

# THE MAPLE

May 2024

Morrisville United Methodist Church



A message from my heart...

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)**

For some time, I have been praying, reflecting, reading, and meditating on the fact that God has a plan, specific plan for each one of us. God has dreams and a mission He wrote and designed for us before we were born. Did you know that? You and I are God's masterpiece created in Christ Jesus, for a reason, for a purpose.

Let me ask you a question. Do you have dreams? I think all of us have dreams. Some have the dream to become professional and have the best job, some others have the dream to marry, have children and a family. Some other people have the dream of traveling, to learn a language, buy a house, etcetera, etcetera. Those are our dreams, which are good dreams. But do you know that God has a dream, a plan for you to accomplish while you and I are in this world. Do you know that God's dream and plan always is related on blessing others. Listening to a devotional a couple of days ago, the person said: "Do you think God sent His Son Jesus Christ to save you for you to live your own life, have the best job, retire, and die? NO!!" The speaker reminded me that God created us with a purpose, a plan to give Him glory. How we do that? By serving God through blessing others; the people around us.

Twelve years ago, Alexis and I arrived in Syracuse, New York to accomplish a purpose, a plan that we didn't even see clear at that time.

Through the years the Lord had been teaching us many things, especially molding and shaping us through many good and even some very challenging experiences. Today, after twelve years, we still know that God has more things in store for us. Remember, God has no age limit to use us when we placed our lives in His hands to use us.

I invite you all to pray, reflect, and meditate on the Scripture for this month. Pray and ask the Lord what His dream and plan is for you. Remember that always will be to give glory to God through serving others. Do not say I'm too old, or I'm not prepared, or I'm afraid to do it. If you do that you will never be able to accomplish God's plan. Let us pray for one another and see us as God sees us "God's masterpieces created in Christ Jesus so we can do good things He planned for us long ago." Oh, and remember it all begins by opening your heart and live inviting Jesus to be the Lord and Savior of your life. Without Him we can do nothing.

God bless you all!

Dream Big, because our God is a BIG God!!! **Amen and Amen.**

Pastor Olga



## May Calendar

5/2

2:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)

5/4

9:00am – Matuza Funeral (Sanctuary)

12:00-4:00pm - IFA Poverty Simulation (Fellowship Hall)

5/5

8:30am-5:30pm – Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm – Girl Scout Day Camp Meeting (Rooms 26, 30/31)

5/7

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

5/8

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Library)

5/11

ALL DAY – USPS Food Carrier Drive (Fellowship Hall)

8:00am – Men's Bible Study (Lounge)

9:00am-11am – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

5/12

11:30am – Latino Mother's Day Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

5/15

1:00pm – Methodist Women who Lunch - TBD

5/16

2:00pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry (Lounge)

5/17

5:00pm – Angulo Private Party Setup (Fellowship Hall)

5/18

9:00am-10:00pm – Angulo Private Party (Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm – Latino Small Group (Home of Lina Morales)

5/20

6:30pm – Marcia-Ruth Circle (Lounge)

5/21

1:00pm – SPPRC Meeting (Room 10)

4:00pm – Shared Meal (Fellowship Hall)

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

5/25

9:00am-11am – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

5/27

Memorial Day – Office and Food Pantry Closed

5/28

7:00pm – Church Council Meeting – Room 10

5/31

Rose Breakfast Setup (Fellowship Hall)

### WEEKLY EVENTS

#### Sundays

9:00am – Small Group Bible Study (Youth Rooms)

10:00am – Worship Service

11:00am – Hospitality (Lounge)

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous (Hall)

#### Mondays

10:30 am – ESL (Rooms 3, 10 & Library)

7:00 pm – Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

7:00 pm – Nar Anon (Room 10)

8:00 pm – Narcotics Anonymous (Room 30/31)

#### Tuesdays

10:00 am – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:00pm – Girl Scouts 2192 (Rooms 10, 26, 30/31)

6:30pm – ESL (Fellowship Hall, Room 10 & Library)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2629 (Room 21)

#### Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL (Rooms 3, 10 & Library)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2717 (Room 26)

#### Thursdays

6:30 pm – ESL (Room 10 & Library)

6:00-8:00pm – Grief Share (Fellowship Hall)

#### Fridays

7:30pm - NA (RM 30/31)

## PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Tuesday Bible Study continues at 10:00am with a study of the book “God the Savior, Our Freedom in Christ and Our Role in the Restoration of All Things” by Randy Frazee.



