



*"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."* Jeremiah 29:11

This is often what people quote when asked what their favorite Bible verse is. It gives hope that God has something better in store for us than our present pain or difficulty. The problem is, while many of say we believe this to be true, we do not always live like we believe it to be true.

God has a plan for you. God has a dream for you that calls for you to live beyond yourself and bless others. Too often we think that God only uses people who are more gifted, or who live more holy lives. We see people doing tremendous things in this world with vast amounts of money. We are in awe of the smart people who develop new technology; the powerful people who accomplish massively important projects and build huge empires.

However, the Bible is filled with ordinary, flawed individuals, called by God to dream impossible dreams and live into unbelievable promises God has planned for them. Start with Jacob (Genesis 27-29) and go to Moses (Exodus 2); read about King David and Jonah; then go to the New Testament and take a look at any of the disciples Jesus called to follow him. Imperfect, sinful human beings who we read about ONLY because of the plan God called them into.

God has a plan...a dream for your life, too. In the season known as Eastertide, we will be hearing sermons challenging us to be open to God's dream for our life. Will we listen? Will we believe? Will we live as though we believe?

PRAYER  
WORKS

START A CONVERSATION WITH GOD

*Grace and peace,  
Pastor Wendy*



# United Methodist Women

### THE PURPOSE

- ✓ **To know God** and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ
  - ✓ **To develop a creative supportive fellowship**
  - ✓ **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.

### May Schedule

#### \*\*No General Meeting

**MAY 15:** MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE -- 7:00 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: Barbara Lombardo

Devotion/Study: Linda Mier

**MAY 17:** ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: Charlotte Swenson

Devotion/Study: Marian Makemson

**MAY 20 (Saturday): SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT**

Location: Grandview UMC, Lancaster, PA 17601

Time: 9:30 – 12:00

- A Bead'n a Prayer—Encounter—Surrender—Offer—Let Go, presented by Rachel Ternes
- To register by the May 6 deadline, contact Rhonda Rea at 215-493-9505 or jrpiz@aol.com

## Wanted: Volunteers to Discover Your Strength in God.



**Morrisville Joint Vacation Bible School**  
**Sunday July 9- Thursday Jul 13, 2017 / 5:30-8:30 pm**  
**Location: Morrisville United Methodist Church**

Sign up for a VBS Volunteer role and join us in the excitement at HERO Central and Discover your Strength in God. **Electronic Sign up available at [mumcpa.org](http://mumcpa.org)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/s \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle your areas of interest:

- Pray for VBS / Coordinate Publicity / Decorate / Distribute Publicity
- Solicit Donations / Help w/Preregistration / Provide Supplies
- Gather donations / Create decorations / Prepare Craft Packets
- Be a registrar / Take Photos / Guide Participants / Help serve Dinner
- Make food / Help with Storytelling / Actor / Help in Music
- Help in Recreation / Help in Crafts / Help in Science
- Mission Project Leader / Pray for Participants / Misc. Helper
- Send Thank-you cards / Take down decorations / Return donated items

**During the week of VBS (July 9-13) please circle the days you can be present at VBS:**

**Every night / Sunday / Monday / Tuesday / Wednesday / Thursday**

**Please return this form to your church office.**



Sunday, May 7, 2017 3-5 PM

## 15th Annual Dixieland Jazz Hymns & Spirituals Concert



### Featuring JERRY RIFE and his RHYTHM KINGS

Jerry Rife-clarinet/saxophone	Danny Tobias-cornet
Pete Reichlin-trombone	Phil Orr-piano/vocals
Pat Mercuri-guitar/banjo	Sean Dixon-drums
Garry Cattley-tuba/string bass	

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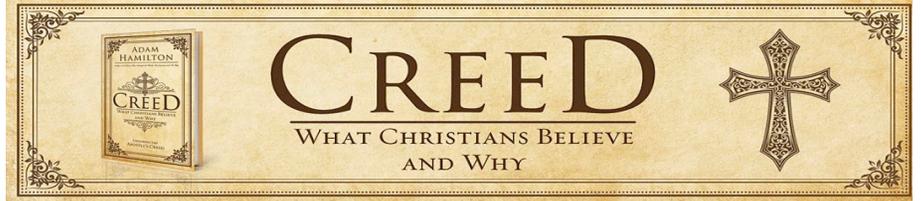
#### TICKET INFORMATION

**All tickets: Pre-Concert \$13 , At-the-door \$15**  
 Available from Church Members or at Church Office  
 By mail: include self-addressed, stamped envelope

For more information: Jim Dugan 215-245-4181 email flojimdu@gmail.com

Thanks for all your past & upcoming support. Sunday May 7 will be our 15th Annual Concert of Hymns & Spirituals. I will be looking for the usual legion of helpers without whom it cannot happen. It takes help with The Sound System, Ticket Selling and Collecting, Ushering not to forget those Goodie Bakers & Sellers. This will be the last year for this concert @ MUMC. We have enjoyed a good run but, time takes its toll & it is time to bow out gracefully. Jerry Rife is looking into other possible venues for the future.

