



## March Birthdays

- 2 – Alice South
- 4 – David Hoyer
- 5 – Bethany Macwana
- 6 – Sujaya Swaroop
- 9 – Mia Doron, Scott Urban
- 14 – Savannah Buehler
- 15 – Ann Mount
- 17 – Adam Steppe
- 22 – Ike Whitter
- 23 – Mark Atwood
- 24 – Judith Brelsford, Sam Driscoll, Kyle Heasley, Carol Young
- 25 – Nicole Price
- 27 – Kim Appenzeller, Patricia Hammer
- 28 – Susan Gotta
- 31 – Stephen Driscoll, Megan Price

## March Wedding Anniversaries

- 13 – John Davidson = 11 years

*Thank You*  
**For Your Prayers & Support**

Dear MUMC,

I personally wanted to thank each & every one of you who kept my family & I in your thoughts & prayers. Thank you for the sweet cards & the prayer shawls. We greatly appreciate it. Please continue the thoughts & prayers throughout this time of healing. Thank you all,

Megan Price



## *The March Maple*

I had never heard of sea glass before meeting Jennifer Arruda. She has a fascination with finding these beautiful pieces of colorful glass washed up along the beach. Jenn has been collecting these gems for years and has created some beautiful artwork from her collection. If you know Jenn at all, you are not surprised! I have since learned that others of you collect sea glass and have stories to go along with your collection. Perhaps through this season of Lent, as we learn about sea glass, some of you will share your stories and your collection!

It is fascinating to me how the ocean takes a piece of trash and tumbles it around in the salty and sand filled current, sometimes for years, before spitting it unto the shoreline for us to find and admire. If we were unaware of the long and harsh process of making sea glass, we would wonder how something so beautiful ended up buried in the sand!

Does the cycle of sea glass sound like your life? Have you ever felt like “trash” being rolled over in a harsh current with salt in your wounds and sand scraping away at your edges? Maybe this entire past year has felt like that to you. In our pride we try to hide our jagged edges and the ugliness that circumstances are creating. But the gospel message comes to speak into these feelings and circumstances words of hope, life and beauty. As God’s child, you are not trash.

When we trust that we are God’s beloved, and that God is working good in our lives, especially in the ugliness and turmoil of today’s current, we can be honest about our pain and walk forward in hope. Rather than focusing on the ugly – begin to look for the beauty and walk into it.



*Peace and Joy,*  
*Wendy*



Toby Ellsworth  
Margaret Callihan  
Helen Chokey  
Betty Mershon  
Diane Davis  
BJ Lebegern  
David Noble  
Blanche Sherrill  
Janet and Lisa Curcio  
Bill Ringer  
Nancy J. (mother of John Jakimowicz)  
George L. (Helen Chokey's nephew)  
Julie J. (cousin of Kim & John Jakimowicz)  
Pearl (Friend of Pam Manners)  
MaryLou (Joe Colduvell's sister)  
Donna (Joe Colduvell's sister)  
Brenda (Phyllis Patterson's cousin)  
Sam (friend of Linda Herbster)  
Ronnie (Vera's grandson)  
Kevin  
Karleen and Tom Miller  
Rev. Towanda NT Connelly  
Lora (Bev Hoyer's sister-in-law)  
Toni (Lynda's friend)  
Mark Conrad's brother-in-law, cancer surgery

**PRAYER**  
changes things



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Habitat for Humanity can help with home health & safety repairs/modifications. At Habitat Bucks, we do more than build homes. Through the power of **home repairs**, we change lives. Our goal is to offer very **affordable modifications & repairs for low-income individuals**, thereby keeping homeowners safer in their own homes.

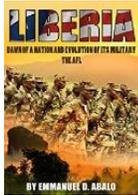
*(NOTE: This is **not a free** program. See website for the application process.)*

What kind of repairs does Habitat offer?

- Access ramps
- Aging-in-place modifications to bathrooms & kitchens for elderly or disabled
- Roof, window, & door home preservation repairs
- Electrical & plumbing safety repairs
- Preventative repairs before a major emergency
- Adding handrails & grab bars = fall prevention!

