



## January Maple

**G**reetings and Happy New Year to you all, As we embark on the year of 2022, we are full of HOPE. We have HOPE in God for our world that is desperate for redemption. The COVID -19 pandemic has changed the world as we've known it. We have seen two years that we could have never imagined. Two years, that have changed so many things such as how we do church (online), how we come to church and engage with others (at a distance, wearing masks).

I draw our attention to a different change agent called Jesus Christ. God sent his son, Jesus the Prince of Peace to be a change agent, a humble servant to the world offering a message of HOPE. FROM THE HEAVENS TO THE STREETS to carry out GOD'S MISSION for, the reconciliation of, healing of, and redemption of this broken world. Jesus offered a message of HOPE to the world.

Like Jesus, we as individuals and the church are called and sent to engage the world on behalf of God's Kingdom. Jesus demonstrated for us how we are to live as Christians. WE ARE ALL MISSIONARIES. We share the message of hope as witnesses; we are vital participants in God's mission to the world.

We the Morrisville United Methodist Church have spent 2021 faithfully loving God and our neighbors, (Matt 22:37-39). We the Morrisville United Methodist Church have demonstrated and will continue in 2022 to be committed to pursue growth in our spiritual lives as we put on the love of God (Matt 16:24). We the Morrisville United Methodist Church will continue to live God's love through our actions in the community (Micah 6:8).

### Current Prayer Concerns at MUMC for January 2022

*Prayer is recognized as an important part of healing whether the need is physical, emotional or spiritual. God will hear prayers lifted on behalf of an individual and will answer them even though we may not know what the need is yet.*

Charlotte Duthie	Pam Manners	Janet Curcio
Toby Ellsworth	Diane Davis	Paul Chapman
Eileen Antolino,	Lisa Curcio	Faith Macwana
Barbara Gillis	The Swensons	Shirley Malmsbury
Betty Mershon	Jenn Arruda	
Andy & Nancy McCall		Gary & Szilvia Grundisch

Kate (Pam Manner's daughter)

Sebastian Douyon (grandson of Andy & Nancy McCall)

Bill Thomas' family (departed friend of Andy & Nancy McCall)

Al Flitcroft's family (departed military friend of Don Swenson)

Suzanne Mershon's family (departed daughter of Betty Merson)

Eleanor Shepherd (friend of Andy & Nancy McCall)

Jim Anderson (nephew of Lynda Krause)

Sue Conway's family (sister of Don Swenson)

The Perry Family (friends of Fran Riviera)

Jeremy Rea, (son of Jim and Rhonda Rea)

Beth McKimmick (friend of Jenn Arruda)

Bill Banks (friend of Harold and Wanda Long)

Jonathan Holcombe's mother and brother of a close friend

Elizabeth Watson (Beth Marucci's mother)

Mike Pugh (nephew of Vicki Katona)

Kaylee (Becky Kent's granddaughter)

Rita (friend of Phyllis Patterson)

*But we won't stop there, we will live into the Great Commission to go into the world with God's love to make disciples, baptizing, and teaching, faithful obedience (Matt 28:19-20).*

*Despite the challenges, setbacks, and disappointment of the last two years; we the Morrisville United Methodist Church have consistently continued to seek, serve, and share Jesus Christ through our food and other ministries.*

*May we in 2022 continue to take God's loving embrace of us, and lovingly embrace our hurting community and world. We must show the world that Jesus is the HOPE they are seeking, and we must live our lives with this purpose in mind. I celebrate all He has done for us and with us in 2021, and I look forward to what God has planned in 2022.*

*Pastor Towanda*

**The Nursery is open EVERY SUNDAY from 8:45 to 11am.**

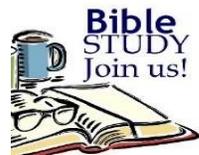


**Children's Sunday School is in session every Sunday 9:30am in the Youth Office.**

**Sunday Morning Small Group at 9am in the Youth Room.** Tell a friend about it and then invite that friend to come and join in!

**Friday 7:00 am Prayer group**

Every Friday morning you are invited to call in to share in prayer with a small group from our church community. Please call 718-362-6120 (pin 5901854).



**Bible Study! Bible Study!**

**TUESDAY 10:00am (in the library)  
WEDNESDAY 7:00pm via ZOOM**

**Cancelled for Tuesday Jan 4 and 11  
Tuesday class welcome to join Wednesday Zoom**

**MISSION! MISSION! MISSION!**



**The Nagbe Mission of Love**

Walter and Janet are so excited to move in to their new home and can use some help getting it ready for their family. Would you spare a few hours over the next week or two to do some painting, yard work or cleaning?

**Please sign up on the sign-up sheet outside the office and in the lounge and participate with us** as we gather in Mission to help the Nagbes make their new home their own. We are asking for volunteers in 3 categories: **Yard work, Painting and Cleaning Floors.** The more people we have the more we can get done and the quicker the Nagbes can enjoy the fullness of their new home. You can sign up online or today on the sign-up sheets outside the church office and in the lounge.



