

Morrisville United Methodist Church



A message from my heart...

New Life in Christ!

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here." **2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)**

March is here! Spring is coming and with it New Life!

I remember one day in seminary during Spring one of our professors asked the group to go out, walk in silence, breathe, and observe the nature around us. Then come back and share what we saw, and how was our experience. The Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan University in Rochester, New York, has a beautiful yard. Trees, flowers, green grass! During my walk, I saw small shoots on the trees and thought, WOW! New life is coming! New leaves, new colors, new flowers, a new beginning!

That day I was surprised by God. While walking I was very attentive to the trees but also looking to the ground. I found something that took my attention, a stone, but not any stone. It has an oval shape and, a dark brown color, and written on it was the word: "SLOW" inside a yellow rectangle. I still have it. By then I was in ministry and seminary full time. It was a very busy time. I took that as a message from God telling me to "SLOW down". The message I heard was that we needed to slow down, not go ahead of God or behind Him, but walk step by step with Him. Returning to the classroom, I shared my experience and all of us were amazed with the message on the stone. We needed to slow down to develop intimacy with God! This thought is not just for Lent but for every day of our lives.

What is New Life in Christ?

It is a new beginning. It is to die to our ego, and desires and let Christ live through us. It is to SLOW down and put Jesus Christ as the priority in our lives. It is to spend time with Him through prayer, and the reading of The Book, the Bible. It is to recognize all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do in our lives. New Life in Christ is to live the purpose God has for our lives. New life in Christ is to forgive yourself and others. In simple words, a new life in Christ is to live abundantly. I'm not saying perfect or without troubles, but living with an attitude of gratitude, love, grace, and compassion. It is to live for Him. New Life in Christ transforms, renews, and restores our lives from the inside out.

New Life in Christ is to remember not just during Lent or Holy Week, but every day Jesus' sacrifice for us to receive new life in Him. He was crucified on the cross to restore our relationship with God the Father. Jesus is the Bridge of Love that gave us access to God. Christ died and rose to give us peace and freedom in Him.

Like my experience with the SLOW stone, we need to SLOW down, meditate, and reflect on the new life Jesus bought for us. It cost a high price, His Precious blood. My question for us is are we living new life in Christ or are we surviving in our ways, hurries, and desires? It is time to SLOW down and enjoy the New Life Christ gave us by His grace and love.

Happy Resurrection and New Life Day!

Pastor Olga



March Calendar

3/2

8:00am-4:00pm – Girl Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

3/3

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

3/5

5:00m – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

3/7

2:00pm – Prayer Shawls (Lounge)

3/8

6:30pm – Latino Ministry (home of Brenda Corup)

3/9

8:00am – Men's Bible Study (Lounge)

8:00am-3:00pm – UWF Quiche prep (kitchen)

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

3/10

11:00am-1:00pm Quicke pickup (Fellowship Hall)

11:00am – UFW Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

3/13

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting (Library)

3/17

11:30am – Latino Ministry Brunch (Fellowship Hall)

3/18

7:00pm – Marcia Ruth Circle – (Lounge/Youth Room)

3/19

4:00pm – Shared Meal (Fellowship Hall)

3/20

1:30pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Café Antonio

6:30pm – Latino Ministry (home of Rosa Cruz Quarterman)

3/21

2:00pm – Prayer Shawls (Lounge)

3/23

9:00am – IFA Backpacks (Main Entrance)

3/24

6:30pm – STP Dance (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)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2692 (Room 21)

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL (Rooms 3, 10 & Library)

6:30pm – Girl Scouts 2717 (Room 26)

Thursdays

7:00pm – Choir -Practice (Choir Room)

7:00pm – Bells -Practice (Bell Room)

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

Fridays

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



PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Tuesday Bible Study continues with a study of the book "God the Deliverer, Our Search for Identity and Our Hope for Renewal" by Randy Frazee.



Pastor Olga



Our Men's Bible Study meets Saturday, March 9th, at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. The topic is "Who Do We Listen To (1 Kings 12:1-20)" 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!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

Every Monday morning, our pantry gets replenished with your generously donated food and household supplies. It usually needs to be restocked mid-week because more local households need the extra help we provide through this ministry. The folks that I meet while restocking the pantry are very appreciative of MUMC's generosity and willingness to extend our hand to help our neighbors. Thanks to all of you for your continued support!

