



October Birthdays

- 2 – Courtney Andujar
- 3 – Marianne Miller
- 4 – Claire McDevitt, David Mier, Christina Obbo
- 6 – Kate Manners, Marilyn Quoi, Shreyas Swaroop
- 7 – Tami Bernard
- 9 – Faith Macwana
- 11 – Sienna Pabers, Pamela Tiacomulco
- 12 – Shirley Kamann, Estella Smires, Joseph Trejo
- 14 – Margy Dickson, Kevin Leather, Michelle Martin
- 15 – Ciah Gussin,
- 16 – Janet Curcio
- 18 – Dean Dickson
- 19 – Nancy McCall
- 21 – Wanda Long
- 22 – Jacklyn Berry
- 26 – Diane Davis
- 27 – Brenda Jones
- 31 – Helen Chokey

October Wedding Anniversaries

- 8 – Charlotte & George Duthie = 32 years
- 15 – John and Jenn Koba = 4 years
- 17 – Lori & Brian Decker = 28 years



The October Maple

Blessings hiding in plain sight

As I reflect on the past month and look forward to the month ahead, I am keenly aware of the blessings that have surfaced in the midst of the current pandemic with all of its horrible consequences. I am very grateful to be the pastor of a church which has faithfully moved forward into the opportunities God has placed before us. As you read through this month's Maple you will see expanded mission work, impossible challenges met with creative alternatives, and the love of Jesus shared with neighbors in fresh and profoundly meaningful ways. I wish I had more pages to share the stories that have been told to me while I am giving a gift card to a new friend who just got a job, or receive milk donations for our food foyer from a young family who just a couple of months ago, needed our help. The heartwarming stories are endless!

In addition to our ministry and mission work, we have also been courageous in worship. Some of us have learned how to carve out sacred space at home, and come to worship each Sunday morning, while others have come into the sanctuary in person. We shared communion each Sunday evening in the outdoor worship center through the summer in God's beautiful tabernacle! With autumn weather now upon us, another change is upon us. But I am convinced that God will continue to lead us into new blessings both to enjoy together and to share in the community.

*Peace and Joy,
Wendy*



Margaret Callihan
Helen Chockey
Pat Drombowski
Nancy J. (Mother of John Jakimowicz)
George L. (Helen Chokey's nephew)
Barbara G. (mother of Jenn Arruda Ayling)
Julie J. (cousin of Kim & John Jakimowicz)
Trish G. (friend of Kim & John Jakimowicz)
Carolyn K. (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
Forrest (friend of Abby)
Dave (Friend of Barbara Althouse)
Betty Mershon
BJ Lebegern
David Noble
Larry Scheifer
Blanche Sherrill
Janet Curcio
Vera Straley
Lisa Curcio
George Gray
San (friend of BEcky Kent)
Lonnie Hohl (Pastor Wendy's brother)
MaryLou (Joe Colduvel's sister)
Ann Mount

PRAYER
changes things

IFA Family Backpack Center News

The Backpack Center is grateful for the continued support of Morrisville United Methodist.

We are happy that we have a new faith community partner, Restoration Church in Levittown!

The Backpack Center continues to distribute food to families of the Morrisville School District who are in need, 4 times a month. Families gratefully receive 4 pre-packed bags of basics and one bag of frozen foods at each visit and once a month the families also receive a gift card for Giant. We serve 40-50 families each month.

The IFA gets extra busy this time of year as we prepare to provide the fix in's for Thanksgiving dinner for each family, winter coats for many of the students, and Christmas gifts for the children of the families. **MUMC members will have an opportunity to fulfill the wishes of children of the Backpack Center, stay tuned!**

Targeted donations requested for October for the Backpack Center are Tea Bags (black tea), Coffee, White Rice and Cooking Oil. As always, ALL food donations are welcome. If you would like to make a food donation but need assistance delivering it to the church, please call me (215-493-9505) and I will gladly pick up and deliver your donation.

