



Remember  
*in*  
Prayer



*The October Maple*

"If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus."

We are studying this letter from Paul to the Christians in Philippi in our Tuesday morning Bible study and in the Junior and Senior High Sunday School classes. The admonition is appropriate for any people at any time in any situation. When I think of how divided our country is in politics, and how splintered the church is across our nation, I wonder how Paul's words to "be of the same mind" can be put into practice. The truth is, we are not nor will we ever "be of the same mind" – not even in how we live our faith! Be we can and we must, "be of the same mind" in how we love.

We witness first-hand, in this church community, how loving others transforms lives. Watching children sing and dance at VBS; hearing testimonies from students about the summer mission trips; sending our collection to UMCOR for hurricane relief; feedings dozens of teens a much needed meal in the youth room; serving close to 100 adults in fellowship hall every month without fail; laughing at the adults dressed up for Halloween so we can put candy in a bag and a smile on a face; watching our junk turn into someone else's treasure every April. This is how we love one another. Let's keep doing so!



Grace and peace,

Pastor Wendy



## United Methodist Women

### October Schedule

- OCTOBER 3 (Tuesday): UMW GENERAL MEETING  
7:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall  
Hostesses: Mission Team (Exec. Board)  
"Prayer Partner Stories" – Jenn Ayling Arruda  
Thank Offering, Election of Officers, Adoption of 2018 Budget
  
- OCTOBER 14 (Saturday)  
EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL BANQUET & CELEBRATION  
Beginning at 11:30 A.M.  
Location: Cannstatter's Catering, 9130 Academy Rd., Philadelphia  
Speaker – Rev. Robin Hynicka, "Working Towards Peace...For God's Sake."  
Please contact Rhonda Rea to reserve a lunch spot by Oct.1. Cost - \$22.  
Menu includes Chicken, Beef and Vegetarian options
  
- OCTOBER 16: MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLES / 7:00 P.M.-Fellowship Hall  
Crafts for Hollynook  
Hostesses: Lois Avery & Margy Dickson  
Program: Sue Urbano
  
- OCTOBER 18: ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge  
Hostesses: Susan Friend & Nancy Sample  
Devotion/Study: Charlotte Swenson
  
- OCTOBER 21 (Saturday): 8:30 A.M.-3:00 P.M.  
44th Eastern PA Conference Annual Celebration  
Location: Union United Methodist Church, 200 Brookline Blvd.,  
Havertown, PA 19083  
Theme- "United Methodist Women: Still Relevant in the 21st Century."  
Speakers – Deaconesses from our Conference.  
Lunch provided. Registration - \$15.00. Register by September 30, 2017.  
Contact Rhonda Rea at 215.493-9505 if you are attending.

## Trunk on Treat



Date: Friday, October 27th

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Kids-Fellowship Hall/Adults-large parking lot

#### What to bring:

Kids: Come dressed in a Costume and bring a flashlight and goody bag.

Adults: Treats to give out, decorations for your car and a game or trick for our treaters.

All Are Welcome! Trunk or Treat is an important community outreach program to serve our church and neighborhood children. We can't do it without you! Hope you will participate!

## Financial Update

### News From the Finance Chair

As we head into the last 3 months of the year and the tempo of activities pick up around the church, there are many opportunities to serve Christ. Your offerings are one important way for you to help us serve the needs of our members and others, both spiritually and physically. I have printed statements for January through August and have put them out on a table in the hallway by the office. Please pick your statement up, check it for accuracy and call the office or contact Jim Rea if you have any questions. We have been called to many missions this year and look forward to many more in the coming year. Your giving is important as we meet these challenges. I thank you for your continued generosity.

In Christ,

Jim Rea



After taking the summer off, Men's Group will start meeting again. The Saturday Morning Men's Group will meet on the 14th of October at 8 AM. We will again be meeting in the church lounge on the second Saturday of each month. Join us for good fellowship, light refreshments and encouragement from God's Word. If you have any questions call Dave Miller at 215-943-2046 or 267-614-3836.



Enjoy appetizers, desserts, and live music while you relax with friends at the lovely Rosebank Winery.

