



October Maple

Welcome FALL! A Beautiful time of the year full of color. Blessings and Greetings to you all. Fall represents a season of letting go, as the leaves change colors and then fall to the ground. What a magnificent display of God's glory to us. Great expectations to come in the new season of life. We are all as individuals in the mist of transition and I hope the reminder of the change of seasons encourages us in our own life transitions to have great expectations of what God will do. Great expectations! Starting with our Stewardship campaign, Bible Study virtual and in-person, Sunday School and Nursery. Signing off and encouraging you to keep your eyes on what God is doing!



Great Expectations,
Pastor Towanda



Prayer is recognized as an important part of healing whether the need is physical, emotional or spiritual. God will hear prayers lifted on behalf of an individual and will answer them even though we may not know what the need is yet.

- Prayer for those who have suffered loss of loved ones
 - Pray for Pastor Wendy, as she grieves the loss of her mother. If you would like to send cards of condolence to Pastor Wendy, her address is 209 Mountain Road, Albrightsville, PA 18210
- Prayer for full recovery of those that are sick:
 - Charlotte Duthie in her healing process;
 - Doris Gafgen for God's guidance of doctors and in making the best decision for her health;
 - A dear friend of Vera Straley;
 - Ellen Williamson is in hospice care at St Mary's Hospital
 - Shirley Malmsbury for continual strength
 - Pam Manner for relief of pain
 - Sherri Long Bevenour's friend's husband for relief of back pain from a growth affecting use of his arms
- Prayers for the return of students, teachers and staff to school for safety and a successful year of learning:
 - V.K. Macwana's daughter Faith as she studies abroad at the University of Tartu
- Prayers for our world, and our community:
 - Afghanistan crisis
 - Haitian victims of the earthquake and COVID19 surge
 - Tornado victims and for those who suffered loss as a result of Ida storms.
 - Racial equality and justice for all humanity

Continual Prayer for:

Toby Ellsworth, Linda Moyer, Kate Hobday, Jacen Arruda, Jane Burger, Juliana Mier, Ron Steen, Pam Manners, Tom Manners, Walt Peters, Anita.



YOUTH IN ACTION

This summer we had a very successful YOUTH IN ACTION mission experience!

We:

- Built 2 additional picnic tables to add to the outdoor learning space
- Built 6 raised garden beds (1 per grade), filled with soil and decorated with a mum for the start of school.
- Painted over old murals with a fresh coat of paint
- Delivered curriculum and books to teacher classroom so that they can start the year off right
- Installed new cork bulletin boards in 2nd grade and cleaned desks



God blessed us abundantly. We still need to stain all wood items but the weather has not cooperated. We shall wait and return.

The youth has also enjoyed visiting Toby Ellsworth and have some wonderful fellowship with him and his mother.

This September we had a fun time enjoying a meal and ice

cream at our local Friendlies! It was a fun time and a surprise treat!

Shared Meal - NOW called "Dignity in Dishes"



Our soup kitchen continually serves about 80 meals + and has been strong with donations and volunteers.

- It should be noted that we are now looking for a cleanup crew to help the people staying longer with the closing of the meals.
- We are currently accepting donations of food, blessing bag items and gift cards to give to those in need!

- **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to the Sharoop family for their generous donation of chicken and their upcoming donation of holiday blessing bags!
- **A SUPER HUGE GINORMOUS** shout out to Carol Somers and her strong crew of cooks. Her dedication is a clear blessing from God's Hands.



Coming soon:
 Youth Annual
 Pumpkin Carving
 10/13 at 7pm
 Soup Kitchen 10/19

NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

MUMC Latino Ministry



September marked our One Year Anniversary!

It was a very exciting month and October will be even better. In the month of September, we

will continue with our bible studies every other Thursday and our service every other Saturday at 2 pm.

September 11, 2021, after summer we came back having a welcome service with Pastor Towanda bringing a message with "The Heart of Worship", following a nice meal after service. Giving the ladies time to spend and speak with Pastor Towanda to get to know her.



