



MAPLE AVE

The June Maple

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:1

I am often drawn back to the first verse of the Bible because of the promise that it holds. When the earth (when we) are confused, living in darkness, without a sense of direction, God is “hovering” over us with a spirit of life and creativity. In many ways, this past year of pandemic has mirrored this state. I have not seen many of you this past year, some of us have wondered around without direction, darkness has covered many of our days. But always, God has been working to bring light and life. That gives me hope for how we are going to come out of this season, into light and life. God is and has been at work in your life, and my life, and our life together. I believe that!

I couple this verse with what Paul says to the church in Ephesus: *“Now glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or imagine.”* Not only is God at work, but God is able to bring us into a life that exceeds our imagination. This is the hope I have for MUMC. I see evidence of God working in our church in beautiful and expansive ways, and I am in awe of what God is doing! It has been my honor and privilege to partner with you in ministry for the past 6 ½ years – even this past year of pandemic! As MUMC moves out of the past 15 months into a new future, I pray that you will look for and expect to see the miraculous in what God is doing and where God is leading you!

*You remain in my heart and in my prayers,
With love and gratitude,
Pastor Wendy*



Toby Ellsworth
Margaret Callihan
Helen Chokey
Betty Mershon
Diane Davis
BJ Lebegern
David Noble
Janet and Lisa Curcio
Bill Ringer
Evelyn Sipler
MaryLou (Joe Colduvell's sister)
Donna (Joe Colduvell's sister)
Brenda (Phyllis Patterson's cousin)
Karleen and Tom Miller
Rev. Towanda NT Connelly
Ruth's daughter, Diane
Lora (Bev Hoyer's sister-in-law)
Toni (Lynda's friend)
Pat Norris
Mark Conrad's brother-in-law
Doris (John Koba's Aunt)
Janet Fabian's mother
Bessie Quattrone
Arlene Wittenborn
Sammy (friend of Phyllis Patterson)

PRAYER
changes things



MUMC Latino Ministry

The month of May was awesome, with two outside worship services, two Bible studies through Zoom, and many families met and being served. One service spoke of how to strengthen our marriages, and had a nice surprise for the couples who attended. 18 families have been helped through our Food Bank. Thanks to everyone. We are working hard to get grants and expand our programs for our community.

Pastor Wendy will be bringing the message at the outdoor worship service on June 12th, called “A God of Relationship” while Beditza translates. Our Director of Latino Ministry, Beditza Cadillo will share her testimony on June 26.

\$10,000 Aid to India



Thank you to VK Macwana for making us aware of the desperate need in India for help during the Covid19 crisis. Through a ministry his family is connected with our church family was able to send \$10,000 for food & medical supplies.



After School Adventure

Our last gathering of the school year was Wednesday May 26th. In addition to our Bible story and song, lots of fun & sharing, and snacks, we invited our students to bring friends so we could introduce ourselves and the program to children who might want to join us next year. Our sixth grade students met Jennifer Ayling Arruda and were invited join the youth group - which may are enthused about doing.

May the kids enjoy a great summer and get ready for new season school year 2021-2022.

faith and finances

Finance Committee Spotlight on the Budget

What is the process to decide on our annual Church Budget? The process starts in September and October when the Trustees, Worship Committee, Mission Committee, Staff Parish Committee, Youth Fellowship Director and the Pastor input requests for the next year’s budget. The Finance Committee then looks at income and expenses for the first nine months and extrapolates income and spending for the full year. In late October or early November there is a Stewardship Campaign to ask for pledges from the church members for the next year. This is an important step in deciding on a budget because it gives the Finance Committee a good idea of how much income can be expected for the next year. From all this information, a final budget is constructed and presented to the Church Council at the end of November for approval.

The budget for 2021 was approved for expenses of about \$400,000. Income included pledge and non-pledge giving, building rentals, scrip profits, mission giving and special offerings such as Christmas and Easter. Over the last few years, there has been a deficit of ten to fifteen thousand dollars that has been filled by gifts from the Church’s Investment Stewardship Fund.