### Pastor Olga



**A Woman's Place**  
ON THE ROAD TO FLOURISHING

### MAY MISSION TEAM FOCUS

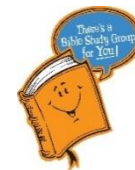
During the month of May, the Mission Team's focus is to send \$25 Giant gift cards for the women at A Woman's Place. If you would like to help with this project, please see Dave Sample in the lounge before or after church and purchase one of the \$25 Giant gift cards and them deposit it in the box labeled A Women's Place. The cards can be used by the women to buy gas or food items and are very much appreciated. Thank you for assisting in this month's project in honor of all mothers.



Our Men's Bible Study meets Saturday, May 11th, at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. The topic is “Dealing with Fears (Psalm 71:1-13)” All men are welcome. All you need to bring is yourself, your Bible, and a cup of coffee if you need it to wake up. We can begin the weekend with good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word!

### SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY

We meet at 9AM in the Youth Room and are studying the book of Mark. Bring your Bible and be ready to enjoy good fellowship. Call David Miller at 267-614-3836 if you have any questions.



**The church office and food pantry will be closed on Monday, May 27th for the Memorial Day Holiday.**

### FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Starting in May there will be envelopes in the pews for offerings to two different areas of need for our church outreach. The envelopes will have labels on them for the two areas: The Communion/Pastor's Fund and The Local Mission Fund.

The Communion Fund is used by the Pastor with discretion to meet the emergency needs of local people in the community and the Local Mission Fund supports various local ministries such as our Food Closet, the ESL Classes, the Shared Meal, and the Grief Share Ministry.

If you have the box of pledge envelopes for the year you will find these envelopes in your box each month. The money contributed to these funds are used in the local ministries of our church and is greatly appreciated by those participating in these ministries. Thank you for continued generosity.

In Christ, Jim Rea



### FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

We continue to see an increased need from the people depending on our food pantry and your generosity makes it possible to

meet the needs of our local community. Thank you for your ongoing support!

We would appreciate donations of: protein (all kinds), beans (all colors), cereal, boxed pasta, canned tomatoes, tomato sauce, cooking oil, white rice, jelly, peanut butter, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, deodorant, bar soap, snacks, oranges, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry soap, dish detergent, batteries. We do not need canned soups.

Thanks for your continued generosity!  
Deb Price & The Missions Outreach Team

### IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Bulletin announcements are due by noon on Wednesdays. Please include the date, time(s) and location in the announcement you send in. Thank you!



### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's church time has begun. Children will continue to enter the sanctuary at the beginning of the service and remain until after the children's message. Then they return to the nursery for a short follow-up lesson and remain there for rest of the service. We would like more volunteers to give the short children's lesson. Those volunteers do not need their clearances.

We also are still in need of more adults to get their clearances so they can assist Craig in the nursery. We are hoping to have enough adults to only have to help once every 6-8 weeks. for both positions. The sign-up list is on the Sign-Up Central board outside Pastor Olga's office for both slots. If you have any questions, contact Barb, Joyce, or Roxanne in the MUMC office (215-295-9593).

Thanking you in advance,  
Barb Lombardo and Joyce Bigley



### LATINO MINISTRY NEWS

May events:

May 12<sup>th</sup> – 11:30am Latino Mother's Day Brunch with guest speakers David and Kattia Rojas  
May 18<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm Small Group at the home of Lina Morales

The best is yet to come!  
Beditza Cadillo, Director, Latino Ministry

Would you like to become a member of Morrisville United Methodist Church?

Would you like to be baptized?

Reaffirm your faith and belief in Jesus Christ?

Find out more by emailing Pastor Olga at [ogonzalezpastor@gmail.com](mailto:ogonzalezpastor@gmail.com) or call or email the church office at [MUMC19067@gmail.com](mailto:MUMC19067@gmail.com), 215-295-9593.





## NEWS FROM THE INTERFAITH FOOD ALLIANCE (IFA)

Here is a new community event happening at our church!

### **Poverty Simulation**

Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> – 1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Fellowship Hall

Get a taste of what it is like to live in poverty. This event is open to high school students and adults. If interested in attending, send an e-mail to [ifabuckspa@gmail.com](mailto:ifabuckspa@gmail.com).

Baseball season is HERE! The IFA invites our church family to attend a Trenton Thunder game on Sat., June 15th at 6:00pm. Mark your calendars now and purchase vouchers (tickets are released 2 weeks before the game) from Rhonda Rea ([jrpiz@aol.com](mailto:jrpiz@aol.com)) for \$10 per person. Enjoy the game with the awesome volunteers and guest families of the IFA!

