

Lent and Hospitality

Lent is a familiar and sacred season for followers of Christ—a time that prepares us for the joy of Easter. Many of us give up habits or even good things to refocus on our relationship with Jesus. Others take on new practices of prayer and fasting. And some of us simply try to make it through, feeling we have little capacity for more. Wherever you find yourself this year, I pray God’s grace meets you there. My hope is that each of us lives this Lent deliberately.

If we spend time in Scripture, in prayer, and in the life of the church—and truly listen to God—Lent will draw us closer to the Lord. At Morrisville UMC, we have invited you to pray between 6:00 and 8:00, morning or evening. Even fifteen intentional minutes a day can make a difference. Speak with God—but more importantly, listen. Ask God to show you how to be a better neighbor. As we pray for our families, our congregation, our community, and our leaders, we open ourselves to seeing the face of God in those we encounter.

Jesus calls us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:39), echoing Leviticus 19:18. This call matters not only for our personal discipleship but also for our growth as a congregation—spiritually and numerically.

We seek to grow numerically and spiritually as a congregation. Congregations that grow are marked by genuine welcome. Christian hospitality goes beyond a polite Sunday greeting; it reflects the radical hospitality of Jesus. It begins with simple, intentional steps: learn a newcomer’s name, sit with someone who is alone, invite a guest for coffee. Small acts create meaningful belonging.

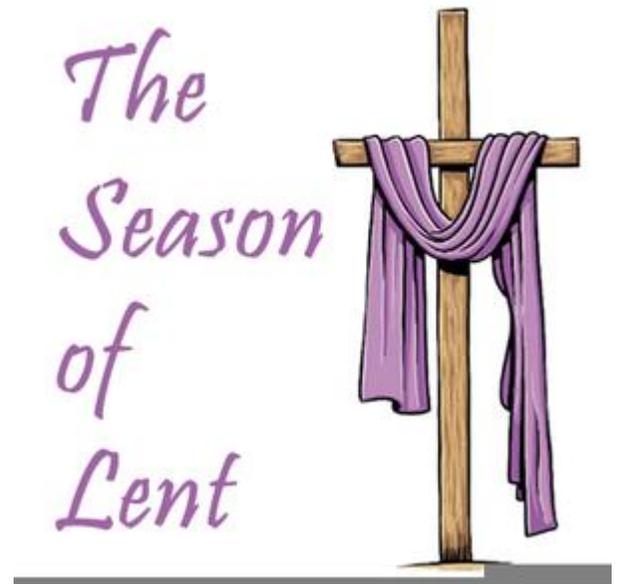
Intentional welcome also requires deeper reflection. Are we building relationships beyond Sunday morning? Are we willing to adjust aspects of worship for those we hope to reach—even at some personal discomfort? Do our building, policies, and ministries communicate openness? Do we understand our surrounding community and seek to partner with it? Scripture reminds us that distinctions of class and origin do not define belonging (Galatians 3:28). We are called to embody Christlike neighborliness in practical ways.

This Lent, I invite you to reflect on two questions:
Who is my neighbor?
How can I be a better neighbor?

If you would like to talk about your Lenten journey, I would be glad to join you for coffee. It would be an honor to pray and reflect together as we walk this season with intention.

Grace and peace,

Pastor K



For pastoral concerns or emergencies, Pastor K can be reached at 281-620-9928 (cell) or emailpastorK@gmail.com. Please call the church office if you would like to set up a meeting with him during the week.