**For more information and to see if you qualify go to:**  
<https://www.habitatbucks.org/home-repair-program/>

FYI: We will not be taking Easter flower orders this year  
The altar will have a display of a few tulips instead.



Book by Manny Abalo

Our own Manny Abalo has been very prolific in his writing.

He has a new book out! Book Release Information:  
International journalist & author Emmanuel D. Abalo has released his newest publication, less than four months after release of his children's book "Juma and His Dog Maxx" and adult book "CHAOS".

The new book is entitled, "Liberia: Dawn of a Nation and Evolution of Its Military - The AFL". Get your Kindle (electronic) or hard copy version now from Amazon. (ISBN 978-1-63821-978-1)



### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Friday, March 5, 2021

9:30 – 2:30

Fellowship Hall

Make your reservation on the Red Cross website Also, we will be hosting a blood drive once a on the through June

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.

### **Food Pantry Needs**



Anyone living in our community in need of food is welcome to call and make an appointment to visit our Food Pantry. Your generous donations of food, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products come in and flow through on a weekly basis. Items that moved very quickly are juice bottles and boxes, cereal, shampoo and conditioner, toilet paper, any kind of cleaning supply.

(Please remember that we do not give opened products of any kind. So please do not bring items in bulk packaging, or products that you have had in your own pantry for a period of time.)



### **Hot Meals for our Community**

On the second Monday & third Tuesday of each month a small team of volunteers meets in fellowship hall to pack up & hand out hot, homemade meals to our friends in the community. If you would like to know more about how to help, please speak to Jennifer Arruda.

Also, through the month of March, every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 12:45 hot meals are given in the church parking lot to anyone in need. These meals are prepared by the Trenton Area Soup Kitchen (TASK) and distributed by volunteers with the Muslim center of the Greater Princeton Area.

## Vision Mission Trip - March 16, 17, 18

Pack your bags for a virtual trip to Liberia, Kenya, and India! Glimpse the kingdom of God with orphaned and vulnerable children around the world lifting themselves permanently out of poverty. What does this unique travel experience include?

- Day 1 on Tuesday, March 16 at 9:00 am: Visit Liberia with Henry Korpu, Liberia Program Facilitator and meet some Liberian children in the Zoe program. You will be amazed by what orphaned children in Liberia are capable of with just a little support.
- Day 2 on Wednesday, March 17 at 9:00 am: Explore a Kenyan village with Reagan Kaberia, Zoe's chief program officer and manager of Zoe Kenya. Hear directly from the incredible boys and girls in Zoe's program. Be inspired by the triumph of the human spirit in God's hands.
- Day 3 on Thursday, March 18 at 9:00 am: Travel to the exotic location of India and hear from Nani Chintala, manager for Zoe Vizag, India. See God at work in urban slums on a new continent. Also learn how your gifts and skills can be used by God to change the world for these young people.

These visits will be through Zoom right into your own home. If you do not have the technology to access zoom at your home we will have this set up in the church to participate in a safe environment.

You can register NOW by returning an email to [wendykayh0715@gmail.com](mailto:wendykayh0715@gmail.com).



The next meeting of the Men's Bible Study is Saturday March 13th at 8 AM on Zoom. 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.



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.



### News from the Interfaith Food Alliance (IFA)/Family Backpack Center

Spring is coming and so is an **Interfaith Garden!** The IFA, in partnership with the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, is planning an Interfaith Community Garden this spring. The garden will be located on the Lutheran church property at the corner of Makefield & Sutphin Rds. Gardeners of all ages & abilities will be needed to grow food for local food pantries, including the IFA's Family Backpack Center.

If you are an interested gardener, please contact Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505 [jrpiz@aol.com](mailto:jrpiz@aol.com)) to get information when the gardening begins. The pandemic has brought with it many limitations, but outdoor gardening is an activity that can be safe, productive & connect us to a new community of Interfaith friends.

The Family Backpack Center continues to serve families in need in the Morrisville community. The Center is able to give out a grocery store gift card monthly, in addition to 5 bags of assorted food goods to each guest family that we serve. In March, your contributions of WHITE RICE, COOKING OIL, CANNED SOUPS & HOT CHOCOLATE will be most appreciated.

