

# MAPLE AVE

## September Maple 🍁

**G**reetings and Blessings to each of you. I give thanks to God for the welcome I've received



from my  
Morrisonville  
family, every gift,  
kind word, card  
and nice gesture.

THANK YOU!

I am happy to report that the parsonage construction is done. The kitchen is **BEAUTIFUL!** My husband and I are looking forward to hosting the open house on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure you come by and see the beautiful home provided to us. We are grateful for all the hard work and dedication put into producing such a lovely home. You have Got to lay your eyes on it. It's gorgeous!!



*Transition always has its challenges. Challenges adds spice to your life and character in your soul.*

*"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling in Jesus Christ." (1Philippians 3:14)*

*I am living into my call as pastor of MUMC.*

*With the Love of Christ,*

*Pastor Towanda*



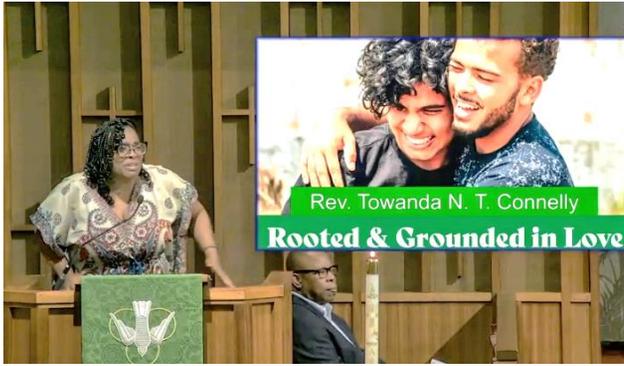
### **"Worship as we know it!"**



We have completed an eight-week preaching series called Geared up for life. Equipping and encouraging us to use all the

tools for life God has given us. August 29<sup>th</sup>, we started a preaching series called The Heart of Worship. Please join us as we dive deep into 4 aspects of worship and the effects of worship in our hearts.





As we move into the fall season, which is Eileen's and my first, and certainly not the norm for you, I have

great expectation of what God has ahead. There are a lot of unknowns; yes, that is true. But we know, God is The Almighty! In Him will we trust! Proverbs 3:5 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths." Let's lean on the Lord for our way forward.

The effect of the pandemic continues to require us to function differently and safely. Safety is our #1 priority. As a church we made the decision to



maintain CDC guidelines for everyone to wear masks, even if you are fully vaccinated.

We will continue combined worship service, *until* further notice.



I look forward to experiencing the contemporary service and the MUMC dynamic choir. We wait praying for the health and wellbeing of each other, our Morrisville community and the world.



As we struggle with the grief over the normalcy we lost and crave. Let us acknowledge it and together in the fullness of God, worship the Lord

our God in spirit and in truth, the one who does not change. *Pastor Towanda*





*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.*

- **Linda Moyer**, diagnosed with stage 3-4 cancer and facing surgery, chemotherapy and radiation treatments.
- **Kate Hobday**, undergoing surgery for cancer today.
- **Jacen Arruda** in his continued recovery from eye surgery
- **Carol Young** requests prayers for the **family of Roy Swindel**, the father of Andrea Young Carol's daughter in law, who passed away Friday August 20<sup>th</sup> of COVID19. His wife **Sharrie** is recovering from Covid and has had surgery on a broken ankle. She is home, but having difficulty. Please keep all in your prayers.
- **Nolan Bensted** had his surgery on Aug 24<sup>th</sup>, please keep Nolan, family and friends in prayer as he is recovering from surgery.
- **Continual Prayers for:** Cindy South, Walter Peters, Matt Gruskin, Jan and Gerry Snead, Dixie mother of Nettie Miller, Bhagyashree H's mother in law, Mary Leverett, Barb Leverett, Pam Manners, Chris Bonno, Toby Ellsworth, Brenda Jones, Zachary Patterson, Mike Pugh, Miriam Wright-Nesbitt, Robert Felder, Marian Chapman, Melanie Carson Vlasak, Debbie Gibbs Tapper, McKenna Rice, Betty Mershon's daughter Suzanne, Lynda Krause's nephew Jim Anderson, Jim and Flo Dugan's son John, Rosa Damaris, Kendra's aunt, Beditza Cadillo and her family.