## Pastor's Thank You Note:

*"Lawton and I want to say 'Thank You All' for your thoughtful gifts and cards we were showered with this holiday season. We are grateful. It is wonderful to be a part of a loving congregation. May the light and love of God continue to be your guidance. Thank you so very much."*



## YOUTH IN ACTION

Youth Group will be meeting **January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Youth Room.** We would love for your youth to come and volunteer at Shared Meal. Shared Meal this month is **January 18<sup>th</sup>!!**

If you would like to help, please reach out to Jenn at 267-393-5381

**Cooks meet at about 1:00pm**  
**Servers meet at about 3:30-4:00pm**  
**Cleaners start around 5:00pm**



## MUMC Latino Ministry

Latino Ministry is blessed and wants to thank everyone for a wonderful year. We have been able to accomplish so much by assisting many of our community members.

We have been able to develop some lasting relationships with several of our Latina neighbors. This year our ability to assist families in need has been a tremendous help to many in the areas of rent and utilities.

During the Thanksgiving holiday we gave Thanksgiving baskets to the Family. We had two Christmas celebrations with a great turn out. The ESL Christmas Party/Beditza's Birthday Party at our ESL teacher's house, Mrs. Deborah Chapman.

On December 18<sup>th</sup> the Latino Ministry Christmas dinner was able to provide 10 families with gifts for all the kids all because of your support and donations. Thank you. Pastor Towanda celebrated with us, and we all had a wonderful time. Pictures are available.

I want to take a moment to say thank you for your support and I am looking forward to seeing how God will continue to bless this ministry next year in 2022.

Beditza Cadillo



**Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Friday January 7th 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. needs blood, & blood & platelets cannot be manufactured they only come from volunteer donors.

**Masks are mandatory!**





**Worship Committee**



**The Choir will resume rehearsals on Thursday Jan 6<sup>th</sup>: Bells at 7:00pm and Choir at 8:00pm**  
Singing masks will be provided.

Please see the **Scripture reading sign-up sheet on the table outside the office** for those who would like to read scripture on Sunday mornings.

**On January 16<sup>th</sup>**, we are planning to resume two Sunday morning services: **Praise service will be at 9am** and **Traditional Service will be 11:15am**. Sunday School will move to **10:05 and in the Youth Room**. The Choir will resume again at that time. We are excited for everyone's participation in both services. Your presence is necessary for both services to be successfully maintained. Come let us worship together!

**We need video operators trained so this can happen.** If you know of anyone this would interest, please let Eileen in the office know. No experience is necessary! **We also need a drummer for the Praise band.**



**From the Live-Stream Camera Crew:** Do you want to learn an exciting new skill and help live-stream our church services on Sunday mornings? The camera crew and the PowerPoint crew are looking for 2 or 3 people to learn how to run the live-stream and PowerPoint slides on Sunday morning.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jim Rea, Tom Wisnosky or the church office. Thanks!

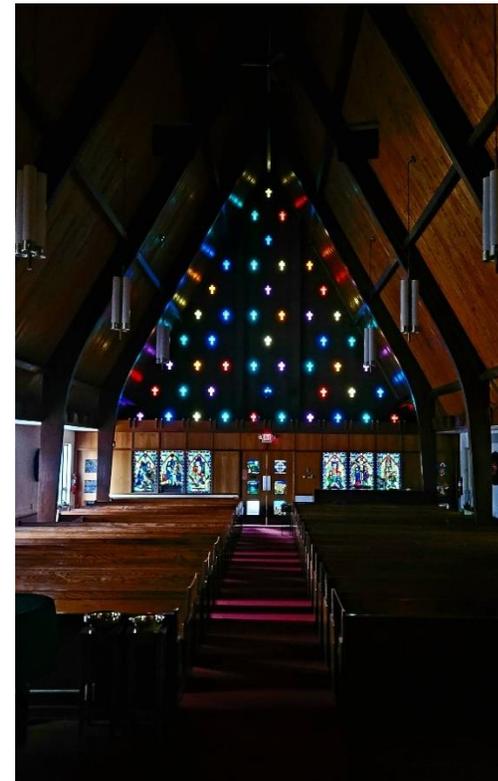


If you would like to present **flowers on the altar for Sunday morning worship**, please call/email the church office or sign-up in the flower book on the table & share with Eileen who the flowers are given in honor/memory of, or what the occasion is you are commemorating. (Cost is \$35)



**Prayer Shawl Group!!**

Now meeting 1st and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
Next meeting: January 6<sup>th</sup> ~  
7:00pm in the lounge



**Morrisville Family Devotions**

Growing together as the body of Christ as we share devotions on Wednesday morning.

**Every Wednesday morning all will receive a devotion email from Pastor Towanda.**

If you are not receiving and would like to receive this weekly devotion, please make sure you call the office and share your email address so you don't miss Our Family Devotions email.