March Calendar

3/1

12:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

3/3

5-9:00pm – IFA Fundraiser – Fellowship Hall

3/4

6:30pm – Young Adult Fellowship Bible Study – Youth Room

3/5

10:30am-12:00pm – Montessori School Audit– Library

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Lounge

3/7

4:00pm – Private Event Setup – Fellowship Hall

3/8

9:00am-6:00pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

3/9

7:00pm – Finance Committee - Library

3/10

5-7pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

3/11

6:30pm – Young Adult Fellowship – Youth Room

7:00pm – Trustees Meeting – Library

3/14

8:00am – Men's Bible Study – Lounge

9-11am – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

12-7pm – NA Speaker Jam – Fellowship Hall

3/15

9:00am-3:00pm – Shared Meal Prep– Fellowship Hall

11:30am – Sunday School Meeting – Nursery/Room 10

5:30pm – STP Dance – Fellowship Hall

3/16

1:00pm – Marcia-Ruth Circle - Lounge

3/17

5:30pm – Shared Meal – Fellowship Hall

3/18

1:00pm – Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – Miller's Ale House

6:30pm – Young Adult Fellowship – Youth Room

3/19

6:30pm – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Lounge

3/21

1-10pm – Private Event – Fellowship Hall

3/22

11:30am – UWF Meeting – Fellowship Hall

3/24

5-7pm – IFA Backpacks – Main Entrance

3/25

6:30pm – Young Adult Fellowship – Youth Room

3/27

9:45am-2:00pm – Tom Miller's funeral and luncheon –
Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall

3/28

8am-1pm – Quiche Sale – Fellowship Hall

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

4:00pm – Bishop's Luncheon Setup – Fellowship Hall

3/29

10am-2pm – Bishop's Visit – Preaching and reception

WEEKLY EVENTS

Sundays

9:00am – Small Group Bible Study – Youth Room

10:00am – Worship Service - Sanctuary

10:00am – Sunday School – Room 10

11:00am – Hospitality - Lounge

7:00pm – Alcoholics Anonymous – Fellowship Hall

Mondays

10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

7:00pm – Boy Scouts - Fellowship Hall

7:00pm – Nar Anon - Room 10

8:00pm – Narcotics Anonymous - Room 30/31

Tuesdays

10:00am – Bible Study – Lounge

6:00pm – Girl Scout Troop 2129 – Room 23, 26, 30/31

6:30pm – Girl Scout Troop 2692 – Lounge

6:30pm – ESL – Rooms 10, 27/29, Library

Wednesdays

10:30am – ESL – Rooms 3, 10, Library

Thursdays

6:30pm – ESL – Room 10, 27/29, Library

7:00pm – Choir Practice – Choir Room

Fridays

7:30pm - NA - RM 30/31

Saturdays

8:00-9:45pm NA – Room 30/31

PRAYER AND BIBLE STUDY TIME!

Continues Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Lounge. We are be using Will Williman's "The Last Supper, Conversations That Led to the Cross." Come join us!



Pastor K

SMALL GROUP SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE

STUDY is held every Sunday morning at 9AM in the youth room. Come join us!

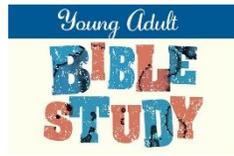


SATURDAY MORNING MEN'S GROUP

Our next Men's Bible Study is Saturday, March 14th, at 8AM in the MUMC church lounge. We will continue to look at "The 12 priorities every man needs to know". All you need to bring is yourself, your Bible, and a cup of coffee if you need it to wake up. Hope to see all of you who want to start their weekend with good fellowship and encouragement from God's Word! If you have any questions, call Dave Miller.

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Dear friends,
It is with great joy that I announce the revival of a Young Adult Fellowship here at Morrisville United Methodist Church. As we enter into a new year, fresh and new opportunities are on the horizon. Starting in March, there will be a 5 week bible study centered about Tom Berlin's guided study, "Restored: Finding Redemption in Our Mess". These sessions are open to all young adults looking to connect with each other and to be in fellowship with Christ. YAF will meet Wednesday nights starting on March 4th at 6:30pm in the Youth Room. For more information and details, please reach out to Faith Macwana at 215-609-7110.



A NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY IS COMING IN MARCH Have you checked to be sure we have your updated and correct contact information including your email address? The deadline to getting this

information to us is March 15. A new directory will be printed on March 20th. If you are not getting emails from church and would like them, please send your email address to the office or give to Joyce Bigley or Barb Lombardo.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Brothers and Sisters in Christ, So far this year we have had some very difficult winter weather, especially on Sundays. I hope all of you have kept warm and safe. I know the weather has kept some of you from attending church, but I hope you have been able to worship on-line from home. Today, I watched the fuel truck pull up to the church and fill up our oil tank. This usually results in an expense of over \$10,000. We have planned for these bills by setting money aside over the months but it reminds me that the expenses of the church continue no matter how the weather affects attendance. If you have been unable to attend due to the weather, please remember to catch up your planned giving when the weather improves and you can get to church. As always, thank you all for your generous giving.



In Christ, Jim Rea

E-GIVING We now have a QR Code that you can scan that links you directly to our E-Giving site. When you scan the code below with your smartphone you can send your offering to the Church's General Fund, Communion/Pastor's Fund or Mission Fund. This is the same link that is available on our church's website. Thank you always for your faithful giving to Christ's work here in Morrisville.



CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Thank you to all the men & women who have graciously volunteered to present a children's sermon during each Sunday's service. We could always use other volunteers to lessen the teaching load in the future. If you are interested in joining this rewarding ministry for our children, please sign up on the Sign-Up Central table outside of the pastor's office. Thank you for all you do for our children who are our future church. God bless, Joyce

BISHOP'S VISIT TO MUMC

Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi will be visiting and preaching at MUMC on Palm Sunday, March 29th. There will be a luncheon reception following the Sunday worship service in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will attend and welcome her warmly to MUMC!



FOOD PANTRY UPDATE We need instant coffee, lip balm, hand lotion, rice (1 or 2 lb. bags), peanut butter, cereal (no Cheerios), deodorant, toothpaste, and fresh oranges, tangerines, onions, or carrots. Thank you for all you do to help us help our neighbors in need. Many thanks! Deb Price and the Missions Team



SCRIP GIFT CARDS See Dave Sample at the table located in the lounge to buy your Scrip gift cards. All Scrip proceeds benefit the general fund of the church. If we do not have what you want, we can order most vendors on our list and have them for you the following Sunday. Thanks!

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Classes for children up to age 12 take place immediately following the Children's Message each Sunday; Mr. Craig teaches the younger students and Ms. Joyce and Mr. John alternate with the older children. We love sharing God's love with our younger ones. Helpers are always welcome! Barb Lombardo



SUNDAY SCHOOL EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual children's egg hunt on Easter Sunday, April 5th during the Sunday School hour. Children ages 12 and under are invited to participate in Sunday School on Easter from 10-11:30am.

We would love to have your support in filling empty eggs with candy or other small treats. They will be available Sunday, March 8th for you to pick up. Please return them by Sunday March 29th.

If you would rather bring cookies, fruit, drink, or other non-messy treats for after our hunt, please note that on the sign-up sheet near the egg return bin. Thank you for your help and support for this fund event!

ON ORDINATION

Last month, I shared about the ordination process in connection with my own journey. This month, I want to clarify the distinction between the Order of Elders and the Order of Deacons.

The two orders are parallel, coequal, and complementary. Both require the same foundational steps: a call affirmed by the local church, evaluation by the District Committee on Ministry, completion of a Master's degree (M.Div for Elders), commissioning, and ordination.

The primary distinction is that Elders are generalists and Deacons are specialists.

The written and oral examinations reflect this difference. Elders are examined on their capacity to lead congregations, supervise staff, and articulate a theology of grace and the sacraments (Baptism and Holy Communion). Deacons are examined on their call to specialized ministry and their role in bridging the church and the world, often with a focus on compassion and justice.

Both Elders and Deacons are appointed by the Bishop. Elders are itinerant and typically serve in local churches, though some serve in extension ministries such as chaplaincy, education, law, or community engagement. Deacons often secure their own ministry placements and are appointed to those settings, serving in local churches or extension ministries such as medical settings, courts, prisons, education, and local government.

