

Morrisville United Methodist Church



A Message from my heart

“Bring the full tenth (tithe) into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way, says the Lord of Armies. See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.”

Our church is dedicating October as the month of Extravagant Generosity. What is that? It is to give openly, and abundantly generously with joy from our hearts to God’s mission. Based on that, I would like to share with you Alexis and my testimony on giving.

It was around 1993 when Alexis and I were struggling very much financially. A friend of ours, a believer in Christ, told us we need to give to the Lord. She said: “You need to give ten percent of what you earn to the Lord, and he will provide for all your needs.” Our response was, we can’t, our budget is too tight. If we give, we won’t be able to pay other bills. She read to me Malachi 3:10 “Bring the full tenth into the storehouse so that there may be food in my house. Test me in this way, says the Lord Almighty. See if I will not open the floodgates of heaven and pour out a blessing for you without measure.” She shared with us her experience and how the Lord has been faithful to her as she began to give. Also, we should separate the first amount of what we receive from God.

Alexis and I prayed, and we asked ourselves how we were going to be able to do it. We began to give to the Lord, sometimes cutting off other things less important. What took our attention on that Scripture was God telling us “Test me in this way.” We began to do it every time we had our paycheck. It was hard sometimes we were tempted not to give. It was not an overnight thing. It was a matter of God testing our faith in Him. Little by little the Lord provided for all our needs and more, not just financially, but in all ways of our lives.

Today, we can testify that the Lord has blessed us in many ways. He has been our provider in all things, and we have been blessed to bless not just God’s mission but other people in need.

My question to you is, who do you think is supposed to support and sustain God’s mission? Yes, you’re, right you and me. So, let us give to God first and he will increase your 90 percent in miraculous ways! God has been, is, and will always be faithful to His promises.

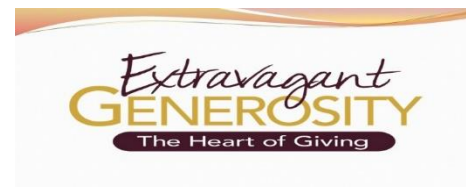
With Extravagant love,

Pastor Olga

Note: This was Alexis and my own experience with God. I am not telling you to do the same. This needs to be a prayerful decision between you and God.

FINANCE UPDATE

This October we will be celebrating **Extravagant Generosity Month**



when your Finance

Team reexamines our giving to the work of OUR church considering the many gifts God has given us.

During the month of October, you will be receiving a mailing with a letter and a card. We hope you will return the card with an estimate of your giving for 2024. This helps us build a budget for the next year which will be approved by the Church Council in November.

Part of the consideration of that budget includes what we expect to receive through offerings, gifts, rentals, and fundraisers. We also must consider expenses such as staff salaries, utilities, repair and upkeep of the church building and parsonage, also our commitment to the Eastern PA United Methodist Annual Conference. All of this is part of sustaining God’s mission.

I pray that you will prayerfully consider what your extravagantly generous giving will be next year and return your card as we move forward into 2024. Thank You.

In Christ,

Jim Rea, Finance Committee Chair

PASTOR OLGA E. GONZÁLEZ OFFICE HOURS:

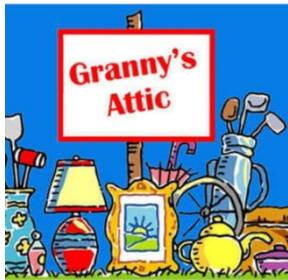
Monday to Thursdays – 9am to 4pm

Fridays – day off

Saturdays – Sabbath

Sundays – Worship Services

Note: If you need an appointment with the Pastor, please call the office (215) 295-9395 and we will get back to you.



IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

Granny's Attic is right around the corner!

Saturday November 11, 2023

Granny's Attic is a sale of gently used household items, jewelry, books, CDs, DVDs and fall, Thanksgiving, and Christmas decorations and tableware. It is sponsored by the United Women in Faith and all proceeds will be used to fund mission projects.

You may leave donated items on the stage in fellowship hall any time from Monday, November 6th thru Friday November 10th.

You can be a great help! We are in need of items to sell. Please check your attics and closets to see if you have unwanted treasures that require a new home. (Please **no** clothing, furniture, or large electronic items. Save those items for our Indoor Yard sale in April).



