Gay
11	Jessica Jacobs-Broedel	26	Jim McPherson
12	Erin Dutcher	28	Andrew Kent
14	Ron Bush	29	Mikyla Broedel
15	Dru Bartlett	29	Mikenna Broedel

September Anniversaries

30	David & Catharine Andrews
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Pulpit Supply for upcoming weeks are as follows:

September

- 3 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (Communion)
- 10 Ann Berlew
- 17 Bill Porter
- 24 Mike Drahos

October

- 1 Rev. Dr. Harvey Sindima (World Communion)
- 8 Rev. Ray Lighthall
- 15 Rev. Jerry Saliba

Clothes Basket - Beginning 9/13 open every Wednesday and Saturday 10 am - 2 pm.

Community Blood Drive Friday, September 15 from 1-6pm at the Morrisville Public Library To schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800 RED CROSS or visit www.redcrossblood.org Sponsor Keyword: morrisvillelib

Per Capita Assessment for 2017 is \$37.50 per member.

September 2017 Calendar of Events

- 3 Worship Service resumes at 10:30 a.m.
- 4 **Labor Day Observed - Office Closed**
- 4 CE Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 4 Deacons 6:30 pm Library
- 5 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 7 PW 6:30 pm Library
- 7 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 11 Outreach Committee 5:30 pm SS
- 11 Worship Committee 6 pm Library
- 12 Presbytery MWG 9:15 - 12:15 Fellowship Hall**
- 12 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 12 Rebekahs 2:00 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Property Committee 7 pm Fellowship Hall
- 14 Finance Committee 7 pm Library
- 14 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 pm Fellowship Hall
- 16 Presbyterian Women Retreat 9-2 Library**
- 18 Session Mtg. 7 pm Library
- 19 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 19 Faith Circle noon at Esther Davis'
- 21 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall
- 22 First Day of Autumn**
- 26 Ethel's Needlers 10 - 11:30 am Library
- 26 Rebekahs 2:00 Fellowship Hall
- 27 WIC 9:30 - 3:30 pm Fellowship Hall
- 28 Book Read "The Underground Railroad" (12 noon - at Marie Smith's home)
- 28 Tae Kwon Do 6 - 8 Fellowship Hall

Please Note:

Adult Bible Study has been discontinued for the summer, and will resume after Labor Day every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Church Library.

Sunday Hour of Prayer is held every Sunday from 6:30-7:30 pm. This will be time for anyone from our church and community to gather with others and share a time of prayer.

From the Worship Committee

Summer's End

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."

Ecclesiastes 3: 1

Summer's end is a beautiful season in central New York State. It is the season when God's creation transitions into autumn. It is the season when the vegetables in our gardens have been picked, eaten, frozen or canned. It is the season when the fields have been mowed and the hay stored. It is the season that moves us from picnics, swimming and family vacations to getting ready for school, college and indoor work. It is the season when the bright green of summer is fading and foliage shows hints of amber and orange. It is the season of brown-eyed Susan's, Sunflowers, Golden Rod and Purple Asters. It is the season of soft golden light in morning and early evening. It is the season to pause and say "Thank you God for the passing summer and I wait with anticipation the season of autumn."

In closing I leave you with this blessing.

In this season of summer's end,
May the cool morning breeze refresh you,
May the roadside flowers brighten your journey,
May the crystal blue skies bring you joy,
May the golden sunlight of summer's end bring
you peace,
And until we meet again, may God be with you.

On behalf of the Worship Committee,
Maxine G. Hunter

From the Food Pantry

The pantry enrolled six new families in July, forty-four families sought assistance which provided 1,359 meals - three meals a day for three days. We received 102 food and other product items along with \$30.00 in cash.

The Eaton Street construction has created a challenge this month, in getting to the pantry, and I think our numbers might be down a little for August. We will see at the end of the month.

At the moment, we are void of hygiene products, toothbrushes/ toothpaste/ shampoo/ deodorant/ toilet paper/ bar soap, etc.

Anything you could do to assist in providing some of these items would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Sue Bartow, Co-Coordinator

A Trip Down Memory Lane

Dave and Jean Puddington celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Sunday, August 27, 2017. An open house was held at the Brookside Senior Living Community in Lowville, NY, where they have resided for 8 years.

The couple met in college at Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH and were married at the Christ Lutheran Church, Baxley, OH after Dave received his USN commission and wings when he graduated from his Naval Aviation Training in Pensacola, FL and Corpus Christi, TX on August 30, 1952.

While at Morrisville Community Church, Dave served on the committee, chaired by Harvey Sindima, which met right after the old church on Main St. burned, to help plan for this church you now occupy. He was instrumental in forming the popular church singing group "The Christian Brothers", consisting of Dave, Joe Kidd, Andy Olney, and Tom Lemery. In the collage Dave served as Vice President at Morrisville State College in the area of Institutional Advancement (at the same time Tom and Sue Leamer arrived).