We were also able to serve over 10 families on a weekly basis with 25 gift cards, food cards, essentials. We have been able to get some work for some of our Latino ladies. If anyone is in need of

trustworthy, honest cleaning help, contact Eileen, Beditza or Pastor Towanda. Every day we are able to serve in many ways.

In the month of September 2021, we had 15 people register for our upcoming new ESL Classes that are sponsored by Morrisville Latino Ministry of Morrisville UMC to begin October 5, 2021.



Classes will be every Tuesdays at 6:30 pm-8:30 pm and Saturdays at 10:00 A.M. to 12 P.M. We are blessed with our sister in Christ, Deborah Chapman, who will be teaching the class.



It would be lovely if we can get volunteers, at least 1 class a month to assist with the classes of ESL.

On October 23, 2021, at 2 p.m. Latino Ministry will be hosting a Hispanic Heritage Month Dinner. Looking forward for all new things to come.

In the month of November, we will be donating Thanksgiving baskets. Please contact Beditza if you know a family in need.

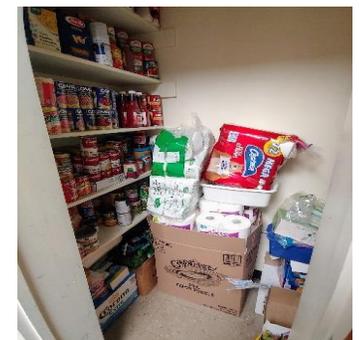


The Mission Committee wants to thank all of you who have been so generous and faithful to this ongoing effort of serving our friends and neighbors in need.

WHAT WE STILL NEED:



Laundry soap, cleaning supplies, dish soap, feminine hygiene, shampoo, cereal, mayonnaise, tuna, school snacks, canned fruit.



faith and finances

Finance Committee Spotlight on the Budget

Finance Committee Notes and Stewardship

October will be Stewardship Month. And, yes, we will be talking about giving and money. Whether you come to church every week, once a month, at Christmas and Easter, or occasionally, the church building, the Pastor and staff and the various groups that use the church are still here. Last year, all these added up to a budget of about \$391,000 and our goal for Pledges was \$251,000. We received pledges of \$241,000. This year, I would like to again set a goal of \$251,000 and meet that goal! This means if you haven't pledged in the past, please consider telling us what you intend to give next year. And if you have pledged in the past, thank you! This helps us construct a realistic budget so the church can pay its bills and serve our needs and those around us through the year.

Every year the Finance Committee provides a box of envelopes to any family that wants them. These boxes have envelopes that are for your annual pledge but also for Communion and Mission Offerings. If you prefer to give electronically, there is also an option to give to these other areas as well. The Mission Giving designation is for local and international charities that the Mission Committee allocates each year and the Communion Giving designation is for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund to help local families in need of assistance and food. Thank you for all you do each year to help meet the needs of your church and those in our community.

In Christ,

Jim Rea, Finance Chair



HOT MEALS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A big thank you to all of you who continue to support this wonderful ministry. We are continuing the dedicated work with providing take-out meals to those in need.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Jenn at 267-393-5381!

We provide two meals monthly and can use all the help we can get! Here are a few ways that you can help:



Volunteer- show up and get to work with us! All you need to do is reach out and we can find a way to help! Some jobs are:

Cooking (1pm-4pm)

Set-up (3pm-4:30pm)

Serving (4:30pm-6:30pm)

Clean-up (6pm-7pm)

* Did you know that you can even have your work or special group volunteer, donate, and/or support? You can provide an opportunity for the people at your workplace to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ! This opportunity changes often due to Covid restrictions and requires approval!



Can't volunteer- you can donate! We always need baked goods wrapped in individual servings and rolls!



Interested in helping even more! You can sponsor an entire meal! That blessing is standing strong at \$125 to feed approximately 100 people!



Like to shop? You can run and get the supplies we need! God has provided us with a thriving ministry and we are so excited to keep providing people with the love and grace that only Jesus can provide!