As always, thank you for your help and support.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday School is coming back! We have a teacher for younger and older students. We need both adult and teen helpers. If you can be available one or more times a month to help, please contact Barb Lombardo. Thank you!



October Calendar

10/5

6:00pm Prayer Shawls (Lounge)

10/6

9:30am – Blood Drive (Fellowship Hall)

10/8

11:30am – UWF Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

10/9

Church office and food pantry closed for Columbus Day holiday

10/10

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

10/11

6:00pm – Wonderful Wednesday (Fellowship Hall)

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Library)

10/14

8:00am – Men's Bible Study (Lounge)

9:00am – IFA Backpacks (Main entrance)

10/16

7:00pm – Marcia Ruth Circle (Lounge)

10/17

4:00pm – Shared Meal (Fellowship Hall)

10/18

1:00pm – Methodist Women Who Lunch (Lounge)

10/19

6:00pm Prayer Shawls (Lounge)

10/21

9:00am – Newtown Quilters' Guild Workshop (Fellowship Hall)

10/22

6:30pm – STP Dance (Fellowship Hall)

10/24

5:00pm – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

7:00pm – Church Council Meeting (Library)

10/28

9:00am – IFA Backpacks (Main entrance)

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 Beg. Class (Rm 10)

7Ppm – Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

7pm – Nar Anon (Room 10)

8pm – Narcotics Anonymous (Rm 30/31)

Tuesdays

10:00 am – Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

6:00pm – Girl Scouts 2196 (Rooms 10, 26, 30/31)

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL (Room 10 & Library)

Thursdays

7:00pm – Choir -Practice – Choir Room

Fridays

6:30pm – ESL Latino (Room 10)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2692 (Room 26)

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

FALL MEN'S WORKSHOP

Men routinely face internal, marital, family, work-related, community, and church conflict. Men frequently react to conflict through anger, avoidance, or manipulation. Men who follow Jesus want to respond to conflict in Godly ways. This workshop explores the problem, shares practical solutions, and can be a weekend of change in the direction you want to go to be His good son in whom He is well pleased, an ambassador of peace you know you can be, and the minister of reconciliation He's always called you to be.

LOCATION: The Crossing, 1895 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

DATE & TIME: Fri., Oct. 13, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sat., Oct. 14, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

TUITION: \$20, includes Friday evening snacks and Saturday morning breakfast.

Click here to register:

<https://men-workshop.pushpayevents.com>

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

We are in the process of updating the church directory that was printed in July. If you have not never submitted your data sheet to the Membership Committee, please do so immediately. Blank forms are the box on the Lounge table. Also, please let us know if anything has changed. Thank you!

Barb Lombardo and Joyce Bigley

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Prayer, Scripture, and Discipleship are three important keys for the life of a church. For that, we would like to invite all of you to a time of Prayer and Bible study on Tuesdays at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

Don't miss this opportunity of fellowship and learning.



Pastor Olga

Men's Bible Study



The next meeting of the Men's Bible Study is Saturday October 14th at 8 AM in the church

lounge. We will continue our "Wisdom Hunt". Our discussion will be based on Colossians 2:1-10. All Men are welcome for good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word! Women that wish the men in their lives to gain more spiritual wisdom may want to encourage them to come! If you have not been getting an invitation by email, contact Dave Miller (267-614-3836) and you will be put on the invite list.



WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS ARE BACK!

Wednesday, October 11th, 2023 in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 pm-potluck meal and 7:00 pm Praise and Devotions

time. All are welcome to bring a plate to pass. This is a trial to find out the interest in renewing this opportunity for food and fellowship.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY- STITCH WITH US!



Since 2011, the MUMC Prayer Shawl Ministry has blessed over 300 people with the gift of a Prayer Shawl. Prayer Shawls are given to those who are sick, those who are grieving, those who are celebrating a new chapter in their lives (college students), those who have just become a part of the Body of Christ (newly baptized babies) and anyone who requests one!

Our group meets at 6:00pm every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, Sept. through June to stitch (knit OR crochet) these Prayer Shawls in the church lounge. We invite anyone with a desire to bless others with the work of their hands to JOIN US. We are a fellowship of stitchers who enjoy "fiber fellowship" and when shawls are completed, we bless them with a prayer and then store them until they are needed. If you have any questions about the Prayer Shawl Ministry, please call Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505) or Linda Herbster (609-647-2983). Also, if you have a need for a Prayer Shawl, call on us to arrange delivery of a shawl.

