



**Prayer is a gift you can always give to others. Please pray for our friends on the long term prayer list:**

## Pastor's Page

As I look back on my first nine months here at MUMC there are a few striking "feelings" I have. The first is "home". By that I mean that I have felt accepted and loved from the very first day we worshipped together. There is a special sense of family here at MUMC that is genuine and deeply encouraging.

I am also *inspired* by the ways I have seen and heard and experienced God moving in the activities of the church. When a church goes through a pastoral transition, there is usually hesitation, uncertainty and even ministry standstill. But not here! God stirred in the midst of transition and presented us with opportunities for ministry and mission that has rekindled the spiritual life of our congregation and is moving us forward. I am inspired by God's stirring and your response to it!

I am *excited* and *hopeful* for our future because of our first nine months together. God impressed on my heart very early on that we needed to interact on a more intimate level with the Morrisville community, and in particular, the Morrisville school. In just the past several months a Backpack Center has opened in our building, serving local families. In the month of October we have the opportunity to host some student athletes for a meal on Wednesdays, followed by personal testimonies by young people for young people on the love of Jesus.

We have experienced painful losses this year too. Some of our dear friends, family members, and strong leaders in the church have passed away or they are critically ill, leaving a sense of emptiness and loss which God is helping us through. Our All Saint's service on November 1st will be a healing time for us to celebrate the lives and service of these precious children of God.

On October 21 we will have our first Charge Conference together, and in preparing for this annual meeting, I always pause to reflect on the past and plan for the future. What I have shared here are some of my reflections. It is good to pause, especially when life starts moving quickly, and reflect on what God is doing in your midst. I would invite you to take some time to do the same. What has God been doing in your life? Where is God leading you? Is there a new opportunity taking shape? How will you respond?

Peace and Joy,

*Pastor Wendy*



Wednesday, October 21

Our annual business meeting with our District Superintendent will be held on Wednesday evening, October 21st. Rev. Tracy Bass will first meet with our Staff Parish Relations Committee at 6pm and then with the church leadership at 6:30. The leaders are preparing for this annual meeting by reflecting on the goals of 2015 to see how they have or have not been met, and projecting into 2016.

Some questions we will be discussing are:

Is there evidence of spiritual growth in our church membership?

What are they?

What do people in the Morrisville community say about us?

What are our plans in the coming year to ministry to new people for Christ?

What are your hopes for MUMC in the future?

Would you like to participate in this discussion? We hope so!

Come and join us. All are welcome.

# LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

## Planting Seeds, 2015

When: Saturday, November 7, 1:30-6:00 PM

Where: Hopewell United Methodist Church

“Our Planting Seeds faculty at Hopewell United Methodist Church in 2015 is one which will embolden our local churches for **active conformity** to the will of God. No more hiding within the fortress of the church building. No more failure to bring creative excellence into worship. No more satisfaction with shallow and lazy Biblical interpretation. Come alive, Church, and be excellent!

I hope you will join us on Saturday, November 7 for this **12th Annual Planting Seeds** event which will train and inspire your local church leaders to be active in pursuing the kingdom.”

<http://www.hopewellumc.org/planting-seeds>

## DID YOU KNOW?

The Webmaster is a new position for MUMC. This ministry makes the ministries and mission work of the church available to the community through the internet. Up-to-date church events are posted for church members' information as well as a tool for publicizing in the community. Most visitors will visit our website before ever setting foot in our building, so the website is one of our strongest evangelistic tools.



### SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

The first meeting of the Saturday Morning Men's Group for this church year is on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 8 AM. We meet in the church lounge on the second Saturday of each month. Good fellowship, "light" refreshments, and encouragement from God's Word is a great way to start our weekend. Men of all ages are welcome.

We are planning on attending the Keswick DCMF fall retreat on November 7<sup>th</sup>. The topic is "Integrity: The heart and soul of all lasting Influence". Those planning on attending should get a check to Dave Miller by the date of our first meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Make the checks of \$50 payable to Delaware County Men's Fellowship. The fee includes all three meals on the day of the retreat. We will drive together, so don't worry about transportation. See Sam Getty or Dave Miller for further information.



