

THE MAPLE

November 2024

Morrisville United Methodist Church

Greetings Morrisville UMC

Hebrews 12:1-2a: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.

Wow! As I write this note, it is hard to believe that I have been at Morrisville UMC for almost four weeks already! When I began my journey as your pastor on October 1, I didn't know what to expect, even with SPRC giving me their view of what and how ministry happens here at Morrisville UMC. So far, I have been pleasantly surprised by God and by you as I have gotten to know you. You are a wonderful group of people trying to live by seeking, serving, and sharing the Lord.

As we approach All Saints' Sunday, I am thinking of all the saints gone before, known and unknown to me. Of the saints gone before, I am thinking of Rev. Pauline Wilkins, my mentor and friend—a mother figure, if you will. She taught me everything I know about being a pastor. She preached from the Revised Common Lectionary, using multiple texts each time to tell the story of God's loving care for humanity and the relevance of the story to us in contemporary times. She taught me to care for families to be better as a youth minister while ensuring I spent time learning what it meant to be a United Methodist. While she knew I was avoiding going into ministry, she never prodded or pushed me; she simply showed me what being a pastor meant and what being a pastor was.

I delighted in visiting parishioners with her in their times of loss. I was amazed by the skillful way she helped people walk through their loss, helping them experience God amid their grief. I participated in leading funerals and life celebrations with her. She had a way of gently recognizing the loss while assuredly teaching about life beyond death, the continuation of the eternal life promised by our Lord. She was incredibly skilled in making sick visits. This saint of the church is the greatest human reason I am a pastor today.

As you go through November, take some time to remember the saints, those with us, and those gone before. Celebrate the memories of times past; celebrate the memories you are making now. And live into the great legacies to which you have been privy.

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.

November Calendar

11/1

9:00am – UWF Soup Prep - Kitchen

11/4

All Day – Treasures to Treats Set Up – Fellowship Hall

11/5

All Day – Treasures to Treats Set Up – Fellowship Hall

10:00am – Bible Study – Lounge

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

11/6

All Day – Treasures to Treats Set Up – Fellowship Hall

11/7

All Day – Treasures to Treats Set Up – Fellowship Hall

11/8

All Day – Treasures to Treats Set Up – Fellowship Hall

7:00 pm – Finance Committee Meeting - Library

11/9

All Day – Treasures to Treats & Soup Sale – Fellowship Hall

8:00am – Men's Bible Study – Lounge

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

4:00pm – Private Wedding – Sanctuary

11/10

3:00-6:00pm – Boy Scouts Eagle Court of Honor

Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

11/11

Office and Food Pantry Closed for Veteran's Day

7:00pm – Finance Team Meeting - Library

11/12

10:00am – Bible Study – Lounge

11/13

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

7:00pm – Trustees – Library

11/17

9:00am – Shared Meal Prep – Kitchen

6:00pm – STP Dance – Fellowship Hall

11/18

7:00pm – Marcia-Ruth Circle - Lounge

11/19

All Day – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

11/20

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

11/21

All Day – Thanksgiving Baskets – Fellowship Hall

11/22

All Day – Thanksgiving Baskets – Fellowship Hall

11/23

9:00am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

10:00am – Thanksgiving Baskets Handout

11/24

1:30pm – Latino Ministry Meal – Fellowship Hall

11/25

6:30pm – Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor – Sanctuary &

Fellowship Hall

11/26

4:00pm ESL Thanksgiving Dinner – Fellowship Hall

7:00pm – Church Council – Room 10

11/27

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry - Lounge

11/28 & 11/29

Office & Food Pantry closed for Thanksgiving

11/30

9:00am – Church Property Cleanup and Greening of Church –
Fellowship Hall

3:00pm – Charge Conference

6:00pm – Private Party Setup – Fellowship Hall



November Calendar

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

12:00pm – Latino Ministry Worship Service - Sanctuary

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

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

6:00pm – Latino Band Practice - Sanctuary

6:30pm – Girl Scout Troop 2717 – Room 26

Thursdays

6:00pm – Grief Share - Lounge

6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, Library

Fridays

7:30pm – NA - RM 30/31

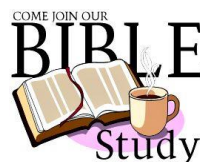


HURRICANE RELIEF FOR HELENE AND MILTON

For the next few weeks, we will be collecting donations for Hurricane Relief for Helene and Milton. Please use the enclosed envelopes, list your name, and please make all checks payable to the Morrisville United Methodist Church. We will forward all contributions to UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). Thank you for your generosity.

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Tuesday morning Bible Study continues through November 12th. We are using "Words of Life, based on the Ten Commandments" by Adam Hamilton and the book can be purchased on Amazon.