*Jim Dugan*



### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

10:00 – 11:15 in the Church Lounge -- beginning April 25th

In this 6-week study, we will look through the traditions of the church to examine what our ancient creeds declare about: (1) God; (2) Jesus Christ; (3) The Holy Spirit; (4) The Church; (5) Forgiveness of sins; (6) and the resurrection of the body.

The book, [Creed: What Christians Believe and Why](#) by Adam Hamilton will be available for every participant. It's not too late to join, so please let Pastor Wendy know if you would like to attend.



*I would like to thank everyone for their cards and prayers during my recent hospitalization. All of your support and prayers are felt and appreciated during this time of recovery.*

*In Christ,  
 Jim Rea*

Attention all *Ladies of Faith* interested in the



## *Rose Breakfast*

*Saturday, June 3, 2017*

**9:30 AM**

We are currently taking names for those of you who would like to attend the **41<sup>st</sup> Annual Rose Breakfast**. All ladies of faith, whether a member of MUMC or not, are welcome to join us for this *VERY* special brunch. Place your name on the signup sheet located in the church lobby or contact Deb Eickhoff or Joyce Bigley, to reserve your seat.

Our guest speaker, this year, will be Marsha Watro, a talented storyteller, historian, educator, and quilter. Her topic is: "To Quilt or Not to Quilt... What a Silly Question!"

This is a time to gather with our friends and neighbors, enjoy fellowship, and a lovely breakfast prepared individually by our hostesses. Though there is no charge for the event, donations are gratefully accepted to defray costs and contribute to the wonderful work of our own United Methodist Women.

To attend, please contact:

**Debbie Eickhoff:** 215-321-3681 / [rdeickhoff@comcast.net](mailto:rdeickhoff@comcast.net) / Text: 609-828-6931

**Joyce Bigley:** 215.295.3158 / [jbigley819@gmail.com](mailto:jbigley819@gmail.com) / Text: 215-801-9102



We would like to share with you the following information we received from Family Promise. Please pray for guidance as new options are being explored.

*--Dave and Marianne Miller*

*"For those who don't know, Family Promise of Lower Bucks is shutting its doors, hopefully only for a temporary hiatus. It is doing so because of a lack of funds. Even though this program runs because of the awesome volunteers from many different congregations throughout Lower Bucks, it still needs a sizable amount of money to operate. So we are forced to go on hiatus at the end of this month."*



### Estate Planning

I am sure everyone receives some mail asking them to remember some organization in their estate plans. Your church, Morrisville United Methodist Church, is also asking you to remember it in your wills as well. Recently we have been blessed by two wonderful gifts to the church that has allowed us to provide a youth center to reach out to the youth in our community and our own youth group. The gifts have also allowed us to provide mission funding for a church in Philadelphia and in our local area. There are many needs that should be addressed as we go forward and your generosity in your estate plans would be a blessing as we look to the future.

Thank you,  
Jim Rea, Finance Committee Chair



**Did you know** .... We have 21 High School students preparing for a mission trip to Lexington County South Carolina this summer? (July 22 – July 29)

**Did you know** ... Every Wednesday night a group of Jr and Sr High school students gather in our fellowship hall for a meal, fellowship and Discipleship discussion? This is called the **Bull Dog meals**, and is run by Brad Daubenspeck, Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Did you know** ... Approximately 17 of our own Jr and Sr High students meet in the youth room each week for fellowship and discipleship opportunities. This spring the students are leading the lesson, practicing their leadership skills.

**Did you know** ... Every Thursday evening a group of Sr High students meet in the youth room with “Flo”. This group is called **Teen Voices**”. No, they don’t sing! They learn basic social skills and talk about typical concerns young people face as they navigate obstacles that present themselves in the journey of life into young adulthood.

**Did you know** ... the **Challenge Zone** is the afterschool program offered to children and teens in the Morrisville School. Once a week, Tanya, walks the kids who have received permission from their parents, across the school yard to our church. Volunteers from MUMC provide a hot meal in the youth room. This provides a safe and fun place for kids who might not otherwise have a safe place to go or a hot meal waiting for them.



