



Prayer is a gift you can always give to others. Please pray for our friends on the long term prayer list:



The Maple *January, 2016*

John Wesley, along with his brother Charles founded the Methodist Movement in England in the 18th century. Wesley preached open-air sermons and followed up by encouraging his converts to join small groups for prayer, study and moral accountability. Wesley's "Covenant Prayer" was a key element in his own spiritual discipline and in Methodist discipleship.

**I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be employed by you or laid aside by you,
enabled for you or brought low by you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and heartily yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.
And now, O glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
you are mine, and I am yours. So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen.**

This is a prayer that is often used in the first worship service of a new year. May this become our daily prayer as we begin 2016 as a church family, willing to serve where and how God sends us.



What challenges will we face in the new year? Only God knows! Whatever they are, we all need encouragement as we meet these challenges every day. Good fellowship with a great group of men, "light" refreshment, and discussion from God's Word is a great way to find the encouragement we all need. The next meeting of the Saturday Morning Men's Group is on the 9th of January at 8 AM. We meet in the church lounge on the second Saturday of each month. Men of all ages are welcome.

If you have any questions call David Miller at 215-943-2046.



ANNUAL PRESIDENTS DAY BOWLING PARTY!

Where: Morrisville Lanes
632 Nolan Ave.

When: Monday February 15

Time: 2:00-4:00

Cost: TBA

Please bring a snack or drink to share. BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Thanks to your generosity we were able to provide 19 children with Christmas gifts this year.

Also, Thank You for the generous Christmas gift. It is a pleasure to work with everyone at MUMC, especially our children.

Love,
Kim Jakimowicz



A big thank you to all that support our youth! It really helps!

Please keep us in mind and get a last minute pie because we still have a few left and in order for us to make a profit we need to sell them all! Find a youth and buy a pie!

We are resolved to seek God and glorify Him each and every day: As we begin a new year, I feel that God's hand is on us and guiding us into a new and exciting new year full of big changes!

As it says in the bible -God calls us to daily transformation of our minds so we can know and live out God's will for us. Romans 12:2 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.'

I am excited by the way God transforms us! Keep your eyes open for ways that you can join our youth in this journey!

XXOO - Jenn

It has been one year since I moved to Morrisville and joined with the MUMC family. And what a blessed year it has been! God has opened doors to meaningful ministry, and we have walked through those doors together, serving children and adults right here in the Morrisville community in fresh and exciting ways. I am praying that God will continue to lead us and guide us in 2016, and am thankful to be partnering in ministry with you!

Throughout the Christmas season I received beautiful cards and thoughtful gifts that made me feel loved and appreciated as your pastor. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness and caring. Thank you for the generous Christmas love gift, which Blair and I will have fun using together. God Bless You.

Pastor Wendy



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

There is no Unit meeting in January.

ADRIENE AND BERNICE CIRCLES
Locations and Dates TBA

JANUARY 20

ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 12:30 P.M., Church Lounge
*Hostess, Study and Devotion to be announced.

February Schedule

FEBRUARY 7 (Sunday)

UMW GENERAL MEETING – 12:30 P.M. (Ryan Hall)

Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

- o Program: Mission speaker – Polly Riddle author of the book, *“The Best to the Guest”*



January 15-16 at Camp Innabah

Calling all Ladies! You won't want to miss this! The theme of our annual retreat will be "Second Chair: Learning How to Serve From the Second Chair." Our girl friend Sue Duffield will be with us again this year.

Sign up sheet is in the lounge. Please call Janet Fabian with any questions



Something that those who are homeless long for in the cold of winter is warmth! We are able to offer food and fellowship multiple times throughout the cold months, and in the month of January we invite you to bring in blankets for us to share with those who struggle to find warmth at this time of year. You can bring in good used blankets or new blankets and place them in the box provided. These blankets will be shared with those in need in Bucks county, Philadelphia and Trenton throughout the month as they come in.



Coming in February: Valentine's gifts for A Woman's Place.

Bible Study Options for the New Year



It's time to start thinking about our winter women's Bible study. This winter we will be studying the book of Revelation with the leadership of Pastor Wendy. Revelation is a book that raises many challenging questions. What does the end of times look like? How much of His plan does God reveal to us? How can we explain to our kids (or ourselves for that matter) what is going on in the world today? We can rest assured that God is victorious in the end, but in the meantime we do have questions.

This winter we will be offering one study time – Wednesday evening from 7 – 8:30PM at the church. The study will begin on Wednesday January 27th and run through the beginning of May. We would love to have YOU join us. Please call the church office at (215)295-9593 or email Wendy (wendykayh0715@gmail.com) and let her know that you plan to attend. That way we can be sure to have enough books available.

- > **Like the idea of studying Revelation but prefer a daytime study? Check this out:**

The Tuesday morning group will be studying Revelation as well, beginning January 26th at 10 am in the Library.

January 5, 12, and 19 we will conclude our study on 2 Peter.

For more information contact Pastor Wendy Bellis at:
wendykayh0715@gmail.com

- > **Just can't find the time during the week? How about a Sunday morning study?**

We would love for you to join us Sunday mornings during the Sunday school hour. We are continuing our study called:

Meeting God, by J.I. Packer.

Feel free to join us.

His majesty will fill your thoughts.

His love will soften your heart.

His holiness will purify your life.

When you meet God, you will be changed. Meet him now as J. I. Packer, author of the bestselling Christian classic, Knowing God, leads you through twelve key passages from the Old and New Testaments. These inductive Bible studies will engage your heart and mind. And enlarge your vision of the God you worship and serve.