- Nov 10, 2017
- 7-10pm
- Rosebank Winery, Newtown, PA
- \$35 in advance or \$40 at the door
- Vendors include LulaRoe, Usborne Books, Lemongrass Spa, doTerra Essential Oils and more!

Start (or finish) your Christmas shopping and support Study With Friends Ministries, Inc. Purchase tickets at [studywithfriends.org/donate](http://studywithfriends.org/donate).



Special thanks to the **Langhorne Stone Company** for donating a 2 Ton boulder for our beautification project. Soon it will have the Morrisville mascot & GO DAWGS painted on it, supporting our neighbor sports teams. This great quarry on Route 1 allows you to choose your own hardscape rocks for beds, walls, benches and more. Their phone number is 215-757-2208, check website or stop by.

Brian Doron

We would like to thank the MUMC congregation for graciously hosting the baptism of our children, Davin James MacMain and Vivienne Eloise MacMain. It was a very special day and there's no other place we'd have rather dedicated our children to Christ than at MUMC.

I have many warm memories of Morrisville UMC and it is a very special and sacred place for my family and me. My grandfather, James MacMain, was the pastor there when I was a child. I spent many days visiting "Poppy MacMain" and "Mom Mom" Joan MacMain at the parsonage and I fondly remember Thanksgivings in the social hall with our family, and other brothers and sisters in Christ. Growing up, I remember going to services on Sundays when visiting "Mom Mom" Doris and "Poppy" Jim Gafen – continuing members of the congregation. I was baptized at MUMC, as were my siblings: Jamison, Caleb and Jessalyn. My parents were married at MUMC and had met there many years ago. While today I live in Garnet Valley, PA, my heart remains in Morrisville.

It is my sincere hope that MUMC continue its long tradition of spreading the Word of our Lord. The path may not always be easy, and the road not always clear, but in Jesus we find the strength and clarity towards becoming better people.

We wish everyone at MUMC the best on their own personal journey of faith. Whatever challenges you may face, the Lord is always watching over you, caring for you.

Yours in Faith,

David Jordan MacMain



# Family Backpack Center

## DID YOU KNOW...

Our church supports the Family Backpack Center of the Interfaith Food Alliance. The Alliance is a 2 1/2 year old organization that consists of representatives of 10 faith communities whose purpose is to advocate, educate and serve to fight hunger in Lower Bucks County. I (Rhonda Rea) currently serve as a Member at Large on the Board of the IFA, representing Morrisville United Methodist Church and what an eye-opening and blessed experience it has been for me! Working together with our local Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopal, Quaker, Muslim and Presbyterian volunteers we have held a Nutrition Education event, collected signatures and lobbied in Washington D.C., collected food from various organizations and partners, held fund-raisers and a picnic, developed a web-site:

[www.interfaithfoodalliance.com](http://www.interfaithfoodalliance.com)

We have also distributed Christmas gifts and school supplies to our Backpack Center families. AND for more than 2 years we have provided supplemental food to 35 families with children who attend the Morrisville schools.

Our church supports these efforts in several ways:

1. We provide free space for the Family Backpack Center in Room 22 as well as use of a Sunday School room as a waiting area for our guests on days that the center is open.
2. Recently our Investment Stewardship Fund gave \$2,500.00 to the Center for fresh food purchases.
3. We have ongoing collections of food and toiletry items for the pantry (in the blue-striped bins in the hallway near the church office).
4. A few of our members volunteer at the Family Backpack Center when food is distributed. This happens two Tuesdays a month from 5-8pm and two Saturdays a month from 8:30am-11:00am. Volunteers might check in clients, help stock shelves, guide guests through the "store" as they choose their food or weigh the outgoing food.

The IFA truly appreciates the fantastic support of MUMC. If you are being called to volunteer, donate or just want to know more, please contact me: Rhonda Rea 215-493-9505 / jrpiz@aol.com.

And for folks who like Mexican food...

Interfaith Food Alliance is having a fundraiser!!! Come out to Chipotle in Trevose by Neshaminy Mall on October 1st from 4-8pm and you can support ending hunger in Bucks County WHILE enjoying yummy Mexican food!!! Tell the cashier at check out you're there for IFA and 50% of the proceeds will go to Interfaith Food Alliance and the Family Backpack Center! We hope to see you there! Bring your friends!