Jean was active in PW, Hope Circle, Bible Study, The Clothes Basket and the Committee for Outreach and Evangelism. She has served as Pastor Allen Wollenburg's secretary before the fire. In the community she worked at the MSC Library and served as Parent Representative on the Committee for Special Education at Stockbridge Valley Central School. Both were active in American Legion Post #163 in Morrisville and Puritan Club in Munnsville. Dave is an ordained Elder of Presbyterian Church USA, and Jean, an ordained Deacon.

After he served as a Navy pilot in the Korean War 4 years, Dave was appointed by Cayuga/Syracuse Presbytery to visit So. Korea two times. For a celebration in Seoul, S.K., he and a group of other Veterans and their wives from the Syracuse area were invited by the Ponyang Presbytery of So. Korea to visit again as their guests. Quite an experience!

From the Deacons

Deacons would like you to know we are here for you. If you need any special requests or prayers please let us know.

We are collecting cans of fruit for the Christmas baskets it might seem early to do but they seem to be the item we never have enough of. Thank you in advance for your donations.

We would like to wish everyone who has a Birthday or Anniversary this month the most blessed day and many more to come. Prayers that everyone feels God's love every day.

God Bless, Deacons

God Bless,
Connie

From the Property Committee

The Property Committee met on August 10, 2017 where the following items were discussed:

- We finalized the letter to three (3) plow bidders for the 2017-18 season. The deadline for response is September 1.
- A new "Sign In" sheet will be used for all businesses performing maintenance on the building.
- Culligan installed the new water softener on July 7. The amount needed for purchase of the system (\$3,662.00) has been completely covered by donations. **Thank You All !!!**
- J. Meadows will be calling next week to schedule a time to replace the valve.
- Syracuse Time & Alarm did the Preventive Maintenance for the building.
- Will continue discussion next month about the ceiling and roof.
- Ron and Charlene will be on vacation September 5-20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia McKinnon, Chair
Property Committee

From Outreach & Evangelism

Connie and I would like to thank everyone that worked on the committee and worked on the carnival to make it a success. Without your individual efforts it would never succeeded. We had many families come and enjoyed the event.

We are working with worship to organize a plan for Sunday School this year.

We are going to start visiting with each member to find what your talents are so we can use them to help strengthen our church.

God Bless,
Outreach & Evangelism Committee

Presbyterian Women's Ministry Team

The PW Ministry Team met on August 3.

We wish to thank those who donated or purchased items from the Indoor Garage Sale held on July 8th. A profit of \$943 was made.

Final plans were made for our Fall Retreat which will be held on Saturday, September 16 in the church library from 9am-2pm. The presenter will be Mrs. Gail Banks who will present "The Peace of God (Philippians 4:7) - Coping in Today's World". PW will have the lunch catered. Registration is \$15.00 with scholarships available. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the fellowship hall by the PW bulletin board. Participants can pay their registration fee to Karen Jacobs, treasurer, in advance or at the Retreat. For anyone needing financial help, see Karen who can provide for you from the scholarship fund. **We hope many ladies from our church will sign up for the Retreat.**

A recent PW mission accomplished was delivering clothing from the Clothes Basket to the men living at Unity Acres in Orwell, New York. A big thank you to Karen Jacobs and Marlene Miner for making that 1 1/2 hour drive.

A reminder to everyone of the PW Bazaar to be held the first Saturday in November. We hope many are busy working on projects to donate to the Bazaar.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, September 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. All ladies of our church are welcome to attend.

Respectfully,
Naydene Ames, Secretary

From the Worship Committee

The Worship Committee would like to return to some practices from the past in order to enhance our worship and create a reflective environment.

We are encouraging everyone to move into the Sanctuary in a timely manner upon arrival on Sunday mornings. Our thought is that this will cut down on the noise in the Narthex that filters into the Sanctuary. We would like the Sanctuary to be a quiet place so that those who wish can experience a quiet time of reflection and prayer before the service begins. Therefore, the doors will be closed at approximately 10:15 as Keith provides some spiritual music conducive to meditation. Thank you for your cooperation.

SOON ENOUGH

I want to know if there is a Heaven
What happens when we die?
I want to know is there is a hell?
And I want to know why

Will I see them again?
The ones that went before
Will they be waiting for me?
Or are they simply "no more"?

What will happen to me?
When my body descends
What will happen to me?
When my soul ascends

I hope I will wait longer
Though the "not knowing" will be tough
But I am in no hurry
I'll find out soon enough

"DON'T BE AFRAID; JUST BELIEVE"

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.*

Someone once said that 'the opposite of faith is not doubt but fear'. I wrote down the words for some future pondering for it seemed like something that I should ponder...

So here we go a pondering...

