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**PRAYER**  
changes things

**MAPLE AVE**

## *The November Maple*

When I think of November, my mind automatically goes to the word “Thanksgiving”. I am not referring to the holiday – I am referring to the attitude which leads to generous actions.

I am thankful to be part of the MUMC family for many reasons, but one of the most meaningful ones to me is because this church gives me opportunities to share the love of Jesus in tangible and generous ways. It is easy to become inwardly focused and bury my thoughts, desires and plans in my personal and family needs. But that is not healthy. As you read through this month’s newsletter, you will see that almost every article is helping us open our heart outward.

In ancient times, the heart was considered to be the center of life because blood flowed in and flowed out. Everything passes through it and flows from it. If the flow stops, so does life. That is true with our spiritual life, too. If we keep our praise and worship focused only on “me and God”, our spiritual growth will stagnate. First it will stink and then it will die. Giving thanks to God for the blessings we have – be they large or small – helps to keep our heart open and flowing with life. I pray that you will take the opportunities offered by your church to share what you have with others, in gratitude for the amazing love God has shared with you.

*We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us. 2 Corinthians 8:1-5*

*Peace and Joy,  
Wendy*



## Advent Is Coming!

We usually focus on Thanksgiving for the month of November, but we cannot forget that the Advent Season begins Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> this year, and we have something special and fun planned to help us prepare! You are invited to an Advent Wreath Making Event – either in person or through Zoom.

On Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm a Zoom Advent Wreath Making Event is being planned. If you would like to participate, *you must register* so a packet of materials can be delivered to you, and so you can be given a Zoom invitation.

On Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am the Social Hall will be set up for you to come by yourself or with your family, in person! *You must register* for this event as well so a table can be set up for you with the needed materials.

Further instructions will be given to every person or family who registers. We want to keep some of the mystery of the event in place – because Advent is a time of Anticipation! The Wreath that you make will be used every week in Sunday morning worship through the season of Advent.

You will NOT want to miss this church family event. Register NOW! To register contact Pam Manners [pmanners57@gmail.com](mailto:pmanners57@gmail.com) or Rhonda Rea [jrpiz@aol.com](mailto:jrpiz@aol.com).



## Food Foyer

Your generosity to the Communion Fund has provided grocery store gift cards to our neighbors and friends who come to the food pantry in need. With the gift cards fresh produce and meat and dairy products can be purchased. Did you know that our Food Bank helps with more than food? House cleaning products, person hygiene needs, pet food and school supplies are always appreciated. We never have to turn a family away because our cupboards are bare! Thank you!

## *faith and* **finances**

### Finance Committee News

As we move into the month of November during these abnormal times, the Finance Committee's focus turns to a budget for the next year and the Stewardship Campaign. The good news is that through your continued generosity and commitment, we have been able to pay all our bills and extend needed financial and spiritual help to our neighbors. We pray that your support will continue in 2021. This will be an unusual Stewardship Campaign because most of it will be completed by mail. Our church will be sending out a letter in early November requesting a Faith Promise Pledge for next year. When you receive the letter with the enclosed Pledge card and return envelope, please prayerfully consider what you can give to support your church and your witness to the community next year and return your card by mail or personally present it on a subsequent Sunday morning. If you haven't pledged in the past, please consider pledging this year if you can, so we have a better idea of our finances in these uncertain times. Thank you.

Jim Rea

Finance Chair

### Trustees Fall Clean-Up

Our annual Fall grounds clean up day will be on **Sat. Nov. 21**, starting at 8:00am. The primary focus is on leaf and branch clean-up as well as picking up trash and debris.

With many hands we usually finish by noon. Bring your brooms, gloves, rakes & a friend or two! Help us to keep grounds beautiful! Questions-please email George Duthie, President of Trustees at [gduthie11@gmail.com](mailto:gduthie11@gmail.com).  
Thank you in advance for your help!



*Then Jesus said to the person who had invited him, "When you host a lunch or dinner, don't invite your friends, your brothers and sisters, your relatives, or rich neighbors. If you do, they will invite you in return and that will be your reward. Instead, when you give a banquet, invite the poor, crippled, lame, and blind. And you will be blessed because they can't repay you. Instead, you will be repaid when the just are resurrected."*

Luke 14:12-14 CEB

We have opened the church building since the beginning of this pandemic to people who most need a banquet of food and love. Through the Food Bank being held in the foyer of the church to the hot meals we prepare package and send out through the kitchen door. And our new friends are grateful!

In November we will have the opportunity to share Thanksgiving with our friends & neighbors in the same ways we have been doing for several years with just a bit of extra care. Our hot meals will be shared on the **second and the third Tuesdays in November**. You can mark the **10<sup>th</sup> and the 17<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. AND we will assemble Thanksgiving Boxes AND we will host a Thanksgiving Feast for the families of the Morrisville School.

We will take requests from the community for A Thanksgiving box containing a turkey, potatoes, gravy, canned veggies, stuffing, cranberry sauce, a dessert, & a gift card so they can purchase fresh foods & dairy products. Under normal conditions we make 10 boxes, but because of new connections, we expect to have at least 20 requests. That means more turkeys!

