



The June Maple

Over the past couple of months, I have had the pleasure of sharing time with students of our church and the community in our youth room. Whether it be behind the counter serving a meal, or sitting around the tables in deep discussion about God, the church and faith, or watching friendships develop in the safety of our building, I always leave with a full heart.

Because our Church Council desires to see this ministry continue and expand, in the April council meeting, at the suggestion of our SPRC Committee, we approved adding a new position to our staff: A Community Youth Director, to work directly with the school and our community partners.

We have posted this part time position with local Seminaries and with the Greater New Jersey and Eastern Pennsylvania Conferences of the United Methodist Church. If you know a young person who would be qualified and interested in this position, please refer them to me. Let us all join together in prayer that God would continue to dream bold dreams for our church, and will lead us into them with expectancy and excitement.

More volunteers are always needed for our ministry with local students. Ask Jenn or Kim or me how you might be able to invest in a young person's life of faith. You will be glad you did!

*Grace and peace,
Pastor Wendy*





United Methodist Women

41st Annual Rose Breakfast

Saturday, June 3, 2017 at 9:30 AM

All ladies of faith, whether a member of MUMC or not, are welcome to join us for this *VERY* special brunch.

Our guest speaker, this year, will be Marsha Watro, a talented storyteller, historian, educator, and quilter. Her topic is: "To Quilt or Not to Quilt... What a Silly Question!"

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 Methodist Women.

Reservations required. To attend, please contact:

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- **JUNE 19:** MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE – 6:30 PM
*Picnic at Janet Fabian's house
- **JUNE 21:** ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 12:30 PM – Fellowship Hall *Hostesses: All members (Picnic Lunch)

Mission u 2017 July 21-22

Looking forward to the Missionary conference of the UMW. We will study relevant issues, gather in covenantal community, and join in worship and spiritual growth. See Rhonda Rea for more information.



- Last day of Sunday School is June 4. There will not be a Celebration service (8:45am) on this date. Sunday school will be held at 10:00 AM, followed by a Unity service to celebrate our Confirmation Class of 2017. A picnic will be held at the church after the service. Everyone is invited!
- The Children will sing in this combined service.



Morrisville United Methodist, Morrisville Presbyterian, St. John Lutheran and Elect Saints churches will once again join forces to offer the community an expanded Vacation Bible School experience this summer. I would like to invite you to join us in our joint venture to provide Vacation Bible School to the children of our area.

At *VBS Hero Central*, we will help our children discover their strength in God, through Bible stories, missions, crafts, games, and science. Sign up for a volunteer role and join us in the excitement at VBS Hero Central. *Discover your strength in God.* More details on the program can be found at cokesburyvbs.com.

You should know that last year we doubled the attendance of previous years. Our growing pains are a Blessing. This growth means your involvement is needed more than ever. Additional volunteers will be needed to meet the safety and enjoyment of our guests and volunteers. We hope you will be able to participate in our VBS program.

We need you! Please take a moment to visit www.mumcpa.org to see the volunteer opportunities and electronically submit the volunteer form. Contact Kim Jakimowicz at kimyocko@comcast.net for more information.



Summer Camp Scholarships: We have four Camp sites in our Eastern PA United Methodist Conference, offering full week or half week camps for kids of all ages. There are many different types of camps to choose from. To learn more about these opportunities, go to their websites at innabah.org, poconoplateau.org, csfarm.org, and gretnaglen.org.

We are so enthusiastic about the Christian camp experience, that MUMC is offering to pay half of your tuition fee. The camper must be an active participant in MUMC children and youth programs to qualify for this wonderful gift. Request forms are now available at the education office or from Kim Jakimowicz.



Confirmation Sunday / Pentecost Sunday

June 4, 2017

Combined worship Service at 11:15

Church Picnic to Follow

On this special day, six young people who have worked through the confirmation period, will confirm their faith in Jesus Christ, and accept full membership into the United Methodist Church. Let's welcome them!

Bethany Macwana

Michael Robson

Jimmy Ellsworth

Amy Mealey

Joseph Martell

Adam Steppe

Women's Bible Study

We would love for you to join us this summer for a study of some of the women of the Bible using Liz Curtis Higgs' book "Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible".

What is a slightly bad girl you ask? It is simply this: "a woman unwilling to fully submit to God. We love him, serve him, and worship him, yet we find it difficult to trust him completely, to accept his plan for our lives, to rest in his sovereignty." Can you relate? Then be sure to join us to explore this issue together.

Two study times are available: **Wednesday evenings from 7-8:30pm in the church lobby or Wednesday mornings from 7-8:30am in the youth room. The studies will begin on Wednesday June 21st. Don't miss out. Call or email Michelle Martin today to reserve your spot (215-949-0458 or 245mmartin@gmail.com).**

Let's all get together to kick-off our new summer Bible study – Monday, June 12th at 7PM in the youth room. The new books will be distributed and we will introduce our summer topic including a video introduction by Liz Curtis Higgs herself. Bring an appetizer or dessert if you can. Call Michelle for more information.

- In a related topic, The "**Study With Friends**" Bible study community is near and dear to Cindy Doron's heart. This ministry has found its way into many women's hearts and minds, cars and living rooms, with the gospel by using modern media and technology. Check out studywithfriends.org to find out how to be in Bible study with others through blogs, radio, Twitter and Instagram.



Morrisville United: Drug and Recovery Awareness a March and prayer Rally on August 26, 2017

Last year, churches in Morrisville met and worked together with other organizations to bring awareness and education to our community about the stranglehold addictions have on many of our children, parents, co-workers and friends. We marched through the borough together to stand in unity against this addiction, and joined in a prayer rally at the park, to show our love and support to its victims. With no judgment, Morrisville United has been working to get help to families and those who are addicted. MUMC is a partner church in this vital ministry ... plan to join all of God's children on August 26th.