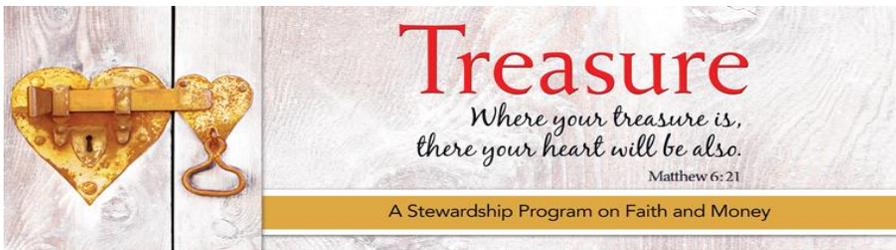
God is Good - all the time!
All the time - God is Good!



GOD SO LOVED, HE GAVE



FROM A HEART OF GRATITUDE, WE GIVE OUR
TREASURE



On Sunday, October 10, 2021, we will begin a churchwide study and worship emphasis called *Treasure: A Stewardship Program on Faith and Money*. The study will be based on Jesus' words, "Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21).

Over a period of four weeks, we will look at the many ways that our treasure (time, energy, money) affects our hearts. We will consider how financial challenges in our personal lives affect our relationships with people and with God. We will see how giving helps to determine the way we feel and act. If you have stress related to money or feel there may be more that God is calling you to do with your resources, this will be a helpful study.

At the end of the four weeks, we will have the opportunity to make personal commitments of giving to Morrisville United Methodist Church for the coming year. All of us will receive commitment cards in the mail, and the cards will also be available on Sunday mornings. We can fill out these cards and bring them to worship on Sunday, October 31, 2021.

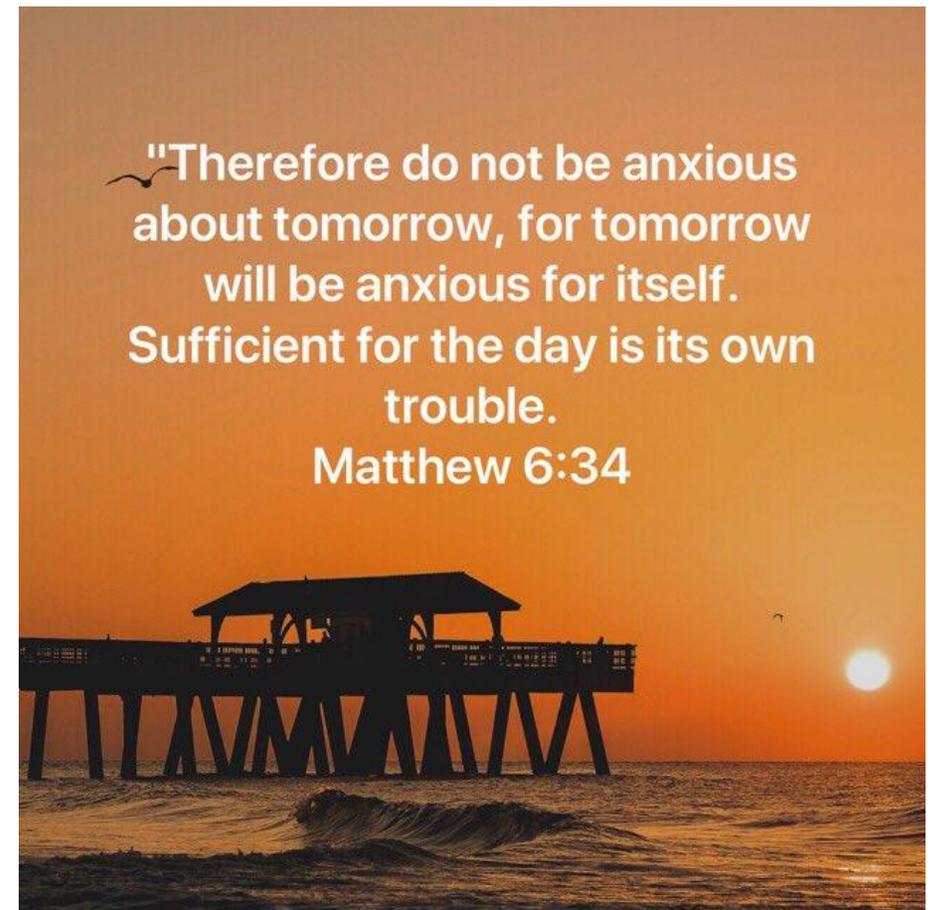
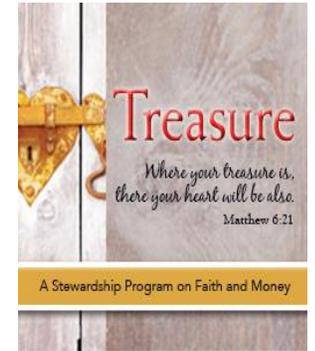
We look forward to an exciting month considering our treasure and God's treasure.