**CAUSE AN EFFECT**

Support Interfaith Food Alliance of Morrisville on October 1st!

Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Interfaith Food Alliance. Come in to the Chipotle at 3580 Horizon Boulevard in Trevose on **Sunday, October 1st** between **4:00pm and 8:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Interfaith Food Alliance.

**CHIPOTLE**  
MEXICAN GRILL

If placing an order online during your fundraiser, please note you must choose the pay in-store option and inform our cashier of your participation before paying. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.



### **Outside Work Day: Saturday, November 25**

We will rake leaves, pull weeds, trim trees and shrubs, and do general outside fall clean-up. Everyone is welcome to come and help prepare our grounds for cold weather. If you can't come, personally, think about hiring one of the youth participating in "Rent-A-Youth". By doing this, you will help us prepare for next summer's mission trip AND help beautify our church grounds.

### **Inside Work Day: Saturday, December 2**

If outside work isn't your thing – come the following week for our indoor clean-up day. In addition to "greening" the church in preparation for Advent, we will wash windows, change light bulbs, clean wood work, find cobwebs and do general cleaning. Come on out and join us!



Fran Rivera and Marian Makemson are coordinating the Wednesday night meals for the Morrisville students. Please check the sign-up sheets on the Opportunities to Serve Board in the Lounge for available dates. If you are able to cook, but can't be present; or perhaps you can be present, but are unable to prepare a meal -just talk to Marian or Fran to see how your time and talents can be used in this important ministry.

**Old Fashioned Country Breakfast**



**Saturday, October 7: 8:30-11:00 AM**  
\$10 per person – tickets sold at the door  
Location: Morrisville United Methodist

**Sponsored by Morrisville Yardley Rotary**  
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## **Faith Summit**

**Bucks County Faith Summit**

**October 28 / 8:30 – 3:00**

**Crossing Community Church**

**80 Lower Silver Lake Road, Newtown**

A summit to help faith-based organizations equip ministries to help those in addiction, and their loved ones, find healing through faith in Jesus Christ. If you are interested, you are invited to attend.

**Rent-a-Youth** has now begun! Please consider renting a youth. We have many mission opportunities and we need to fund every single one, God willing. You can rent a youth for 2 hours for \$25 or 4 hours for \$40. They can rake leaves, cut grass, wash windows, babysit, you name it we can handle it. Don't forget about our annual church clean-up. Reserve your youth member today!

Contact any youth or email Jenn at [mumcyouth@comcast.net](mailto:mumcyouth@comcast.net)



**Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 AM**

**Christ UMC, Fairless Hills**

The entire congregation is invited to this important annual meeting with other UM churches in our Mission Connection to look over the past year of ministry in celebration, and look forward to our new year in hope. Carpooling will be available.



**Continued Prayer / Continued Support**

The victims of Hurricane Harvey and Irma remain in our hearts long after the storm has passed. If you would like to contribute financially to the rebuilding of lives, property, homes, schools and businesses you can do so through UMCOR. You can contribute directly through their website or in your offerings to the church. UMCOR responds immediately to crisis and tragedies around the world, whether it is a storm, a fire, an earthquake, or an act of violence. In our September 10th special collection over \$3,000 was given and shared.



### **ADULT FELLOWSHIP BUS TRIP**

The Adult Fellowship invites you to the annual Christmas Bus Trip on Saturday, December 16th. This year we will be traveling to Lancaster to have lunch at Shady Maple Smorgasbord with time for shopping in their gift shop. Following we will travel a short distance to the American Music Theatre for the show "Home for the Holidays". The cost is \$117.00 per person (\$50. deposit due upon sign-up). Final payment is due by October 16th. For reservations, call Vera Straley at 215-295-1382 or 267-907-3362. Make checks payable to MUMC Adult Fellowship and mail to: Vera Straley, 1 Hillcrest Avenue, Apt. 302, Morrisville, PA 19067.

Fall has arrived and it's time to make the pies! Pie orders are now being accepted for Thanksgiving. All pies will be ready on Saturday, November 11 and Sunday November 12. Order our delicious Apple crumb pies for your holiday dinner! They are going to be extra special this year. Our own pastor is getting fresh apples from an orchard so that we can make the freshest pies! Don't miss out! Cost \$12 per pie!

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