End of the School Year Cookout Wednesday, June 7

The Morrisville students involved in the various afterschool programs throughout the year – plus our own youth group – will come together for an End-of-the season cookout on the church lawn. Hamburgers and hotdogs, games and lots of fun will be on the menu. If you have helped with these programs in any way through the year, please come and join us!



"The Lord said to him, "what is in your hand?" Exodus 4:1

Through the month of May, we have listened together to a sermon series called "Dare to Dream" based on Mike Slaughter's book by the same title. In these 6 weeks we have looked at the dreams and passions God has placed in our lives and in the life of our congregation; and with the powerful help of the Holy Spirit, dared to ask God to lead us into big, bold dreams and visions of ministry.

If you are ready to take the next step to be intentional about searching out your spiritual gifts and bringing them alongside your natural abilities and passions, you are invited to join Pastor Wendy and other members of the church family in a mini-course which will do just that. It is called "Network" and will take place in the month of June.

Beginning **Tuesday, June 6th at 7pm** in the church Library Pastor Wendy will introduce the course and lead us through a brief description of what Spiritual gifts are, including an inventory for each participant to discover what theirs are. A sign up sheet is on the Sign-Up table in the church hallway, or you can email Pastor Wendy to register for the course. Books need to be purchased, so registration is important.



Beginning June 11th
9:00 Celebration Service
10:30 Traditional Service



Joe Colduvel grew up in the Summerfield United Methodist church surrounded by family. Even though he moved to the Morrisville area in the 80's and enjoyed a career in the Pennsbury School District as a history teacher, he did not transfer his membership here until this year. We officially welcome Joe into our church family.

Eli Serlenga married, Patricia, a Morrisville girl, over 60 years ago in the Methodist Episcopal Church on Pennsylvania Ave, and spent some great years here with our church family. But 50 years ago they moved, and lived in various places, most recently in Effort Pa. Since moving back to Bristol, Eli has rediscovered our church family and transferred his membership. Welcome home Eli!

Veronica Marks moved to the United States from Liberia, Africa nearly 20 years ago, and has lived in Pennsylvania, Minnesota, and is now back in Trenton, NJ. We welcome Veronica and her eldest daughter, Jugba, her sons Nick and Daniel, and granddaughter, Torri into our church family.



Welcoming the Stranger

A ministry that our church supports financially, and by making space available three mornings each week is *Welcoming the Stranger*. This is an educational program to help immigrants and refugees who reside in Bucks County, Montgomery County, Trenton and Northeast Philadelphia. Since 1999 the teachers and over 300 volunteers have worked with over 3000 students from 100 different countries.

- "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"
Matthew 25:35

Renew – Refresh News

In May of 2012, the Church Council voted to take out a loan of \$300,000 to for an emergency replacement of the flat roof over all our buildings except for the sanctuary and to replace the lighting control box in the sanctuary as the first phase of our Renew Refresh program. With your help, this 8 year program is in its 6th year and is responsible for many very important upgrades to our church infrastructure. This has enabled us to update our 50 year old church building.

The very good news is that with the help of our church's Investment Stewardship Fund (ISF) we have just paid off the \$300,000 loan in 5 years and saved over \$32,000 in Interest payments. Now every cent that is contributed to the Renew Refresh Fund will be put toward church building improvements. Presently, new chair lifts are being installed on both set of stairs in the educational wing to allow access to the second floor for persons who are unable to navigate the stairs. Thank you for your very important giving as we continue to improve our church facilities.

-- *Jim Rea*

Thank you

THANK YOU! ... To all those who over the past 15 years have helped to make our "Jazz Concerts" possible, (you know who you are) you have my undying gratitude. It could never have happened without your year after year unfailing support.

It is sad that we will no longer be hosting them but, the band plans to continue doing this type of concerts. Next year, they will be performing at the 1867 Sanctuary on Scotch Road in Ewing, NJ on Sunday, May 6, 2018.

If anyone from MUMC would like to be included on the band's Notification List, forward your Name and Email Address to me, Jim Dugan at flojimdu@gmail.com or 215-245-4181 and I will see that the band gets your information.

Again, let me thank all my peeps for 15 years of loving help.

Jim Dugan



June 18

In both services we will recognize those who have graduated from High School and College or other places of higher education. Please give your graduation information to the church office by June 6th.



Trustees' Toolbox

Your dedicated Trustees have been hard at work continuing to improve and beautify our church building and grounds. For those of you who may not know, the Trustees Committee is charged with caring for the church facilities including maintenance, capital projects, facilities use and other responsibilities. Many of you have noticed our recent higher visibility projects such as the replacement of lighting in Fellowship Hall. This project resulted in the installation of energy efficient LED fixtures which can also be dimmed as needed.

We are pleased to have recently hired new custodian Gary Grundish. He is focusing on keeping our floors clean and shiny and the effort is paying off. He will also be assisting with other maintenance tasks as needed. Robin continues to clean our facilities and is also doing an excellent job.

Many not as visible behind the scene projects are always underway including updates to the AEDs, stair repairs, painting, boiler repairs, electrical work and others. In the coming months you will see other projects such as new wheelchair lifts for both stairways, sanctuary flooring repairs and others.

Thanks to everyone who has made these projects possible through their generous gifts. We will keep you informed in future Trustees Tool Box reports.



The Men's group will meet on the second Saturday of June. We will then take a Summer break. If you'd like more information, please call David Miller at 215-943-2046.