For more information contact Tom or Michelle Martin at 215-949-0458 or 245mmartin@gmail.com.

- > **Hard to get out of the house in the winter? Prefer a virtual study?**

**Check out the Study with Friends website:
(www.studywithfriends.org).**

Here you will find free Bible study resources along with a virtual community to share them with – complete with written Bible study material and audio Bible study sessions. So take a few minutes to meet the friends online or listen to them on the radio on Saturday mornings on WFIL (560AM) at 8:30am.



United Methodist Women

Honorees:

Since the last Maple publication, 3 active members received a Special Mission Recognition from the United Methodist Women. A monetary gift was given to United Methodist Women's Mission work in honor of each person. Each surprise presentation was uniquely delivered to correspond with each recipient. For those who may have missed the presentations, excerpts of each are as follows:

○ *Ann Kreider*

There once was a woman named Ann,
Of whom everyone was a fan,
She can nurse; she can stitch, quilting right in the ditch,
This wonderful woman named Ann.

But her first name is actually Shirley,
Her white locks, they're practically pearly!
She tells a great story, with humor and glory,
Vertic'ly challenged, Indiana-raised Shirley.

This amazing woman of Yardley,
Did cancer beat her? –Not hardly,
'Lection Day she plays hostess, Rose Breakfast-she's the mostest!
This hard-working woman of Yardley.

With a passion for feeding the other,
A Meals-on-Wheels, funeral lunch mother!
Gave her a prayer shawl, and she started to bawl,
This woman who loves to serve others.

A dedicated woman of God,
At MUMC she has faithfully trod,
Trustee, Board member-teacher, Florida bound,--you can beach-her!
Blessings to you dear woman of God.

○ *Vera Straley*

She is a *Very-committed Christian*, she is *Energetic*, she is *Rarely-at-Home* and she is *Always Serving*. She is also known for wearing many hats!

Very committed Christian-

She regularly attends worship

A member of the Ladies Loyalty Class

Active on the Mission and Outreach Team

Always brings a special devotion to share at Adrienne Circle meetings

She wears many hats.

Energetic- (When you're raising 4 daughters by yourself, you have to be!)

She has been seen on the MUMC stage, telling jokes and dancing

She loves being in the Church Kitchen making her secret green bean recipe.

Cooks up gallons of soup every Election Day

She wears many hats.

Rarely at Home-

She might be organizing a bus trip

Taking a friend to a Doctor's appointment

At SAM's buying hot dogs and buns

Running a Bingo night for seniors

At the Dollar store shopping for silly socks

She wears many hats.

Always Serving-

In her working days she cared for others at St. Mary Hospital

She also worked as caregiver for seniors with dementia

At MUMC she has cleaned many a coffee pot as a faithful member of the Christian Cups Team

Oversees the Ingathering clothing collection.

She serves with love at each Shared Meal.

She's happiest when simmering sauerkraut in her corner of the kitchen.

She wears many hats.

Take the first letter of those four phrases and you will know exactly who we are honoring. A grandmother of 7 and a great-grandmother who is proud to say she will be eighty years young this month... Vera Straley

○ *Ike Whitter*

- He is a member of the notorious Morrisville Burger King bunch. (But this doesn't really give him any extra credit!)
- He serves his church family as an usher and as a faithful assistant to the financial secretary, caring for our offering every week.
- He and his wife raised his children and grandchildren in our church. His two granddaughters are the apples of his eye.
- Although quiet by nature, he always has a kind word, a joke, or a story about the perils of technology when he sees you.
- In his 39 years as an MUMC member he has participated in many Trustee Clean Up days.
- As a seasoned usher, he has some interesting ideas about church
 1. He thinks it would be a good idea to rope off the back 5 rows of pews so that folks would sit closer to the front.
 2. He loves to longingly look at the foods presented by our Hospitality Team and then tells you medically why he can't eat **any** of them.
 3. After church he has been known to come to the church lounge with his cap outstretched, claiming that the offering collected that week wasn't sufficient and that he would appreciate folks to give more by dropping some cash in his hat.
- He is a native of Florida; therefore he never gets enough of the summer heat.
- He worked for 35 yrs. at the water-filtration plant at McGuire Air Force Base and later at Duck Island for PSE&G.
- He is a dedicated caregiver and has participated in the Walk to End Alzheimer's.
- You may not know that his childhood best friend is a retired major league pitcher named Jim "Mudcat" Grant, for whom he has asked us to pray. But you probably **do** know that I am describing our brother, Ike Whitter.



January 3, Epiphany

After the 12 days of Christmas we recognize the Wise Men from the East arriving in Bethlehem to pay homage to the new king. On this day of Epiphany, the light of the bright star reveals to us that baby born in a manger stall is the Lord of all. We will celebrate communion today at the communion railing.

January 10, Baptism of the Lord

As we recall Jesus going to the River Jordan to be baptized by John, we also remember and celebrate our own baptism. In the healing waters we offer our sin to the one who died and rose again, giving new life to us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

January 17 Women's Retreat at Camp Innabah and Martin Luther King Sunday

January 24, Christian Unity and Pulpit exchange

To represent that we are all One in Christ, no matter what our denomination, St. John Lutheran and the Morrisville Presbyterian and our church will have a pulpit exchange.

Pastor Wendy will preach at St. John Lutheran

Pastor Bruce Ballentine of MPC will preach here

Pastor Michael Mckillip of St. John Lutheran will preach at MPC

January 31 Pastor Wendy will be on vacation and Manny Abalo will bring the morning message.