



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

Ministry Opportunities for 2017

In addition to recruiting church members to serve on various committees and ministry teams, we are also re-creating a Family Ministry Work Team to help schedule and plan fun events through the year, such as our Trunk or Treat; President's Day Bowling; family retreats; Easter Egg Hunt – and new ideas to help bring our growing congregation together for fellowship. Please let Pastor Wendy know if you are interested.



The September Maple

I am ready for some cooler weather – how about you? Even with the heat draining our energy, we had a very productive summer.

- The women had two Bible study opportunities each week, and a study opportunity was provided for our teenage/young adult men and women.
- The Youth Center opened numerous times for youth activities, Bible studies, a few meetings and even a training event for Family Promise.
- We marched through Morrisville in a Drug Awareness March and Prayer Rally
- We participated for the first time in Morrisville National Night Out with a display table of information and dozens of kids, teens and adults on hand to tell our neighbors about what is happening at MUMC
- 90 children came to VBS, where we provided dinner for entire families before breaking into our groups to surf through the church learning about God's AMAZING love!
- A team of 6 traveled to St. James UMC in the Olney section of Philadelphia in the East District's "One church at a time" program.
- In the final week of August (28th – September 4th) we are hosting families who will be sleeping overnight in our building, providing a safe and friendly environment.

And we have been celebrating 175 years of ministry all along the way. As you read through this edition of the Maple, do so with an attitude of gratitude for the many blessings we are able to share with one another and others of God's children in our community, nation and world.

*Grace and Peace,
Pastor Wendy*



- **Sunday September 11: Christian Education Sunday and Youth Center Grand Opening**

We will come together for One worship service at 10:15 in the sanctuary. During this service Bibles will be given to our third and sixth grade Sunday School children and we will recognize our teachers for the new year. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Tracy Bass will be with us to share a word of encouragement for our expanding ministry in the community and to celebrate the Grand Opening of our Youth Center. Friends, new and old, have been invited to come worship and celebrate with us. Following worship we will meet in Fellowship Hall for a light lunch and short program describing the vision for the ministry to take place in the Youth Center. A formal Ribbon cutting ceremony will take place with a tour of the center for our guests.

- **Sunday, October 2: World Communion and Celebrating our Cultural Heritage**

Our Bishop, Rev. Peggy Johnson, will join us for both worship services as we celebrate the rich cultural diversity of our past 175 years of ministry in Morrisville – and anticipate the next 175 years! We are blessed to have members of our church family from many nations around the world, and on this Sunday we are encouraging people to come in your native dress.

- **November 20 Home Coming Sunday * Unity service at 10:15 and Luncheon**

We will bring the entire year of celebration together on this special Sunday with a combined worship service. Pastors who have previously served the MUMC have been invited to join us for worship and fellowship. Members and friends of our church family over the years are being invited to “Come Home” to MUMC for the day to celebrate our past and pray God’s blessing for the next 175 years.

Plan to join us for these and other worship and fellowship events! We still need YOUR stories and memories for our weekly “flash backs” in the Sunday bulletin and our monthly maple. Starting Monday, September 12 the showcase in the church hallway is going to be filled with pictures, articles and memorabilia of the past that YOU bring in for display.



The Saturday Morning Men’s Group did not meet during July and August, but will start meeting again on the 10th of September at 8 AM. We meet in the church lounge the second Saturday of each month. Come out and enjoy good fellowship and encouragement from God’s Word. It is a great way to start our weekend. Men of all ages are welcome.

Our group is planning to travel to the Keswick conference grounds in Whiting, New Jersey again this year. This setting provides an exciting opportunity for worship, building Godly relationships, and instruction in God’s word. In addition, there will be free time to enjoy the indoor activity center and outdoor activities. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner in the dining hall is included. Those of us who went last year had a great time. This year’s topic is “Hope in the Midst of Crisis”. The date is November 5th, the cost is \$45 if we register before October 15th and we plan to meet at the church and travel together. Put the date on your calendar!



RED CROSS BLOODMOBILE

The annual bloodmobile will be held in Fellowship Hall on Monday, September 12th, from 2:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. The entire process takes an hour, including registration, health history, blood donation, and recovery. One hour, one donation, can save three lives. Donors are required to have a picture ID or two other forms of ID to qualify to donate. Appointments are preferred. For an appointment, please sign up in the Church Lounge or call Lois Avery at 215-295-9224 or the Red Cross directly at 1-800-828-1975 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: morrisvilleumc.