We always strive to be good stewards of your gifts to the church and thank you for your generous giving. In the coming months, I will “spotlight” several sections of the budget to show you where your money is allocated to keep our church serving Jesus Christ in the community and around the world.
In Christ, Jim Rea, Finance Chairperson

Red Cross Blood Drive

Friday, June 4, 2021

9:30am – 2:30pm

Future dates: July 2nd, Aug. 9th & Sept. 3rd

Fellowship Hall

Make your reservation on the Red Cross website





Prayer



Join us in prayer every Friday morning at 7:00 am on the telephone. (phone# 718-362-6120 pin# 5901854)

Interfaith Food Alliance News- June

The IFA meets monthly (currently on Zoom) to plan for advocacy events, to apply for grants and to do the work of fighting food insecurity directly by operating our food pantry, known as the Family Backpack Center.

June is the month that the IFA prepares for the Bread for the World Legislative Days when members of the IFA meet with our US Congressmen and US Senators to ask for their support in legislation that benefits those who often don't know where their next meal is coming from. This event usually involves a trip to Washington D.C. but this is another situation in which a Zoom meeting substitutes for the face-to-face event this year.

In May the IFA received \$1,300 in food stuffs from the United Way COVID-19 Relief Fund. This means our local community guests had frozen ground beef, frozen chicken drumsticks, frozen broccoli, cheese and apple juice in their bags this month.

The interfaith garden that is located on the grounds of the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection is off to a good start and has an official name! The **Garden of H.O.P.E.** is doing well and the first harvest of radishes will be harvested at the end of May. If you're wondering what the letters of "hope" stand for, it is Helping Others Providing Enrichment! The volunteer coordinator for the Garden of H.O.P.E. is Kathy Fitchett who can be reached at Ktfitchett1189@gmail.com

She emails the gardening opportunities weekly to those who are interested in helping. If you like to help things grow, give her a call!

As always, we are thankful for all who bring food, toiletries & paper items to fill the shelves of the Family Backpack Center. In the summertime, we are always in need of **catsup, mustard & mayonnaise**. All Backpack Center donations can be placed in the blue striped bins outside of the office. Rhonda Rea, Member at Large, IFA Board of Directors jrpiz@aol.com



**Interfaith
Food Alliance**



Butterfly Garden

A Butterfly Garden has been planted on the church grounds on the small parking lot side of the church. Please come & spend some time in this quiet space, sitting on the butterfly benches & enjoying beautiful flowers & plantings. See how many butterflies you can count! This Butterfly Garden was "Christened" during the women's retreat in May & made possible by money given to church from Clarence Schieffer.



Food Pantry Needs

The need for food, personal hygiene products and paper goods continues through the summer. In some cases, because children are home from school, the need increases. But we have kept up with the need!! Thank you!! Popular items that we run out of quickly: **Laundry detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies of any kind. Juice, cereal, macaroni and cheese, canned pasta meals, canned beans & corn & pancake mix.** Because of your generosity, with every visit to the food bank, our friends also receive a grocery store gift card so they can purchase needed items that we cannot carry.



Hot Meals for our Community

Monday, June 7th meals are prepared for Ivin Outreach to deliver to Seniors who are living on their own. Anyone in need of a meal is invited to come, we always make plenty to share!

Tuesday, June 15th meals are prepared for Advocated for the Homeless and Those in Need (AHTN) to deliver to the homeless community in and around Morrisville and Lower Bucks County. We invite anyone in need of a meal to come.



WORSHIP NEWS

We are glad to be back in our sanctuary for in person worship. With more and more people being fully vaccinated, we are able to host more activities in the church and allow more people in the sanctuary. We will continue with one worship service at 10:00 am through the summer months to allow us the opportunity to live stream every service for those who are home or are traveling, plus give us the opportunity to hear various types of music from many of our church members.

June 6

Communion Sunday. We are using communion kits through the summer to maintain safety. If you worship at home, please join in worship with bread or a cracker and juice or water.

June 13

Abby will be returning from maternity leave and will lead us in a hymn sing at the beginning of our worship time.

