

APRIL 2023

The Maple

Morrisville United Methodist Church Newsletter PASTOR'S PEN

Happy Easter! He has RISEN! Jesus is the Resurrection and the life.

He is the one who gives us life. I remember growing up preparing for Easter. I always received a new dress for Easter Sunday. The new dress would be white or pastel in color. Young, never questioned it, I was happy to have a new dress. It wasn't until later that I realized the new dress was symbolic of the new life we received due to Jesus' death and Resurrection. White symbolizes our purification of sin, and pastel colors, the same, incorporate the start of spring.

Easter is a time of renewal, a reminder of life being restored. Easter reminds us that we have a living Savior who can heal our brokenness and despair and replace it with hope. Our HOPE is in Jesus, and because of that, OUR FUTURE IS BRIGHT. Let us rejoice and be glad. I encourage you to join me in wearing white and/or pastels on Easter Sunday. Let us visibly acknowledge our freedom from sin in Jesus Christ, our savior.

Pastor Towanda



Finance News

What is a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD)?

Good question! If you have an IRA and are required to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD), then it might benefit you and Morrisville United Methodist Church if you designated a portion of it as a QCD and donated it to the church. This reduces your taxable income by the amount you designate as a QCD and it is provided to the church untaxed. In other words, you are donating money that you might already be giving to the church before taxes and it also reduces your taxable income!! Please contact Jim Rea if you have any questions about this great method to support your church and also provide yourself with a deduction of your taxable income.

Jim Rea, Finance Chair

Service for George Gray

George was the beloved Choir Director for MUMC.

His memorial service and reception will be on Saturday, April 22, at 1:00pm with a brief reception immediately following in the Fellowship Hall.



April Events

4/2 - Palm Sunday
10AM - Communion Worship Service

4/3
7:00 PM - Nar-Anon (Lounge)
7:00 PM Boy Scouts (Hall)

4/4
5-7:00 PM IFA (Hall)
6:30 PM - Youth

4/6
7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service

4/8
Men's Bible Study (Lounge)
9-11AM IFA (Hall)
2-4PM Easter Egg Hunt (Outside)

4/9
10AM - Easter Sunday Service

4/11
Youth - 6:30PM
7:00PM - Worship Team (Library)

4/12
7:00PM - Trustees (Library)

4/16
6-8:30PM - STP Dance (Hall)
6:30-6:30PM - Girl Scouts (Lounge)
4-7PM - Shared Meal (Hall)

4/22
9-11AM - IFA (Hall)
1-3PM - George Gray Service

4/25
7:00PM - Church Council (Rm 10)

4/29
9AM-2PM Indoor Yard Sale (Hall)

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

9AM - Children's Sunday School (Youth Office)
9AM - Small Group Bible Study (Youth Room)
9AM - Choir Practice (Choir Room)
10:00 AM - Worship Service
11 AM - Hospitality (Lounge)
11:30 AM - Latino Worship (Lounge)
7PM - Alcoholics Anonymous (Hall)

Mondays

7AM - Prayer Call
10:30 AM - ESL Beg. Class (Rm 10)
6:30 PM - ESL Inter. Class (Rm 10)
7PM - Boy Scouts (Fellowship Hall)
7PM - Nar Anon (Prayer Room)
8PM - Narcotics Anonymous (Rm 30/31)

Thursdays

6PM - Grief Share
7PM - Choir
8PM - Bells

Fridays

6:30PM - Girl Scouts (Rm 26)
7:30PM - NA (RM 30/31)

IFA News

Donations needed this month -
Jelly, black tea bags, pasta sauce and cereal.

Come out to the ball game! The IFA is sponsoring a fundraiser at the Trenton Thunder on Friday, June 23rd. For \$10 enjoy the game and help support the IFA mission to fight food insecurity. Contact Rhonda Rea for more details at 215-493-9505.

Rhonda Rea

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday - April 2, 10:00 a.m.
(choir, bells, communion. Livestreamed)
Maundy Thursday - April 6, 7:00 p.m.
(choir, communion. Livestreamed)
Easter Sunday - April 9, 10:00 a.m.
(choir, Livestreamed)



Save your Stuff!