*Confirmation Sunday*

*Pentecost Sunday*

*June 4, 2017*

*One worship Service at 11:15*

Confirmation Sunday is when young people of the congregation make a commitment to follow Jesus and become official members of the church. At baptism, parents profess before God and give witness to the congregation, that they believe their child has been named and claimed by God. The congregation joins in this celebration by declaring their desire to help the parents raise their child in the Christian faith. In the confirmation process these children learn what it means to have a personal commitment to Christ; what it means to be part of the “communion of saints” known as the church; the distinction of being United Methodist; and come to the conclusion that they are ready to make the baptism vows declared at their birth, their own. And so they “confirm” their baptism before God and within the loving support of this church family.

These young people will come before our congregation on Pentecost Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, in our combined worship service at 11:15 for confirmation. Plan to attend this ONE worship service to show your love and support to our young people. And then stay for the celebration (picnic) to follow. The following are the students who will come before us on June 4<sup>th</sup>:

*Bethany Macwana, Amy Mealey, Michael Robson, Adam Steppe, Jimmy Ellsworth, Joe Martel*

## YOUTH NEWS

Our goal has been to be the church that turns the hearts of youth and families to God and each other, and so far God has been providing us with so many opportunities!

We would like to thank God for all of the fantastic opportunities that he has provided for us. Here's the fantastic news - HE'S NOT DONE YET!!!!!!!

The purpose of our Youth Center Ministry has been to invite everyone into a relationship with Jesus, PROVIDE them with encouragement, basic needs as needed, and fellowship, CHALLENGE them to grow and discover God's vision, and SEND them into the world to reach their families and others.

The youth center will offer a safe place for local teens to hang out, play games, complete homework, learn about Jesus, work on service projects that benefit their community, and receive guidance in everyday life.

I really wanted to share with you some amazing, eye opening teachings we have had with our youth group! A big shout out to Joshua Arruda, Faith Macwana, and Nicole Decker for taking the lead and teaching mission minded, Bible based lesson that are built to prepare our youth for our mission trip! The next lesson will be lead by our own Bethany Macwana 4/26/17 7pm)! I can't wait!!!

If you would like to join us, come! All are welcomed!

Check us out on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/501MumcYouth/?ref=bookmarks>

Check us out on Instagram - [\\_mumcyouth](#)  
( run by Faith Macwana)

Or check us out on our church's website - <https://www.mumcpa.org/>

## YOUTH DATES

### APRIL

April 26th - 7pm (lesson by Bethany Macwana)

### MAY

May 3rd - middle schoolers only 6-7 ( encouraged to stay for high school time as well. ) High schoolers 7pm - 9pm

May 9th - joint meeting with meal (century 21) 5pm-8/9pm

May 10th - Mission Trip Chaperone Meeting 6pm \* NO KIDS

May 16th - Shared Meal 5:30-8:30pm

May 24th - 7pm (lesson by Laura Mealey)

## JUNE

June 7th - ALL YOUTH COOK OUT \* all groups invited!!!! 5:30pm-8:30pm

June 14th - 7pm (lesson by Mia Doron)

June 20th - Shared Meal 5:30-8:30pm

June 27th - Middle School Mission Meeting 7pm

## JULY

July 9-13th MIDDLE SCHOOL MISSION TRIP

July 9th -13th HIGH SCHOOL VBS VOLUNTEERISM

July 18th - Shared Meal 5:30-8:30pm

July 19th - High School Mission Meeting 7pm

July 22nd- 29th - HIGH SCHOOL MISSION TRIP SOUTH CAROLINA

## MISSION TRIP UPDATE

Thank you for your support. We are on our way with our fundraising needs. This year our location is farther than we have ever gone before , so as you can imagine our transportation costs and food expenses have risen. Many people have expressed the desire to sponsor a youth member. If you are still feeling the call to bless our efforts the cost of sponsoring a youth member is \$600. Of course any and all donations are graciously accepted. Thank you for being a blessing to our youth!

## SHARED MEAL

Our shared meal program is on its fourth year! Can you believe it? I remember, like it was yesterday when several youth members came to me with this idea. It was a hard decision- I was so scared. How could we manage this? Who will help? How will we fund this! All of these questions were put to rest- thanks to you God's Faithful Servants. We have been feeding people for four years and every month it has been a huge success! To date we have feed over 3,300 meals! Thank you for supporting this mission!

Are you interested in helping? Go to our website to volunteer - <https://www.mumcpa.org/>.

But I'm looking for MORE! I am looking for some help in soliciting donations. I am looking for local people, businesses, or organizations that would like to donate items to our guests. For example: socks, finger nail clippers, shampoos, conditioners, breakfast items/bags, shoes (work boots ). I'm hoping that someone might want to champion this idea. If you have any ideas, or love this one! Reach out to me! [Mumcyouth@comcast.net](mailto:Mumcyouth@comcast.net) or call me [267-393-5381](tel:267-393-5381)