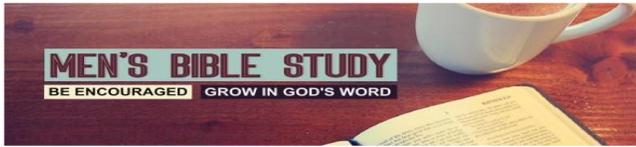
Schedule for the *Treasure* series

- Week 1: Where Is Your Treasure?
(Matthew 6:19-21)
- Week 2: The Problem with Two Masters
(Matthew 6:24)
- Week 3: Giving Your Treasure Back to God
(Matthew 6:1-6)
- Week 4: Don't Worry 'Bout a Thing
(Matthew 6:25-34)

The Fall kick off of bible study will begin Wednesday October 13, 2021, with 2 options: virtually at 10am and in-person at 7pm.

We will be using the first four weeks to really delve into our Matthew chapter six. Bible study will complement our Stewardship series. Looking forward to seeing at one of the bible studies.





The first meeting of the **Saturday Morning Men's Group** for this

church year is on the **9th of October at 8 AM**. We meet in the **church lounge** the **second Saturday of each month**. All Men are welcome for good fellowship and encouragement from God's word.

Contact **Dave Miller** if you have any questions (267-614-3836).



The Mission/Outreach Committee

The **Holy Grounds Cafe'** is on **HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE** due to **COVID19** restrictions. Stay tuned...

Set-up and clean-up volunteers are needed, as

are donations of light, individually wrapped snacks and treats, bottled water and canned soda. Please contact **Becky Kent** to volunteer and/or donate. Thanks!



Red Cross Blood Drive

Oct. 8th

Fellowship Hall

Make your reservation on the Red Cross website

Did you know: 1 donation can potentially save 3 lives, every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. need blood, & blood & platelets cannot be manufactured they only come from volunteer donors.



Masks are mandatory!



Tuesday Oct. 5th - 5-7pm
Saturday Oct. 9th - 9-11am
Tuesday Oct. 19th - 5-7pm
Saturday Oct. 23rd - 9-11am



THE PURPOSE: United Methodist Women is a **community of women** whose purpose is:

- ♥ **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ.
- ♥ **To develop a creative supportive fellowship** and
- ♥ **to expand concepts of mission** through participation in the global ministries of the church.

We welcome all women who commit themselves to our Purpose, including you. You don't have to be a member of The United Methodist Church to join. Our membership is diverse: women of many races, cultures, languages, young and old. There is no minimum age requirement.

We hope you will prayerfully consider joining this **multicultural, multilingual, and multiracial** organization of women. All women are welcome to attend.

October Schedule:

UMW GENERAL MEETING - Oct 5 at 7:00pm fellowship hall
Program: **World Thank Offering**

October 18th MARCIA -RUTH CIRCLE 7:00 pm - Library
There are two upcoming UMW events being held via Zoom. Please consider attending if you can!

- **Saturday, Oct 16th:** Annual UMW Eastern District Meeting
- **Saturday, Oct 23rd:** 48th Annual Celebration of the Eastern PA UMW (With the UMW General Secretary/CEO as the speaker - she's a very good and interesting speaker!)



