

## Morrisville United Methodist Church



A Message from my heart

“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.” **1 Chronicle 16:34**

I am a very musical person and sometimes when I am listening to a person, visiting, or even praying hymns and songs come to my heart and I sing them to the Lord and whoever I am with. As I was thinking about a message from my heart for this month's Maple, this is the hymn that came to my heart, Count your blessings! I want to share with you a stanza and refrain in English and one stanza and the refrain of how it sounds the Spanish translation.

### Count your blessings!

“When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the lord has done.

**Refrain:** Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God has done; Count your blessings, name them one by one; Count your many blessings, see what God has done.

### Translation of Spanish version

When you are embattled for adversity,  
When you think your happiness is all lost,  
Look at what the heavens in storage have.  
Count the riches that the Lord,  
has given you.

**Refrain:** Count your blessings, how many you already have? Count your blessings, God will send you more. Count your blessings, you will be surprised. When you see what the Lord will do for you.

The Scripture in 1 Chronicles 16:34 is inviting us to give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, and his love endures forever. It is a reminder of God's love and faithfulness to us. Those who trust in the Lord and have their hope and confidence in Him are blessed. You and I are blessed people.

If you are alive when you are reading this message, you are blessed. If you have home, food, and clothes,

you are blessed. More than that if you have Jesus in your heart, you have all you need!

Gratitude is a decision, a way of living. It is also a discipline to remember all that the Lord has done for us and give thanks. Count your blessings! I'm sure you won't have enough books or journals to write them all.

Counting our blessings helps us when we are going through trials and difficult times. It helps us to remember the same God who helped, provide, open doors, and show us a solution for our situation is the same today. He is good and his love endures forever. That is the key, to REMEMBER how much God loves us giving his Only Son. Romans 8:32 says: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us ALL things?”

So, if you are going through a time of discouragement, suffering, illness, financial issues, etc. If you think there is no solution, and all is lost in your situation, **Count your blessings.** Look to the One that has blessed you in the past and He will do it today. He is faithful, He is good, He loves us, we can trust Him.

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS** and glorify your God and Father for His goodness.  
Amen and Amen.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL!

In Christ's love, Pastor Olga



## October Calendar

11/2

6:00pm Prayer Shawls (Lounge)

11/4

9:30am – Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

1/7

1:00pm – SPRC Meeting (Room 19)

1/8

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Library)

11/10

Church office and food pantry closed for Veteran's Day

11/11

8:00am – Men's Bible Study (Lounge)

9:00am – Holly Nook & Soup Sale (Fellowship Hall)

11/12

Soup Pickup (Fellowship Hall)

11/14

7:00 pm – Worship Team Meeting (Library)

11/15

1:00pm – Methodist Women Who Lunch (Lounge)

11/16

6:00pm Prayer Shawls (Lounge)

11/18

9:00am – IFA Turkey Meal Handout (Fellowship Hall)

9:00am – Mission Outreach Team – Thanksgiving Baskets Handout (Fellowship Hall)

MUMC Charge Conference (Lansdale UMC)

11/19

6:00pm – STP Dance (Fellowship Hall)

11/20

7:00pm – Marcia-Ruth Circle (Lounge)

11/21

4:00pm – Shared Meal (Fellowship Hall)

11/23 and 11/24

Church office and food pantry closed for Thanksgiving Day

11/25

12:00pm – Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

11/28

7:00pm –Ad Council Meeting (Library)

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sundays

9:00am – Small Group Bible Study (Youth Rooms)

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Hospitality (Lounge)

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous (Hall)

#### Mondays

10:30 am – ESL Beg. Class (Rm 10)

7Ppm– Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

7pm – Nar Anon (Room 10)

8pm – Narcotics Anonymous (Rm 30/31)

#### Tuesdays

10:00 am – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) ends 11/7

6:00pm – Girl Scouts 2196 (Rooms 10, 26, 30/31)

#### Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL (Room 10 & Library)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2717 (Room 26)

#### Thursdays

7:00pm – Choir -Practice – Choir Room

#### Fridays

6:30pm – ESL Latino (Room 10)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2692 (Room 26)

7:30pm - NA (RM 30/31)



## FINANCE UPDATE

As we close out the Month of October, I would like to thank every who turned in a card with their estimated giving for 2024. After the service on October 29<sup>nd</sup>, we had commitments of \$170,000 with a goal of \$220,000. There are quite a few Faith Giving Cards that have not been returned, so if you have not yet returned an Extravagant Generosity Card, please do so soon. If you choose not to return a card, then we ask you to please be a sustaining member and support your church as well as you can through the year. Our total budget is close to \$400,000, so we rely on everyone's faithful giving throughout the year to provide the ministries and missions of our church in Morrisville. As always, we thank you for your extravagant generosity.

In Christ,

Jim Rea, Finance Committee Chair



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Granny's Attic is right around the corner!

