



The May Maple

Toby Ellsworth
Margaret Callihan
Helen Chokey
Betty Mershon
Diane Davis
BJ Lebegern
David Noble
Blanche Sherrill
Janet and Lisa Curcio
Blanche Sherrill
Bill Ringer
Diane Davis
Evelyn Sipler
MaryLou (Joe Colduvell's sister)
Donna (Joe Colduvell's sister)
Brenda (Phyllis Patterson's cousin)
Sam (friend of Linda Herbster)
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
Andy's sister, Lynn and brother-in-law, Al
Mark Conrad's brother-in-law
Bill (Josephine's nephew)
Lu Jennett
Doris (John Koba's Aunt)
Janet Fabian's mother

PRAYER
changes things

I did not expect to have tears come to my eyes when I stood in the pulpit and looked out to see our congregation gathered in the pews for the first time since November! What a sweet moment! We have work to do and important decisions to make in the coming months, but evidence of God moving and working among us in the past pandemic year is blossoming with the flowering trees and the green filling our landscape. Let's continue to hold our leadership in prayer during this important time of discernment.

I think of these verses from Hebrews 10:

Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Meeting together in person is a blessing that is being cautiously and joyfully restored. We still live in a world of differing circumstances so being kind to one another when we disagree, is important to our fellowship and our witness. I look forward to the day we can remove our masks, give a hug and share a cup of coffee in our church lounge – but that day has not yet arrived!

May God's grace and wisdom lead us as we do Kingdom work together here on earth!

Amen!



*Peace and Joy,
Wendy*



MUMC Latino Ministry

Beditza continues to hold Bible study twice a month through zoom for our Latino Neighbors, with each gathering including more people & going deeper in fellowship. Because of the faithful prayers & generosity of our church community, we help about 15 families with basic needs each week.

A few weeks ago, Jennifer Ayling Arruda brought a concern to Beditza regarding a family in her school class in Trenton. With her patience, persistence & expertise, Beditza was able to help this family in very significant ways.

On Saturday, April 24th we held the second outside worship event, & a third is being planned for May 29. Pastor Evodia Villalba is presenting a program called "The Communication in our Marriage " All are welcome & encouraged to attend.

Let's continue to hold this ministry in our prayers. May the Bible studies & the worship opportunities offered inspire God's children & may our hand of fellowship bring enrichment & encouragement to all we meet.



After School Adventure Club

Our After School Adventure will be meeting in person with our elementary children in our outdoor space. Through this past year, our children have longed to meet with us for social interaction, physical play, & the love they receive in our shared time. If you would like to know more about the After School Adventure Club, please contact Beditza Cadillo, Rhonda Rea, Joyce Bigley or Barbara Lombardo

faith and finances

Every Dollar Counts

Activity at our church building is slowly increasing as more people are vaccinated and our church spaces start opening up for use. This also causes an increase in expenses due to cleaning and upkeep. The phrase "Every Dollar Counts" can be used in many ways. One meaning is to ensure that all money given to the church is used wisely and carefully and the other meaning is that all offerings are important, even if it is only a few dollars. Our church is blessed with a strong core of givers who have helped us get through the last year. They have enabled us to pay all of our bills and also be a blessing to those in the community who were struggling with loss of jobs and illness. You have been very generous. Thank you so much.

If you haven't been a consistent giver over the last year, please consider becoming one now if you are able. We are looking forward to Sunday School in the Fall along with a more active Youth Program starting in the Summer. Great things are happening! You can help meet our expenses as we open up. Please know that Every Dollar Counts and will be used wisely. Thank you. In Christ, Jim Rea, Finance Chairperson

WOMEN'S RETREAT – REGISTER NOW!

ALL MUMC WOMEN AND FRIENDS:

May 14-15 right here at MUMC. If you have not attended one of our fabulous retreats in the past, NOW is the time! This will be a wonderful opportunity to spend time with our sisters in Christ that we haven't seen in a long time... plus spend time with Pastor Wendy before she retires. Sue Duffield will be our program leader & the cost is \$35 & includes lunch on Saturday.

Please let Janet Fabian know ASAP

email: bjfabian@aol.com or 267-251-0622





Prayer



Join us in prayer every Friday morning at 7:00 am on the telephone. (Contact Pastor Wendy for more information)

Commit to praying for our church every day!
There are no special meetings and no prescribed time or place to pray.

This group will pray specifically for our church in this time of transition from “stay at home” worship into “in person” worship – including our mission, ministry and witness. And our transition in pastoral leadership. Contact Pastor Wendy if you would like to know more.

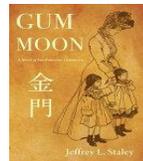
UMW-Book Review

Gum Moon-a novel of San Francisco Chinatown by Jeffrey Lloyd Staley

“Gum Moon (Cantonese for “Golden Door”) is the remarkable coming of age story of a Chinese-American girl, Mei Chun Lai, who is sold in 1898 at the age of three to a cruel brothel keeper. A sympathetic sex worker befriends Chun, but two years later, at the height of a plague quarantine, Chun is thrust into a bewildering new world. A young Methodist deaconess rescues her & places her in a Home for abused & trafficked girls. The Home is destroyed in the 1906 Earthquake & fire, but Chun survives.”

And there’s more to this amazing story, based on events in the life of the author’s wife’s grandmother...but I won’t give the ending away. It does involve a long trip & even a visit with President Theodore Roosevelt! I found this book a quick read & very interesting when comparing it to similar themes today. Plague & quarantine are certainly topics we are now too familiar with & the intersection of racism & immigration to events in our time is striking. As the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes says, there is nothing new under the sun!