Rhonda Rea - Board Member, Interfaith Food Alliance
jrpiz@aol.com 215-493-9505



Take Out Meals

We are currently serving hot, home-made take-out meals for the homeless, hungry or those in need twice a month out of the church kitchen. On the second Monday of every month we prepare about 150 meals for Ivin Outreach to deliver to senior citizens of our community who live alone. On this same evening we also prepare about 20 extra meals for friends and neighbors in need of a hot meal.

On the third Tuesday of the month, our normal Come to the Table meal is prepared for AHTN to deliver to our homeless friends (with goody bags that you have assembled) and about 50 meals for friends and neighbors in need to pick up at the kitchen door.

If you would like to be part of the team to prepare, assemble or pack up these meals contact Jennifer Ayling Arruda or Pastor Wendy.

Food Foyer



The people we have been able to help with our simple food foyer has grown in the past couple of months, and the types of help needed has also expanded. We are no longer just giving groceries and grocery store gift cards. We are now giving gas cards, Thrift Store vouchers and Gift cards to Target and Walmart for clothing and shoes and school supplies. Friends who have lost employment still need to provide food and clothing for their children, and they continue to have health care issues. All the ways you support the food foyer have been a blessing!

Meet Beditza Cadillo – Director of Latino Ministries **Beginning October 1**



My name is Beditza Cadillo. I am 50 years of age, born in Bronx, New York from parents of Puerto Rican descent, but I consider myself International. I have been married to my wonderful husband since 2007. I have been a member of Holy Spirit UMC in Philadelphia for 9 years and treasurer for 6 years. I own an expediting, property management, contractor, multi-service business, where I have worked with the community for the last 11 years. In 2018 I was chosen to represent Latinas in the El Poder de La Mujer Latina calendar in New Jersey, where I showed that Latinas were more than just your maids in soap operas. I represent and fight against Human Trafficking. I have supported Minisiterio Milagro a Ministry that is an outreach to the Hispanic community in the Juniata area. I pray that I may have the wisdom to support our Latino Community here in Morrisville.

Annual Conference - October 13 and 14

Everything about 2020 has been impacted – including the annual business meeting of the United Methodist Church of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference, which usually takes place over three days in a convention center in June. This year we will all join virtually in October.

If you would like to have information about how you can view these sessions, check the EPA conference website. Pastor Wendy, Manny Abalo and VK Macwana are members who will be participating.

Meet Bethany Macwana
Intern of Student Ministry



Hello, Morrisville United Methodist Church family! My name is Bethany Macwana and I am joining the Youth Ministry Department as the Life and Leadership Student Intern. I am very excited for this position to grow and foster the love of Christ with our own Youth! I have been attending MUMC since the second grade in 2009. I have been involved with the Youth Group in middle school and high school. I participated in everything from lock-ins, pie days, mission work, and all sorts of church activities. I was baptized and confirmed (on the same day!) at the church in June of 2017. Currently, I am a first year student at La Salle University and I am a Psychology Major.

MUMC has become my home over the years. From this, a love of service has grown. I am looking forward to using my knowledge and bonds I have created with the Youth to be of further assistance and support to them. Being home from school this semester was a bummer, but this opportunity shows that God has great things in store!

Thank you all for the support and love over the years. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to me at (267)-394-3529.

faith and finances

Finance Committee News

MUMC E-giving site has been upgraded to include more choices and a mission giving update!

Our E-giving website has been upgraded to provide more choices when you choose to give through online giving on our website: MUMCPA.ORG. You can now designate to give your offering to the Mission Fund, the Pastor's Discretionary/Communion Fund or the General Fund. You will see these three choices when you log onto the site. We hope to upgrade the site to include additional choices in the future. To access the E-giving site, go to our church website at www.mumcpa.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page. At the bottom of the page there is a purple rectangle with the words "online giving". When you click on that rectangle, you will be directed to the online giving site.