Please call Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505) to arrange for donations to be picked up, if needed.



## Opportunities to Serve Your Church

Tending to the business of the church builds a strong framework from which we serve our neighbor. Here are some ways you can serve inside the Morrisville United Methodist Church.

Technology Team with our Live Stream Worship. It has been nearly one year since we were plunged into remote worship, & our Live Stream Worship is here to stay. While most of us are excited to return to the sanctuary, there are many who have come to depend on the availability of our worship at home. We have college students, folks who moved away from Morrisville, friends in Nursing Homes or who have an illness that does not allow them to travel, family members & first time visitors, who have been able to worship with us through our Live Stream Service.

Thanks to Tom, Andy and Blair, worship has been offered every single week since March 21, 2020. Scott, Jim, and VK have been added to the team. There is not a big enough thank you to offer these guys!

### But our team must expand to be sustainable.

There are three jobs that must be tended to each and every Sunday:

- † The PowerPoint Creator (All of this work is done prior to Sunday morning)
- † The Computer person (Must be present on Sunday morning)
- † The Camera Person (Must be present on Sunday morning)

We have a job description for each position to share with anyone interested in joining the team. PLEASE contact Pr. Wendy, Blair Bellis, Tom Wisnosky or Andy Steppe if you would like to have more information.

- † Serve on a Committee. Important decisions are made and work is done in the administrative structure of the church.
- † We are looking for two people to serve on the Staff Parish Relations Committee, which helps support our staff and their work with the congregation.
- † Other committees hard at work in our transition into “in Person” ministry is the Board of Trustees, the Worship Committee and the Mission Committee.

If you feel God calling you to serve in these ways, please contact Pastor Wendy for more information.

# 2021 TOOLS FOR MINISTRY

March 13, 2021

8:30 AM - 12:30 PM via Zoom

*"To equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ."*

Ephesians 4:12



Register online at <https://na.eventscloud.com/2021-tools>

Cost: \$5 (a link to description of workshops is available on registration page)

Morning Schedule:

8:40 AM Plenary (Opening Devotions with Bishop Peggy Johnson)

9:00 AM Session A Workshops

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM Session B Workshops

### **BIBLE STUDY: Be the Bridge**

#### **Pursuing God's Heart for Racial Reconciliation**

By Latasha Morrison

Weekly study by Zoom

Tuesday 10:00 am

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Beginning March 2 and 3



It is not too late to join this conversation as our church prayerfully & reverently studies together how we can lean into God's desire for racial inclusion in our church family & the Morrisville community. This book will challenge us to reflect on attitudes, assumptions, actions & experiences in a different light, & then share them in light of the information the author puts forward.



**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.

### **MARCH SCHEDULE**

NO UMW GENERAL MEETING

#### **MARCH 15**

MARCIA RUTH CIRCLE – 7:00pm - ZOOM

Watch your email for the invitation.

Program: Barbara Lombardo

Devotion: Lillian Mannon

#### **MARCH 17**

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



Community Ministry with our Latino Friends  
by Bedetza Cadillo

Through the Christmas & New Year holidays into January we continued to help our neighbors when possible in our Food Pantry & with Giant gift cards. Each month the number of families we reach grows steadily. In February we reached out to at least 14 families each week. Essentials that are most appreciated are shampoo, conditioner, toilet paper, soap, lotion, female products, juice & wipes.

In addition to our Food pantry, the hot meals offered are a blessing. Our outreach goes beyond the physical, to also include spiritual nurturing. Zoom Bible studies were offered in December & again twice a month beginning in February. Rev. Cesar De Paz, pastor of Holy Ghost UMC in Philadelphia is helping to host these opportunities. It has been a gift to our community to have help with Spanish & English.



### **After School Adventure Club**

The Children are getting antsy! Staying indoors & behind a screen all day is wearing on the nerves in every family.

The children in our After School Program are asking "When can we come back?" and our heart breaks! For Valentine's Day we delivered a care package to these children to remind them that we love them & so does God! Each care package included activities to do on their own or with their family & some snacks.