### *MUMC Evening of Music and Dessert Auction*

Please join us for an evening of music at MUMC on Saturday evening, October 24<sup>th</sup>. Come listen and join in some wonderful music presented by the MUMC Chancel Choir, the Bell Choir Trio, the MUMC Praise Band and special guests, the Christ United Methodist Church Praise Band, "The River". Refreshments and a Dessert Auction will be held during the intermission. The music starts at 6:30pm. \$5.00 per person for admission - \$10.00 maximum per family. Tickets available at the door. Proceeds go to the General Fund.



**Date:** Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Place:** Kids in Fellowship Hall, Adults In the large parking lot.

#### What to bring:

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

**Adults:** Goodies to give out and decorations for your car.

**All Are Welcome!**

- **Trunk or Treat is an important community outreach program to serve our neighborhood children and it can't be done without YOU. Hope you can attend!**



*Fundraiser*

**Thursday, November 5,** plan to Have dinner between 5-8 pm at the hChik-Fil-A on Oxford Valley Rd. and we will earn 15% of sales to be used toward the cost of postage and handling for our Operation Christmas Child project. Drive Thru or Dine in and be sure to mention MUMC before you order.

### **November 15<sup>th</sup> - An event for the entire congregation. A Christmas Shoe box "packing party"**

From now until November 7<sup>th</sup> everyone is asked to bring in items for the shoe box packing party. At 10:00 am we will gather in Fellowship Hall to assemble the shoe boxes for girls and boys around the world. All Sunday School classes will also come together in Fellowship Hall for this church-wide mission project. Once all of the shoe boxes are packed we will put a \$7 check (made out to Samaritan's purse) in each box, make sure they are wrapped and labeled; and then join together in prayer for the children who will receive them.



## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

This year we made OCC the mission project for VBS. We got a great head start on collecting items to be used at our Shoebox packing party. Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of the Christian relief and evangelism organization Samaritan's Purse. Go to [www.samaritanaspurse/occ.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse/occ.org) to learn more.

### ***Here are some suggestions for ways you can help:***

- Purchase small gifts and items to place in shoeboxes (see suggestions Below)
- Save shoeboxes unwrapped or wrapped. (Please wrap the lid separately.)
- Donate money to be used toward shipping and handling costs.

#### **Suggested Items:**

**Toys:** Include items that children will immediately embrace such as stuffed animals, small dolls toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

**School Supplies:** pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc.

**Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

**Accessories:** T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc.

**Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets.

#### **Age and Gender-Specific Ideas:**

Girls 2-4, Girls 5-9, Girls 10-14,  
Boys 2-4, Boys 5-9, Boys 10-14.

**Do Not Include:** Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.



On August 23rd we took a special offering from the congregation to support the September Golf Classic, which was a fund-raiser for the October Mission trip for Hurricane Sandy Relief. \$500 was raised that Sunday! Here is an up-date on what has been decided in regards to these two events.

Unfortunately, even though the Golf Classic has been a success for the past decade, this year we did not have enough participants register for the event to be a financial success this year, so the Classic was cancelled. Also, after sending a team into the Storm Relief Mission field for the past decade, we do not have enough volunteers to support a full team this year, so our trip to New Jersey in October has also been cancelled. The \$500 offering that was collected in August is going to be sent for Hurricane Sandy relief through UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief) so every penny will be used as those who gave so generously intended.

While we are sad and disappointed that these two very important events have been cancelled, we feel very positive about the ministry opportunities that have come to us right here in the Morrisville area. Over the summer, a Back Pack Center has opened in the educational wing of our church, serving families in need in our own Morrisville School system. You have all contributed food and cleaning supplies to this ministry, and it is running smoothly. We will have a Blessing of the Backpack Center on November 11th.

We have also been invited to partner with Campus Crusade for Christ in the month of October in a very unique ministry with student athletes of the Morrisville school. Each Wednesday in October we will host a meal for the football players and Girls Field Hockey team, right here in our Fellowship Hall. WHY? So we can introduce ourselves to these precious children of God in a meaningful way, while sharing God's love.



**Pastor's Fund** Members of the church give generously to a small fund, administered anonymously by our pastor, for people in need or in crisis.

We offer financial assistance to **Livengrin**, a foundation for addiction recovery; **Ivan's House**, an organization located right here in Morrisville; **A Woman's Place, Family services of Bucks County, Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need**, and other charitable organizations that we become aware of through the year.