In essence, the Deacon connects the church to the world through specialized ministry, while the Elder shepherds and orders the church for its mission in the world. In many congregations, economic realities mean Elders often carry responsibilities that might otherwise be fulfilled by Deacons. A key distinction is that Elders are authorized to administer the sacraments and are itinerant. As of 2025, Deacons may administer the sacraments in certain appointed contexts.

As an Elder, I am called to Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service: to preach and teach, administer Baptism and Holy Communion, provide pastoral care, and order the life of the church for faithful mission. I chose the Order of Elder because my call is primarily to the local church. It is in the parish that I experience the most joy in ministry.

If you would like to learn more about the ordination process, please reach out; I'll be glad to have a conversation with you and answer your questions.

Grace and peace!

Pastor K

STAMPS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS: You may have seen the blurb in the church bulletin over the last few weeks requesting that you save your stamps for our wounded veterans. One or two of you have asked me about the project, and I have told you that our wounded veterans make art from these stamps. This is what the brochure states, "Stamps can give bedridden patients, long-term treatment patients, and convalescent patients, a consuming interest. They can sort and mount stamps while in bed. If ambulatory, or even in a wheelchair, they can pass happy hours soaking stamps and mounting them in albums. Even the withdrawn, mentally disabled patient takes pleasure in using more common stamps in organized therapy sessions to make fanciful greeting cards, or to cover decorative boxes."

The brochure goes on to say in another section, " Also quantities of modern common stamps are often used for art projects such as decoupage, 'painting' using bits of stamps, and other crafts." I was recently provided with a picture of such a project which you see here.

I hope this will encourage you to drop your stamps in the basket that is on the table as you come in from the big parking lot entrance. My organization will continue with this project next year, running from July 2026-June 2027. A BIG thank you to all of you who have contributed to this project!



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 16, MONDAY

Marcia-Ruth Circle – 1:00 P.M. – MUMC Lounge

Hostesses: Rhonda Rea

Devotion/Study: Rhonda Rea

Topic: "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

MARCH 18, Wednesday

Methodist Ladies Who Lunch – 1:00 P.M.

Luncheon – Miller's Ale House

2250 E Lincoln Hwy Langhorne, PA 19047

(Contact Deborah Chapman for details.)

MARCH 22 – Unit Meeting

11am after 10am worship service-Fellowship Hall

Pledge Service

Program TBD

ALL are invited to attend

Marcia-Ruth Circle has a new format and all women are invited to join in! We are using a Book Club format as we choose and read books from the United Women in Faith Reading Program. The Reading Program consists of about 70 books that are chosen annually by a group of reading-enthusiast members across the country. The books are categorized into five groups: Spiritual Growth, Education for Mission, Leadership Development, Nurturing for Community and Social Action. Monthly, our circle chooses the next book to read in a different category and we discuss the book at the following meeting. The books can be borrowed from a local library, purchased at a local bookstore or purchased online. Of course, prayer, fellowship and food are still part of our gatherings! On Monday March 16th at 1pm we will be gathering to discuss "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This book is historical fiction based on the life of Belle da Costa Greene, who was the personal librarian to J. P. Morgan at the turn of the twentieth century. The book is an appropriate read as we close Black History month (find out why!!) and comes from the Nurturing for Community category. Please join us to read, learn, and discuss!

Rhonda Rea & Janet Fabian, Circle leaders

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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!



Targeted food requests this month are- Canned carrots, SpaghettiOs, 4 lb. Bags of sugar, juice, and feminine hygiene products.

Thank you for your donations.

Please place them in the blue striped bins outside the church office door.

Rhonda Rea
IFA Board Member

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8TH

Remember to set you clocks forward 1 hour on Saturday night, March 7th so you arrive at church on time next Sunday!



