

Pray for

Jim Biemesderfer	Paul Chapman	Diane Davis
Jim Gafgan	BJ Lebegern	KB Macwana
Shirley Malmsbury	Pam Manners	Joseph Massaquoi
Dave Noble	Bill Ringer	Lori Robson
Clarence Schiefer	Blanche Sherrill	Gwen Young

Barry (friends of Don & Charlotte Swenson)
Betsy H. (friends of Barbara Althouse)
Betty (friend of Vera Straley)
Buehler twins (Aunt Becky)
Christine H. (daughter of Linda Heasley)
Denny R. (friend of Ike Whitter)
Don M. (friend of Linda Mier)
Eric S. (friend of Chrissy Matthias)
Ethel K. (friend of Barbara Althouse)
Evelyn G. (friend of Vera Straley)
Family of Aiden R. (Beth Maruci Ellsworth)
George L. (nephew of Helen Chokey)
Harry (friend of Vera Straley)
Heather T. (friend of Vera Straley)
Heather (Becky Kent)
Jim B. (cousin of Charlotte Swenson)
Janet W. (friend of Vera Straley)
Janice W. (friend of Vera Straley)
John D. (son of Jim & Flo Dugan)
Kayla G. (cousin of Joe Coldwell)
Kimiko D. (friend of Vera Straley)
Lainy (Megan Price)
Meme (cousin of Judi Brelsford)
Mia D. (daughter of Brian & Cindy Doron)
Mary Ann D. (friend of Claire)
Mary Lou U. (sister of Joe Coldwell)
Michelle (friend of Michelle)
Mother of Bev Hoyer
Mother of Cheryl Scott
Nakita S. (friend of Beth Marucci Ellsworth)
Paula (friend of Linda Herbster)
Paulette S. (cousin of Estella Smires)
Pete S. (friend of Paul Somers)
Reba R. (friend of Susan Friend)
Rosalie (friend & co-worker of Becky Kent)
Shelby C. (friend of Lois Avery)
Suzanne M. (Betty Mershon's daughter)
Toni Marie I. (friend of Lynda Krause)



PRAYER
changes things



The January Maple

At the turn of the calendar, starting a new year as United Methodists, I am always reminded of John Wesley's call to renew our covenant to be in relationship with God in all aspects of our life. The Covenant prayer that Wesley invites us to pray together follows.

***I am no longer my own, but yours.
Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.
Let me be put to work for you or set aside for you,
Praised for you or criticized for you.
Let me be full, let me be empty.
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.
I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.
And now, O wonderful and holy God,
Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, you are mine, and I am yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which I have made on earth,
Let it also be made in heaven. Amen.***

*Peace and Joy
Wendy*



"The 'Dancing' Queen" A Queen's Life; Living and Existing in Your Inheritance."

LADIES.....It's that time of year to sign up for our annual Women's Retreat! It's going to be held Jan 18-20, 2019, at Bird-in-Hand Inn, Lancaster, PA. Our girlfriend, Sue Duffield, will be returning to bless us with her humor and love for Jesus.... yay! If you have never attended, please consider coming this year. Just ask someone who's already attended. It's such a great time to pamper yourself and spend time with your sisters in Christ. Janet Fabian has all the info... **215-295-7035** or **bjfabian@aol.com**.



Saturday, January 26, 8am-11am.

**Adults = \$8, children = \$5, Under 5 years old = Free.
All proceeds go toward the 2019 adult mission trip.**



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!

January Schedule

- **JANUARY 16**
ELIZABETH CIRCLE – 1:30 P.M. – Church Lounge
- **JANUARY 18-20 (Friday-Sunday)**
Women's Retreat – Lancaster, PA
- **MARCIA-RUTH CIRCLE** – No January meeting

**A giant THANK YOU to all who helped with our December Mission Project. Thirty-three Christmas cookie trays were made and delivered to our homebound and elderly friends thanks to Carol Young and her team of elves and many MUMC bakers.

How have you provided educational opportunities for the girls in your community? How does God call me to interrupt the school-to-prison pipeline?

These are two of the challenges that were given to the United Methodist Women at the Assembly this spring. As we look at our work in Morrisville, the Afternoon Adventure program seems to answer both of these challenges on a very local level. We are blessed to have 5 girls who are attending this weekly program where they hear Bible stories, and work on character building, and do fun activities and crafts. A wonderful outcome is that they are building relationships with each other and the guiding adults. One gentleman and several women of MUMC are supporting this program with their time, talent and snacks! If you are interested in joining them, please speak to Pastor Wendy.