Our Thanksgiving Feast for Morrisville School families will all be takeout – family style. We will need a team of people to help prepare, pack, and distribute the food on **Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>**. The needed donations will be a little different than usual. We want to give an entire package of rolls, an entire pumpkin pie (or whatever dessert you would like to make), a jug of milk or bottle of juice, a container of butter and small can of cranberry sauce along with the hot slices of turkey, mashed potatoes, mac and cheese, and veggie.

Would you like to participate in any of these opportunities to reach into the community with the generous love of Christ through the hospitality of our church? There is room at the table for you to do so! Contact Jennifer Ayling Arruda or Pastor Wendy.



## All Saint's Worship November 1<sup>st</sup> - 10:00 AM



*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. Hebrews 12*

**Join us at 10:00 either in person or through live stream (mumcpa.org) to recognize and honor the Saints of our church family who joined the Glorious Company of Angels with God in Eternity this past year. We will remember Doris White, Janice Miller, Yvonne Brunner, Arthur Carlen, Sidibrima Joseph Massaquoi, Robin Martin and Clarence "Larry" Schiefer. This will also be an opportunity for you to personally remember the lives of people you have loved and lost this year.**

### Celebration of Life

Clarence "Larry" Schiefer

Friday, November 13 - 12:30 pm

**Come and join the church family as we remember and celebrate the 97-year life of one of our own: Clarence Larry Scheifer. We will gather for worship in the church sanctuary with Marci and Dan Hall. There will be no visitation time prior to the service, but we will have time to greet one another in the parking lot after.**

## The Joy of Gift Giving--

For many years the MUMC family has delighted in generously giving gifts to local children whose families cannot afford much gift-giving at Christmastime . In light of the economic downturn and the pandemic, many Morrisville families that visit the Family Backpack Center are struggling.

Although we won't be posting wish-list tags on a Christmas tree in our lounge this year, we still plan to make this giving opportunity available to our church family. With your help, we are hoping to provide gifts for 20 of the children from the IFA's Backpack Center.

If you would like to purchase and wrap a gift (approximate value \$25.00) for a local child, please **call Rhonda Rea at 215-493-9505** or email at **jrpic@aol.com**. I will match you with a child of your preferred gender and gift wish. Wrapped gifts (labeled with a name and number that I will provide) will need to be returned to my home (241 Greenview Rd., Yardley) OR the church by **Sat., Dec. 12**. Each child will receive 2 gifts. If you are not able to shop, but would like to contribute financially, I will be glad to shop for you! May you be blessed with the Joy of Giving!



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.

### **NOVEMBER SCHEDULE**

### ***NO GENERAL MEETING***

**World Thank Offering** – Each year during the fall, UMW gives an offering to the East District of the United Methodist Church. This is above our regular pledges to show thanks for abundance and for the blessedness that God has granted. It is an affirmation of the need for us to give so that others may share in a little of what has been granted to us. Since we have not had regular meetings, UMW members who would like to contribute may be mailed to Carol Young, 1298 Knox Drive, Yardley PA 19067, or placed in MUMC's mailbox at the rear entrance of the church by November 15. **Make checks payable to Morrisville UMW. Envelopes dropped off at, or mailed to, the church should be addressed to UMW**

## NOVEMBER 16 - MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE

7:00 P.M. – ZOOM Meeting - Watch your email for the invitation. Here is the link to join the meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/3702473204?pwd=a3R2QlUwZldTUDFEeWI4MWYxRGxpZz09>

## NOVEMBER 18 - ELIZABETH CIRCLE

*Tentative. Please check with your circle leader closer to the scheduled dates.*

## DECEMBER SCHEDULE

### DECEMBER 8 - UMW GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

Program – Variety of Christmas music

This will be a ZOOM meeting. To join the meeting, use this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/617873305?pwd=RzgyRlpLNXYvRE1pV0VNYmM1L3BWUT09>

One tap mobile

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Dial by your location

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+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

Meeting ID: 617 873 305

**Love Offering** – This is a monetary gift that is given by UMW members in lieu of a gift exchange at our December meeting. Contributions are then given to a local needy organization. This year our donations will be used to supplement the Christmas gifts on our giving tree for local families. Members of UMW and church families who wish to help with a donation can send contributions may be mailed to Carol Young, 1298 Knox Drive, Yardley PA 19067, or placed in MUMC's mailbox at the rear entrance of the church by December 8.

***Make checks payable to Morrisville UMW. Envelopes dropped off at, or mailed to, the church should be addressed to UMW.***

## Soup Sale

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



### The Soups-

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

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

Soup can be picked up at MUMC on  
SAT., Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> from 10am-1pm  
SUN., Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:suefriend2001@yahoo.com)

OR

Linda Mier- 518-882-8901, [lmiermumc@gmail.com](mailto: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.6<sup>TH</sup>\*\*\*\***

## 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](mailto:suefriend2001@yahoo.com)) if you're able to make something. Last minute contributions are welcome too!