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.



FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Please remember to complete and turn in your Faith Promise Card for 2025 as soon as possible, if you have not already done so. It is extremely important to have a fairly accurate estimate of what our giving will be to correctly construct a budget for the next year. Our Church Council approves the budget for the next year at the end of November. As of Sunday October 20th, we had 28 pledges for a total of \$130,500. Last year there were 54 pledges for \$210,000, so we are about half way there. Our goal for 2025 is \$215,000. Thank you!

In Christ, Jim Rea



Again, this year (thank you Dave Burkhardt!), we were blessed with lots of bags of food and goodies from a local Bucks County shredding event. So, for the next few weeks, we are sorting, storing, and distributing this bounty graciously donated by our community. God is good indeed!

We could use some unused birthday cards for the card rack in the hallway. We are getting low and our food pantry clients really appreciate them. Please drop off any unused birthday cards in the food pantry bin in the hallway.

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



TREASURES AND TREATS

(formerly Granny's Attic) is right around the corner on Saturday, November 9th. Treasures and Treats is a sale of gently used household

items, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs and fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations, tableware, and baked goods. It is sponsored by the United Women in Faith (UWF) and all proceeds will be used to fund mission projects.

You can be a great help! We need 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!



United
Women
in Faith

You may leave donated items on the stage in the fellowship hall any time Monday November 4th

– Friday, November 8th. Please contact Carol Somers with any questions (215-595-7056).

CALLING ALL CHILDREN

HELPERS! We have a new sign-up sheet at Sign Up Central. The Children's sermon has become an important part of our

church service. We need people to teach a 3-5 minute lesson on the sermon of the day for the children. *You DO NOT need your clearances for this!* To do this, contact Roxanne in the church office for the sermon scripture, then explain in children's terms what the scripture is about. It is that easy! Please sign up in November and beyond for whichever Sunday suits you. We know the children love this time and they feel more a part of the church congregation because of you!

Teachers, John K. & Joyce B., are sharing the older SS class. We also need another adult present (*with their clearances*) to fulfill our safe sanctuary policy. Please consider getting cleared and signing up for that also. The more people are involved, the more each one of us can rotate & be present in the church service during the Pastor's sermon.



Thank you for continued support of this vital MUMC ministry.

Enjoy,
The Education Team



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

First and foremost, thank you, wonderful people! Every time I enter our church, folks have dropped off supplies for our food pantry. The goods magically

appear, unannounced and very much appreciated by those who need a little help feeding their families.



Our Men's Bible Study meets every second Saturday at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. The next meeting is on Saturday,

November 9th. 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.



GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY – If you are grieving because your loved one(s) has passed away, you may feel like you are alone and isolated. But that does not mean you have to suffer by yourself. We invite you to join the

Morrisville United Methodist Church GriefShare support group which will meet every Thursday, starting September 5 and ending November 21, 2024. Our meetings will be held in the church's lounge starting at 6:00pm. If you would like additional information, please contact ElaineJoy Bramante – 302-740-9361. You can also register online by going to GriefShare.org/findagroup.

Blessings,
ElaineJoy Bramante



United Women in Faith

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.

NO GENERAL MEETING

SOUP SALE

Pick up orders:

Saturday November 9, 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 10, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

Also, Saturday, November 9, find bargains at our Treasures and Treats Sale.

(All sales Cash or Check only!!)

NOVEMBER 18

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE

7:00 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: Carol Young

Devotion/Study: Linda Mier

NOVEMBER 20

METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH – 1:30 P.M.

Yummy Asian

479 S. Oxford Valley Road

Fairless Hills, PA 19030



ANGEL TREE – GIFTS FOR CHILDREN THIS CHRISTMAS

MUMC Missions and Outreach Team and the IFA are providing a special opportunity for giving. We would

like to provide gifts for IFA, Latino Ministry families, and requests from food pantry clients. Each gift should be of a \$30 value so that there are no hard feelings among siblings on Christmas!

If you would like to purchase and wrap one or two gifts (approximate value \$30.00 EACH) for a local child, starting on Sunday, November 17th, please take a tag from the Angel Tree in the Lounge AND sign out your tag(s) on the clip board next to the tree.

Gifts should be wrapped in gift bags with tissue paper. DO NOT use wrapping paper. Please include on the tag the child's first name and family number from the tag that you take from the tree. Gifts must be returned to the church by **Tuesday, December 10th**.

If you have any questions, please call Deborah Chapman (215-949-9533) or Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505).