We would appreciate donations of: protein (all kinds), beans (all colors), pasta sauce, instant coffee, applesauce, cooking oil, white rice, condiments, spaghetti, crackers, jelly, peanut butter, cereal, canned fruit, snacks, oranges, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, laundry soap, dish detergent, batteries.

For now, we have an abundance of canned vegetables, soups, Cheerio's boxed stuffing, and cranberry sauce.

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 – PRAISE GOD! We are so excited to start our Children's Church on Sunday, March 3rd during the morning service and each following

Sunday. We want all children ages 2+ up to join in the fun of learning about God and Jesus in a unique way. The children may meet Mr. Craig in the nursery at 9:55 am. Mr. Craig will then lead the children into the sanctuary through the narthex (back) doors to the first pew on the pulpit (left) side of the church. (Late arriving children should come directly to the front pew.) They will participate in the service. After the choir sings, the children will walk up and sit on the church steps where they will be lead in a mini-lesson for the day. Afterward, they will be led back to the nursery by Mr. Craig, where he will discuss what they learned in a short activity. They will be then able to play for the remainder of their nursery stay. We want our children to grow up being believers and to share with others the love of Jesus in their lives.

We need volunteers to sustain this precious ministry. Please volunteer to lead a junior sermon (you do not need clearances for that). To help in the nursery, all volunteers (18+ yrs.) need their clearances. We need two adults in there at all times. Please contact Roxanne in our office, 215-295-9593, or talk to Barb Lombardo or Joyce Bigley, to volunteer or ask clearance questions for helping our children. We need to practice Safe Sanctuary policies. Thank you so much!

Joyce Bigley and Barb Lombardo



GRIEF SHARE MINISTRY IS BACK!!!

"If you are grieving because of the loss of a loved one, you are NOT alone." We invite you to join the Morrisville United Methodist Church Grief Share support group every

Thursday beginning March 7th to May 30th, 2024, at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Elaine Joy Bramante to 302-740-9361 or call the Church office 215-295-9593 Mondays through Fridays 10am to 2pm.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins on Sunday, March 10th this year! Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9th.



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.

March Schedule

March 9-10 Quiche Sale

Orders need to be placed by Sunday, March 3. Pick-up – Cash and Carry
March 9, 2-6pm and March 10, 10 :00am-1:00pm

March 10 Unit Meeting and Pledge service

11:00am, after 10:00am service, Fellowship Hall
Quiche will be served for lunch.

March 18 Marcia-Ruch Circle – 7:00pm

Location: Youth Room/Church Lounge
Hostess: Lois Avery and Vera Straley
Devotion/Study: Carol Young

March 20 Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – 1:30pm

Café Antonio
107 E. Trenton Ave.
Morrisville, PA 19067
(Contact Deb Chapman for details)



NEWS FROM THE INTERFAITH FOOD ALLIANCE (IFA)

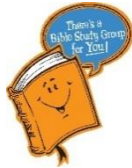
The IFA continues to supply supplemental food as well as connection and compassion to almost 100 food insecure families of Lower Bucks County...though the doors of our Morrisville United Methodist Church!

Please continue to support the Family Backpack Center that is operated by the IFA by donating non-perishable foods, especially black beans, coffee, black tea, and canned meats/chili. These items can be put in the blue-striped bins right outside the Church Office.

Baseball season is not far away...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) for \$10 per person. Enjoy the game with the awesome volunteers and guest families of the IFA!

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS REMINDER Any ministry that would like to announce something to the congregation, please plan to speak at the beginning of the service. This was a decision made with the Worship Team. Please, let us not interrupt the spiritual flow of the worship service with announcements in the middle of the service. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation. Blessings, Pastor Olga

INCREASED ALTAR FLOWERS COST

The cost of flowers for the altar has increased. The florist is now charging \$40 per altar flower arrangement. When you sign up to present altar flowers, please remember to use the envelope provided next to the altar flower sign-up book in the hallway. You can place the envelope in the offering plate or drop it off in the office. Thank you!



LATINO MINISTRY NEWS

As the Director of the Latino Ministry for Morrisville United Methodist Church, Beditza Cadillo has been developing relationships with the Latino population in our community as well as creating activities within our church. We are sharing with you the framework that Beditza and Pastor Olga have been working on to give some structure to the ministry. God is working and using this ministry, led by Beditza to share His grace and love with the Morrisville Latino community.

