

THE MAPLE

Morrisville United Methodist Church

October 2025

On Generosity



It is hard to believe it's already October. Fall is at hand. The leaves are about to change color and disengage from the trees, coloring the lawns, fields, parks, and roadways with colors that once adorned the trees and bushes. As the leaves fall, the earth will gladly receive them because those leaves will enrich the soil for future leaf bearers in the near future. While we might not think of the tree as a creature of generosity, it isn't hard to make the equation. Trees, after all, are some of the greatest investors in their ecosystems.

Consider that healthy trees, at the very least, provide shade as their branches and leaves block and filter sunlight, allowing humans and animals to find some relief from the sun's warmth, which can be unbearable at times. That shade cools down the soil and plants in its shadow, enabling a thriving environment in which growth can occur. Trees also provide relief from carbon dioxide through photosynthesis, absorbing it and releasing oxygen. CO₂ is primary amongst greenhouse gases. So say thanks to a tree next time you walk past it for reducing greenhouse gases. The oxygen produced as a byproduct of photosynthesis is vital for life, as human respiration requires it. Trees produce fruit and nuts, which are consumed by other living creatures. When the fruits fall to the ground and lie uneaten, they enrich the soil, enabling more trees that consume greenhouse gases to sprout from the seeds. And lest we forget, we use the wood from trees for furniture,

shelter, toys, and closet cedar blocks that absorb moisture and freshen otherwise stale closets. The Bible speaks of trees providing shelter for the birds of the air. I am reminded of the mangrove swamps that wouldn't exist were it not for the mangroves.

The tree's generosity is involuntary. Yet, the tree's generosity value cannot be trifled away, regardless of context. Generosity is a response to God's own generosity in our lives. I was wondering this week what it would look like if we considered the value of our generosity. Generosity ensures a child has a meal, instead of going hungry. The last year has seen our generosity keep families in their homes, enable people to get to work so they don't lose the little they have, and bring hope to someone on the verge of giving up.

Every time you give, you ensure that we can do more than keep the lights on, pay the water bill, or cover repairs. Your giving improves and changes the lives of needy persons locally. Your giving ensures that victims of natural disasters receive much-needed supplies and necessities, as seen with Hurricane Katrina and Rita (2005) and Super Typhoon Ragasa (2025). Like a tree that is part of an ecosystem, Morrisville UMC is part of a complex human ecosystem, where we play a vital role. And you, each of you, make it possible.

As you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to be generous over the next year, consider the tree in all of its generosity.

Hebrews 13:16: And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

Grace and peace,

Pastor K

For pastoral concerns or emergencies, Pastor K can be reached at 281-620-9928 (cell) or emailpastorK@gmail.com. Please call the church office if you would like to set up a meeting with him during the week.

October Calendar

10/2

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

10/5

11:30am – New Member Class – Youth Room

10/7

5-7:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

10/8

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting- Library

10/11

8:00am – Men's Bible Study - Lounge

9:00-11:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

11:00am-2:30pm – IFA Volunteer Training – Fellowship Hall

10/12

11:30am – New Member Class – Youth Room

10/15

1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Yummy Asian

10/16

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

10/19

9:00am-3:00pm – Shared Meal Prep – Kitchen

5:30-8:30pm – STP Dance – Fellowship Hall

10/20

1:00pm – Marcia Ruth Circle – Lounge

10/21

5-7:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

5:30-7:00pm – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

10/25

9-11:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

10/30

9:00am-1:00pm – Soup Making – Kitchen

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

10:00am – Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00am – Sunday School – Room 10

11:00am – Hospitality - Lounge

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

Mondays

7:00pm – Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall

7:00pm – Nar Anon - Room 10

8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous - Room 30/31

Tuesdays

10:00am – Bible Study – Lounge

6:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 2129 – Room 23, 26, 30/31

6:30pm – Girl Scout Troop 2692 – Lounge

6:30pm – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Thursdays

6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, Library

7:00pm – Choir Practice – Choir Room

Fridays

7:30pm – NA - RM 30/31

Saturdays

8:00-9:45pm NA – Room 30/31



PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Continues Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Lounge. We will be using the "Living Faith" Adult Bible Study series. Come join us!



Pastor K



SMALL GROUP SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE STUDY is held every Sunday morning at 9AM in the youth room. Come join us!

THANKSGIVING BASKETS ANNUAL GIVE-AWAY

The Mission Team will be distributing Thanksgiving baskets again this year to families in need. Your participation in this annual Mission project is greatly appreciated! A shopping cart will be in the church lounge for donations starting October 12th and the last day for donations is November 9th.



If you know of anyone who may need assistance this Thanksgiving season, please let Roxanne in the office know.

Gift cards from Giant and Shop Rite are welcome and needed. These will be used to purchase perishables like potatoes. These cards are available through our Scrip program. See Dave Sample in the Lounge during hospitality to purchase them.