Thank you



It has been a joy for me to work alongside in mission and ministry with the members and friends of the Morrisville United Methodist Church these past four year. I see God's handiwork in our fellowship together almost every day! Thank you for supporting me as your pastor. Your notes of encouragement through the year; your willingness to give generously of your time sharing your faith; the cards and your Christmas gift are a blessing of grace!

Pastor Wendy



December was a busy month for MUMC. We hosted 4 different Morrisville School youth groups plus the Revolution MUMC Youth Group each week – serving approximately ten meals through the month, including a Christmas Feast for 140 guests! We purchased, wrapped and presented Christmas gifts for eight families in our community. Served a meal for our homeless and hungry guests, baked cookies for our homebound members, hosted a mission breakfast to raise funds for the summer mission trip, hosted the Morrisville Senior High Chorus, and provided food and household items for the back-pack ministry. Our new After School Adventure Club has proven to be a meaningful experience for elementary school children **and their parents**. What is truly beautiful about this impressive list of outreach programs is that December was not an unusual month! We do many of these things every month of the year!

Tuesday Morning Bible Study



10:00 am - 11:15 am

Simon Peter: Flawed but Faithful Disciple

Beginning Tuesday, January 8, we will begin a six-week study by Adam Hamilton on the life and calling of Simon Peter. There is a DVD element to this study that shows the places Simon Peter traveled, giving us a unique historical perspective to our current day understanding. Student books are available from the church office. If possible, you will want to get one and read the first chapter before our first class.



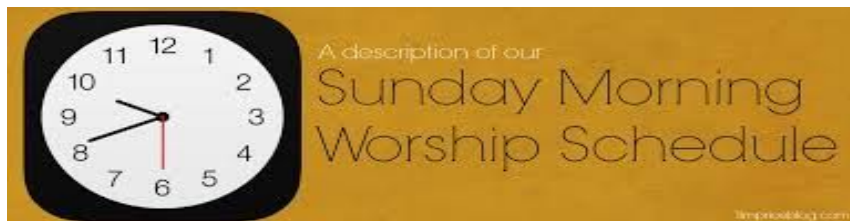
Are your credit card and other debts higher than you'd like and do you struggle to pay your bills each month? Do you have an adequate emergency fund for unexpected expenses and a budget that allows you to save for retirement, college expenses, purchasing a new home or other goals?

If you need help with any of the above areas of your financial life join Dave Hoyer, Certified Financial Planner and Jim Rhea, Certified Financial Planner on Wednesday, January 9th, for the first of 9 classes offered through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University program. Workbooks will be provided to each student. Classes will start at 7:00 PM in the library with a Dave Ramsey video. After the video we'll discuss it and review class assignments for approximately one hour and end the class no later than 9:00 PM.

Register for the class at: <https://fpu.com/1077704>

- For help registering call Member Support: 877-410-3283 Ext. 191
- Cost: Either \$109 for one year or \$9.99 per month plus a \$69 Activation Fee

- For questions about the program call Dave Hoyer (215-321-9116)



January worship

6 – Epiphany/Baptism of the Lord

On the first Sunday in the new year we will celebrate both sacraments of our church: communion and baptism. Epiphany, which is a celebration of when the magi found their way to Bethlehem and presented their gifts to Jesus, concludes the twelve days of Christmas. We will welcome Juliette Jawara (Joe and Edith Massaquoi's granddaughter) into our church membership as she expresses her faith through baptism.

13 – Guest speaker from Conquering Life Prison Ministry

The Mission Committee is helping us expand our ministry reach to people who have been incarcerated. Come and hear how the gospel message has transformed lives and entire families.

20 – Christian Unity and Human Relations Sunday

This is one of our special offering Sundays. Your financial gifts support neighborhood outreach and advocacy through community developers and UM volunteer services around our conference.

27 – Installation of Officers

Thank you to those who have served the MUMC in a leadership capacity or on a committee. We rely on our leaders to make important missional decisions and financial decisions to guide the direction of our church. On this Sunday we recognize our leaders and offer our prayers of support for our work together in God's Kingdom here on earth.



Happy New Year and blessings to you and your family!

Our schedule for youth is as follows:

- We meet every Wednesday night from 7pm - 8:30pm with the exception of the third Tuesday when we participate in the soup kitchen from 5:45- 8pm. If you are in 7th-12th grade please join us!

Upcoming Events:

- **NUTS! - Nuts are still for sale.** We have limited quantities so please support our mission trip fund raising by getting your nuts ASAP!
- **"Soup"er Bowl Luncheon:** February 3, 2019: 11am-2pm / \$12
- **Menu:** Delicious Homemade Soups, salad bar, bread, and a variety of desserts! Served by some of the most amazing people!
- All money raised goes towards our mission fund! Save the Date!!!!