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.



HOSPITALITY SET-UP/CLEAN UP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A few volunteers are needed to set-up for coffee in the Lounge on Saturday night or clean up on Sunday after hospitality is over. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the Lounge and a meeting of volunteers will be scheduled soon. If interested, please call Vera Straley, 215-295-1382. Thanks!



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MISSION OUTREACH TEAM



Colder weather is on the way. Last year we were able to help numerous neighbors stay warm by sharing clean, gently used and new coats for men, women, and children. If there are coats tucked away in your closets that could be helping someone this winter, please consider sharing with those in need. They can be brought to the church as soon as possible and placed on the portable racks in the entrance hall. God has provided for us so we can help others. See Deb Price or Carol Young with any questions. Thank you for caring!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The new **food pantry closet** will be completed soon. We will let you know when it will be ready to be filled with your donations. Thanks for your continued generosity!

Love, Deb Price (Missions Committee)



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.

October Schedule

UWF GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, October 8, 11:30am – Fellowship Hall
Educational Forum – Breast Cancer Awareness
2024 officers and budget will be voted upon.

OCTOBER 16

MARCIA -RUTH CIRCLE

7:00 P.M. – Lounge

Hostess: Margy Dickson, Devotion: Lois Avery

OCTOBER 18

METHODIST WOMEN WHO LUNCH

1:00pm – Lounge. Bring a bag lunch.

MUMC BLOOD DRIVE

Friday October 6, 9:30am-
2:30pm



To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-828-1975 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org and enter sponsor code: morrisvilleumc



Interfaith Food Alliance

NEW WAYS TO GIVE!

The IFA is an alliance that Morrisville UMC is a part of and it operates the

Family Backpack Center, which is a food pantry that serves the low-income families of the Morrisville School District. The Family Backpack Center is located in our building in Rooms 20 and 22 and food is distributed 4 times a month by a host of dedicated volunteers.

The IFA's updated website now has options to give One Time, Monthly, or by Rounding Up on Credit Card purchases. Go to interfaithfoodalliance.com and click on Donate to find out more about these three options. By giving to the IFA, you are providing supplemental food, cleaning, paper, and hygiene products to more than 40 families of our community, many who live near our church on Lincoln Ave.

Another way to give is to donate food items to the IFA and place them in the blue-striped bin outside of the Church Office. In October we are requesting targeted donations of **pasta sauce canned fruit and laundry detergent.**

Are you a member of a community organization, class, or sports team that would like to sponsor a Food Drive for the IFA? Please contact Rhonda Rea (215-493-9505) to arrange for delivery of Food Drive items to the pantry.

Submitted by Rhonda Rea, IFA Board member
jrpiz@aol.com



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50th Annual Celebration Eastern PA Conference

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Asbury United Methodist Church

1533 Springhouse Rd.

Allentown, PA 18104

Our very own Rhonda Rea is being installed as the UWF Eastern PA Conference President during this celebration.

Registration 9:00am Cost \$20.00

To register contact Mary Ann Repsher, email:

rep164@frontiernet.net, phone: 610-588-1084

Celebration: 9:30am to 2:00pm (lunch 12pm -1pm)

"Stepping Out On Faith"

Guest Speaker: Sally Vonner, United Women in Faith
General Secretary and CEO

For information contact:

Sandra Wilson wilsonsan1@aol.com

UNITED WOMEN OF FAITH SOUP SALE

Morrisville UWF's delicious soups available for take-out or order-ahead only.

The Soups

Chicken Corn ***** Bean Kielbasa

Vegetable Beef ***** Vegetarian Vegetable

Available in Pint- \$5 OR Quart- \$10

Soup pick-up at Morrisville United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall, 501 W. Maple Ave., Morrisville 19067

SAT., Nov. 11th from 10am-1pm

SUN., Nov. 12th from 11am-12noon

To order your soup, call Susan Friend 267-980-5745 or email- <mailto:suefriend2001@yahoo.com>

Include kind of soup, pint or quart, and number of each, as well as your name and phone number.

Pre-Orders will be taken Sun. October 15th - Sun.
October 29th.