Turkeys are being provided by the owner of Fame restaurant. Their extreme generosity will allow us to serve many of our neighbors in need.

Suggested donation from you:

Corn muffin mix	Canned corn
Green beans	black beans
Turkey gravy	White rice
Sweet potatoes	Cranberry sauce
Stuffing	
Turkey sized disposable roasting pan	

Thank you, good people, for exhibiting God's love in a practical way!

Deborah Chapman and the Missions Team

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We are low on everything but soups and boxed pasta! We need peanut butter and jelly, canned chicken or tuna, white rice, laundry detergent and cleaning products, cereal, canned beans (not green), canned fruit and vegetables, mac and cheese, complete pancake mix, pancake syrup, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste. We are seeing a higher number of families to our pantry and are so thankful for what you can do to make it possible to help those who come to our pantry.



Thank you for your generosity!
Deb Price & The Missions Outreach Team



SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Our next Men's Bible Study is Saturday, October 11th, at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. We will continue to look at "The 12 priorities every man needs to know". This month's topic is Pursuing Biblical Success. All you need to bring is yourself, your Bible, and a cup of coffee if you need it to wake up. Hope to see all of you who want to start their weekend with good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word! If you have any questions, call Dave Miller.

E-GIVING Great News Everyone! We now have a QR Code that you can scan that links you directly to our E-Giving site. When you scan the code below with your smartphone you can send your offering to the Church's General Fund, Communion/Pastor's Fund or Mission Fund. This is the same link that is available on our church's website. Thank you always for your faithful giving to Christ's work here in Morrisville.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

October is our Stewardship month and this year's campaign is titled "Sharing God's Gifts."



Letters will be sent out in early October inviting you to return a Faith Promise "Card" for next year's giving. It is important to have a good guess on what our income will be as we plan our budget for 2026. We ask you to please return your "cards" either by mail or placing them in the offering plates any Sunday in October. Please prayerfully consider what you can give to support Christ's ministry here in Morrisville as we worship together during the month of October. Your support is very important. As always, thank you for your generosity.

In Christ,
Jim Rea, Finance Chair

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesdays. Please include the date, time(s) and location in the announcement you send in. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP Do We have your correct email address? If you are not getting emails from church and would like them, please send your email address to the office or give to Joyce Bigley or Barb Lombardo.



WE NEED YOUR TREASURES!



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Treasures and Treats sale is right around the corner!

Saturday November 8, 2025

Treasures and Treats (formerly Granny's Attic & Holly Nook) is a sale of, crafts, baked goods, jewelry, fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decor and tableware. It is sponsored by the United Women in Faith and all proceeds will be used to fund mission projects.

You may leave donated items on the stage in fellowship hall any time from Sunday, November 2nd thru Friday November 7th.

You can be a great help! We are in need of items to sell. Please check your attics and closets to see if you have unwanted treasures that require a new home. (Please **no** clothing, furniture, or large electronic items. Save those items for our Indoor Yard sale in April).

As always, thank you for your help and support.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the men & women who have graciously volunteered to present a children's sermon during each

Sunday's service. We could always use other volunteers to lessen the teaching load in the future. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry for our children, please sign up on the Sign-Up Central table outside of the pastor's office.

Thank you for all you do for our children who are our future church.

God bless,
Joyce

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes for children up to age 12 take place immediately following the Children's Message each Sunday; Mr. Craig teaches the younger students and Ms. Joyce and Mr. John alternate with the older children. We love sharing God's love with our younger ones. Helpers are always welcome! Barb Lombardo



United
Women
in Faith

OCTOBER MEETINGS SCHEDULE

NO GENERAL MEETING

Saturday, OCTOBER 11

UWF East District Annual Celebration

Coffee Hour 8:00 am

Celebration 9:00 am-2:00 pm

Theme – *The Loss of Turtle Island* presented by EPA

Committee on Native American Ministries

For information contact Betsy Leone – Sarahp342

@aol.com

Wednesday, October 15

Methodist Ladies Who Lunch

Yummy Asian, 479 S. Oxford Valley Rd, Fairless Hills

Saturday, October 18

Annual Celebration of the Eastern PA Conference UWF

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Palmyra First UMC, Palmyra, PA

Speaker – David Garlock, *"Mass Incarceration, Should the Church Be Involved?"*

Register by October 10, Cost \$20.00

For information contact Lillian Mannon

Monday, October 20

Marcia-Ruth Circle

1:00 P.M.- Church Lounge

Hostess: Lillian Mannon

Book Club Study/Devotions: Lillian Mannon

"The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek" by Kim

Michele Richardson (1st half of the book)



SEEKING GREETERS AND USHERS

Looking to serve MUMC on Sundays? We could use your bright smile and handshake to welcome members, newcomers, and guests. Just arrive about 20 minutes early, smile, and welcome everyone as they enter the sanctuary. Encourage guests to come again and have them fill out a visitor card so we can become acquainted with one another. You can donate your time on a weekly or monthly basis.

