

THE MAPLE

May 2023

Morrisville United Methodist Church

Pastor's Pen

A letter to my family,

May is the season for Flowers. May is when the flowers bloom. The childhood rhyme says that "April showers bring May flowers"—the flowers we can see and smell. May flowers represent the change of seasons beautifully.

We use flowers as a display of celebration, grief, and of course, flowers that display our love for others. Even as Mother's Day approaches, it is a tradition of mine to give flowers on Mother's Day to my mother and grandmother. It's important to me to give them their flowers while they can still see and smell them. Happy Mother's Day to you all.

This season is also changing for you and me, MUMC. As ministry returns me back to Arizona to be with my husband, Morrisville UMC will forever be a beautiful flower always in bloom in my life.

Morrisville family, our journey together has been incredible. We met, and we served each other and our community. We laughed, and we cried. We disagreed, and we agreed. All of which created our foundations, and our relationship, and we together made up a uniquely beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Transitions are always pivotal as we struggle with the loss of the known and work to embrace the unknown. We have endured it all and learned a lot together, and God will continue to be faithful to us as our paths part. May your flowers continue to bloom!

Pastor Towanda



May Calendar

- 5/2
6:30 PM – Youth Meeting
- 5/3
7:00PM-Trustees Meeting (Library)
- 5/4
6:00PM – Prayer Shawl (Lounge)
- 5/6
2:00PM Wanda Long Visitation
3:00PM – Wanda Long Memorial Service
- 5/8
7:00PM – Finance Meeting (Library)
- 5/9
5:00PM – IFA (Main entrance)
6:30PM – Youth Meeting
7:00PM – Worship Team (Library)
- 5/13
8:00AM – Men's Bible Study (Lounge)
9:00AM – IFA (Main entrance)
- 5/15
7:00PM - Marcia-Ruth Circle
- 5/16
4-7PM – Shared Meal (Hall)
7:00PM – SPRC (Library)
- 5/18
6:00PM – Prayer Shawl (Lounge)
- 5/20
Pastor's Ordination (Oaks, PA)
12:00-8:00PM – NA (Hall)
- 5/21
11:30AM Pastor's Ordination Reception
(Parsonage)
- 5/23
5:00PM – IFA (Main Entrance)
7:00PM – Church Council (Room 10)
- 5/27
9:00am – IFA (Main Entrance)
- 5/29 Memorial Day – Office/Food Pantry Closed

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

- 9AM – Children's Sunday School (Youth Office)
9AM – Small Group Bible Study (Youth Room)
9AM – Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:00 AM – Worship Service
11 AM – Hospitality (Lounge)
7PM – Alcoholics Anonymous (Hall)

Mondays

- 7AM – Prayer Call
10:30 AM – ESL Beg. Class (Rm 10)
6:30 PM – ESL Inter. Class (Rm 10)
7PM – Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
7PM – Nar Anon (Prayer Room)
8PM – Narcotics Anonymous (Rm 30/31)

Thursdays

- 7PM – Choir
8PM – Bells

Fridays

- 6:30PM - Girl Scouts (Rm 26)
7:30PM - NA (RM 30/31)

Saturdays

- 6:00PM – Latino Worship Service

Service for Wanda Long

Her memorial service will be on Saturday, May 6, with visitation at 2:00pm and the memorial service at 3:00pm with a reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.



SRPC News

We are pleased to inform the congregation that Bishop John Schol and his cabinet have appointed the Rev. Olga E. Gonza'lez as the new pastor of Morrisville United Methodist Church effective August 1, 2023. Her first Sunday in the pulpit will be August 6, 2023. At present she has been affiliated with the Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church in Atlanta Ga. She is the pastor of the Hispanic Ministry Casa del Pueblo, a mission at the Lehman Memorial UMC in Hatboro, PA, preaching, teaching, leading worship, administering the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, developing leaders, building the structure of the local church, Global Ministries District conference, and other meetings related to ministry, visitation, connections with community organizations like school, hospital, and immigration organizations. Prior to this she was the Senior Pastor of the Lyndonville UMC in Lyndonville, NY. She is a graduate of the Robert Wesleyan College with a Master of Divinity degree and a Masters of Social Work from the University of Puerto Rico.