### September Birthdays

- 3 – Paul Chapman
- 6 – Steven Kent
- 6 – Veronica Marks
- 7 – Jillian Buehler
- 7 – Jim Rea
- 8 – Dorladee Farcarthy
- 12 – Emily Doron
- 14 – Charles Williams
- 18 – David Noble
- 18 – Leada Romanek
- 18 – Cheryl Scott
- 19 – Karen Driscoll
- 19 – Stephen Driscoll
- 20 – Christopher McCormick
- 20 – Sarah Scott
- 22 – Joyce Bigley
- 26 – Sarah Garry
- 26 – Heather Romanek
- 27 – Victor Estrada
- 27 – Allan Mannon
- 27 – Joseph Massaquoi
- 28 – Richard Andujar
- 29 – Brent Breisford
- 29 – Jason Evans
- 29 – Susan Sullivan
- 30 – Lindsay Sullivan



### September Wedding Anniversaries

- 1 - Emanuel & Aneza Abalo = 26 years
- 8 - Margy & Dean Dickson = 34 years
- 13 - Jaime & Scott Urban = 16 years
- 21- Brian & Cynthia Doron = 28 years





# **Interfaith Food Alliance**

## **News from the Interfaith Food Alliance (IFA)-**

Hello,

I am writing on behalf of the Interfaith Food Alliance with a word of thanks. We were very appreciative of your agreement to host the pop-up vaccine clinic for the pantry and community guests on June 22nd. Thankfully, we had the Fellowship Hall as a backup for rain as it was much needed! Sixteen people were vaccinated on that day and the nurses from the Department of Health were very pleased with the turnout. They said sometimes these pop-up clinics only have 1 or 2 people attending.

The members of MUMC truly have servant hearts for the community and we are so thankful for your partnership with us in our ministry.

**Targeted donations for IFA Backpack Center this month are granola bars, cooking oil and white rice. Please leave your donations in the blue striped bins in the hallway. Thank you for your help!**

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We are excited to share a challenge match donation opportunity to help the families served by the Interfaith Food Alliance.

**In recognition of IFA’s unwavering commitment to its mission during the pandemic, Gene and Marlene Epstein have offered a generous matching gift challenge to the Interfaith Food Alliance. If we are able to raise \$5,000**

**over the next 10 days, the IFA will receive a \$5,000 match from the Gene and Marlene Epstein Humanitarian Fund. The Interfaith Food Alliance is, and has always been, a partnership and we can’t do what we do without the support of you and the community. We are grateful for the generosity of so many who make it possible for us to help families with children in the Morrisville School District who need a little extra help during challenging times.**

The number of families needing IFA assistance has grown during the course of the pandemic, and so has the need for additional resources to continue to provide nonperishable food items, as well as meat, produce and dairy items. We know that we have enough for all – we just need to find better ways to share the abundance.

**Please join this match challenge and donate today to help us meet our goal. We must raise these funds between September 9 - 18<sup>th</sup> to receive the match. We appreciate you acting now by donating on our website, <https://www.interfaithfoodalliance.com>. If you prefer to donate via check, please ensure it is received no later than the 17<sup>th</sup> for deposit by the 18<sup>th</sup>.**

Thank you for your continued support! Please be sure to act within the September 9 – 18<sup>th</sup> timeframe.

With hope for a world without hunger,

Diane Casey  
President, Interfaith Food Alliance



### MUMC Latino Ministry

I am excited to share that our total of families served has increased in the month of August. We served a total of 22 families. God is Good! We have assisted these families with biweekly \$25 gift cards and utility bill assistance. Due to the generosity of MUMC and grants from the conference, we continue to be able to help families with essentials for their homes and daily necessities such as soap, dish detergent, toothpaste, salt, and sugar, just to name a few.