### Nationally

**Mission trips.** For the past decade our youth ministry has travelled around the East coast for week long summer mission trips, usually to help with storm devastation. A fall adult mission trip has also taken place each year to offer our hands and feet in service.

### Globally

**Operation Christmas Child** is a Christian organization that reaches children in every corner of God's world, presenting the love of Christ in ways that "light up a child's heart". Our entire Church is collection gifts for shoe boxes that will be wrapped and delivered on Christmas day around the world. On Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> (Mission Saturation Sunday) we will come together in Fellowship Hall to pack and wrap and pray over these gift before sending them out.

As United Methodists, we are charged to be a light to the nations through our service, our prayers, and in our financial giving. We have partnerships with several nations in Africa; we support missionaries in every continent; and we have built hospitals, schools and orphanages in war torn or impoverished nations around the globe.



**United Methodist Women**

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.

#### **OCTOBER 6 (Tuesday)**

UMW GENERAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M. Ryan Hall

Hostesses: Non-Circle Members

World Thank Offering, Election of Officers, Adoption of 2016 Budget

#### **OCTOBER 10 (Saturday)**

Eastern District Annual Banquet and Meeting, 11:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Williamson's Banquet Hall, Horsham, PA

#### **OCTOBER 19**

ADRIENNE & BERNICE CIRCLES – 7:00 P.M.

Ryan Hall - Crafts for Hollynook

#### **OCTOBER 21**

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: Nancy McCall

Study/Devotion: Charlotte Swenson

#### **OCTOBER 17 (Saturday)**

42<sup>nd</sup> Eastern PA Conference Annual Celebration at Lehman Memorial

UMC, Hatboro, PA, Janice Roosevelt, speaker

9:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.



**October 3** – Morrisville Presbyterian Church will host the 12<sup>th</sup> annual “Hike Against Hunger”. Hikers leave the Presbyterian church parking lot at 9:30. A meal will be served at the hike’s conclusion at noon. Proceeds support the Food Center at the Morrisville Presbyterian, which served nearly 20,000 people in need last year. The goal is to raise \$20,000. For more information go to [www.mpcusa.net](http://www.mpcusa.net).

**October 4** is World Communion Sunday, giving us an opportunity to realize that we are part of a great big wonderful world, surrounded by God's children of multiple languages, cultures and ethnicity.

**November 1** is All Saint's Day, when we will celebrate the lives of members of our church family who have passed away this past year.

**Election Day Luncheon ... Tuesday, November 3rd**

Serving our community a delicious home made soup and bread meal from 11:00 to 2:00. Included with lunch we will have a bake goods table, “Granny’s Attic” and a few of our crafts.

**Holly Nook Bazaar and Granny's Attic: Saturday, November 7**

Come one come all! Shop for your holiday gifts from 9:00 to 2:00. Our ladies have been working on crafts and a quilt to raise funds for the mission work of the United Methodist Women. In addition to these crafts are wonderful attic treasures! From one home to your home!

**Saturday, December 5: MUMC Adult Fellowship Bus Trip to Hershey “Christmas in Hershey” - \$102 per person.**

Package includes: deluxe motor coach; Holiday luncheon show at the Hershey Lodge; Visit to Chocolate World; “Sweet Lights” driving tour. For reservations call Vera Straley: 215-295-1382 (after 6 PM). Make checks payable to “MUMC Adult Fellowship” and mail to: Vera Straley, 1 Hillcrest Avenue, Apartment #302, Morrisville, PA 19067



We are blessed to be a blessing to God’s children who struggle in this world for reasons of poverty, tragedy, addictions and unforeseen disruptive life events. A core value of our church is to help people in our local community, around the nation, and in all corners of the world.

**Locally**

We provide our services and our resources in partnership with several organizations:

**Welcoming the Stranger** provides free education for adult immigrants and refugees to the United States. We provide meeting space for these classes, encourage our members to be a tutor, and provide financial resources.

**AHTN** Advocates for the Homeless and Those in Need is a local organization that we work directly with in our daily requests from people with needs. On the third Tuesday of every month we provide a hot meal for 70-90 people from the lower Bucks area.

**Food Closet** We house a small food closet in our church so we always have food on hand for someone who might call or drop in with a specific hunger need.

**Backpack Center** A room in our building has been given to an Interfaith Backpack Center which gives food and household needs to families in need who attend the Morrisville schools.