Please continue to support the Family Backpack Center that is operated by the IFA by donating non-perishable foods, especially black beans, catsup, mustard, mayo, and cooking oil. These items can be put in the blue-striped bins right outside the Church Office.

Rhonda Rea  
IFA Board Member at Large  
[jrpiz@aol.com](mailto:jrpiz@aol.com)



United  
Women  
in Faith

### **The Purpose**

United Women in Faith 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 do not 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.

### **May 15**

METHODIST LADIES WHO LUNCH – 1:30 P.M.

Luncheon – Canal Street Grille  
27 E. Afton Ave., Yardley, PA 19067

(Contact Deborah Chapman for details.)

### **May 20**

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE - 7:00 P.M.

Church Lounge

Hostess: Vera Straley and Lois Avery

Devotion: Vera Straley

Study: TBD



Attention all *Ladies of Faith* interested in the



## Rose Breakfast

Saturday, June 1, 2024

9:30 AM- Noon

We are currently taking names of all ladies who would like to attend the **49<sup>th</sup> Annual Rose Breakfast**. All ladies of faith, whether a member of MUMC or not, are welcome to join us for this *VERY* special brunch. Place your name on the signup sheet located outside Pastor Olga's office or contact Deb Eickhoff or Joyce Bigley, to reserve your seat. Please include your email and phone # when registering, and denote one or two friends you would like to sit with.

Our guest speaker, this year, will be **Eleanor Roosevelt** "First Lady to the World" (as interpreted by Linda Kenyon).

This is a time to gather with our friends and neighbors, enjoy fellowship, and a lovely breakfast prepared individually by our hostesses. Though there is no charge for the event, donations are gratefully accepted to defray costs and contribute to the wonderful work of our own United Women of Faith (formerly UMW).

Anyone wishing to attend the breakfast should contact: Debbie Eickhoff (609.828.6931) or Joyce Bigley (215.801.9102)

## Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for God's peace in Israel and the Middle East. Let us give continued prayers God guidance to the delegates of the 2024 UMC General Conference April 23rd to May 3rd.

Prayers for John Davidson, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Thomas Manners, B.J. Lebegern, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Denise Holland (sister of Linda Herbster)  
James Ledger (son of a friend of Vera Straley)  
VK Macwana  
Mr. & Mrs. Schnider and family (friends of Merlene Taylor)  
Mark, friend of Carol Young  
Kelly Brandl & her family (friend of Jenn Ayling-Arruda)  
Carlos (Jennifer Koba's uncle)  
Ellen (Bev Hoyer's niece)  
Kristi (sister-in-law of Jennifer Ayling-Arruda)  
Mike (friend of Sherri Bevenour, Hal Long's daughter)  
Lina Morales (Latino Community)  
Lissette Amador (Latino Community)  
Anamarie Rojas Aburto (Latino Community)  
Kevin Pugh (son of Fran Pugh and nephew of Vickie Katona)  
Jack & Norma McNinney (former members)  
Dawn (Vera Straley's niece)  
Carol Stillwell (friend of Vera Straley)  
Dave Brewer (friend of the Swenson's)  
Lou & Ruth (friends of the Swenson's)  
Paula (friend of Linda Herbster)  
Ronald (cousin of Joe Colduvell)  
Bill Jameson (Janet Fabian's brother)  
Lynn Moyer and family (friend of Linda Mier)  
Richard (son of a UWF friend in Ivyland)  
Terry & Lynn (friends of the Swenson's)



## *Happy Anniversary*

Paul and Marion Chapman (66 years)..... May 3  
Dave and Bev Hoyer (6 years) ..... May 5  
Trey and Jillian Buehler (8 years)..... May 6  
Pamela Manners (32 years)..... May 9  
Rochard and Donna Dulay (46 years)..... May 12



## *Happy Birthday*

Patricia Logan .....May 1  
Deb Price ..... May1  
Fran Rivera .....May 1  
Nicole Decker ..... may 2  
Daniel Marks .....May 7  
Susan Friend.....May 9  
Sorocco Burke ..... May 10  
John Jakimowicz..... May 11  
Neil Renshaw..... May 19  
Flo Dugan ..... May 20  
Phyllis Patterson ..... May 21  
Beth Marucci..... May 24  
Kevin Pugh..... May 24  
Brian Long ..... May 25  
Pushoaben Makawanna..... May 25  
Morgan Ahne ..... May 26  
Lilyian Evens ..... May 28  
Ciara Logan..... May 29