Church Directory Pictures

A new Church Directory is in the works! Please send a Family photo to the church email address to have your picture in the new directory. Thank You, Jim Rea



Worship Committee



We will be continuing the one 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays into the fall. Eventually, we hope to resume the two services, Praise and Traditional but not at this time with all the unknowns surrounding COVID-19 and any variants. For now,

we will follow the CDC guidelines to wear a mask to keep all church people safe. We ask for patience in considering everyone's health at this time.



Communion will continue to be the first Sunday of each month. The service will continue to be streamed each Sunday.



Altar Flowers

If you would like to present flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship, please call or email the church office and share with Eileen who the flowers are given in honor or in memory of, or what the occasion is you are commemorating. (Cost is \$35)



October Birthdays

- 1 – Festus Robbin-Mason
- 2 – Courtney Andujar
- 3 – Marianne Miller
- 4 – Clair McDevitt
- 4 – Dave Mier
- 4 – Christina Obbo
- 6 – Marilyn Quoi
- 6 – Shreyas Swaroop
- 7 – Tamara Bernard
- 9 – Faith Macwana
- 11 – Sienna Pabers
- 11 – Pamela Tiacomulco
- 12 – Shirley Kamann
- 12 – Estella Smires
- 12 – Joseph Trejo
- 14 – Margy Dickson
- 14 – Kevin Leather
- 15 – Ciah Gussin
- 16 – Janet Curcio
- 18 – Dean Dickson
- 19 – Nancy McCall
- 20 – Jugba Young
- 21 – Wanda Long
- 26 – Diane Davis
- 27 – Nolan Bensted
- 27 – Brenda Jones
- 31 – Helen Chokey



October Anniversaries

- 8 - George & Charlotte Duthie = 33 years
- 15 – John & Jennifer Koba = 5 years
- 17 – Brian & Lori Decker = 29 years



East District
Eastern Pennsylvania Conference
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



An October Thought from the DS...

To My Excellence-Focused Custom-Made Clergy & Laity,

“If people’s thinking is controlled by the sinful self, there is death. But if their thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace.” Romans 8:6

Your heart is a fertile greenhouse ready to produce good fruit. Your mind is a doorway to your heart, the strategic place where you determine which seeds are sown in which seeds are discarded.

The Holy Spirit is ready to help you manage and filter the thoughts that try to enter. He can help you guard your heart. He stands with you on the threshold. A thought approaches, a questionable thought. Do you throw open the door and let it enter? Of course not!

You “fight to capture every thought until it acknowledges the authority of Christ.” 2 Corinthians 10:5

You don't leave the door unguarded. You stand equipped with handcuffs and leg irons, ready to capture any thought not fit to enter. I pray that you guard both your heart and your mind.

Blessings Always,

Andrew L. Foster, III.

The Reverend Dr. *Andrew L. Foster, III.*

East District Superintendent/Servant Leader

“The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

Something to ponder:

If your church or ministries ceased to exist, who in the community would miss it? What are you doing to stay relevant and accessible to the church and community?



**Interfaith
Food Alliance**

Thank You!

We are excited to announce that the total donations received during our recent 10-day fundraising challenge is...\$15,725!

The Gene and Marlene Epstein Humanitarian Fund will be adding their generous \$5,000 match funds, bringing **our total raised over the 10-day period to \$20,725!**

Thank you to the many who came together to make this campaign such a success. **We are humbled by the response from our community.**

Every dollar given goes to help share food with children of the Morrisville School District, and their families. We will continue to share meat, produce, dairy products, diapers and other necessities thanks to your generosity.

YOU are making a difference and we are grateful for your support.

Please [message us if you are interested in learning more](#) about the Interfaith Food Alliance and how you can be involved in making a difference in the lives of families in our community.

We can only do what we do, because of the support of people like you! **Thank you from the Interfaith Food Alliance and the families we serve!**

With hope for a world without hunger,

Diane Casey

President, Interfaith Food Alliance

Interfaithfoodalliance.com

Targeted donations for MUMC this month are dish soap, cooking oil and mayonnaise.

Please place donations in the blue striped bins outside the church office.

THANK YOU!