June 20

This will be Pastor Wendy's final Sunday with us. Our service will begin with a hymn sing and end by sharing communion together.

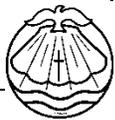
June 27

Pastor Dan Hall will bring our morning message.

LIVE
STREAMING

In addition to in person worship at 10:00am, all services are available through our website: MUMCPA.org - Click on the "Join on YouTube" button for each Sunday's service

We celebrate with John & Jennifer Koba on the baptism of their son, Rhys Koba and with Jessica & Andrew Hughes on the baptism of their daughter, Margaret Jo Hughes.
Welcome to our community of faith!



Congratulations Graduates!

It warms my heart to see our beautiful young adults grow & graduate! I get flooded with wonderful memories of the times we spent together, lovely moments at church, & even crazy events that you would believe from either Innabah or a mission trip.

I also get a reminder of the blessings that God gives when he allows you to have moments these with these special people!

Congratulations! Sometimes we offer advice. I'd like to offer you the word-My thoughts turn to of the final verses of 2 Timothy 3 14-17
Read them all - don't miss out!

14 But you must remain faithful to the things you have been taught. You know they are true, for you know you can trust those who taught you.

15 You have been taught the holy Scriptures from childhood, and they have given you the wisdom to receive the salvation that comes by trusting in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives.

It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Congratulations!

Do the good work Graduate!
Keep God close to your heart!
God has big plans for you!!!



The Celebration of Life service for Blanche Sherrill will be held on Sat. June 12th at 11am with a light lunch to follow.

COVID19 VACCINATION CLINIC
FREE TO ALL!!!

Tues. June 22nd from 4pm-7pm (here at the church)
the Pfizer & J&J vaccination will be offered to anyone over the age of 12





2021 Rose Breakfast ALL are invited!

June 1, 2021 7:00pm - ZOOM meeting

This is the 45th year the Rose Breakfast will be held by the Morrisville Methodist UMW. What a rich history we embrace!

With great pride and anticipation, we will present our **2021**

Program: **How it All Started!**

Our speakers will be **Pastor Wendy Bellis** and **Pastor Towanda Connelly**

All church members with a registered email account will be sent a ZOOM invitation. We encourage our church body to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to meet Towanda and witness the relationship that these two remarkable women share.

What a wonderful way to become better acquainted with the future vision of our church.

Please accept our ZOOM invitation to attend this very special, once in a lifetime, event!

Electronics Recycling Day at **St. John the Evangelist**

(752 Big Oak Road, Morrisville, PA 19067)

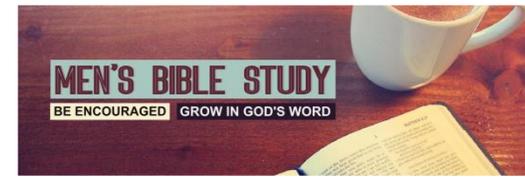
When: Saturday, June 12, 2021 @ 9am – 1pm

Who: People Advancing Reintegration (PAR)

“**PAR-Recycle Works** is a nonprofit electronics recycler that provides transitional employment to people returning to work from prison. (To learn more about this wonderful ministry, please visit home.par-recycleworks.org.)

• **Items accepted with no charge:** small appliances, computers, printers, small office electronics, cell phones, cable & wiring, copiers, scanners, projectors, speakers, cameras, keyboards, modems, routers, laptops, radios, electronic toys, gaming devices, stereos, tablets, CD players, VCR's, computer equipment. (Note: All data on hard drives will be destroyed.)

• **The following items include a cost to ensure they are properly recycled:** Microwave (\$10), Flat-screen Television (\$20), Air-conditioner (\$20), Dehumidifier (\$20), Air purifier (\$20), Computer monitor (\$5), Older CRT monitors and TVs: \$35-\$75 each (size varies). **Cash or personal check written out to “PAR-Recycle Works” is accepted.**



The next meeting of the Men's Bible Study is Sat., June 12th @ 8 AM. All Men are welcome for good fellowship & encouragement from God's Word! If you have not been getting an invitation by email, contact Dave Miller & you will be put on the invite list. Questions, call Dave Miller at 215-943-2046 or 267-614-3836.