Ushers have a few more duties. Arrive about 30 minutes early. If bulletins are not in the narthex, retrieve them from the office to give to worshippers. Turn on the lights, cross, candles, heat or air conditioning. Present the offering and record the number of those in attendance. After the service, scan the pews for papers, etc., left behind so the sanctuary is ready for the next service. Usually, ushers volunteer on a monthly basis, but schedules can be adjusted to meet your needs.

If you are interested or have questions about these opportunities, please sign the sheet in the hall near Pastor K's office and I will contact you. Thanks for joining us in enhancing the atmosphere at MUMC and helping to make it friendly and welcoming for all who attend.

Carol Young (Usher and Greeter Coordinator)

WHO IS THE PRAYER SHAWL GROUP??

We are a small group of folks who like to stitch and pray for others. We are currently a group of women, but we would be glad to have men join us as well!

We create knitted or crocheted shawls of all sizes and colors to be given to those who seek comfort, healing or who are celebrating, or going in a new direction.

We can provide instruction to beginners who would like to learn to crochet or knit and we provide our own materials for stitching.

Since 2008 the Prayer Shawl Ministry at MUMC has presented 350 shawls to members and friends of our congregation...and even strangers.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets on the first and third Thursday of the month at 6:30pm.

We would love to have new members of the group; we meet on the first and third Thursday of each month...join us!

Questions?? Call Rhonda Rea at 215-493-9505 or email to jrpiz@aol.com



Soup Sale

Morrisville UWF's delicious soups available for

Order-ahead only, take-out only

The Soups

Chicken Corn *** Bean Kielbasa**

Vegetable Beef *** Vegetarian Vegetable**

Available in Pint- \$5 OR Quart- \$10

**Pre-Order – Sunday, October 12th - Sunday
October 26th**

To order call Susan Friend 267-980-5745

OR

Email-suefriend2001@yahoo.com

Include kind of soup, pint or quart, number of each as well as your name and phone number.

**Pick-up dates SAT, Nov. 8th from 10am-1:30pm
SUN, Nov. 9th from 11am-12noon**

**Morrisville UM Church, Fellowship Hall
501 W. Maple Ave., Morrisville 19067**

(or tear off here and leave in the church office)

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

	Chicken Corn	Bean Kielbasa	Vegetable Beef	Vegetarian Vegetable
# of quarts				
# of pints				



COAT GIVE AWAY It is that time of year again to assist those in need with warm clothing. Last year we were able to help numerous

neighbors stay warm by sharing clean, gently used, and new coats for men, women, and children. Please check your closets – you may be surprised how many coats and jackets that you could share with those in need. Starting today though the end of October, they can be brought to church and placed on the coat rack near the Food Pantry. This year the Refuge Children and Adult Church in Morrisville is partnering with MUMC by also donating gently used coats for our Coat Give Away and we are very thankful for their help. If you have any questions, please see Deborah Chapman. The Coat Giveaway will run through the end of October. Thank you!

Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for the UMC leaders and congregations in Africa and Asia, as they experience challenges and attacks from former UMC members

Pray for children and youth returning to school this fall. May God keep them safe and focused. We offer prayers for the administrators, teachers, and staff for clarity, direction, and fairness in all things.

Pray for Morrisville UMC that more individuals may step forward to volunteer to serve in our ministries.

Prayers for Beditza Cadillo, Sonia Robinson, Andy McCall, Tom Miller, Ann Hook, Carol Hughes, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Thomas Manners, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Philip Buehler (Becky Kent's brother-in-law)

Lisa (friend of Joyce Bigley)

Nanette (cousin of Hal Long)

Kevin and Armanda Green (friends of Merlene Taylor)

Betty Hancock (friend of Debbie Eickhoff)

Beatrice Sanabna (friend of Beditza Cadillo)

Jill Seagrass (friend of Vera Straley)

Eileen (friend of Joyce Bigley)

Sarah (close friend of Lois Avery's grandson's fiancée)

Anna (a former member's daughter)

Kaleb Kovalik (great grandson of Vera Straley)

Maryanne (friend of Joyce Bigley)

Carlton Smires (Estella Smires' cousin)



Happy Anniversary

Lawrence & Patti Hammer (21 yrs)..... October 12

Tina DeBraganza (7 yrs) October 14

John & Kim Jakimowicz (34 yrs) October 21

Amy & Anthony Surdy (30 yrs) October 30



Happy Birthday

Marianne Miller October 3

Claire McDevitt October 4

Dave Mier October 4

Siatta Pattershall October 4

Autumn Allison October 5

Marilyn Quoi October 6

Sheryas Swaroop October 6

Tamara Bernard October 7

Faith Macwana October 9

Shirley Kamann October 12

Estella Smires October 12

Margy Dickson October 14

Dean Dickson October 18

Jugba Young October 20

Jaelynn Allison October 23

Daisy Bowe October 25

Nolan Bensted October 27

Brenda Jones October 27