Morrisville United Women in Faith (UFW) is sponsoring our annual Indoor Yard Sale on Saturday, April 29th, 9am-2pm. We ask you, our church family, to save your un-needed household items to donate to our sale. BUT we ask you to keep these items at home until Sunday afternoon, April 23rd due to the limited space at church. Thank you for your help. (No TVs, computers or large furniture will be accepted.)



Saturday Morning Men's Group

The next meeting of the Men's Bible Study is Saturday April 8th at 8 AM in the MUMC lounge. All Men are welcome for good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word! 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.



United Women in Faith

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!

UWF APRIL SCHEDULE

April 17

MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE
7:00 P.M. - Youth Room
Study/Devotion: Carol Young
Hostess: Lois Avery, Jane Burger

April 19

ELIZABETH CIRCLE - 1:30 P.M.
Luncheon - On the Border
901 Neshaminy Mall
Bensalem, PA 19020
(Contact Deb Chapman for details)

April 29

INDOOR YARD SALE

9:00am - 2:00pm
Fellowship Hall
Items can be dropped off the prior week.
(No sooner than April 23rd)

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help you through the difficult days ahead.

We know it hurts, and we want to help.

Contact Us Today

Thursdays 6:00pm - 8:00pm
January 26 - April 20
Morrisville UMC, 215-295-9593
501 W. Maple Ave
www.griefshare.org/groups/161352

GRIEF SHARE

You are invited to attend the Ordination of
Pastor Towanda N.T. Connelly
Saturday, May 20, 2023, at 10:30am
at the Greater Philadelphia Expo Center in Oaks, PA.

Our pastor will be ordained an Elder in full connection with the United Methodist Church and we would like for our entire church to share in this joyous and momentous occasion with her.

Please sign-up in the lounge or send an email the office so we know how many drivers and vehicles we need to carpool to accommodate all that want to attend. Thank you!

Current Prayer Concerns



We pray for Peace. We pray for Ukraine. We pray for Russia. We pray for the families of victims of mass shootings. We pray for Justice and Equality for all.

Barbara Gillis, Wanda Long, Pam Manners, Isaac Whitter, Jim & Flo Dugan, **Toby Ellsworth**, Jimmy Ellsworth, Shirley Malmsbury, Thomas Manners, B.J. Lebegern, Evelyn Sipler, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano, John Davidson, Alice South, Josephine Karpeh-Kyne

Doris (friend of Vera Straley)
Anita (wife of John Davidson)
Marcus (friend of Jenn Ayling-Arruda)
Ellen (niece of Bev Hoyer)
Jack (community member)
Ruth (sister of Merlene Taylor)
Bob (brother of Carol Young)
Elaine (friend of Estella Smires)
Nahdee (mother of Veronica Marks)
Hans (brother of Marianne Miller)
Marilou & Wally (friends of Mickey McDevitt)
Andrew (friend of Vera Straley)
Janet (friend of Jenn Ayling-Arruda)
Joap (friend of the Dugans)

Maureen (friend of Charlotte Swenson)
Daisier (family member of Linda Mier)
Ed (brother-in-law of Linda Mier)
Kate (daughter of Pam Manners)
George (friend of Carol Young)
Sue (friend of Sue Friend)
Pearl (friend of Pam Manners)
Brenda (cousin of Phyllis Patterson)
Patricia (sister-in-law of Lynda Krause)
Alyssa (daughter of Barry and Kim Hartman)
Petra (friend of Linda Mier);
Paulette (cousin of Stella Smires)
Ella (granddaughter of Dave and Marianne Miller)

Happy BIRTHDAY



Joshua Arruda	Apr 1	Terri Swenson	Apr 20
Evelyn Sipler	Apr 4	Jamie Lynn Cron	Apr 22
Jill Wittenborn	Apr 4	Tim Heasley	Apr 22
Carolina Bustamante	Apr 7	Arlene Wittenborn	Apr 22
Linda Brewer	Apr 8	Laura Mealey	Apr 23
Anna Trimble	Apr 10	Kaitlin Decker	Apr 28
Amy Busche	Apr 12	John Koba	Apr 29
Maggie Hughes	Apr 14	Jamie Lynn Cron	Apr 29

Happy Anniversary

Rebecca & Steven Kent - April 17
Bozena & Joseph Trejo - April 18
Carin & Henry Trimble - April 29
Sue & Joseph Urbano - April 30