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will resume our biweekly bible study. After a month's vacation, Saturday Service will also resume on September 11<sup>th</sup> and Pastor Towanda will share a word of encouragement. Then on September 25<sup>th</sup> I will be sharing about the "Grace of God."

In October we will be offering ESL classes and have 6-12 participants. God has given me a passion and a love for his people, and I am happy to be living my call to serve. I'll conclude with words of thanks. Kendra and her family say thank you for allowing the use of the church to celebrate Anna Victoria's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday. And it's with great honor and thankfulness to God for the privilege my family and I have, to worship and serve in this community. The Cadillo family says THANK YOU! The best is yet to come! **Beditza Cadillo**



### Finance Committee Spotlight on the Budget

#### Finance Committee Update for September 2021

This month I would like to highlight the Worship Committee Budget. The Visitations line item includes support for postage, cards and envelopes for shut-ins and is \$100 for the year. **Choir Music and Musicians** is \$4,200 and includes money to pay for additional musicians to augment the choir during the year. The **Praise Band** music and equipment is budgeted for \$800 and this includes all of the licenses for using the songs in the worship service and live-streaming them during the year as well as any equipment or music purchases. **Christian Hospitality** is the coffee and goodies served in the lounge (which is not happening at this time), but has a budget of \$300 in case contributions don't cover the costs during the year. The last item in the Worship Committee's Budget is for **Supplies**. This includes oil for the candles on the altar, the candles we use for Advent and for Christmas Eve and anything else used for worship that we might have to purchase. These items have a budget of \$400 for the year. The total budget for the Worship Committee for the year 2021 is \$6,800.

Obviously, some of the activities of the Worship Committee have not occurred this year due to COVID but the financing was there. Hopefully, 2022 will allow the Choir and the Praise Band to add to our worship as well as coffee in the lounge.

I will be sending out Financial Giving Statements in September. Please pick yours up in the hallway during the month to save postage. Thank you again for your generosity.

In Christ,  
Jim Rea, Finance Committee Chairperson.



#### **Church Directory Pictures**

I am still working on a Directory for the Church Membership. I have a lot of pictures of families but still need a lot more before I can publish an updated directory. If you have NOT had your picture taken by Pam Manners or Rhonda Rea or have not sent one in separately, PLEASE send a picture of your choosing to the church email address and I will add it to the directory. I would like to have the Church Directory ready by the end of the year. YOU DON'T NEED TO BE A MEMBER TO BE IN THE DIRECTORY. PLEASE send in your pictures soon.

Thanks, Jim Rea



## YOUTH IN ACTION

This year our mission experience for our youth group was a bit different. Due to Covid -19 we had to make some adjustments. That being said - God provided us with an opportunity to work! He blessed us over and over again!

This year we revisited Robbins Elementary School located in Trenton, New Jersey. We built a wonderful outdoor classroom and garden center!

This area will bless over 500 students this upcoming school year.



The Principal and Vice Principal are so happy. They wanted you to know that they are overwhelmed by our church's continued support and prayers!

Also, we were so blessed to be able to include Toby Ellsworth in our mission trip! He provided us with the cool down and fellowship our mission experience needed! Thanks Toby! (And Beth!!)





## 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.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out to Jenn at 267-393-5381!

We provide two meals monthly and can use all the help we can get! Here are a few ways that you can help:



**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!



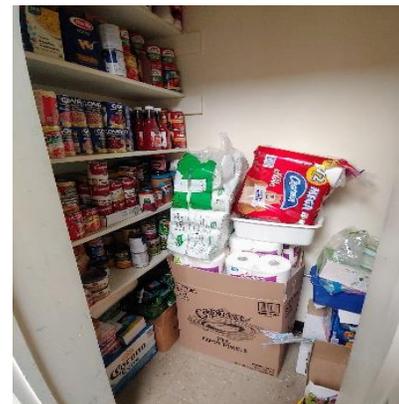
**Like to shop?** You can run and get the supplies we need!