Morrisville United Methodist Church *Latino Ministry Framework*

Latino Ministry Theme Scripture: 1 John 4:7,11,21
Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.

Mission:

To share the love of Jesus Christ within the Latino community.

Goals:

- To teach and grow in the knowledge of God through prayer and the study of the Bible.
- To advocate for Latino's human rights.
- To partner and work in collaboration with community organizations to support the needs of our Latino population.

Vision:

A Latino Ministry built by small groups that will lead to the start of a new Latino faith community in Morrisville.

Short and Long Terms Plan

- The Director of the Latino ministry will be studying during 2024 to be a Certified Lay Minister by 2025
- Future small groups once a week. (now twice a month)
- Connect to another food bank
- Invite pastors from our denomination (teachings, workshops, conference)
- Ladies retreat at night

- Invite a Speaker from the United Women in Faith
- Holy Week Children’s Activity (Egg Hunt) Sunday, March 24th, 2024
- Mother’s Day Activity
- Summer Block Party
- Bookbag Giveaway
- Thanksgiving Dinner
- Christmas Latino Dinner

NOTE: We will provide the date, time, and location of activities monthly. It will be announced in our Sunday bulletin and The Maple of each month.

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



Happy Anniversary

John & Anita Davidson (14 years) March 13
 Dorott Abalo & Amelia Tarbil-Abalo (9 years) ... March 18
 Rosa & Josh Quarterman (2 years) March 19



Happy Birthday

Alice South March 2
 Dave Hoyer March 4
 Bethany Macwana March 5
 Sujaya Swaroop..... March 6
 Alexis González March 11
 Savannah Buehler March 14
 ElaineJoy Bramante March 15
 Ann Mount..... March 15
 Adam Steppe March 17
 Ike Whitter March 22
 Carol Young..... March 24
 Nicole Price March 25
 Patti Hammer..... March 27
 Susan Gotta March 28
 Megan Price..... March 31



501 W. Maple Avenue - Morrisville, PA 19067 - 215.378.0202 - www.interfaithfoodalliance.com

Date: January 29, 2024

Morrisville United Methodist Church
 501 W. Maple Ave
 Morrisville, PA 19067

RE: Holiday Gifts for 15 children

Dear Members of Morrisville United Methodist Church,

On behalf of The Interfaith Food Alliance and The Family Backpack Center, thank you for providing 30 Holiday gifts for 15 children. Your gifts put smiles on many children’s faces and were deeply appreciated by their parents. The IFA is only able to do what we do because of friends and supporters such as you!

We live in a land of abundance and believe that no child should be hungry. Therefore, we must find ways to better share what we have with those who have less. You are an example of this spirit and have done so through your generous gift.

Your support is appreciated more than you know.

With hope for a world without hunger,

Diane B. Coyle, President
 Jean Lu Ryersbach, Vice President
 Jacky Sanders, Treasurer
 Katherine Heugatter, Secretary
 Liz Schenck, Asst. Secretary
 Rhonda Rea, Member at Large
 Mary Higgins, Member at Large
 Frank Powell, Member at Large
 Angela Cutchineal, Member at Large

The Interfaith Food Alliance is a 501 c 3 nonprofit foundation. All gifts are tax deductible.

A thank you letter from Interfaith Food Alliance.

Current Prayer Concerns



We pray for God's peace in the Middle East, our nation, and the world. We pray for God's peace to fill our hearts.

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

Dave Brewer (friend of the Swenson's)
Lou & Ruth (friends of the Swenson's)
Sharrie (Carol Young's daughters' mother-in-law)
Anthony (community member)
The Evans family (friends of Dave & Nancy Sample)
Lindsay (community member)
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)
Jimmie Richards (family member of Linda Herbster)
Elaine Miller-Wagner (friend of Jane Burger)
Nephew, brother, and sister-in-law of Fran Pugh
Clara Briggs (sister of Estella Smires)
Marianne (friend of Joyce Bigley)
Helen Van Note (Fran Pugh's sister-in-law)
Darius (second cousin of Andrew, community
member)
Betsy (neighbor of Joyce Bigley)
Brenda Jones (cousin of Phyllis Patterson)
Sandra and Larry (friends of Jane Burger)
Ellen (niece of Bev Hoyer)
Carrie (Vera Straley's daughter)