United Methodist Women

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

September Schedule

SEPTEMBER 6

UMW GENERAL MEETING – 7:00 P.M. Fellowship Hall

Program: “Defining Moments”

Speaker: Ruth Hendrickson

Hostess: Membership Committee

SEPTEMBER 19

MARCIA and RUTH CIRCLES – Combined

7:00 P.M., Church Lounge

Hostess: Lois Avery

Devotion/Study: Barbara Lombardo

SEPTEMBER 21

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

Hostess: Marian Mackemson

Devotion/Study: Barbara Althouse



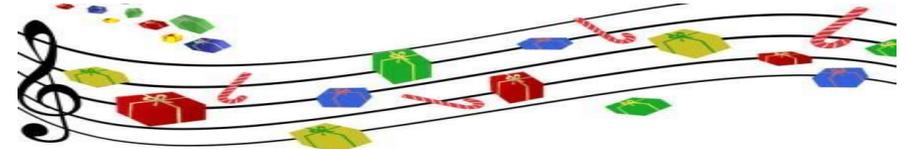
Dear Morrisville United Methodist Women,

I was so surprised and humbled at our 4th Annual Rose Breakfast, June 4, 2016, when Rhonda Rea presented me with a special Mission Recognition pin from MUMW.

I am blessed to be a member of MUMW and associated with so many nice Christian women.

Thank you so much. I really appreciate the honor.

*In Christian love,
Barbara Althouse*



Holiday Musical Review

Morrisville UMC at

Hunterdon Hills Playhouse Dinner Theater

December 3, 2016

An ensemble cast of multitalented performers celebrate Christmas in an original holiday song and dance fest featuring traditional carols, classic and contemporary selections, humorous skits and spectacular dance numbers – all backed by a live onstage orchestra.

- **Cost is \$85 per person and includes: Deluxe Motor coach, Full Course Meal, Desserts. The Show, Tips and Taxes.**
- **Make checks payable to: “MUMC Adult Fellowship”**
- **Payment due by October 23rd**
- **Bus Pickup at Morrisville UMC at 9:30 AM.**
- **Contact Vera Straley for more details:
Home: 215-295-1382 / Cell: 267-907-3362**

Morrisville United

Prayer Rally and Drug Awareness March

All of the churches in Morrisville came together on Saturday, August 6th to march through town wearing matching t-shirts, making their way to the park to help our community know that people of faith stand together in the battle against drug addiction. Pastors who had never met before worked together in this event, and churches with doctrinal disagreements joined in the power of prayer. Morrisville United is the name given to this faith based group. The march and prayer rally was the first event for Morrisville United and will certainly NOT be the last. If you would like to be involved in this work please let Pastor Wendy or Becky Kent know.



Women's Bible Study

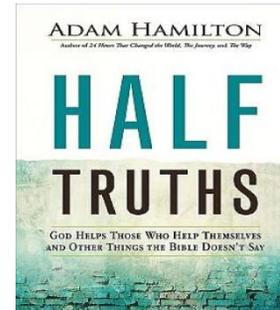
We would love for you to join us this fall for a study of Psalm 23 using John Ortberg's book - *Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life*.

These studies in Grace will help you make the connection between grace as a remote biblical concept and grace as a lifestyle--a reality you experience day in, day out. Through an unfolding study of Psalm 23, you'll learn how God--our Good Shepherd--is for you, how he longs to walk with you through temptation, sorrow, and even deep regret. You'll discover God's desire to make his joy your joy. Throughout, you'll learn how enduring, powerful, and life-affirming God's work in your life can be—and rediscover why it's called amazing grace.

Two study times are available: Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm or Thursday mornings from 7-8:30am. The studies will begin on Monday September 26th and Thursday September 29th in the youth room. Don't miss out. Call or email Michelle Martin today to reserve your spot (215-949-0458 or 245mmartin@gmail.com).

Bible Study Kick- Off Night

Let's all get together to kick-off our new fall Bible study - Monday September 12th at 7PM in the youth room. The new books will be distributed and we will introduce our new fall topic – *Grace: An Invitation to a Way of Life*. Bring an appetizer or dessert if you can. Call Michelle (215-949-0458) or Janet (215-295-7035) for more information.

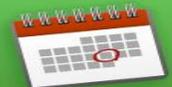


**Tuesday Morning
Bible Study
September 13, 2016
10:00 – 11:30**

The Tuesday morning Bible study will start back up for the year using Adam Hamilton's new book: *Half Truths*. Please sign up as soon as possible so books can be purchased. In this study we will examine five of the cliché's Christians often use:

- Everything happens for a reason
- God helps those who help themselves
- God won't give you more than you can handle
- God said it, I believe it, that settles it
- Love the Sinner, Hate the sin

**Mark your calendar,
We're starting a new
Inquirers Class**



Sunday, September 25

If you are new to the Morrisville United Methodist Church and are interested in becoming a member, or would simply like to learn more about the ministry, mission and working of the church, please join Pastor Wendy on Sunday afternoon, September 25th at 3:00pm for an informal gathering of questions and answer. Please RSVP to the Pastor ahead of time: wendykayh0715@gmail.com



SAVE THE DATE...Jan 13-15, 2017, for our Annual Women's Retreat. We are so excited to announce that we will be going to the Bird-in-Hand Family Inn in Lancaster! The accommodations are fantastic...and guess what! You don't have to bring sleeping bags, towels and all that "stuff."

Right now we have 10 rooms reserved, which can accommodate 40 women, if we room together. The more per room the less the cost. Two buffet breakfasts and a good 'old fashioned smorgasbord dinner is included.