The **Saturday Morning Men's Group** meets in the **church lounge** the **second Saturday** of each month. Next meeting will be **January 8<sup>th</sup> 2022**. All Men are welcome for good fellowship and encouragement from God's word.  
**Contact Dave Miller if you have any questions (267-614-3836).**

# faith and finances

## Finance Committee Spotlight on the Budget

Finance Committee Notes.

A big Thank You to all who have given to the church General Fund and the Pastor's Discretionary Fund this year. We have paid all our bills and met our budget. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Please pick up your End of Year giving statements on the white table in the corridor by the Pastor's Office as well as your offering boxes. We wish you a Happy New Year. Thank You!

Jim Rea, Finance Chair

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - Sarah Trimble
- 4 - Vaa Brewer-Thomson
- 5 - Chile Obbo
- 8 - Nickornic Young
- 9 - KB Makwanna
- 12 - Pam Manners
- 14 - Teconblah Gussin
- 15 - Sue Urbano
- 18 - Brian Decker
- 18 - Carol Hughes
- 20 - Sydney Jakimowicz
- 20 - Jaime Urban
- 21 - Jennifer Ayling-Arruda
- 24 - David Burkhardt
- 25 - Thomas Wisnosky
- 29 - Paul Somers
- 31 - Khasem Paris

### JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 11 - Walter & Janet Nagbe = 11 years



**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.

### January Schedule ~ NO GENERAL MEETING

#### JANUARY 17

**MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE – 7:00 P.M. ~ Elaine Bramante's home**

Hostess: Elaine Bramante

Study/Devotion: Carol Young

#### JANUARY 19

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

Hostesses: Flo Dugan

Devotion/Study: Sue Friend

**Greeting and Note Cards - Morrisville UMW** is selling unique note cards! 4 cards for \$5.00 or 1 card for \$1.50 ~There are 4 styles available:

- **MUMC image** of the wall hanging presented to Pastor Wendy (blank inside),
- **Nativity scene** created by Wanda Long and Rhonda Rea (Merry Christmas inside),
- **Peace photo** taken in the Garden of Gethsemane in Jerusalem (blank inside) and
- **Birthday Cake** image painted by Rhonda Rea (blank inside)

You can create your own assortment of 4 cards, or choose a pre-packaged set of one of each card.

They will be available on Sundays after church in the hallway OR call **Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505)**, [email-jrpiz@aol.com](mailto:jrpiz@aol.com).

These cards are a great witness for sending notes of encouragement or care to others, while supporting mission projects at the same time!!



## HOT MEALS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A big thank you to all of you who continue to support this wonderful ministry. We are continuing the dedicated work with providing take-out meals to those in need.

We provide **two hot shared meals monthly, the second Monday and the third Tuesday**, and can use all the help we can get! If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Jenn at 267-393-5381!



Volunteer- show up and get to work with us! All you need to do is reach out and we can find a way to help! Some jobs are:  
Cooking (1pm-4pm)                      Set-up (3pm-4:30pm)  
Serving (4:30pm-6:30pm)              Clean-up (6pm-7pm)

\* Did you know that you can even have your work or special group volunteer, donate, and/or support? You can provide an opportunity for the people at your workplace to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ! This opportunity changes often due to Covid restrictions and requires approval!

Can't volunteer- you can donate! We always need baked goods wrapped in individual servings and rolls!

Interested in helping even more! You can sponsor an entire meal! That blessing is standing strong at \$125 to feed approximately 100 people!

Like to shop? You can run and get the supplies we need! God has provided us with a thriving ministry and we are so excited to keep providing people with the love and grace that only Jesus can provide!



God is Good - all the time!  
All the time - God is Good!



**Food Bank: The Mission Committee** wants to thank all of you who have been so generous and faithful to this ongoing effort of serving our friends and neighbors in need.

**WHAT WE STILL NEED:** *Laundry detergent, toilet paper, toothpaste, deodorant, cleaning supplies of any kind, juice, cereal, sugar, rice, pancake mix, vegetable oil.* Because of your generosity, with every weekly visit to the food bank, our friends also receive a grocery store gift card so they can purchase needed items that we cannot carry. Thank you!!



**Tuesday Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm**  
**Saturday Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 9-11am**  
**Tuesday Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-7pm**  
**Saturday Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9-11am**



**The winter season is upon us** - like it or not! And it is time to create some new gifts to the shared meal program!

All you need to do is use a brown paper bag or gallon size Ziplock and place some nice item that will help someone in need! You can give it to the ushers or drop it off at the church office.

Here are a few ideas!

### Thoughtful items to use when filling your blessing bags:

- **Toiletries:** Deodorant, toothbrushes, razors, soap, shampoo, shaving cream
- **Cold weather essentials:** Hand warmers, socks, scarves, gloves, Chapstick
- **Food/drinks:** Bottled water, Gatorade, granola bars, trail mix, tuna/cracker packs, beef jerky, other non-perishables
- **Other personal care items:** Sunscreen, lotion, feminine hygiene products, washcloths, Kleenex, Band-Aids
- **Small-denomination gift cards** for coffee & food