Current Prayer Concerns



Pray for Bishop Tracy Smith-Malone as she recovers from a hit and run accident while cycling.

Prayers for Dave and Marianne Miller and the Doyle families, Tom Miller's family, John Davidson, Grace Terry, the Lebegern family, Merlene Taylor, the Swenson family, Michael Pugh, the Menei family, Minnie Wilson, Tami Bernard, Alice South, Tyrone Frisby, Andy McCall, Carol Hughes, Pam Manners, Thomas Manners, Paul & Marian Chapman, Sue Urbano

Aiden (Vaa Thomson's nephew)

Erick Torres (Jennifer Koba's cousin)

Rakesh (Samson Shoukat's friend)

Rosa Cruz (friend of Beditza Cadillo)

Wanda de Jesus (Beditza Cadillo's sister)

Candida Torres (friend of Beditza Cadillo)

Luanne (Vera Straley's daughter)

Carol (Vera Straley's cousin)

Dave Hoyer (former member)

Tyler (friend of Todd Whitter)

Valez family (friends of Beditza Cadillo)

Carrie Kovalik (Vera Straley's daughter)

Donna (community member)

Alan and Sandy MacKinnon (Steve Russell's parents)

Hugh Schlick (Steve Russell's father-in-law)

Jaines (friend of Beditza Cadillo)

Myles (friend of Todd Whitter)

Elijah (community member)

Debra Porter (friend of Hal Long)

Luisa Proaño (friend of Hal Long)

Arlene Eberly (Cheryl Scott's mother)

Leslie Eberly (Cheryl Scott's sister)

Nanette (cousin of Hal Long)

Betty Hancock (friend of Debbie Eickhoff)

Jill Seagrass (friend of Vera Straley)



Happy Anniversary

John & Anita Davidson March 13
 Dorott Abalo & Amelia Tarbil-Abalo March 18
 Rosa & Joshua Quaterman..... March 19



Happy Birthday

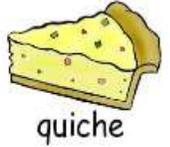
Alica South March 2
 Bethany Macwana March 5
 Sujaya Swaroop March 6
 Rylan Campbell March 7
 Savannah Rose Buehler..... March 14
 ElaineJoy Bramante..... March 15
 Ann Mount..... March 15
 Adam Steppe..... March 17
 Ike Whitter March 22
 Carol Young March 22
 Nicole Price March 24
 Patti Hammer March 27
 Susan Gotta March 28
 Megan Price March 31

UWF QUICHE SALE The UWF is making and selling quiche as a fund raiser. Broccoli, spinach, and ham quiche will be available for \$10 each. Order forms may be placed in the offering plate on Sunday OR in the box on the table in the Lounge OR dropped off at the church office with our Office Administrator, Roxanne. Orders are due by Monday, March 23rd. Quiche can be picked up on Saturday, March 28th from 2-5pm or Sunday, March 29 from 12-1pm.

ATTENTION QUICHE LOVERS!!

MORRISVILLE UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH QUICHE SALE FUNDRAISER

9-inch Quiches: Broccoli or Spinach or Ham
 Cost: \$10 each



(All the quiches contain ingredients of eggs, flour, milk, and cheese)

TO ORDER:

Please complete the order form below. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday **OR** in the box on the table in the Lounge **OR** drop it off at the church office with our Office Administrator, Roxanne.

ORDERS must be submitted by Monday, March 23rd

PICK-UP ORDERS (Cash and Carry):

Saturday, March 28th-2 - 5pm
 Sunday March 29th from 12 - 1pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION, please contact:

Linda Mier at 215-498-8223 or via email at

lmiermumc@gmail.com

Or call the church office (215) 295-9593

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UWF QUICHE SALE ORDER FORM:

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Choice: Broccoli (quantity) _____

Spinach (quantity) _____

Ham (quantity) _____

Total Due: _____