In the Bible faith is used to combat doubt several times but most often in the context of fear. For example when Jesus calls Peter to walk on the water in Matthew 14 verses 29 through 30...

"Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

Peter's fear was caused by his doubt.

Many times in the bible 'faith' is used to directly countermand 'fear'.

Through faith there is no fear.

Recall Jesus calming the storm. Matthew, in Chapter 8 verses 23 through 26 tells it like this...

Then he [Jesus] got into the boat and his disciples followed him. Suddenly a furious storm came up on the lake, so that the waves swept over the boat. But Jesus was sleeping. The disciples went and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We're going to drown!" He replied, "You of little faith, why are you so afraid?" Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

If they had "kept the faith" they would not have been afraid. But even the Disciples were human and subject to doubts and fears.

The title of this musing comes from Mark 5: 35-42 which tells the story of Jairus who pleaded with Jesus to save his dying 12 year old daughter.

Verses 35 says, "While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?"

And Jesus' reaction in Verse 36 sums thing up very gracefully...

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "*Don't be afraid; just believe.*"

And the daughter lived...

In summary let us just say that 'faith' is the opposite of 'fear' but it is also the opposite of 'doubt' and 'doubt' breeds 'fear'. So if ever you "doubt" or "fear" remember the words of our savior Jesus Christ...

"Don't be afraid; just believe."

Unity Acres

Unity Acres, Orwell, NY is a *House of Hospitality* for men. The mission is to provide a safe, caring and permanent home for men, and particularly those who have become chronically homeless due to alcohol or substance abuse, or other factors. More than 48 years ago its founder, Father Raymond McVey, saw this as a place of refuge for homeless men in Central New York and beyond. There are between 50 and 78 men living at Unity Acres at any given moment. Despite their individual troubles, the men create and maintain a serene atmosphere at the Acres. They assist one another in the many tasks necessary to create a sense of safety, sobriety and community, sharing in the work of preparing meals, doing laundry, yard work, gardening, maintenance, cutting firewood and many other activities which allow Unity Acres to function and flourish. Five staff members and 3 staff assistants provide administrative and other supports.

Residents are provided food, clothing and shelter. Those who are capable of physical or other labor participate in a broad variety of activities necessary for the day-to-day operation of Unity Acres. Unity Acres was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization in 2000, and is funded largely from donations, both cash and in-kind, from individual benefactors, parishes and other religious congregations or community organizations, and from

payments from our residents. Unity Acres also receives, from time to time, grants and bequests. Unity Acres does not seek or receive any direct funding from government.

Our church became involved in donating to Unity Acres back in the 1970's through the efforts of Marlene Miner and Ethel Crane. These ladies were overheard at a Presbytery meeting discussing what to do with the leftover clothes in the Clothes Basket when seasons changed. Another participant at that meeting told them about Unity Acres and the need for men's clothing. Since then the Clothes Basket has donated items to them when we have changeover. At Christmas each year the cards collected by Marlene, signed from a friend, are sent to the men living there who seldom receive personal mail and are so appreciative.

On July 28, 2017 Marlene Miner and Karen Jacobs took a van load of items to Unity Acres and were able to have a short tour and hear about the programs available for the residents. Unity Acres is thriving and is still needed by homeless men in the central New York area. We were glad to give our support to their program.

Submitted by Karen Jacobs

BAZAAR BUZZ

“Country Crossroads 2017”

Our biennial bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 4, 2017, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Plans and preparations continue as the time approaches. Have an idea for a project? Need an idea for a project? Contact any of the following for assistance:

The Stitchery
The Twisted Vine
St. Nicholas' Place
The Bake Shop
Grandma's Attic
The Country Peddler
Mrs. Claus' Café
Cashiers

Naydene Ames
Maxine Hunter & Ellen Davis
Sandy Merkle
Karen Jacobs & Sylvia McKinnon
Marlene Miner
Calla Miller & Andy Sikes
Norma Galbreath
Priscilla Suits

Extra hands are always needed—beforehand and during the actual day. Please contact any of the above to sign up to help.

CHURCH OFFICERS

ELDERS

Class of 2017

Henry Douglas
Sylvia McKinnon
Mark Shepard
Priscilla Suits
Nancy Douglas

Class of 2018

Jeff Cring
Lois Thurston

Class of 2019

Pathrik Olsson

DEACONS

Class of 2017

Calla Miller
Connie Shepard
Sue Bartow

Class of 2018

David Link
Roberta Link
Robin Suarez

Class of 2019

Norma Galbreath
Rachael Armstrong
Tom Leamer, Jr.

Statistics for August 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Building Fund</u>
6	43	\$ 3626.00	\$ 450.00
13	42	\$ 3157.00	\$ 425.00
20	40	\$ 827.00	\$ 75.00
27	32	\$ 931.00	\$ 75.00