THANKSGIVING BASKETS



Thanksgiving is fast approaching and we are asking for your help again this year. Below is a list of donations needed for

Thanksgiving baskets to be distributed to local families in need on Saturday, November 23. Any assistance you can give us will be appreciated.

We need:

Frozen Turkeys – We cannot redeem receipts from stores for free turkeys. A store card is required.

Stuffing mix, family size

Mashed potatoes, family size

Cranberry sauce, canned

Sweet potatoes, canned

Large size turkey gravy

Mac & cheese, family size

\$10 gift cards from Giant or ShopRite

Corn, canned

Brownie mix

White rice

Roasting pans

A decorated collection basket for donations will be in the lounge. All donations are due by Thursday, November 21.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

Elainejoy Bramante, Deb Price, and the Missions Outreach Team

LATINO MINISTRY

I am very happy to say this year has been very exciting! We have made so many beautiful memories for the last four years. It has been a blessing working with Morrisville UMC this year as I prepare to become a Certified Lay Minister (CLM). CLM's serve the church in many ways, including conducting worship, program leadership, and preaching. I will be completing my studies in 2025. I have learned so much about our history, from the time of the Wesley's to where we are as Methodists today. I am proud to be a United Methodist serving in the Latino Ministry at Morrisville. I look forward to wherever the Lord sends me to serve.

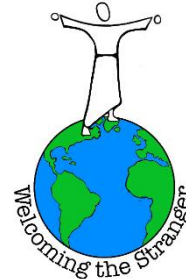


In September, MUMC started a Latino Worship Service held every Sunday at 12:00pm in Spanish. It is led by worship leaders David and Katia Rojas under Pastor K's leadership and guidance.

Don't miss out on the great things God has for all us. We will be participating in the MUMC annual Thanksgiving Basket giveaway to help our Latino families as well as IFA and MUMC's food pantry families. On December 15th we will hold our annual Latino Christmas dinner. All members and all who attend Morrisville are invited so watch for more details in December. We look forward to seeing everyone for these holiday events.

May God continue to guide and bless everyone and the great mission work you all do.

Beditza Cadillo, Director, Latino Ministries



ESL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER

The ESL Ministry invites you to join us on Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30pm for our Thanksgiving potluck dinner. We hope you will join us!

Name: _____

Will you attend? _____ Yes _____ No

How many people will you bring? _____

Will you bring: Main dish _____
 Side dish _____
 Dessert _____

Can you help set up on Tuesday, November 26th at 4:00pm?
 _____ Yes _____ No

Place in the basket on the table in the Lounge.



Happy Anniversary

Kathy & Keith Berry November 1
 Brenda & Robert Jones November 2
 Flo and Jim Dugan..... November 17



Happy Birthday

Deborah Chapman	November 1
Amy Surdy	November 1
Heather Davidson.....	November 3
David Miller	November 4
Charlotte Swenson	November 5
James Nagbe	November 7
Joshua Quarterman.....	November 9
Carol Somers	November 9
Grace Terry	November 9
Blessing Mary Forkpayea	November 14
George Duthie	November 17
Jessica Hughes.....	November 17
Dave Sample.....	November 18
Keith Berry	November 21
VA Macwana	November 21
Riley Buehler	November 28
Joesphine Buehler.....	November 28
Bev Hoyer	November 28
Henry Jartu.....	November 28

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 new pastor, Rev. Raphael Koikoi, as we welcome him and begin our journey together.

Prayers for Jane Burger, Vera Straley, Lillian Mannon, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Thomas Manners, B.J. Lebegern, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Betsy (Joyce Bigley’s neighbor)
 Victor (Brenda Corup’s cousin)
 Marion Rea (Jim Rea’s mother)
 Wanda (Beditza Cadillo’s cousin)
 The Hawkins great-grandson (friends of the Swenson’s)
 Maria Elena Peraza (Kattia Rojas’ mother)
 Stella (granddaughter of Vickie Katona)
 Jen (friend of Vickie Katona)
 Colton Malone (great-grandson of Susan Friend)
 Carol (friend of Vera Straley)
 Robert (Vera Straley’s son-in-law)
 Caitlyn & Shane Potter (friends of Carol Young)
 Carol (Vera Straley’s cousin)
 Ellen (Bev Hoyer’s niece)



**The Morrisville
 United Methodist Church
 Latino Ministry**

Invites you every Sunday to our
 Worship Service 12:00 pm

**Seeking, Serving and Sharing
 Jesus Christ!**

**El Ministerio Latino de la
 Iglesia Metodista Unida de Morrisville**

Te invita todos los domingos
 a las 12:00 pm
 a nuestros Servicios de Adoración

**Siguiendo, Sirviendo y Compartiendo a
 Jesucristo!**