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!

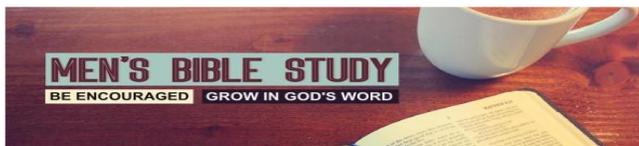


**The Mission Committee** wants to thank all of you who have been so generous and faithful to this ongoing effort of serving our friends and neighbors in need.

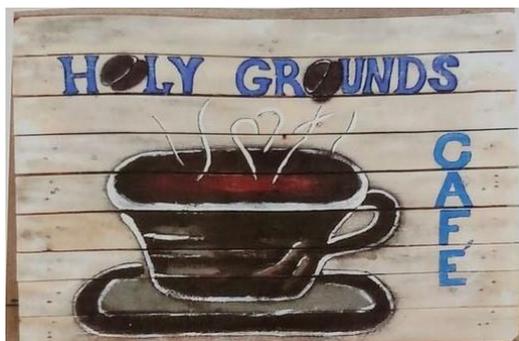


## WHAT WE STILL NEED:

Laundry soap, cleaning supplies, dish soap, feminine hygiene, shampoo, cereal, mayonnaise, tuna, school snacks, canned fruit.



The once-a-month Saturday Men's Bible Study will not meet in September.



**The Mission/Outreach Committee**

The Mission/Outreach Committee is happy to announce that The **Holy Grounds Cafe'** started up on **August 28<sup>th</sup>** with **Clay Rock 7**. Doors

opened at 6:30 pm and music started at 7:00 pm. This is a **FREE** event open to everyone to be held the **last Saturday of every other month**. Next date is **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**Set-up and clean-up volunteers** are needed, as are **donations** of light, individually wrapped snacks and treats, bottled water and canned soda. Please contact Becky Kent to volunteer and/or donate. Thanks!

**Red Cross Blood Drive**

Future dates: Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>

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. need blood, & blood & platelets cannot be manufactured they only come from volunteer donors.

**Masks are mandatory!**



**Worship Committee**

We will be continuing the one 10:00 a.m. service on Sundays into the fall. Eventually, we hope to resume the two services, Praise and Traditional but not at this time with all the unknowns surrounding COVID-19 and any variants. For now, we will follow the CDC guidelines to wear a mask to keep all church people safe. We ask for patience in considering everyone's health at this time.



Communion will continue to be the first Sunday of each month. The service will continue to be streamed each Sunday.

On **Sept. 19, following church**, you are all welcome to the Open House at the Parsonage. Come and see all the renovations including the beautiful new kitchen.



September 5: Communion Sunday



**Altar Flowers**

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



**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.

### September Schedule UMW GENERAL MEETING - TBD

**SEPTEMBER 15 ELIZABETH CIRCLE** - 1:30 P.M. - Church Lounge  
Hostesses: Susan Friend and Barbara Althouse Devotion/Study: TBA  
**SEPTEMBER 20 MARCIA -RUTH CIRCLE** Tentative 6:00 P.M. -  
Picnic at Janet Fabian's home More definite information will be announced two weeks before the meeting date.



## Mission u- What did we do?

Each summer the Eastern PA Conference of United Methodist Women holds a mission education event called "Mission u".

The "u" is meant to have a double meaning: the "u" stands for "university", as a place of serious study but also stands for "you", the important ingredient in any learning community.

This year was the first VIRTUAL version of Mission u, which was a unique learning experience in many ways. For some, it was their

first experience with Zoom meetings and breakout rooms and for others it was "old hat".

First, I am proud to say that 5 people from our congregation participated which is definitely an MUMC record! Please ask Barb Lombardo, Linda Mier, Dave Hoyer, Bev Hoyer, or Rhonda Rea about their experiences at Mission u.