**Saturday November 11, 2023**



Granny's Attic is a sale of gently used household items, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs and fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations 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 Monday, November 6th thru Friday November 10th.

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.

## ANNUAL CHURCH GROUNDS CLEANUP

Please joins us for some outdoor fellowship as we cleanup of our grounds on Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup>, starting at 8:00. Rain date is Saturday 12/2. Beverages and donuts will be available. Please bring rakes and a leaf blower if you have one. Thank you!  
Dave Burkhardt

## PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

The current Tuesday Bible Study ends on November 7 and will resume the end of January/early February 2024. Details will be shared after the first of the year.



**Pastor Olga**



## 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 18. 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 Corn, canned

Cranberry sauce, canned                      Brownie mix

Sweet potatoes, canned                      White rice

Large size gravy                              Roasting pans

Mac & cheese, family size

\$10 gift cards from Giant or ShopRite

A decorated collection basket for donations will be in the lounge. All donations are due by Thursday, November 16.

Thank you for your support and generosity!  
Deb Chapman and the Missions Outreach Team

## ANGEL TREE

**Latino Ministry, IFA  
Children, and Local  
Families in Need**



For many years the MUMC family has delighted in giving gifts to local children whose families cannot afford much at Christmas time. The Latino Ministry and the IFA have many children who would be happy to receive a Christmas gift. **We hope that MUMC will provide gifts for all the children of the Latino ministry and 15 children from the IFA.** Each gift should be of a \$30 value so that there are no hard feelings among siblings on Christmas! The tags may include more than one gift wish idea, but only buy one gift per tag.

If you would like to purchase and wrap one or two gifts (approximate value \$30 EACH) for a local child, 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, starting on Sun. Nov. 14.

Wrapped gifts must be returned with the tag taken from the tree that includes Family Number, Boy or Girl and child's age that will you take from the tree. Gifts need to be returned to the church lounge OR the church office by Wed. December 6. If you are not able to shop, but would like to contribute financially, we will be glad to shop for you! May you be blessed with the Joy of Giving!

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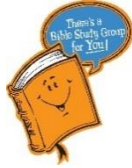


Our next Men's Bible Study is Saturday, November 11th, at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. We will continue to look at scriptures dealing with the topic of "Wisdom". All you need to bring is yourself, your Bible, and a cup of coffee if you need it to wake

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 (267-614-3836) and you will be put on the invite list.

### SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

We meet at 9AM in the Youth Room and are studying the book of Mark. Bring your Bible and be ready to enjoy good fellowship. Call David Miller at 267-614-3836 if you have any questions.



### A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSION OUTREACH TEAM



Multiple folks have expressed their gratitude for the warm winter coats, hats, scarves, and gloves you have

donated. This drive ends November 8 so it is not too late to bring in a coat to keep a neighbor warmer this winter season. Thank you for caring!

The Missions Outreach Team

### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The new **food pantry closet** is completed and it is wonderful!



Thank you, Dave Burkhardt (Alexis, too!) for all the time and hard work you put in to make this happen. Take a peek and see what your generosity has provided for our neighbors in need. Also, a special thank you to Deborah Chapman for helping to organize, date and stock all the goods.

The "old food closet" is still being used for overflow items. It will also store supplies for our "Blessing Bags" which are usually given out the evening of our Shared Meal. These bags are distributed to our unhoused neighbors living in lower Bucks County. Currently, we are also storing the donated food for our Thanksgiving Basket food drive in this must needed closet space. Thanks to all of you for supporting these mission projects.

Deb Price and the Missions Outreach Team



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 do not 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.

### NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

*NO GENERAL MEETING*

#### **Pick up SOUP SALE Orders**

Saturday November 11, 10:00am- 1:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 12, 11:00 a.m. – 12 noon

*At the same dates and times:*

Bake sale, Granny's Attic, Holly Nook, and Jewelry Table *(All sales Cash or Check only!!)*

NOVEMBER 15

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge Luncheon

NOVEMBER 20

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE

7:00 P.M. – Church Lounge

Hostess: TBD

Devotion/Study: TBD

Christmas Craft for homebound

## MUMC BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, November 3, 9:30am-2:30pm



To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-828-1975 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: morrisvilleumc



**Interfaith  
Food Alliance**

**INTERFAITH FOOD  
ALLIANCE/FAMILY  
BACKPACK CENTER News-**

In this season of gratitude, we give thanks for all those who support us by financial donations, by donations of food items, or by donations of service. For more info on giving, go to our website- [interfaithfoodalliance.com](http://interfaithfoodalliance.com)

This month our targeted donations are **Boxed potatoes, Sugar, and Cooking Oil**. All food donations can be placed in the blue and white striped bins outside the Church Office.

The Eastern PA Conference United Women in Faith has awarded a grant of \$500 to the IFA Family Backpack Center! It is great to see when two organizations with shared goals are able to work together to feed hungry families.