Please mark your calendars for 8/6/23 to welcome Rev. Gonzal'az and her husband to our congregation. They will be taking up residence in the parsonage.

Dave Sample

A Woman's Place

Our Mission focus for the month of May in the past few years has been to honor and assist the mothers at A Woman's Place by giving a \$25 Giant gift card for them to use for gas or grocery items. We would like to continue this again this year. If you would like to purchase a Giant gift card, please see Dave Sample in the lounge and then place it in the designated basket on the table there. The gift cards are appreciated by a Woman's Place and by the mothers there! Thank you.



Lois Avery

Finance News

Thank you to everyone for your dedicated giving through the first four months of 2023. The Finance Committee will be printing giving statements for the year to date and making them available on the table in the hallway. Please pick up your statement to help us reduce the mailing expense. Also, check to make sure our records match yours. You can contact either Jim Rea or Barbara Lombardo through the church office if you have any questions. Please be sure that your financial gifts to your church, are vitally important, and will be used wisely in the continued ministry of Jesus Christ in this community.

Jim Rea, Finance Chairperson

Interfaith Food Alliance (IFA) News

MUMC is GRATEFUL for the IFA volunteers (10) who helped us with our Community Easter Egg Hunt. The IFA also connected us with the Cops 'n' Kids organization that donated 300 books that were given away at the Egg Hunt.

Special Volunteers needed on Sat., May 13th to help with the Mail Carriers Food Drive at the Morrisville Elks Club and at MUMC

TONS of food will be collected in the 19067 zip code on Sat. May 13th. These donations must be sorted, packaged, weighed, and distributed to local pantries, including the IFA pantry here in our church. Help is needed at the Elks Club (835 W. Bridge Street) starting at 12 noon and will be needed to carry food upstairs at MUMC at about 6pm when the truck from the Elks Club arrives. Just an hour or two will be a great help. Please call Diane Coyle, IFA President (215-378-0202-c) for more information.

The **IFA night at Trenton Thunder** is Friday, June 23rd at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$10 each and a portion of each ticket sold goes to the IFA to feed those in need. Each year we are able to invite the guests of the IFA pantry to the game with tickets that have been purchased and donated by friends like YOU. So, if you can't GO to the game, you could DONATE the cost of a ticket(s) to send an IFA guest(s) to the game! Please contact Frank Powell (215-791-5820) or Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505) to purchase tickets or donate.

Targeted Donations for May-Cleaning Products & Crackers & Pasta Sauce

Rhonda Rea



Saturday Morning Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Bible Study is Saturday May 13th at 8 AM in the MUMC lounge. All Men are welcome for good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word! If you have not been getting an invitation by email, contact Dave Miller (267-614-3836) and you will be put on the invite list.

Dave Miller



Attention all *Ladies of Faith* interested in the

Rose Breakfast

Saturday, June 3, 2023

9:30 AM - Noon

We are currently taking names of all ladies who would like to attend the **46th 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 outside Pastor Towanda's office** or contact Deb Eickhoff or Joyce Bigley, to reserve your seat.

Our guest speaker, this year, will be **Babe Didrikson Zaharias**...Amazing American Athlete (as interpreted by Linda Kenyon).

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 Women of Faith (formerly UMW).

Register Early...we are limited to 70 attendees

Anyone wishing to attend the breakfast should contact (call or text):

**Debbie Eickhoff 609.828.6931
or Joyce Bigley 215.801.9102**



We have a new Monday morning prayer call
Dial-in number (US): (667) 770-1373
Access code: 9598705#



LATINO WORSHIP WEEKLY

Saturdays at 6:00 pm in the Latino Ministry Office, Room 26.

Thanking everyone for their support and love for the Latino Ministry.

We continue to minister to those in our community as we work to keep their need first. We are thankful that some have returned to work, and we are doing our best to accommodate these shifts. One way we are assisting is to adjust the day and time of our meetings and worship service. Saturday is the new day, and the time will be 6 pm. Please continue to pray with us as we journey with our Latino sisters and brothers.