Pick up your soup order and at the same date and time get some goodies at our Bake Sale, Holly Nook, Jewelry Table and Granny's Attic. (All sales Cash or Check only)



THE MUMC HISTORY PROJECT

What are we doing? Barbara Lombardo and I are gathering old and current information about the MUMC that is of historic value. We are archiving the information in the church library and are planning, with the help of those of you who are interested, to use the information as a resource for creating stories about the various projects and activities in which the congregation has been engaged as it seeks, serves, and shares Jesus Christ.

Why: We see it as important to remind ourselves and to tell others of the rich heritage of the MUMC and to encourage us and future generations to continue down that inspired path that the MUMC has taken in its effort to be a voice of God in the Morrisville community.

How can you help? We are finding very interesting scrapbooks, pictures and articles that people in the past have donated. You too may have scrapbooks or other information at home that we could archive and use as the stories are developed. A file holder has been set up outside of Olga's office where you can donate your photos, articles, scrapbooks and miscellaneous files. If you have digital photos and files, you can transfer them to the church office by email or text or copy to a thumb drive which we will provide. Just let us know.

Once we complete the initial consolidation of information, the fun of developing stories and organizing the photos will begin. At this point we are thinking of providing much of the information via digital media. However, there are going to be a lot of resources that might be easier to organize and better presented, at least initially, by way of scrapbooks. So those of you who like scrapbooking, we will have opportunities for you! Just let us know of your interest.

And for any of you who would like to help in any way, just tell Barbara Lombardo or me!

Hal Long

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

When submitting articles for the Maple or Bulletin, please include the date, time(s), and location in the article you send to the office. This will help eliminate emails and phone calls to have your information published correctly. Bulletin announcements are due on Wednesdays. Thank you!



SATURDAY
11 TH
NOVEMBER

YOUTH STRENGTH



Workshops
Music, Food Topics ...

1 - "Youth leadership"
William Jimenez

2 - "Challenges and opportunities in the digital age"
Cesar Jr.

2:00 PM -8:00 PM

Where: "COMUNIDAD CRISTIANA
CASA DEL PUEBLO"
2131 Palomino Dr, Warrington, PA 18976






Happy Anniversary

Siatta & Donald Pattershall (11 years).....October 6
 John & Jennifer Koba (7 years).....October 15
 Brian & Lori Decker (31 years).....October 17



Happy Birthday

Marianne MillerOctober 3
 Claire McDevitt.....October 4
 Dave MierOctober 4
 Siatta Pattershall.....October 4
 Marilyn QuoiOctober 6
 Shreyas SwaroopOctober 6
 Tamara Bernard.....October 7
 Faith MacwanaOctober 9
 Pamela TiacomulcoOctober 11
 Shirley KamannOctober 12
 Estella SmiresOctober 12
 Joseph TrejoOctober 12
 Margy Dickson.....October 14
 Dean Dickson.....October 18
 Jugba Young.....October 20
 Daisy BoweOctober 25
 Angel StintsmanOctober 26
 Nolan BenstedOctober 27
 Brenda JonesOctober 27

Current Prayer Concerns



We pray for Peace. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan, Libya, and Morocco. We pray for the families of victims of mass shootings and all those affected by natural disasters. We pray for Justice and Equality for all. We pray for God's peace.

Dennis Lowe, Barbara Gillis, Pam Manners, Toby Ellsworth, Jimmy Ellsworth, Shirley Malmsbury, Thomas Manners, B.J. Lebegern, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano, Alice South, Josephine Karpeh-Kyne, Jenn Ayling-Arruda

John (friend of Joyce Bigley)
 Dave (friend of Joyce Bigley)
 Andrew (friend of Vera Straley)
 The Monahan family (friend of Bev & Dave Hoyer)
 Andrea (friend of Angel Stintsman)
 Ruth (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
 Nephew of Linda Mier's colleague
 Damien (friend of Frances Rivera)
 Bill (brother-in-law of Phyllis Patterson)
 Karen (community member)
 Joan (friend of Vera Straley)
 Maria (friend of Beditza)
 Marcus (friend of Jenn Ayling-Arruda)
 Ellen (niece of Bev Hoyer)
 Elaine (friend of Estella Smires)
 Nahdee (mother of Veronica Marks)
 Marilou & Wally (friends of Mickey McDevitt)
 Maureen (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
 Kate (daughter of Pam Manners)
 Brenda (cousin of Phyllis Patterson)
 Petra (friend of Linda Mier)
 Paulette (cousin of Stella Smires)