I would like to thank everyone who has continued to give generously to the Pastor's Discretionary/Communion Fund, the Mission Fund and the General Fund. We have been able to help many families in need by providing both food and other assistance during these difficult times. Over \$20,000 has been contributed to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund so far this year and an additional \$20,000 has been received through the Faith Promise Mission Pledge to provide for other Mission needs during the year. Our other church expenses have also been met with all bills paid through this month. This has all truly been a blessing. Thank you so much.

In Christ,
Jim Rea
Finance Chair

October UMW Schedule

OCTOBER 6 (Tuesday)

UMW GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 P.M. This will be a Zoom meeting. Watch your email for the Zoom invitation. Joyce Bigley will be speaking about her trip to Israel this past February.

OCTOBER 19 (Please check with circle leader)

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE

Tentative Zoom Meeting - 7:00 P.M.

OCTOBER 21

ELIZABETH CIRCLE - TBA

Please check with your Circle Leader

The events listed below have been cancelled:

East District Annual Banquet & Celebration
46th Eastern PA Conference Annual Meeting and Luncheon



World Communion Sunday is October 4

We have been given permission to share communion in this service for those who gather in person AND for those who are at home. Great care has been taken to share the elements safely with those in the sanctuary, while you who worship at home are invited to prepare your own elements for consecration.

Soup Sale

Morrisville UMW's delicious fall soups available for **Take-out, Order-ahead only**



The Soups-

1. Chicken Corn
2. Vegetable Beef
3. Bean Kielbasa
4. Vegetarian Vegetable

Available in Pints- \$4 OR Quarts- \$7

Soup can be picked up at MUMC on
SAT., Nov. 14th from 10am-1pm
SUN., Nov. 15th from 11am-12noon

(All sales Cash or Check only)

At the same date and time get some goodies at our

Bake Sale



To order your soup, call or email-

Susan Friend- 215-295-1606 suefriend2001@yahoo.com

OR

Linda Mier- 518-882-8901, lmiermumc@gmail.com

Include type of soup, pint or quart, and number of each, as well as your name and phone number

******ORDER NOW THRU FRIDAY, NOV.6TH******

Notes of Thanks



Vera Straley thanks our church family for your love and support during these past many months of being ill, praying for her health.

Blanche Sherrill says thank you for the cards, prayers and love offered in this time of illness and receiving Chemo. She loves and appreciates this church family!



The next meeting of the Saturday Morning Men's Group is on Saturday the 10th of October at 8 AM. We will be meeting by Zoom. Everyone on the Men's Group List will get an email invitation. Text or call me if you want to be included or know someone who would like an invitation. Encouragement from God's Word is a great way to start our weekend. Men of all ages are welcome.

If you have any questions text or call David Miller at 267-614-3836



Weekday Bible studies on Zoom

Begins - Tuesday Oct. 6th @ 10:00am

Begins Wednesday Oct. 7th @ 7:00 pm

"Acts" by Matthew Skinner

Annual Conference is being held virtually on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 13 and 14 so our study will take a week break and resume October 20 and 21 through November 17 and 18.

If you would like to join us, please let Pastor know so a book can be reserved for you and you can receive a zoom invitation.

- Chapter 1 "What God has done"
- Chapter 2 "What God does"
- Chapter 3 "Discernment and Change"
- Chapter 4 "Opposition"
- Chapter 5 "Saints Around the Edges"
- Chapter 6 "This Changes Everything"



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 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.



Bakers Wanted!

Bakers wanted to provide baked goods for the Bake Table at our Soup Sale on Nov. 14th & 15th, 2020. All types of baked goods welcome: pies, cakes, cookies, brownies, buns, breads, etc.

Baked goods can be dropped off at the Church or arrangements can be made to pick them up. Please email me or Sue Friend (suefriend2001@yahoo.com) if you're able to make something. Last minute contributions are welcome too!