The ladies are interested in reading together and we have started a book club. Our first session will be on May 6th at 6:00 PM, and we will begin reading "Acercate a el." We will meet in room 26 the Latino Ministry Office.

On May 18 through the 20, I will be present at our Annual Conference on behalf of Morrisville UMC Latino Ministry and I also will be present for our Pastor Towanda NT Connelly Ordination.

We are thankful and happy that the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success. Everyone had an amazing time. Our Latino Ministry wants to congratulate and thank Pastor Towanda for her hard work and dedication since she arrived at Morrisville, where this ministry has grown.

Beditza Cadillo



United Women in Faith

THE PURPOSE

United Women in Faith 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!

May Schedule

NO UWF GENERAL MEETING

May 15

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE - 7:00 P.M. –

Hostess: Linda Mier
473 Hamilton Blvd., Morrisville
Study/Devotion: TBD

May 17

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M.

Luncheon – King George Inn
102 Radcliff Street, Bristol, PA 19007
(Contact Deb Chapman for details.)



YOUTH GROUP MEETING TIMES:

1st and 2nd Tuesdays of the month. Also, you can help with a Shared Meal the 3rd Tuesday of the month!



Food Pantry Update of Gratitude and Joy!

We asked and you responded! With joy, we are happy to share that we have exceeded our fundraising goal of \$1800 for the

new food pantry cabinets and are very grateful for those whom the Lord has uncton to donate. Thank you! To God be the Glory!

Pastor Towanda & Missions Team



Happy Anniversary

- Paul & Marian Chapman – 65 years May 3
- Dave & Bev Hoyer – 5 years..... May 5
- Trey & Jillian Buehler – 7 years..... May 6
- Pamela Manners – 31 years..... May 9
- Donna Dulay – 45 years May 12

Happy Birthday

Patricia Logan	May 1
Debbie Price	May 1
Fran Rivera	May 1
Nicole Decker	May 2
Kate Anglescy	May 7
Daniel Marks	May 7
Tom Manners	May 8
Susan Friend	May 9
Nicholas Marrazzo	May 10
John Jakimowicz	May 11
Aiden Urban	May 14
Laurie Marrazzo	May 16
Florence Massaquoi	May 16
Flo Dugan	May 20
Phyllis Patterson	May 21
Myles Anglescy	May 24
Beth Marucci	May 24
Brian Long	May 25
Morgan Ahne	May 26
Lilyian Evans	May 28
Emily Jakimowicz	May 31



Current Prayer Concerns



We pray for Peace. We pray for Ukraine. We pray for Russia. We pray for the families of victims of mass shootings. We pray for Justice and Equality for all.

Barbara Gillis, Pam Manners, Isaac Whitter, Jim & Flo Dugan, **Toby Ellsworth**, Jimmy Ellsworth, Shirley Malmsbury, Thomas Manners, B.J. Lebegern, Evelyn Sipler, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano, Alice South, Josephine Karpeh-Kyne

Family of Wanda Long (deceased wife of Harold Long)
 Joan (friend of Vera Straley)
 Maria (friend of Beditza)
 Anita (wife of John Davidson)
 Marcus (friend of Jenn Ayling-Arruda)
 Ellen (niece of Bev Hoyer)
 Ruth (sister of Merlene Taylor)
 Elaine (friend of Estella Smires)
 Nahdee (mother of Veronica Marks)
 Hans (brother of Marianne Miller)
 Marilou & Wally (friends of Mickey McDevitt)
 Andrew (friend of Vera Straley)
 Janet (friend of Jenn Ayling-Arruda)
 Maureen (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
 Daisy (family member of Linda Mier)
 Kate (daughter of Pam Manners)
 Sue (friend of Sue Friend)
 Brenda (cousin of Phyllis Patterson)
 Petra (friend of Linda Mier)
 Paulette (cousin of Stella Smires)
 Ella (granddaughter of Dave and Marianne Miller)