

THE MAPLE

May 2025

Morrisville United Methodist Church

Happy Eastertide, Morrisville United Methodist Church!

I write this article from Chicago, Illinois. I am here for the spring meeting of the Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church, in part because my spouse serves as a Bishop of the church. And I am here because the United Methodist Church operates on a connectional system.

Being connectional means that all of the congregations and ministries in our denomination are connected in ways that make it possible to do ministry together in all of the places in the world where we have a presence. Being connectional also means that we share our resources, particularly human and financial capital so that our work of reaching and transforming the world for Jesus Christ is tangible and viable.

I believe that our connectionism exists and is successful only when United Methodists participate in it. As a United Methodist Church pastor, I offer myself to serve in the denomination, also known the general church in the places where I am called and sent, which includes serving outside of the local parish to which I am assigned.

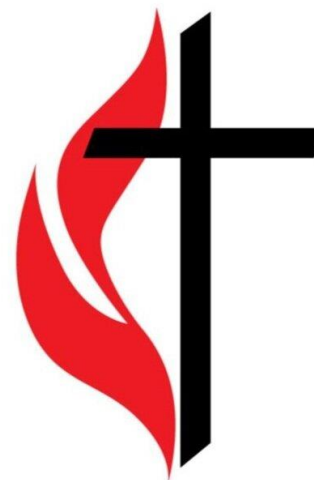
One of the ways I participate in the general church is by providing leadership to the Council of Bishops Spouses Association. As such, every four years, I, along with a team of other spouses, put together and provide an orientation for spouses of newly elected United Methodist bishops during the initial meeting following their election. Over the last

week, I have been blessed to connect with five of the new spouses, amazing persons who serve in career fields including medicine, ministry, the arts, counseling, education, and the service industry.

Because of the connection, I have made new acquaintances, some of whom will become friends and new ministry partners all in the service of Jesus our savior. Now I look forward to returning home and continuing our work together. Let me know if you would like to know more about our connectional church system.

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.

May Calendar

5/5

7:00pm – Girl Scout Day Camp Meeting – Rooms 26, 30/31

5/6

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

4/7

9:00am-2:00pm - Indoor Yard Sale Setup – Fellowship Hall

5/9

4:00pm – Mail Carrier Food Drive Setup – Fellowship Hall

5/10

8:00am-7:00pm -Mail Carrier Food Drive – Fellowship Hall

8:00am – Men's Bible Study – Lounge

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – School Entrance

5/11

9:00am-4:00pm -Latino Ministry – Fellowship Hall

5/12

7:00pm – Finance Team Meeting - Library

5/14

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting – Library

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Lounge

5/16

5:00pm – Private Event Setup – Fellowship Hall

5:30pm –Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

5/17

10:00am – Paul Foutty Memorial Service – Sanctuary

4:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

5/18

9:00am – Shared Meal Prep – Kitchen

11:00am – UWF Meeting – Fellowship Hall

11:15am – Christian Education Meeting – Room 10

3:30pm – AA Picnic – Fellowship Hall & Outside

5/19

1:00pm – Marcia-Ruth Circle - Lounge

5/20

All Day – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

1:00pm – SPRC Meeting – Room 10

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

5/21

1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Jake's Eatery

5/24

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

9:00-11:00am – IFA Resource Fair – Fellowship Hall

5/26

Memorial Day – Office and Food Pantry Closed

5/27

7:00pm – Church Council Meeting – Room 10

5/28

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Lounge

5/31

All Day – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

9:00am – Small Group Bible Study – Youth Room

10:00am – Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00am – Sunday School – Room 10

11:00am – Hospitality - Lounge

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

Mondays

10:00am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

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 – Room 21

6:30pm – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Thursdays

6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, Library

Fridays

7:30pm - NA - RM 30/31

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Tuesday morning Bible Study is taking a short break. We will let you know when it will start up again.



Pastor K



The Sunday Adult Small Group meets upstairs in the Youth Room at 9 AM every Sunday morning. Please join us for fellowship, prayer, and Bible Study.



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Thank you, Dave Burkhardt, for coordinating the generous donation to the food pantry and IFA. Our pantry is full at the moment so we do not need anything this month. We are so thankful that we are able to help those who come to our pantry.

Thank you for your generosity!

Deb Price & The Missions Outreach Team



Our Men's Bible Study meets every second Saturday of the month at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. Come join us on

May 12th. We welcome all men of our congregation and men from other churches. All you need to bring is yourself and your Bible. You can begin your weekend with good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word. Any questions call Dave Miller at 267-614-3836.

ORDINATION DATE!

Pastor K will be ordained in Baltimore, MD, on Thursday, May 15th. It will take place at 4:00pm at the Baltimore Hilton (Inner Harbor), 401 W. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD.

ORDINATION CELEBRATION!

The celebration of Pastor K's ordination will be on Sunday, June 8th immediately after the worship service in The Lounge. Light refreshments will be served. Please join us!

FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Giving Statements will be out in the hallway the second Sunday of May. Giving Statements are not bills or invoices. They are the church's record of your giving for the first four months of the year. We distribute these Statements for two reasons: 1) to allow you to check and see if our records agree with yours and 2) to allow you to evaluate your giving to MUMC after four months and decide if you want to make any corrections as you continue through the year. **Please stop by the table and pick up your Statement by the end of May to help us avoid the cost of mailing.** Please let us know through the church office if you have any questions. As always, thank you for your generous giving. It is important!



In Christ,
Jim Rea, Finance Chair

Attention all *Ladies of Faith* interested in the



Rose Breakfast

Saturday, June 7, 2025

9:30 AM - Noon

We are currently taking names of all ladies who would like to attend the *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 at Signup Central" or contact Deb Eickhoff or Joyce Bigley, to reserve your seat. We are limited to 100 attendees, so **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!** This year you may indicate up to 2 ladies who you'd like to sit with.

Our guest speaker, is Carol Simon Levin, who will present the program "Mothers of Invention." She will share interesting stories of *VERY* interesting women you might be unfamiliar with.

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, your free will offering will be gratefully accepted to contribute to the wonderful work of our own United Women of Faith (formerly UMW).

Anyone wishing to attend the breakfast should contact:
Debbie Eickhoff 609.828.6931, rdeickhoff@comcast.net
OR **Joyce Bigley** 215.801.9102, jbigley819@gmail.com



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EAST DISTRICT UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

INVITES YOU TO
INGATHERING
MAY 17, 2025

Church of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
10901 Calera Road, Philadelphia, PA
9 AM to 12:30 PM
8:30 AM - Light breakfast provided

The Greatest Commandment of All
Matthew 22:34-40

Speakers: Pastor James Duckett
Pastor Alice Ann Bonham

Needed: New clothing for Men, Women, Children, & Babies
Diapers (children and adults)
Monetary donations are also accepted
(Please make checks payable to East District United Women in Faith)



JOIN US!
**MOTHER'S DAY
BRUNCH**
Celebration

May 11, 2025, Sunday @11:30 AM

Special Preaching by Beditza Cadillo
Photographer for Photos
Small Mother's Day Gift

MORRISVILLE UMC
LATINO MINISTRY
501 W MAPLE AVE.
MORRISVILLE, PA 19067

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.



WELCOME SPRING!

CHILDREN AND SUNDAY SCHOOL/NURSERY UPDATES

Helpers are still needed to get their clearances. Pastor K or Craig can help walk you through this process. We are looking to have a group of 8 people so we each only serve once every other month! See Barb Lombardo or Joyce Bigley



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!



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Thanks to all who have been volunteering to present our Children's Message. We love hearing these messages - for all

ages! More volunteers are welcome. Sign up on the Sign-Up Central table outside of the pastor's office. See Joyce Bigley if you can please help in this area.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING



Saturday, Jun 7th, 9:30am-12pm (on Zoom)

If you are interested in helping with MUMC's Sunday School or nursery, all volunteers over the age of 18 are required to take this training. If you have already

taken this important training session, a refresher is

needed just every 5 years. The 2023 resolutions on Safe Sanctuaries for Children and Older & Vulnerable Adults will be discussed. Information will be provided to help you keep our attendees to events and meetings in a safe environment. This training can serve as an update or first-time training for anyone interested.

[Register here.](#)

Questions? Reach out to Rev. Jacqueline D.

Daniszewski at epasafesanctuaries@epagnj.org



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**MAY MEETINGS
SCHEDULE**

May Schedule

May 17 (Saturday)

INGATHERING – 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM
Light breakfast provided at 8:30 AM
Church of the Good Shepherd UMC
10901 Calera Road, Philadelphia, PA

May 18 (Sunday)

UWF GENERAL MEETING – After church, Fellowship Hall. Bring a bag lunch.
Call to Prayer and Self Denial presented by Carol Young

May 19 (Monday)

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE - 1:00 P.M.

Church Lounge

Bring a bag lunch

Hostesses: Barb Lombardo, Elaine Bramante
Devotion and Study: Janet Fabian

May 21 (Wednesday)

METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH – 1:00 P.M.

Luncheon – Jake's Eatery

49 Cambridge Lane, Newtown, PA 18940

Carpooling available from MUMC parking lot, 12:30 p.m. (Contact Deb Chapman for details.)



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Paul Foutty's memorial service will be on Saturday, May 17th at 10:00am in the Sanctuary.



INTERFAITH FOOD ALLIANCE NEWS

The IFA thanks MUMC for hosting the Poverty Simulation presented by the Bucks County Opportunity Council on April 26th. Education is an important part of the IFA's mission and learning about our neighbors' travails in securing food, housing and resources helps us better serve them.