**SAVE THE DATE – Sat., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>**-St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church Christmas Bazaar, 10am-3pm  
Giant Raffle Baskets will benefit the IFA! Lots of vendors, goodies, and gifts!

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## FOOD AND VOLUNTEER MINISTRY

Shared Meal has been a Ministry in our Church for over 10 years! In partnership with other local churches and the Advocates for the Homeless and Needy (ATHN), we serve approximately 100 meals once per month! We do this to represent the call of being the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. God has been so good to us! We have continued to bless so many of God's children, young and old. It is a blessing to serve, and to receive all that God has provided.

We recently had a Shared Meal Team meeting. Thank you to all that came to help plan how we will continue serving in our local community. Here are a few things we discovered:

1. Wow! We have been successful over the many years.
2. We are blessed with the support and care of our congregation.
3. We are still needed in our community.

As we pray, for God's guidance, we have decided the following:

- We will continue to serve our meals as "takeout" only. We will do this as we continue to monitor the health and safety concerns that this new normal brings us.
- We will eventually go back to in person Dash. When we do return, there will be some changes as we grow our volunteer opportunities. Many people who enjoy your meal really do want us to come back to in person.
- We still need help with our meals. The approximate cost per month is \$300. It has changed drastically over the years due to inflation. We are always blessed by your donation of rolls and cookies. We will begin to reach out to the congregation for more help in this area to organize it better.
- We will also offer more opportunities to provide acts of service for those who seek it. Our Church is excellent at providing those in need with what they need.

Please continue to pray for our ministry. The team will meet again in January to re-open the opportunities that God provides for us. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry, please feel free to reach out to me at any time! (267-393-5381)

With Love and Grace,

Jennifer Ayling-Arruda  
Director of Food and Volunteer Ministries



The Latino Ministry of Morrisville United Methodist Church started in 2020. It was an effort of Rev. Wendy Bellis and the Morrisville congregation with the purpose of making connections and outreach to the Latino community in the Morrisville area and Beditza Cadillo was assigned as the Director of the Latino Ministry. She has been making great connections with the Latinos. Beditza has been serving around 30 families for the past three years through the following services: food distribution, clothes, legal and immigration paperwork. The ways of meeting with the Latino ministry group have changed a few times, but the connections are still there. We would like to clarify to our Morrisville congregation that the Latino ministry it is not a church planting. For instance, Beditza Cadillo, as director of this ministry is connecting with the Latino community in mission and outreach. She has been showing God's love, grace, and compassion in behalf of Morrisville UMC. Beditza is going to continue to have gatherings with the Latino group once a month or as needed. **She is dedicated to better serving the Latino Ministry through prayer and study.**

Any questions that you have about the Latino Ministry feel free to ask Beditza Cadillo or Pastor Olga. We invite you to keep Beditza and the Latino Ministry in your prayers and Beditza Cadillo. This is another great ministry of the Morrisville UMC.

God bless you all,  
Pastor Olga E. Gonzalez



## Happy Anniversary

Keith & Kathy Berry (37 years)..... November 1  
Robert & Brenda Jones (49 years) ..... November 2  
Jim & Flo Dugan (67 years) ..... November 17



## Happy Birthday

Deborah Chapman..... November 1  
Amy Surdy..... November 1  
Heather Davidson ..... November 3  
Aydan Evans ..... 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  
Carin Trimble ..... November 9  
George Duthie ..... November 17  
Jessica Hughes ..... November 17  
Dave Sample ..... November 18  
Keith Berry ..... November 21  
VK Macwana ..... November 21  
Andrew Urban ..... November 22  
Allison Scott ..... November 23  
Sidney Abalo ..... November 26  
Josephine Buehler ..... November 28  
Riley Buehler..... November 28  
Bev Hoyer ..... November 28  
Henry Jartu ..... November 28

# Current Prayer Concerns



We pray for the people of Israel and Gaza and for the families affected by the Middle East Conflict. We pray for our nation, the leaders of the United States government, and for God's direction in this time we are living. We pray for Justice and Equality for all. We pray for God's peace.

Shirley Kamann, Hummy Seufert, Barbara Gillis, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Shirley Malmsbury, Thomas Manners, B.J. Lebegern, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano, Alice South, Josephine Karpeh-Kyne, Jenn Ayling-Arruda

Steve (friend of Joyce Bigley)  
Brenda Jones (cousin of Phyllis Patterson)  
Sandra and Larry (friends of Jane Burger)  
Patricia (friend of Joyce Bigley)  
Ellen (niece of Bev Hoyer)  
Carrie (Vera Straley's daughter)  
Mr. Irvine (friend of the Patterson's)  
Millie (friend of Charlotte Swenson)

## **PASTOR OLGA E. GONZÁLEZ OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday to Thursdays – 9am to 4pm  
Fridays – day off  
Saturdays – Sabbath

Note: If you need an appointment with the Pastor, please call the office (215) 295-9395 and we will get back to you.