Offering Envelopes are out on the table in the hallway. Please pick them up if you haven't already. If you would like a box of offering envelopes and one is not out on the table please put your name on the clipboard sheet on the table. Annual giving statements will be out by the second week of January. Please contact Jim Rea if you have any questions.

There are envelopes in the box for Renew Refresh. Feel free to use them if you want to support the Trustees continued repair and improvement of the church property, but that should be extra and not part of your pledge to the general fund for the support of all of the church's expenses through the year. There will not be an official Renew Refresh campaign in 2019. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



Church Council Chairperson: Dave Sample

Council Secretary: Linda Mier

Lay Leaders: Emmanuel Abalo and VK Macwana

Delegate to Annual Conference: Emmanuel Abalo

UMW Co-Presidents: *(Elected by UMW)* Linda Mier, Rhonda Rea

Men's Fellowship: Dave Miller

Women's Bible study: Michelle Martin

Finance Chairperson: Jim Rea

Worship Chairperson: Margy Dickson

Outreach/Mission Representative: Becky Kent

Trustee President:

Chairperson of Investment Stewardship Fund: David Sample

(ISF) Investment Stewardship Fund Treasurer: Sue Gotta

Staff Parish Relations Chairperson: Joyce Bigley

Treasurer: Lillian Mannon

Memorial Fund Treasurer: Lillian Mannon

*Staff Members: Rev. Wendy Bellis, Kim Jakimowicz, Jennifer Arruda

At Large Members: Brian Doron and Dave Hoyer

Worship Team – Margy Dickson

Carol Young, Sue Urbano, Jim Rea, Christine Bonno, Sue Gotta, Rhonda Rea, Tom Wisnosky

*Staff members: George Gray, Abigail LaVecchia and Sean Burman

Lay Leaders: VK Macwana and Manny Abalo

Communion Stewards: Margy Dickson, Dean Dickson, Sue Gotta

Christmas Poinsettias: Linda and Tim Heasley

Greening the Church: Carol Somers

Usher Coordinator: Carol Young

Christian Hospitality: Becky Kent – purchaser **we still need a coordinator**

Altar design: Rhonda Rea and Christine Bonno

Power Point: 9:00 Andy Steppe 11:15 Donna Steppe

Outreach and Missions Team – Chairperson – Pastor Wendy Bellis

Lois Avery – (Bloodmobile), Vera Straley (food pantry), Deb Price

Becky Kent – (mission trip), Nancy Sample, Marian Makemson

Teen Meal Coordinator: Fran Rivera

Trustees: President _____, V. Pres: _____, Secretary: Carol Somers

2019: Walt Pabers, John Koba / 2020: Harold Long, George Duthie

2021: Time Heasley, Carol Somers, Dave Burkhardt



Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee: Chairperson – Joyce Bigley

Lay Leader: Manny Abalo or VK Macwana / Pastor: Wendy Bellis

2019: Amy Surdy, Chili Obbo, Diana Pabers

2020: Shirley Kamman, Deb Price, Wanda Long

2021: Joyce Bigley, Charlotte Duthie

Finance Committee – Chairperson: Jim Rea

Treasurer: Lillian Mannon **Finance Secretary:** Barbara Lombardo

Secretary of Finance Committee: Linda Mier

Members: VK Macwana, Joe Urbano, Harold Long

SCRIP Coordinator : Dave Sample

Investment Stewardship Fund, Chairperson: David Sample

Church Council Chair: Dave Sample

Pastor Wendy Bellis

Finance Chair, Jim Rea

Trustee Chair:

ISF Secretary/treasurer: Sue Gotta

Church Treasurer, Lillian Mannon

SPPR Chair, Joyce Bigley

Life time members: Pete Wisnosky, Don Swenson, Jim Biemesderfer

Lay Leader: Manny Abalo or VK Macwana

Elected members:

Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations) – Chairperson: Pastor

Manny Abalo (Lay Leader) VK Macwana (Lay Leader)

2019: Edith Massaquoi, Patricia Logan

2020: Barbara Lombardo

2021: Beth Marucci, Cindy Doron

Native American Representative: Harold Long

Mission Go Team – Chairperson: Pastor Wendy Bellis

Mission Saturation Coordinator: Diana Pabers

Community Partnership Director: Jonathan Halcomb

Joyce Bigley, Barbara Lombardo, Janet Fabian, Bev and Dave Hoyer

Dave and Marianne Miller