This book is a selection from the United Methodist Reading Program & Morrisville UMW has a copy that can be signed out & borrowed. Please contact Lillian Mannon (215-741-2622, lillianmannon@gmail.com) if you are interested in reading this book. By the way, if you read 5 books (one from each of 5 categories) and read the *response* magazine you will have completed Plan 1 of United Methodist Women’s educational, enriching Reading Program! Rhonda Rea jrpiz@aol.com-MUMW Reading Program participant.



BIBLE STUDY: Be The Bridge

Our book study by Latasha Morrison continues offering us guidance on how to journey together in racial reconciliation in our church and community. We meet by zoom on Tuesday morning at 10:00am and Wednesday evening at 7:00pm.



Food Pantry Needs

We rejoice that people are beginning to return to work, but food insecurity is a need that will take a very long time to resolve. Our Food Pantry remains a life-saving gift for many of our neighbors. Items that move quickly are personal hygiene items such as shampoo, cream rinse, toothpaste, toothbrushes, body lotions, hand soap and deodorant. Paper products are always a consistent need. We have an abundance of canned soups, canned veggies and pasta (although mac and cheese and spaghetti noodles are always in demand.)!



Hot Meals for our Community

Monday, May 10th 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, May 18th 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

Communion – May 2

In our 10:00 worship service we will share communion as a church family in our first in-person setting since last November. We have taken precautions to do this safely by using prepackaged kits which will be given at the door when you enter. Each kit will be distributed in a bag (so you can dispose of them after using them) and contains a gluten free wafer and a cup of juice. You are welcome to bring your own elements if you choose. If you are worshipping at home, please prepare a cup of water or juice and a piece of bread or cracker so we can all commune together, even in our separate locations.

Outside worship

Sunday, May 23 - 7:00 pm

We will gather in our beautiful worship center for a brief worship service with singing and communion. There are ample places to sit, but you are welcome to bring a lawn chair to help with physical distancing.

Reminder: for the time being, we will hold one worship service at 10:00am, and it will be a blending of our two worship styles – just as it has been for the past year. All worship services that take place in the sanctuary will also be streamed through our webpage (MUMCPA.ORG)



Dear Mission Committee,

I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe! I wanted to thank you for donating so generously to my mission trip for this summer. It really showed me and proved to me how provisional the Lord is! Due to COVID-19 we're not able to go to Honduras anymore, but I am thrilled that God has opened the door for my team and I to serve with the Border Ministry in McAllen, T! I cannot wait to see what the Lord will teach me and to see how he will use my teammates and I to honor him, share his light and his love, and to help the members of the community that we will be working with! Thank you again for allowing me the opportunity to go on this trip and serve the Lord!! Love Mia Doron



We celebrate with Sage & Vaa Thompson as they dedicate their son, Zoada Ninuse Thompson to God in the family of faith here at Morrisville United Methodist Church.

We welcome Hummy Seufert into our church family. Hummy has been worshipping with us since coming to live with her daughter, Vicki Katona & family. Hummy has been a long-time member of the Medford United Methodist Church in New Jersey.

Welcome to our community of faith!



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!



The next meeting of the Men's Bible Study is Saturday May 8th at 8 AM. 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 and you will be put on the invite list.

Any questions call Dave Miller at 215-943-2046 or 267-614-3836.



Altar Flowers



If you would like to present flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship, please call or email the church office and share with Becky who the flowers are given in honor or in memory of, or what the occasion is you are commemorating. (cost is \$35)

Red Cross Blood Drive **Friday, May 7, 2021**

9:30 – 2:30

Future dates: June 4th July 2nd & Aug.

Fellowship Hall

Make your reservation on the Red Cross website

Did you know: 1 donation can potentially save 3 lives, every 2 seconds someone in the U.S. need blood, & blood & platelets cannot be manufactured they only come from volunteer donors.





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.

MAY SCHEDULE

NO UMW GENERAL MEETING

MAY 17 - MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M. – ZOOM Meeting - Watch Meeting - Watch your email for the invitation

Study: Rhonda Rea
Devotion: Lillian Mannon

MAY 19 - ELIZABETH CIRCLE – *Tentative. Please check with your circle leader closer to the scheduled date.*

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE JUNE ROSE BREAKFAST!!

Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 7:00 P.M. Program will be presented by Wendy Bellis and Towanda NT Connelly.



May Birthdays

- 1 – Patricia Logan, Deb Price, Fran Rivera
- 2 – Nicole Decker
- 3 – Donna Lombardo Cribbs
- 5 – Craig Jackson, Christopher McCormick
- 7 – Daniel Marks
- 8 – Tom Manners
- 9 – Susan Friend
- 11 – John Jakimowicz
- 14 – Aiden Urban
- 15 – Joan Atwood
- 16 – Laurie Marrazzo
- 18 – Elizabeth Mershon
- 20 – Flo Dugan
- 21 – Phyllis Patterson
- 23 – Christine Duthie
- 24 – Carter Bonner, Beth Marucci
- 25 – Brian Long, Pushoaben Macwana
- 26 – Morgan Buehler, George Gray
- 28 – Lilyian Evans
- 31 – Emily Jakimowicz

May Wedding Anniversaries

- 3 – Marian & Paul Chapman = 63 years
- 5 – Beverly & David Hoyer = 3 years
- 6 – Jillian & Trey Buehler = 5 years
- 6 – Tami & Kevin Leather = 32 years
- 9 – Pam & Richard Manners = 29 years
- 12 – Donna & Rick Dulay = 43 years
- 23 – Ashlynn & Khaseem Parker Paris = 1 year