68 people (women and men) participated in the total event. There were 3 topics presented at different times and formats to accommodate the most people's schedules and there was a Worship Webinar that started us off with music, scripture and message. The topics were all very timely: Finding Peace in an Anxious World, Bearing Witness in the Kin-dom and Pushout: the criminalization of Black Girls in Schools.

The Study Leaders were all outstanding and came from a variety of backgrounds, two were Pastors, one was a Deaconess, one a social worker, one a probation officer and one a UMW National staff member.

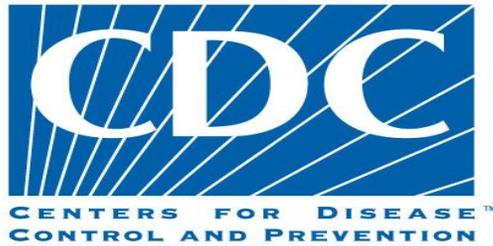
Each study is meant to challenge us to not only learn, but to change our hearts and actions. Here's what Linda Mier shared about her Mission u experience.

*"I attended a Mission U class for the first time this year, taking "Finding Peace in an Anxious World". There were discussions with the entire group and breakout sessions for targeted discussions. It was very interesting to hear the different points of view and hear about some experiences that are unlike anything I ever encountered. It helped put things into perspective and allowed me to look at things in new ways. I'd highly recommend signing up for classes next year! I plan to attend again."*

Stay tuned, there may be more local opportunities to participate in this transformative education in the near future.

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### Important Announcement

In our efforts to ensure the safety of our beloved congregation. The Trustee Board met and decided we will follow the most recent and emerging CDC guidelines and strongly encourage all persons, whether vaccinated or not, to wear a mask while inside our building. In addition, we are requesting that during the passing of the peace we remain in our pews and greet each other with a wave and a shout. I know this may be disappointing, however, it is our desire to be diligent in caring for one another. We have included this as an insert in today's bulletin of the CDC guidelines for your review.

### The CDC's Latest Pandemic Guidelines for Events

Updated July 27, 2021

In response to the highly contagious and fast-spreading delta variant of the coronavirus, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has updated its previous stance and is now recommending that even fully vaccinated people wear a mask in public indoor settings in areas of substantial or high transmission levels. As seen in the CDC's interactive, county-based map of the country, this currently includes large portions of the southern U.S. The CDC's data tracker and map are updated daily.

The agency suggests that fully vaccinated people consider wearing a mask in public indoor settings even if local transmission levels are not substantial, particularly for people who are immunocompromised or at increased risk of severe illness from Covid-19, or if they live with someone who fits that description.

The CDC now also recommends that fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with a suspected or confirmed

case of the virus be tested 3-5 days after exposure, and to wear a mask in public indoor settings for 2 weeks or until they receive a negative Covid test result.

All teachers, staff, students and visitors to schools should be masked while in school, regardless of vaccination status, according to the latest guidance.

Fully vaccinated people still do not need to wear a mask or socially distance in most outdoor settings in the United States — unless required by federal, state, local or tribal laws, or by a business.

While evidence still supports the fact that only a small percentage of vaccinated people will become infected when exposed to the delta variant, those people can spread the virus to others. Destinations such as Los Angeles and Las Vegas have [recently reinstated mask requirements](#) regardless of vaccination status, although in the case of Las Vegas, the requirement currently only applies to employees.

Based on the latest guidance, meeting organizers and venue managers who are assessing safety measures will likely need to consider transmission levels not only in their host destination but also in the areas from which their attendees are traveling.

People who are not fully vaccinated should continue to wear face masks indoors and in some outdoor settings. In addition, masks are required at all times when traveling, regardless of vaccination status. This includes on planes, buses, trains and other public transportation, as well as at transportation hubs such as airports and train stations. Full details on the agency's recommendations for vaccinated and unvaccinated people can be found on the [CDC website](#)