Save the date, **May 10th**, for the Mail Carriers' Food Drive. MUMC Fellowship Hall will be the collection/sorting point for tons of food that will be distributed to pantries located in 19067 zip code. Volunteers will be needed. Come and spend as much time as you like between unpacking, sorting, and boxing non-perishable food. Contact Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505) if you have any questions.

Our Trenton Thunder Fundraiser is on Friday, **June 27th** at 7pm. Come to the baseball game at Arm & Hammer Park in Trenton! Tickets are \$10 each. Contact Berni (beury299@verizon.net) if you want to purchase tickets. If you can't go, you can purchase tickets and have them donated to one of our families so they can attend.

The IFA is joining with Pennsbury Kids and Snipes Farm and Education Center to present "A Night to Nourish" on **June 14th** to support hunger relief in Lower Bucks. It will be at Snipes Farm & Education Center from 5:30-8:30pm. Price for the event is \$40 per person. You can bring your own food picnic style or purchase a box meal at the event. Be sure to put this on your calendar for an evening of music and celebration. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.a-night-to-nourish.org/>.

Rhonda Rea
IFA Board member

FROM BUCKS COUNTY GOVERNMENT Suicide is a difficult topic, but one that merits discussion. Bucks County Behavioral Health Department has shared that there is an increase in suicides in our County, especially among men 55-75 years old. Research shows that talking about suicide does NOT put the idea into someone's mind. Rather, asking a person about suicide actually lowers their anxiety and risk of dying by suicide. You are encouraged to check on friends

and family, especially if you notice signs of sadness, depression, anxiety, hopelessness, changes in behavior or sleep pattern or a recent significant change in their life. You can provide these numbers, or use them yourself, to find confidential support and help:

Call, text or chat to 988, the National Crisis Lifeline
24/7 Bucks County Crisis Number 215-785-9765
Bucks County HUB for resources support/help 215-348-6201 M-F 9am-4pm

For mental health treatment information, please dial the number on the back of your insurance card.

REMEMBER: Its okay NOT to be okay. We need to lean on each other for support and most of all YOU MATTER!



GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY

The MUMC GriefShare group ran from February 6, 2025 to May 1, 2025. It was a beautiful experience for all of us. Our class ended with laughter, tears (because the 13- week cycle had ended), and plans to reunite again in a few weeks. It was a small group – four who attended regularly – and two that would revisit on occasion. Because the group was small – the bonding experience and love between the group members was amazing...no one wanted it to end. We will be meeting at Elainejoy's home for our Celebration of Life Dinner and a chance to see each other again on May 22, 2025.

Blessings,
Elainejoy Bramante



If you would like to present flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship, please call/email the church office or sign-up in the flower book on the table in the hallway providing all the details of who the flowers are in honor/memory of and what occasion you are commemorating. (Cost is \$40)

Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for God’s peace for our nation and the world. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help us to continue to grow in the knowledge of God through a relationship with Jesus Christ. Prayers for our pastor, Rev. Raphael Koikoi, as we continue our journey together. Be in prayer for the newly elected bishops and their families: Bishop Emmanuel Sinzohagera of Burundi; Bishop Moisés Bernardo Jungo of Angola; Bishop Gift Kudakwashe Machinga of Zimbabwe; Bishop Filimone Sambo of Mozambique; Rev. Werner Philipp of Germany; Bishops Ande Ikimun Emmanuel of Nigeria, Bishop James Boye-Caulker of Sierra Leone, and Bishop Knut Refsdal of the Nordic-Baltic-Ukraine Episcopal Area.

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

Carlton Spires (Estella Spires’ cousin)
David Schultz (community member)
Dory (Phyllis Patterson’s niece)
Robert Kovulik, Jr. (Vera Straley’s grandson)
The Eickhoff extended family
Todd (friend of Jane Burger)
Lisa (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Carol Killerin (friend of Vera Straley)
Luis Diego (Lissette Amador’s husband)
Ana Vazquez (Carol Young’s daughter’s mother-in-law)
Damian Carabello (Beditza Cadillo’s nephew)
Marianne (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Roger and Diana Schnider (friends of Merlene Taylor)
Bob (friend of the Swenson’s)



Happy Birthday

Patricia Logan	May 1
Deb Price	May 1
Fran Rivera.....	May 1
Nicole Decker.....	May 2
Daniel Marks.....	May 7
Susan Friend	May 9
Abigail Pugh.....	May 10
John Jakimowicz	May 11
Frances Pugh	May 12
Flo Dugan.....	May 20
Phyllis Patterson	May 21
Beth Marucci	May 24
Kevin Ough.....	May 24
Brian Long.....	May 25
Pushoaben Makwana	May 25
Morgan Ahne.....	May 26
Ciara Logan	May 29



Happy Anniversary

Paul & Marion Chapman (67 years)	May 3
Trey and Jillian Buehler (9 years).....	May 6
Pamela Manners (33 years).....	May 9
Donna & Richard Dulay (47 years).....	May 12