Our girlfriend SUE DUFFIELD is coming back and we're planning something special Saturday night with an old friend!

Since we are limited in space, this will be a first-come, first-served basis. If you've been thinking about inviting a friend, maybe now's the time. This promises to be a fantastic weekend filled with love, laughter and blessings galore!

Contact Janet Fabian for more info: 215-295-7035 or bjfabian@aol.com



To all of my dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the kind expressions of sympathy on the loss of my beloved brother, George G. Whiting, Jr.

*In Christian love,
Barbara Althouse*



You might notice starting this September some extra hustle and bustle around our church! Morrisville Students will be using our facility after school Monday -Thursday to receive tutoring and after school care. This exciting program is funded through Century 21 funding and it services students from grades K-12. You will notice that we will be mainly supporting middle schoolers and some high schoolers, but that doesn't mean that this won't include the younger ones too.

God has given us a beautiful church facility to share with everyone. We are so excited to have the families of Morrisville pick up their children here, at our church. Please pray that God's hand is on us as we help our community in this unique way. We will have more ways for everyone to help! Keep your eyes open for an opportunity to make a meal for our special guests!

Did You Know...

CRU Ministries will be meeting at our church again this year? What is CRU?

- CRU is a caring community passionate about connecting people to Jesus Christ!
- This group that meets on Wednesdays focuses on Morrisville Middle and High School Athletes. They are Striving to see Christ-followers on every team, in every sport and in every nation!

Confirmation Class Forming Now!

We are now forming this year's confirmation class open for students grades 7th-9th. Everyone that is interested please come to this Parent & Student Meeting on Sunday, September 18th at 7pm in the Youth Center. Any questions please call the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Welcome Back!

- Sunday September 11, Unity Service to honor our teaching staff and dedicate Bibles for those students entering 3rd and 6th grade.

“Kids Quest Study Bible”

Toby Ellsworth, Christopher McCormick, Nicole Price, Aiden Urban

“ NIV Teen Study Bible”

Cristian Estrada, Mark Macwana, Megan Price, Marilyn Quoi

Teachers to be honored

Adult Sunday School: Betty Wisnosky

Loyalty: Blanche Sherrill

Small Group: Tom Martin

Pre K-2nd : Craig Jackson

3rd-5th grade : Barbara Lombardo, Amy Surdy, Carolina Bustamante and VK Macwana

6th-8th grade: John Koba and Janet Fabian

High School: Christine Bonno, Sam Getty and John Davidson

- Sunday September 18, Sunday School Begins at 10:15AM
- Elementary and Preschool Classes should meet in the choir room (30/31) immediately following the celebration service for Music Ministry.
- Junior High will meet in Room 23
- High School welcomes John Davidson to the Teaching team and will meet in Room 25
- The Small group will meet in the youth center
- Adult Loyalty class will move to room 10

Help Wanted: Flexible Schedule & Godly Rewards We are always looking for people to help complete our Sunday School teaching team. Please prayerfully consider volunteering one or more Sundays per month. **Our Children Need You!**

Christian Education Meeting:

Thursday September 8, 7:00 PM in the Library



Morrisville United Methodist Church

Date: Friday, October 28th **Time:** 6:30 PM

Place: Kids in Fellowship Hall

Adults with Cars: In the large parking lot

What to bring:

Kids: Come dressed in a Costume and bring a flashlight and a bag for goodies.

Adults: Decorate your cars and bring treats. Dare our Trunk or Treaters to a simple game or challenge to receive their surprise.

A special THANK YOU to all who helped make this year's Vacation Bible School so special. Our team

Registration: Lauryn Gilbride MPC, Frances Rivera

Dinner/Dining room support: Carol Young, Marian Makemson, Laura Foulds and her amazing team of helpers.

Bible Storytellers: Helen Hill MPC, Kathy Foster MPC, Pat Flores, Ak Rosenbaum, Caroline Thompson

Lifeguards: Chris Bonno, Jaime Urban, Faith Macwana, Bethany Macwana, Carol Somers, Nicole Decker, Swithen Swaroop, Marilyn Quoi, Nicholas Doan, Anna Saunders, Connor Heasley

Music: Janet Fabian, Jenny Moyer, Kymberli Bowser

Audio-Visual Techs: Rahul Parmar, VK Macwana

Crafts: Rhonda Rea, Karen Dupee, Rachel Barlow, Larissa Marshall, Deb Price

Science: Joyce Bigley, Beth Ditullio, Kaitlyn Decker, Brandon Keys

Recreation: John Koba, Mark Macwana, Jimmy Ellsworth, Liam Getty, Shreyas Swaroop, Cristian Estrada

Mission: Carol Carpenter

Support: Jim Dugan CDs, Sue Gotta, postcards and Thank You

Worship: Wendy Bellis

Many Thanks to all the extras that just showed up to lend a hand. **Last but not least a special Thank You to the Children and their families. YOU made it all worthwhile!**