NOTES OF THANKS

To My Church Family: The prayers, cards and calls were such a help and comfort during my recent hospital and rehab stays and my surgery. Thank you all for your kind thoughts and prayers and thank you, Pastor Wendy, for the lovely flowers and the enjoyable visit. I continue getting better at home and I know the prayers from my Church Family helped me so much during these past months. With much appreciation, Lu Jennett

So long, Farewell, Auf Wiedersehen, Adieu. Thank you to the congregation for all the kindness shown to me these past three years and to Pr. Wendy, Jim & Rhonda Rea & Carol Somers for their expertise when needed. I am truly grateful for all those I have come to know during my time here. I wish Wendy & the congregation much happiness as we all move forward. MUMC is truly a beacon of light to the community of Morrisville!!!

Welcome Eileen Antolino! Eileen begins as the Office Administrator for our church on June 1. Eileen lives in Ewing NJ & is a retired Environmentalist. Take some time to stop in & introduce yourself. Beginning June 1 her office hours will be: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 10:30 – 2:30.

Thank You Becky DiBraccio, for three years of working together. Becky brought wonderful competence & a delightful attitude to the church office & was amazingly flexible during the year of remote working during the pandemic. We wish God's blessings on her as she enters this new phase of retirement & is able to spend more time with her grandkids.





Altar Flowers

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 & share with Eileen who the flowers are given in honor/memory of, or what the occasion is you are commemorating.

(cost is \$35)



- ♥ **THE PURPOSE:** United Methodist Women 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 & 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.

JUNE SCHEDULE

🌸 **JUNE 1 (Tuesday)** - ROSE BREAKFAST – 7:00 P.M.
ALL are welcome!

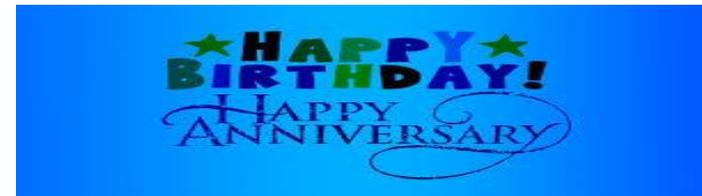
Speakers: Pastor Wendy Bellis and Pastor Towanda NT Connelly

Program: How It Started

JUNE 16 - ELIZABETH CIRCLE–12:30 luncheon-fellowship hall.

JUNE 21 - MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE – 6:30 pm.

Picnic – Location TBD



June Birthdays

- 1 – Shilpah Macwana
- 2 – Aneza Abalo
- 3 – Amelia Abalo, Anthony Surdy
- 5 – Rosemary Bensted, Shirley Malmsbury
- 6 – Madison Evans, Makenzie Evans, Abigail LaVecchia-Burke
- 7 – Colin Chewning, Charlotte Duthie, Doris Gafgen
- 9 – Edith Massaquoi
- 12 – Joseph Massaquoi, Jr.
- 13 – Brenna Trimble
- 15 – John Davidson, Teddy Hughes, Andy McCall
- 17 – Jim Dugan
- 19 – Roselyn Weagba
- 21 – Lynda Krause, Lori Lombardo, Nancy Pietrocarlo, Pete Wisnosky
- 23 – Ava Paris
- 24 – Cristian Estrada
- 25 – Walt Pabers
- 27 – Luretha Jennett, Don Swenson
- 30 – Emma Surdy

June Wedding Anniversaries

- 2 – David & Marianne Miller = 56 years
- 7 – Janet & Bill Fabian = 35 years
- 8 – Dave & Nancy Sample = 58 years
- 12 – Brian & Dawn Pabers = 17 years
- 15 – Blair & Wendy Bellis = 21 years
- 15 – David & Miriam Burkhardt = 47 years
- 17 – Don & Charlotte Swenson = 65 years
- 17 – Roselyn & Emmanuel Weagba = 4 years
- 21 – Deb & Rich Eickhoff = 46 years
- 29 – Cheryl & Jeffrey Scott = 30 years